

VOIL HINDENBURG LINE CRUMBLING

German Rear Guard Holds on to Villages Determinedly to Cover Retreat.

BRITISH NEAR ST. QUENTIN

French Also Advance and Allies Now Are Within Two Miles of Goal, With Towns Falling

From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, via London, April 2.—There has been stiff fighting along a wide front southeast of Arras today and the last strongly fortified villages held by the Germans in front of the so-called Hindenburg line are crumbling.

A striking feature of today's fighting was that in some of the captured territory the British and French co-operated splendidly in suppressing counter attacks. The Germans were forced to abandon six hundred and twenty-two prisoners were taken in the course of the day, which indicates that the German casualties must have been heavy.

LONDON, April 2.—Their latest gains have brought the British troops to within two miles of St. Quentin, says the official report from headquarters in France.

PARIS, April 2.—French patrols advanced last night to the German positions before St. Quentin, which they found to be held in force.

BERLIN, April 2, by wireless to Sayville, N. Y.—Battles begun yesterday between the British and German forces south of Arras, on the road to Cambrai, and on both banks of the River Somme west of St. Quentin, were further developed this morning.

AMERICAN SHIP IS SUNK (Continued From First Page.) of the men aboard the Aztec were rescued, a number of them were missing and probably had perished.

The Aztec, under command of Captain Walter O'Brien, was manned by a crew of 39. Seventeen of this number, including the captain, were American citizens.

The Aztec sailed from New York March 18 for Havre. She was commanded by Captain Walter O'Brien. Sixteen members of the crew were native-born Americans.

PCSLAM EXCELS IN INTENSITY OF HEALING POWER

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gunners on the Aztec had no chance to show their skill, it was recalled that the Cunard liner Laconia was sunk at night and that no submarine was seen, although a vigilant watch was kept.

The Aztec, a slow-moving freighter of 327 gross tons, steamed from New York for Havre March 18, with a full cargo of foodstuffs and general supplies valued at more than \$500,000.

PARIS, April 2.—The American steamer Aztec has been sunk by a submarine near an island off Brest. Some of the crew were rescued and are being brought into Brest.

Little Hope Is Held. A number of the men are missing and little hope is held that they can be saved, as the steamer was torpedoed at night while a heavy sea was running.

Representatives of the American Government will proceed to Brest to take depositions of survivors of the disaster.

DIGGS STARTS TO PRISON

CAMINETTI ALSO SURRENDERS TO MARSHAL TO BEGIN TERM.

Mandate From Supreme Court Closes Long Fight for Freedom for Two Convicted Under Mann Act.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 2.—With the arrival here today of the mandate from the United States Supreme Court, sending Maury Diggs and Drew Caminetti to the Federal prison at McNeil's Island, Washington, the two men who were convicted for violation of the Mann white-slave act, surrendered themselves to United States Marshal Holohan, who was expected to start north with his prisoners tonight.

Appeals to the Supreme Court and a petition to the President for pardon failed.

The two men were convicted of transporting two girls from Sacramento, Cal., to Reno, Nev., for immoral purposes March 9, 1913. Their defense and subsequent appeals were based on the declaration that the escapee was a personal affair and not undertaken for personal gain.

PAY PASTOR BACK IS PLAN

Reimbursement of Dr. Matthews Is Proposed in Seattle Council.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 2.—(Special.)—On the grounds that the \$1000 given by Leighton Hillingdey to Dr. M. A. Matthews to obtain evidence against bootleggers was tainted money, Council of the City of Seattle introduced a resolution in the City Council asking that Matthews be reimbursed.

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PATRIOTIC MEETINGS SET

Bishop Sumner and Bishop Keator to Make Addresses.

Bishop Sumner will go to Hillsboro tomorrow to address a meeting in the interests of the Red Cross Society. On Saturday night Bishop Keator will give an address on this occasion, and later will be the speaker at the noon-day meeting at the Baker Theater.

GIRL, 15, MAY BE SUICIDE

Jessie Hess Leaves Note Telling of Grim Purpose and Disappears.

Jessie Hess, 15, dressed all in black, left her home at 1323 East Washington street yesterday after she had written a note indicating that she intended to commit suicide and late last night no trace of her had been found.

WAR RESOLUTION APPEARS

(Continued From First Page.) thus been thrust upon the United States, is hereby formally declared;

"That the President be and is hereby authorized and directed to take immediate steps, not only to put the country in a thorough state of defense, but also to exert all of its power and employ all of its resources to carry on war against the imperial German government and to bring the conflict to a successful termination."

The resolution was referred to the foreign affairs committee by both houses, and adjournment until tomorrow followed soon afterward. Both committees meet tomorrow morning.

TROOPS DRILL AND MOVE PREPARATIONS

Third Oregon Hurries to Muster In—One Battalion May Be Shifted Today.

DESTINATION NOT NAMED

Physical Examinations Disclose High Standard—Marching Shoes Are Issued—Officers' Appointments Are Approved.

The hard work of drill, drill and more drill was the portion of the Third Oregon at Vancouver Barracks yesterday. It was the first real opportunity that has been presented since the troops were called out a week ago Sunday for intensified drilling.

In addition to company drill, the big parade ground was dotted all day with squads of recruits in charge of corporals. There were some tired recruits last night, but they had learned something.

Special haste was made to complete the muster of the First Battalion, comprising Companies A, B and C. While none of the officers would discuss it, the general understanding seemed to be that the First Battalion will receive orders to move at once to its destination in a military secret which cannot be published.

Third Battalion Delayed. Company officers of the Third Battalion had orders to move at noon, it was understood. This could not be done, however, because of delay in mustering, as part of the permanent records of the regiment to be filed at Washington, were not available at the time.

Physical examination of the men incident to the muster disclosed that the Third infantry is on virtually a regular Army footing, so far as the physical standard of its men is concerned.

Company A, of McMinnville, under Captain Miller, was the first company to complete its physical examination. Of 82 men in the company, only three were rejected. When the company was examined while on the Mexican border last summer, about the same number of men there were 13 rejections, indicating that the physical standard of the company has been raised considerably.

Marching Shoes Issued. Brand-new Army marching shoes were issued to the men of the Third Oregon yesterday. Fifteen hundred pairs of shoes were issued. They came from the reserve stock held by the Oregon National Guard for just such an emergency.

Shoes now on the way here from San Francisco will replenish the reserve stock. Lieutenant-Colonel McAleander is making as great haste as possible in mustering the men. He is being delayed somewhat by some of the necessary blanks, but expects to have the work done probably by the end of this week.

The transfer of the Third Oregon to Vancouver has temporarily caused the flow of recruits to ebb somewhat, but George A. White, Adjutant General of the Oregon National Guard, expects to get some definite returns quickly from the telegrams he sent to Oregon Mayors Sunday.

Replies Promise Recruiting. Replies promising to start active recruiting, were immediately received from the Mayors of Woodburn, Dallas and McMinnville.

So far only one company of the regiment is up to full strength. It is Company F, of Portland, which has reached its required war quota of 150 men. Other Portland companies, however, are not so fortunate.

General White yesterday received notification from the War Department that all appointments of officers in the Third infantry approved by General White and Governor Withycombe are confirmed. This includes the promotion of Colonel Max from Lieutenant Colonel to Colonel of the regiment, and of Major Carl Abrams to be Lieutenant Colonel, of Captain William Daugherty to be Major, and several others.

Colonel John L. Hayden, United States Army, who is in command of all troops in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, with headquarters at Portland, received a telegram yesterday from Major-General Franklin Bell, commanding the Western Department, at San Francisco, expressing gratification of the rapid progress being made by the Third Oregon in making itself ready for service.

PETITIONS' RETURN ASKED

Anti-Commission Charter Documents Wanted Back by Tomorrow.

W. M. Killingsworth, chairman of the anti-commission charter committee, which is circulating petitions to put an amended charter on the ballot by initiative for the city election June 4, desires all petitions to be returned Wednesday morning in time for filing that afternoon.

Thursday, April 5, is the last day for filing the petitions. Mr. Killingsworth and his colleagues on the committee, desire to file the petitions with the City Auditor the day before, which is Wednesday.

NEW PEACE MOVE ASKED

Socialist's Resolution Calls on President to Try to End War.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—A resolution requesting President Wilson to renew his suggestion to the European belligerents for a termination of the war, was introduced today by Representative London, of New York, Socialist.

The preamble declares developments since the severance of relations with Germany justify the hope that a new peace movement "would receive a more favorable hearing and would strike a responsive chord with all democratic elements throughout the world."

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

Lipman Wolfe & Co. Merchandise of Merit Only. The third floor is fairly aglow with New things for Easter wear. Two splendid models W. B. Nuforn CORSETS \$1.29. Sterling top salts and peppers 59c. Do you know about our Annual Easter sale of BLACK SILKS. Today, the second day of that 3-day sale of STOCKINGS. Special attention is called to that remarkable sale of sample silk stockings 98c. Economy Basement Store. 10 bars of CASCADE SOAP for 25c. This is NADIA corset week. SOUTH READY FOR WAR. ALBANY HEADS TO VISIT. MORE FIRMS AID RECRUITS. PARAFFINE OIL for Regular Bowel Action.

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