

GERMAN OFFENSIVE MADE TO BOLSTER PEOPLE SENTIMENT

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The German offensive, says the war department's weekly communique, issued today, proves that the German military, no longer able to control the German people by political maneuvers, have been forced to attempt a gigantic feat of arms to maintain their domination.

While the great attack has been able to make headway, no definite enveloping movement has been outlined, the communique says, and it would be premature to express opinions on the tactical phases with a combat situation inevitably changing in a battle of such magnitude.

"The assault launched by the Germans against the British front has reopened the fighting season in the west," says the communication. "This operation confirms to us that the German high command, unable to control the strategic situation through political agencies, as has been unceasingly attempted during the past four months, has been forced to engage in a desperate military venture in an effort to retain its domination over the peoples of the central empires and, if possible, force a victorious peace by the fortune of arms."

\$500,000 LOSS IN CALIFORNIA WHEN DAM GOES

SAN JOSE, Cal., March 25.—Terrific weight of clay being piled in the center as a part of the plan of construction, broke the \$2,000,000 dam being built in Calaveras valley this morning, and a sixth of the material in the great embankment slid into the reservoir, causing a loss of approximately \$500,000 and delaying the completion of the work for a year. No one was injured.

The dam was designed to increase San Francisco's water supply and will, when completed, be the largest of its kind in the world.

EVERY MAN HAS GOT TO GO IN SAYS OFFICER

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—"If there has been a disaster in France such as the first press reports might indicate, it means that every man of us has got to get in," declared Major-General Arthur Murray, commanding the western division of the army, in a statement issued last night.

"It means that every one of us has got to put himself in the war, or content to be a subject of Germany."

LABOR UNION TO SUBMIT TROUBLE TO MR. GOMPERS

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 25.—Representatives of striking men affiliated with Central Trades and Labor Union at a meeting today voted to submit the plan for settlement of strikes to Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor.

C. J. BUCHANAN RETIRES FROM LEBANON MILL

LEBANON, Or., March 27.—James O'Harry this week assumed the management of the Lebanon plant of the Crown Willamette Paper Company, succeeding C. J. Buchanan, who retires from active work.

Mr. Buchanan has been in the employ of the company for more than 36 years. He was night superintendent at Oregon City 21 years and the last four years has been of the Lebanon plant. He is now past 70 years and, retired on a comfortable pension from the company for faithful service, will make his home in Portland.

Mrs. Garfield Dead



MRS. LUCRETIA R. GARFIELD.

Mrs. Lucretia Rudolph Garfield, widow of the twentieth president of the United States, died at her home in South Pasadena, Cal., aged eighty-five. Among two of Mrs. Garfield's children are Dr. Harry A. Garfield, fuel administrator, and James R. Garfield, secretary of the interior in President Roosevelt's cabinet.

DISH-RAG DRIVE CONTINUES WITH UNABATED FURY

The Clackamas county school kids' dish-rag drive continues with unabated fury. Ninety-two out of 135 districts have sent in a total of over 5000 dish towels since last Saturday, and the 43 districts yet to send in their towels will probably swell the complete list to close around the 8,000 mark.

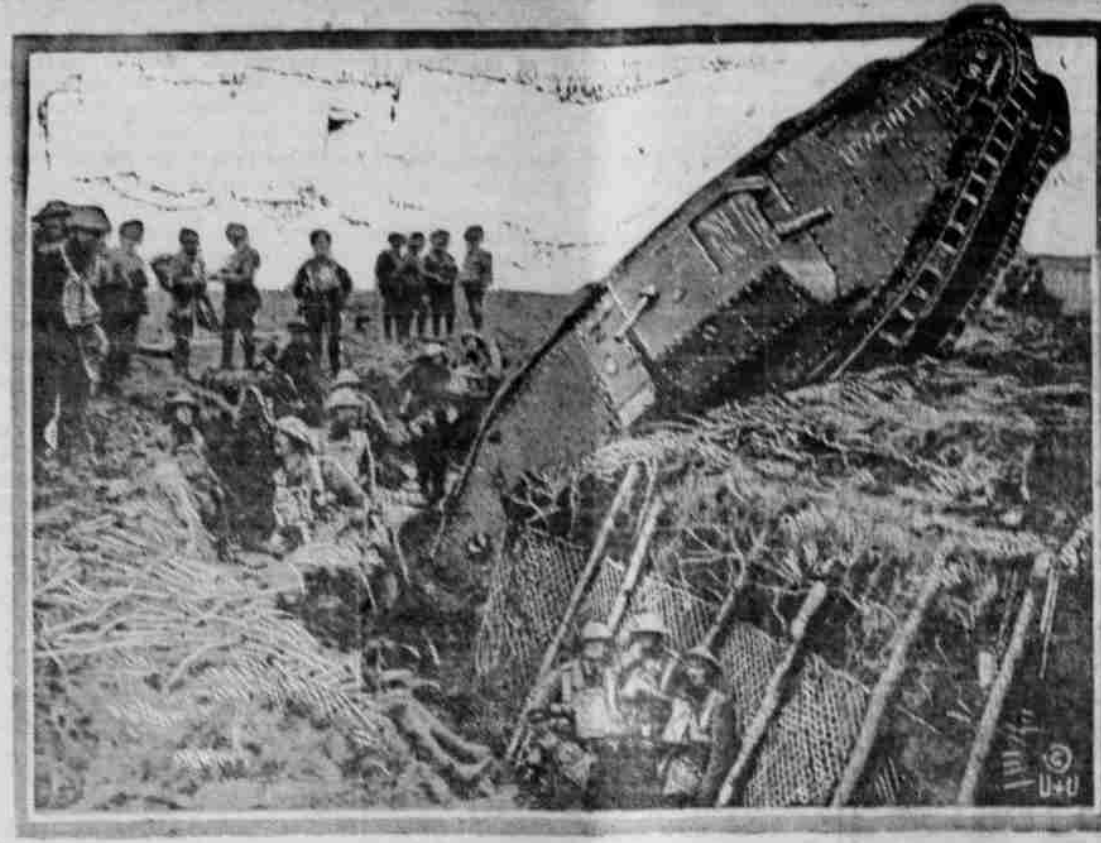
Mrs. Pearl Wissinger of Milwaukie, who first told Superintendent Calavan that she would see all dish-towels made by Clackamas county school children, would be started on their way to France, has already hauled an automobile load of the towels away from the county superintendent's office and there are enough now on hand to load another machine.

Superintendent Calavan sent out a letter to each teacher in the county two weeks ago, asking that they place the matter before the children, asking them to hem, wash and iron the towels from old flour sacks. Saturday they began to arrive and the result has exceeded all expectations.

MOLALLA GOES OVER TOP IN FORMATION OF GUARD COMPANY

Molalla went over the top Tuesday night in the organization of a company of Home Guards, with an enrollment of 135. Every man in the hall attached his name to the membership roll, after hearing stirring addresses by a party of Oregon City men, composed of Judge Grant B. Dimick, Sheriff Wilson, Gilbert L. Hedges, J. E. Calavan, Walter A. Dimick and C. L. St. Clair. The Willamette Valley Southern ran a special train from Oregon City, carrying a party of 20. Rev. Mr. Snyder was chairman of the meeting. Vocal numbers were rendered by Miss Clifford and Miss Wurlie and a flag drill was given by a squad of little girls. The meeting was enthusiastic.

Those apples that that rotted under the trees last fall would taste mighty good just now. Also, they'd be worth a good many million dollars.



This lumbering British tank led the way against the Germans during the Cambrai drive, but when its chauffeur tried to climb over the second line German trenches the rear end slipped in. He could do nothing. However, other British forces came up quickly and drove off the Germans before they could take the tank. This photograph was taken just before the tank uninjured was lifted from the trench.

MANDAMUS WRIT HOLDS COUNCIL IN SUSPENSE

The city council, mayor and recorder of Oregon City may be compelled, under order of the circuit court, to hold a city election to vote on the charter amendment providing an appeal from the city recorder's court.

Judge Campbell Tuesday granted an alternative writ of mandamus against the city officials, upon the petition of Roy Ott, prominent union leader in Oregon City. Ott, through Attorney Chris Schuebel, sets up the fact that an initiative petition for a charter amendment providing for such an appeal, was filed with the city council in regular form some time ago and that the council, mayor and recorder ignored and refused to call such an election in compliance with the request made.

To provide a charter amendment upon initiative petition, when a sufficient percentage of the voters make such a prayer, an election shall be called to decide the question of amendment by popular vote. At the last meeting of the council the petition was laid on the table. Recorder Loder, it is said, has been willing to call an election upon the question, providing authorization was given by the council in the matter, contending that such authorization was necessary.

The union men in the present strike of the paper mill workers are insisting upon an appeal being provided for in the city charter. At the present time there is no appeal from a decision of the city recorder's court.

The writ was ordered by Judge Campbell Tuesday and the matter will be argued and decided within the near future.

KAISER CALLS ON HEAVEN FOR FURTHER HELP

AMSTERDAM, March 25.—The German Emperor, says a Berlin dispatch, has received the following telegram from Emperor William:

"I am pleased to be able to tell you that by the grace of God, the battle by Monchy-Cambrai, St. Quentin and La Fere has been won. The Lord has gloriously aided May He further help."

Pigs Facing Hunger Swine Business Lax Garbage Very Scarce

The people of Oregon City are certainly "hooverizing" these days, so much that some of the garbage men are compelled to go out of the business of raising swine.

One of the garbage men, who has depended largely on the homes of this city furnishing him with food for his swine from leavings from the table and parings, as well as other refuse, informed the housewives Wednesday that this would be his last call, as it would not pay him to call, owing to the scarcity of garbage in the cans. This is somewhat of a "blow" to some of the residents, who have depended upon him in carrying away what little they have.

The garbage man says that although it will practically put him out of the swine business, he is glad to see the people hooverize, and that he will dispose of his swine.

BANDITS DEMAND RANSOM OF CASH FOR AMERICANS

PEKIN, March 25.—The bandits in the provinces of Honan are demanding a cash ransom in addition to rifles for G. A. Kyle, of Portland, Or., and E. J. Purcell, two American engineers recently captured by them.

The bandits threaten to decapitate the Americans unless their demands are met by March 25. Raymond P. Tenney, assistant Chinese secretary of the American legation, and a representative of the Chinese foreign office, have gone to Honan to negotiate with the bandits.

EXAMPLE MUST BE MADE SAYS JULIUS KAHN

NEW YORK, March 25.—Prompt hanging was the remedy proposed by Representative Julius Kahn, of California, in an address here today, for those who raise "a seditious or traitorous voice."

"We must make an example of those people and do it quickly," he said.

Two American Heroes in Attack on Germans



COL. DOUGLAS MacARTHUR



SERGEANT HANK GOWDY

Colonel Douglas MacArthur son of General Arthur MacArthur, has been given the Cross de Guerre by the French government for heroic action. He was censor in the war department when the war began, but he demanded that he be sent to the front. Sergeant Hank Gowdy, whose name has been mentioned as one of the Americans who attacked and repulsed the Germans in the Luneville region, was catcher for the Boston National league baseball club when it won the pennant. In fact, Gowdy's heavy batting won the pennant. He was the first big leaguer to enlist for Uncle Sam.

Denounces Laborers Who Prove Traitors to America



WILLIAM S. KIES.

W. S. Kies, vice-president of the American International corporation, speaking before the Ohio society in New York City, said he believed labor had been tampered with, "and through false teaching has been so misled as to its best interests that it has been willing to commit a form of sabotage and has put off the end of the war for an indefinite period."

CANBY WOMAN COOKS ON STEAMBOAT WHEN HUSBAND ABUSES HER

William C. Powell hasn't anything on the Hun for downright meanness. If his wife's divorce complaint, filed Friday in the circuit court, is to be believed.

"It is my heart's delight to torture her in any way I can," Powell is said to have told a relative, discussing his wife. Mrs. Powell claims that he continually nagged and abused her, and that she was finally compelled to go to work as a cook on a steamboat to support herself. The couple formerly lived in Canby, but later moved to Bend, Oregon. She asks the restoration of her maiden name, Millie P. Dunn.

Repeated false accusations of immorality drove Frona Shaw into the Clackamas county divorce courts, and her suit was filed against Frank Shaw. Plaintiff also sets forth that on repeated occasion he struck her. They were married in Volmer, Idaho, in 1909.

Desertion is the grounds on which Emma Peronnet Groff bases her claim for divorce against Harry Wallace Groff. The couple were married in 1913, and after two years of married life the husband left for parts unknown.

TWO SUITS BALANCE AN EQUAL NUMBER OF DECREES IN COURT

Two divorce decrees were handed down Thursday, and two unhappy husbands brought suit against their wives to obtain divorces.

W. P. Atkinson, married in 1887, brought desertion charges against his wife, Sophronia Atkinson, alleging that his wife took advantage of his absence from home one fine day, to pack up and ship away their household gods from their residence at 204 E. 7th street, Portland. This act occurred in October, 1916, according to the complaint.

Hubert Hodges charges that Ida Hodges was a continual fault finder, and bitterly complained because her husband who was earning the sum of \$97.50 per month, was not making more money. The complaint charges that although Mr. Hodges turned over this entire sum, it was all to no avail, and his wife nagged and hurled vile epithets at him continuously. In March of this year, the husband complains, his wife told him she was through with him for all time and invited him to leave. With that parting shot he hunted up the divorce court.

Ella Tafs Heinrich was granted a decree from Adam Heinrich and was given her maiden name, Ella Tafs; Agnes Hadsall was granted a decree from Thomas Hadsall, and the wife was also granted the custody of two minor children, Gordon and Chester.

Salem—Building of a starch factory by Pacific Potato Starch Co. of Portland practically assured.

SOJOURN IN SIBERIA IMPAIRS HEALTH OF JUVENILE ROUMANOFF

MOSCOW, March 25.—Former Empress Alexandra has requested permission from the Soviet government to send the former heir to the throne, Alexis Romanoff, to a sanitarium in Southern Russia, as his physicians say that his sojourn in Siberia is impairing his health. The government commissioners are considering the application.

G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT PLANS UNDER WAY AT ALBANY, OREGON

ALBANY, Or., March 25.—Plans for the state-encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, which will be held in Albany, May 13 to 15, inclusive, were made here yesterday when J. G. Chambers, of Portland, department commander, and C. A. Williams, of Portland, department adjutant, met with officers and members of the local post.

PLAYFUL PRANK CAUSES DEATH OF CHICAGO BOY

CHICAGO, March 25.—Edward Perkins 17 years old, is dead here today, the result of a playful prank by his chum Emil Kromenau. The two with another party of boys were standing in front of the Majestic theatre last night when, it is said, Kromenau pulled out a pistol and in a mock dramatic voice cried, "Hands up," and pulled the trigger. There was an explosion and Perkins fell. He was rushed to a hospital where he died later.

RANKS OF HOME GUARD DEPLETED THRU ACCIDENT

When the Clackamas county Home Guard, organized Saturday evening, lines up for initial inspection Wednesday evening at Moose hall, there will be a vacancy in the ranks.

Among the first to sign up for home guard work was E. P. Dunlap, for several years a section hand of the Willamette Valley Southern. When volunteers were called to stand up at the big meeting Saturday night, one of the first patriotic Americans to get on his feet was E. P. Dunlap.

Monday morning he sustained a broken neck when he fell from a W. V. S. flat car at Buckner Creek station, and passed away immediately.

MRS. ED FORTUNE'S MOTHER DIES FROM ACCIDENT'S EFFECT

Ed Fortune received a telegram Monday from his wife in Covington, Ky., who was called to that city by the critical illness of her mother, Mrs. M. Gilmore, telling of her death, which occurred at the hospital at Covington Sunday.

Mrs. Gilmore was accidentally struck by an automobile five weeks ago, while she was crossing a street at her home city, and she was immediately taken to the hospital for medical treatment. Up to a few days ago her chance for recovery was encouraging until she sustained a relapse shortly before her death. She suffered from a broken hip.

Mrs. Gilmore was 67 years of age, and is survived by Mrs. Ed Fortune, of this city; two other daughters Mrs. Fannie B. Volz, of Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. Pearl McElroy, of Tampa, Fla.; three sons, Ward Gilmore, of Seattle, Wash.; Thomas and Verne Berry, of Texas.

WAR RETARDS BUILDING

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Non-essential building and other enterprises were given a knock-out blow today when the war industries board today voted to withhold priority assistance for the rest of the war. The move applies to municipal and state enterprises.

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