



NEW DRIVE GIVES ALLIES 10 TOWNS

Third Lines Are Taken on 20-Mile Front.

ALL OBJECTIVES ATTAINED

Plans of Generals Haig and Petain Carried Out With Surprisingly Small Loss.

RESISTANCE IS DESPERATE

Early Stages Indicate One of Greatest Conflicts of War Is in Progress.

By the Associated Press. BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM, July 31.—An epoch-making offensive, launched by the British and French against the German lines between the river Lys and Boesinghe at daybreak has, with few exceptions, accomplished all that had been planned for the first day of this battle, which, in its early stages, gives promise of being the greatest conflict of the war.

Reports received from the French troops, which are attacking over the difficult territory between Dixmude and a point near Boesinghe, say that they have forced their way across this marsh-studded and partly inundated region, and captured the first two lines of German trenches.

The casualties of the entente allies have been surprisingly light, and the morale of the men continues at the highest pitch. The contact between the British and French armies has been constant and excellent.

Trenches Torn by Gunfire. The German front line trenches, which had been torn to pieces by the preliminary bombardment, offered resistance, but, once the allied forces had penetrated beyond them, they met with fierce resistance at many points. Directly east of Zillebeke, and again a little to the north, the British were temporarily held up by a heavy machine gun fire, but only temporarily, for the troops charged through the rain of lead and forced the Germans from their positions in hand-to-hand fighting.

Charge Made Through Barrage. One of the most striking and spectacular events of the day's fighting occurred at the so-called Menin tunnel, a great underground fortification constructed by the Germans on the Menin road, opposite Hooge. The British preliminary bombardment had forced the Germans to hold the line thinly here, and the British division which was to attack at dawn, lay out all night in shell holes within 25 yards of the German line, waiting for the signal to advance. When the time arrived for the charge, and the British gunners had dropped a protecting barrage on the German front trench ahead of the British troops, it was seen that the Germans had taken to their heels and were fleeing.

Many Prisoners Merely Boys. It was only at the second line that the British met resistance, and here, after sharp hand-to-hand fighting, they forced the Germans again to withdraw.

No check has yet been made on the (Concluded on Page 2, Column 1.)

"WAR BRIDES" MAY BE PROSECUTED

AIDING IN EVASION OF DRAFT IS PUNISHABLE.

Provost Marshal-General Rules Dependence, Not Marriage, Is Basis for Exemption.

WASHINGTON, July 31.—Hasty marriages made since July 20, the date of the Army draft drawing, in an effort to escape conscription through the claim of a dependent wife, will not be considered ground for discharge unless the wife is actually dependent on the husband's daily labor.

Dependence is a matter of fact, not of law, General Crowder pointed out. "A man whose wife is mainly dependent on his daily labor for support," he said, "may claim exemption on that ground. Only the exemption board can determine this fact. When dependence is claimed and circumstances show a marriage hastily consummated since July 20 by a man whose number is high on the available list, the actual fact of dependence must be closely scrutinized."

Moreover, General Crowder declared, women who marry men merely to add them to be slackers are liable to prosecution under the draft act.

FOOD PLACES TO BE RATED

City to Examine Groceries and Restaurants for Sanitation.

Rating cards for grocery stores, restaurants and other places where food is sold are to be established by the City Health Bureau. The cards will indicate to the public the degree of sanitation existing in the place.

Neat cards resembling bonds will be furnished, giving each place a rating. Places thoroughly sanitary will be marked either "A" or 90 per cent. Places less sanitary will be marked "B" or 80 per cent, and places still less sanitary "C" or 70 per cent.

SLACKERS LACK "CARDS"

New York Officers Frighten Off Marriage License Seekers.

NEW YORK, July 31.—United States Marshal Thomas D. McCarthy, with 15 of his deputies, appeared at the marriage license bureau this afternoon, where scores of young men of the draft age, with their prospective brides, were waiting for licenses, and within 15 minutes cleared the room and hallways of half their number.

He ejected from the place every man who was unable to produce his blue registration card.

JULY CASUALTIES 71,832

Britain Reports 2503 Officers Killed, Wounded or Missing.

LONDON, July 31.—British casualties in all theaters of military operations published in the newspapers during the month of July total 71,832 officers and men.

CUBA HANDS OVER SHIPS

German Merchant Ships Will Be Repaired and Used by U. S.

WASHINGTON, July 31.—Cuba today turned over to the United States the five German merchant ships seized in Cuban ports when Cuba declared war on Germany.

THE FAMOUS BLACK BAG.

James W. Gerard, former Ambassador to Germany, in his "My Four Years in Germany," which starts as a serial feature in The Oregonian next Sunday, August 5, will reveal the secrets of the now famous black bag, which, on his trip from Berlin to Washington, caused curiosity and questions without end from almost every newspaper correspondent and official whom he met.

Mr. Gerard tells the public in his book, which will be reprinted in generous installments in The Oregonian daily and Sunday, beginning August 5, much that he told President Wilson when he returned to Washington.

HEAT WAVE IN EAST GROWING INTENSE

Chicago Reports 20 Deaths in Day.

MERCURY 102 AT CLEVELAND

Affected Area Increasing and More Torridity Predicted.

CORN CROP IS BENEFITED

In Striking Contrast to Conditions Elsewhere Are Oregon and Washington, Where Tender Vegetation Is Damaged by Cold.

PARTIAL TOLL OF THE HOT WAVE. Table with columns for City, Deaths, and Prostrations. Cities listed include Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Jersey City, Milwaukee, St. Louis, New York, and Boston.

CHICAGO, July 31.—(Special.)—Eleven additional deaths from the heat were reported to the police this evening, making a total of 20 in Chicago in the last 24 hours. Seventeen of this number were men and three women. No account is taken of the numerous deaths of babies in the congested districts. Of the large number prostrated many will die.

The heat wave is general over all the area between the southern half of Minnesota to the Atlantic Ocean, spreading far up into Eastern Canada. Cleveland, O., reports maximum temperature of 102 and 14 deaths including 11 babies. In Detroit the street thermometers show 102 with 84 the official figure. There have been nine deaths in Detroit. Pittsburgh reports the hottest day of the year and eight deaths.

BRITISH COMMANDER WHO LAUNCHES MONSTER NEW OFFENSIVE AGAINST GERMANS ON WEST FRONT.



GENERAL SIR DOUGLAS HAIG.

CAMP STUDENTS TO GET NEW CHANCE

NON-COMMISSIONED APPOINTMENTS TO BE OFFERED.

Seventeen Thousand Men Will Be Left When Officers Are Selected After Training.

WASHINGTON, July 31.—The 17,000 men at the officers' training camps who will not receive commissions or be selected for further training at the second series of camps are to receive offers of appointments as non-commissioned officers in the National Army, with chances of promotion later to commissions. Coupled with the offer, acceptance of which requires enlistment of the man at the conclusion of the camp, August 15, is a renewed assurance that after the second camps close promotions will be made from the ranks of the regular Army, National Guard or National Army.

A circular issued today by Major-General Bliss, acting chief of staff, directs commanders of officers' training camps to invite student officers failing to receive commissions "to enlist in the foot service at the close of the present course of training, with the understanding that they will be transferred on or about September 1, 1917, to units of the National Army to be organized in their local training areas."

The non-commissioned grade to which each man will be appointed is to be determined by recommendation of the training camp commander.

MILK PRICE IS ADVANCED

New York Consumers Will Pay \$7,300,000 More in Year.

NEW YORK, July 31.—An advance of a cent a quart, making the price of milk 12 1/2 cents, will cost the consumers \$7,300,000 a year, it was estimated today.

GERMANY TO PAY BILLS

War Expenses of Turkey and Bulgaria for 1917-18 Guaranteed.

ZURICH, July 30.—(Delayed.)—Germany has notified Turkey and Bulgaria that she will assume all expenses incurred by these countries in the campaign of 1917-1918.

DRAFT NUMBERS PRINTED TODAY.

The complete official list of the 16,500 numbers drawn in the war draft are printed in The Oregonian today on pages 8 and 9.

SEATTLE STRIKE IS VIRTUALLY AT END

Tentative Agreement Satisfactory to All.

TRACTION HEAD TO SIGN PACT

Recognition of Unions on All Points at Issue Conceded.

CARS MAY RUN TOMORROW

As Soon as Final Word Is Received, Agreement Will Be Submitted to Mass Meetings of Car-men for Ratification.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 1.—At an early hour this morning President Leonard's name had not been attached to the agreement. He has been in conference for several hours with Charles A. Reynolds, attorney for the strikers, and Clinton W. Howard, of counsel for the traction company.

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PORTLAND SOLDIER DROWNING VICTIM

WALTER B. SCOTT LOST WHILE BATHING AT FORT STEVENS.

Four Comrades Who Attempt Rescue Have Narrow Escapes, One Being Brought in Unconscious.

PORT STEVENS, Or., July 31.—(Special.)—Walter B. Scott, a member of the Eighth Company, Oregon Coast Artillery, of Portland, was drowned late this afternoon while bathing in the surf near camp and four of his comrades had a narrow escape from similar fate when they attempted to rescue the drowning man.

Sergeant William L. Miller, of Portland, who was one of the four men that went to the rescue, was unconscious when carried in by Corporal Ralph Durgan. Tonight he is resting well and will suffer no ill effects from his experience. The four men who went to Scott's rescue were:

Sergeant William L. Miller, mechanic; Carl Pfeifer, acting corporal; Ralph Durgan and Private Albert E. Dugan. Gloom prevails over the entire camp tonight. This was the first accident to happen at the fort for many months.

About 15 members of the Portland company were bathing at the time of the accident, but the fact that the bathers were strung out over a considerable distance made it impossible for others to give assistance. A strong wind, aided by an outgoing tide, made bathing rather perilous. The Fort Stevens life-saving crew was immediately notified, but their attempt to recover the body was in vain.

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DRASTIC MEASURES READY FOR I. W. W.

Punishment Will Be Swift and Certain.

ALL BRANCHES READY TO ACT

City, County, State and Federal Officials Confer.

AMPLE GUARDS ON DUTY

Mills Are Running With Normal Crews and Those Who Interfere Will Meet With Short Shrift. Red Tape to Be Avoided.

Direct action—the same sort of direct action advocated by the I. W. W.—awaits the I. W. W. trouble-makers in Portland.

City, county, state and Federal officials held a conference yesterday in the office of Mayor Baker and laid out a programme. The I. W. W. will be handled with an iron hand by every agency of the state.

The Board of County Commissioners will arrange at its regular meeting this morning for the opening of Kelly Butte rockpile. A rare collection of rock hammers already has been sent to the institution by the city. The I. W. W. will be on the way there shortly after they start more trouble.

Governor at Conference.

The conference was called by Mayor Baker and was attended by Governor Withycombe, United States Attorney Reames, District Attorney Evans, City Attorney L. Roche, Sheriff Hurlburt, Chief of Police Designate Johnson, Chief of Police Clark and County Commissioners Holman, Muck, and Holbrook.

All pledged every agency at their command to co-operate in combating the troubles as they may arise. It was planned to go to the full extent of the law in meeting any emergency and to stretch the law if necessary and have the legal battles on the subject afterward.

I. W. W. Regarded Enemy.

The officials were of one mind—that the I. W. W. is an organization of enemies of the United States and should be treated as such. The officials decided to go to the full extent of the law in meeting any emergency and to stretch the law if necessary and have the legal battles on the subject afterward.

A conference will be held probably today by the District Attorney, City Attorney, Prosecuting Attorneys and the Attorney-General of the state in making out the legal phases of the matter.

In the meantime Mayor Baker has instructed the police to watch the I. W. W. like hawks and to stop any attempts to interfere with legitimate workers.

Mill Crews Remain.

There were no further desertions from the crews of local mills yesterday, and an optimistic sentiment prevailed. Admittedly a trifle short-handed, operators said that the labor situation was no worse than in previous years, and laid the dearth of men to a natural shortage rather than to I. W. W. influence.

Police squads were stationed at the North Pacific Lumber Company's mill, the Eastern & Western mill and the Inman-Poulsen mill, while single patrolmen were stationed at various smaller mills. The work went forward at a normal rate, and it is believed that the greater majority of the employees are well satisfied with conditions and in no mood to listen to I. W. W. arguments.

Crews Being Filled.

The Eastern & Western mill is still a dozen men short and has had no difficulty in finding men to fill the places of those who walked out. Even in those instances the workmen were not I. W. W. but were for the most part Austrian laborers who readily owned to a fear of reprisal from the I. W. W. if they returned to work.

One arrest was made yesterday, that of John Basich, an Austrian, believed to be an I. W. W. Basich was patrolling the railway track near the Eastern & Western mill yesterday morning, when arrested by Sergeant Bunn and Patrolman Schad. As the police approached him he fled and hid in a vacant house, making considerable resistance.

Charge Is Vagrancy.

Basich has been charged with vagrancy and will be tried in Municipal Court this morning. He claims to be 31 years old, but is much younger in appearance and has no registration card.

Two other cases which will come up today are those of Harry Maynard and Sherman Juvensell, who were arrested Monday at the Eastern & Western mill. They are charged with vagrancy and have been released on \$50 bail.

Jacob Erjandson, who was arrested at the Inman-Poulsen mill, and in whose possession were found circulars setting forth the demands of the I. W. W. for mill workmen, was tried in Municipal Court yesterday morning and found guilty on two counts. He was fined \$5 for disturbing handbills in violation of the billposters' ordinance, and was fined \$15 for trespass. In default of cash, he was committed to jail.