

FRENCH OBSTINATELY HOLD THEIR LINES

Germans Use 25 Divisions in Four Days in Efforts to Break Through.

With the French Army in France... Twenty-five divisions have been used by the Germans in four days in efforts to break through the French line...

The Germans are obtaining only insignificant results in their attempts to advance, considering the number of troops engaged, as the German force is at least three times as great as the number of French defenders.

The cheerfulness and confidence with which the French troops go into action is remarkable. They feel they are better than the enemy, and make light of the German superiority in numbers.

General Foch, it is now generally understood, will not be drawn by the Germans, but will hold his reserves for the moment chosen by him.

"Wait a bit. Wait a bit." Thus the entente allied supreme commander replies with a characteristic sweep of his arm when asked about the future. General Foch's calm deliberation is compared with the bearing of Marshal Joffre before and during the battle of the Marne and this contributes no little to confidence in his battle plans.

BRITISH SMASHES NEAR ALBERT WIN

London.—Successful British counter attacks were launched against the Germans in Aveluy wood on the west side of the Ancre river north of Albert. The war office statement says the British recaptured all their former positions.

A German attack on the British lines opposite Albert was repulsed and another Teuton assault south of Hebuterne was broken up by the fire of the British artillery.

The Germans are continuing their plunging tactics in the Amiens battle area, with their operation rapidly developing into a greatly magnified Verdun.

The main German thrust appears to be west of the Valre wood toward the principal Amiens road.

All the fighting north of the Somme during the last few days apparently has been directed by the enemy at effecting an improvement of his positions and possibly to secure a better "jumping-off" place. Between Mesnil and Bucquoy the ground the Germans now occupy is very unfavorable to artillery movement should a big push develop, and only by such a movement could a great concentrated attack upon Amiens be carried out.

LAND BANK IS YEAR OLD

Capital Stock is Nearly Doubled in 12 Months.

Spokane, Wash.—The federal land bank, which operates in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, was 1 year old this week.

Twelve months' operations were summed up by D. G. O'Shea, president, as follows: Loans applied for, 17,333; amount applied for, \$43,233,213; farms appraised and reported on, 11,820; loans approved, 9,198; aggregate of loans approved, \$20,748,170.

In a year the capital has increased from \$750,000 to \$1,382,742 through the stock subscriptions of each borrower, equivalent to 5 per cent of his loan. When the capital reaches \$1,500,000 the bank starts to pay off to the government its original capital of \$750,000, as provided for in the law, and ultimately all stock will be owned by the borrowers.

Lister Studies I. W. W. Situation.

Spokane, Wash.—Governor Lister arrived here Monday for another consultation with city and county officials over the I. W. W. situation. Reports preceding him from Olympia declared he intended to take over the authority of the police chief and sheriff. These officials recently asked the governor to intervene, but later receded from this position. They now declare they will resist any attempt by the governor to take charge.

Americans in Trenches Near Verdun.

With the American Army in France.—The fourth American organization to strike on the western front is stationed within sound of the guns of Verdun. It holds strong points on the heights of the Meuse and has the advantage of good observation positions overlooking the enemy's entrenchments on the broad plains of the Woivre.

PRESIDENT MAKES FIGHTING SPEECH

Duty of America Is to Cast Every Selfish Dominion Down Into Dust.

Baltimore, Md.—President Wilson, at a great liberty loan celebration here, gave America's answer to the German drive on the western battlefield; to the renewed propaganda for a German-made peace, to all proposals to end the war before Germany is wakened from her dream of world dominion.

In substance, President Wilson's answer in his speech to the German drive and the German propaganda was:

"Force, force to the utmost, force without stint or limit, the righteous and triumphant force which shall make right the law of the world and cast every selfish dominion down in the dust.

"Germany has once more said that force, and force alone, shall decide whether justice and peace shall reign in the affairs of men; whether right as America conceives it or dominion as she conceives it shall determine the destinies of mankind.

"I accept the challenge. I know that you accept it. All the world shall know you accept it. It shall appear in the utter sacrifice and self-forgetfulness with which we shall give all that we love and all that we have to redeem the world and make it fit for free men like ourselves to live in.

"This now is the meaning of what we do. Let everything that we say, my fellow countrymen, everything that we henceforth plan and accomplish, ring true to this response till the majesty and might of our concerted power shall fill the thought and utterly defeat the force of those who flout and misprize what we honor and hold dear."

Warning anew that a triumph of arms for Germany would mean ruin for all the ideals America has won and lived for, the president reiterated that he was willing to discuss at any time a fair, just and honest peace, sincerely proposed—a peace in which the strong and weak shall fare alike.

150,000 MORE MEN CALLED TO COLORS

Washington.—Approximately 150,000 men will be sent to training camps during the five-day period beginning April 26 under orders sent to state governors by Provost Marshal General Crowder for mobilization of the April call of the second draft.

This is three times the number it was originally planned to call and is nearly twice the monthly quota as based on the calling of 800,000 men over a period of nine months.

It is indicated that there will be no increase in the grand total for the year.

Calling out of the increased number was made necessary by the decision of President Wilson to respond without delay to the need of France and Great Britain for reinforcements in the great battle in Picardy.

Failure of congress to pass the amendment to the selective service act which would permit the fixing of state quotas on the number of men in class 1 necessitated temporary adherence to the old system.

Local boards have been officially advised, however, that they are to ignore "quotas" for the time being and to simply continue calling up men until they have obtained the number they have been instructed to forward.

Allied Position Declared Better.

Washington.—Improvement in the strategic position of the allies on the Picardy battlefield is noted in the war department's review of the military situation and announcement is made that the allied forces under General Foch are operating efficiently in holding the German attacks. The department makes no mention of the movement of American troops to the fighting front to join the British and French.

Norway's Loss From U-Boats Large.

Washington.—Norway's shipping losses through German submarine ruthlessness and other war operations continue to grow. During March, 19 ships of 34,994 tons were lost, according to cablegrams made public by the Norwegian legation here. During the month 44 seamen lost their lives, while 20 more men are missing.

Teutons Continue to Bombard Paris.

Paris.—The bombardment of the Paris district by the long-range German gun has been renewed. The report that one of these guns exploded is confirmed from absolutely reliable sources.

Winter Wheat 560,000,000 Bushels.

Washington.—Winter wheat production this year will be about 560,000,000 bushels, the department of agriculture estimated.

BILLS PAID BY THE CROOK COUNTY COURT

Claims allowed by the County Court for April, 1918:

Table listing bills paid by the Crook County Court, including High School Fund, General Fund, and Juror Fees.

Table listing Grand Jury Witness fees for various individuals.

Table listing Court Witness fees for various individuals.

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Mazola advertisement: For the thrifty housewife who wants a better cooking oil. MAZOLA.

The American woman demands quality—even when she thinks most about economy. That is one reason why Mazola, the pure oil from corn, for deep frying, sautéing, shortening and salad dressings is now used in thousands of homes—in preference to butter, lard or suet.



Table listing various court cases and their amounts, including Coon Creek Mill Co., V. Genger, Willard H. Wirtz, etc.

Modern Shoe Repair Shop advertisement: W. H. SIMON, Prop. Shoes repaired while you wait. All work guaranteed. Prices reasonable. Located in Morris Bldg.

Swift & Company's 1918 Year Book advertisement: Send for Swift & Company's 1918 Year Book. It shows that Swift & Company sells the meat from a steer for less money than the live steer cost! Proceeds from the sale of the hide, fat, and other by-products covered all expense of dressing, refrigeration, freight, selling expense and the profit of \$1.29 per steer as shown by Swift & Company's 1917 figures as follows: