



## GERMANS CONTEST ADVANCE OF ALLIES

### Ten Times Tide of Battle Flows.

## ENGLISH TAKE LANGEMARCK

### French Drive Teutons From Dreigrachten Bridge.

## 1800 PRISONERS ARE TAKEN

### Progress Made East of Loos. Germans Maintain Position on High Ground North of Menin Highway.

LONDON, Aug. 16.—Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters in Belgium says he hears that fighting is proceeding well beyond Langemarck.

LONDON, Aug. 15.—British and French troops, attacking on a nine-mile front east and northeast of Ypres, in Flanders, today gained all their objectives except on the right flank.

The French drove the Germans from between the Yser canal and Martjevaert and captured the bridgehead of Dreigrachten. The village of Langemarck was carried by the British after they had taken all their first objectives in the center of the attacking line.

British Lose Gains. The official statement from British headquarters in France tonight adds that the Germans fought stubbornly on Field Marshal Haig's right for the possession of the high ground north of the Menin road.

Suffering heavy losses, the Germans finally pressed the British back from the terrain they had gained early in the day.

More than 1800 prisoners, including 35 officers, already have been counted by the Anglo-French forces. Some German guns also were taken.

Progress Made at Loos. The British have made further progress east of Loos in the Lens area, and the total of prisoners captured there now has reached 896.

CANADIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Aug. 16.—(By Canadian Press Limited).—The taking of Hill 70 yesterday stirred the German higher command as nothing else has done on this front this year. Prince Rupprecht has made frantic efforts to recapture the lost position, and a bitter battle was waged throughout the day, particularly on Hill 70.

Attacks Made Ten Times. Ten times the enemy came on, but they seldom got close enough for fighting with bayonet or bomb. The Prussian guards were subjected to a terrible concentrated fire from our artillery and machine guns. Their losses were frightful.

PARIS, Aug. 16.—French troops in Belgium, attacking early today in conjunction with the British on both sides of the road between Steenbeke and Dixmude, captured all their objectives and crossed the Steenbeke River, the War Office announced today. Further progress is being made along the river.

The French made an attack on the Aisne and captured German trenches on a front of one kilometer. Four German counter attacks were repulsed.

The statement follows: "South of Aisne a vigorous attack made us master of a system of trenches on a front of one kilometer which was held strongly by the enemy. Four German counter attacks on our new positions were repulsed easily and 120 prisoners, one of them an officer, have been counted. In the region of the Hurbise Monument we also made progress, taking a score of prisoners.

In the Champagne and on both banks of the Meuse heavy artillery fighting continued. We made a surprise attack near Louvemont, taking seven prisoners. There is nothing of importance to report on the remainder of the front.

Our bombarding airplanes last night and this morning threw many bombs on enemy establishments north and east of the Houthulst Forest and also on the railway station at Licherwald.

Aviators Swoop Low. "During our attack in the region of Aisne and Hurbise our aviators were not deterred by the bad weather from flying very close to the ground as our infantry moved forward and turning their machine guns on the shelters and reserves of the enemy."

BERLIN, via London, Aug. 16.—The combined British and French attack over a front of more than 18 miles in Flanders was shattered by the Teutons, according to the official communication issued this evening. Only local successes on the Yser Canal and in the vicinity of Langemarck were obtained by the entente, who suffered heavy losses.

The text of the communication follows: "The enemy's assault in Flanders, which extended over a front of thirty kilometers, has been shattered with heavy losses. The enemy has only been able to gain some small local successes at Dreigrachten, on the Yser Canal, and near Langemarck, where fighting still is proceeding. From St. Julien, north-

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## SPRUCE CONTRACTS ARE NOW TIED UP

### ALLIED GOVERNMENTS MUST CERTIFY TO DESTINATION.

### West Coast Lumber Mills Complain to Washington That Aircraft Board Is Slow.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 16.—At the request of the Pacific Export Lumber Company, Senator McNary today endeavored to obtain authority from the Aircraft Production Board for this and other Oregon companies to fill contracts with the allied governments for 1,200,000 feet of airplane spruce. These contracts, which are signed, are now tied up by the board because it is not convinced the spruce is for the allied powers, save as regards Italian contracts.

If France and England will certify that these contracts are for their governments the spruce men will be allowed to furnish the spruce already contracted for.

Complaints reached Washington today from several West Coast lumber mills that absolutely no contracts for Oregon or Washington spruce have yet been awarded by the Aircraft Board. In anticipation of the big American airplane construction, it is stated that the mills are ready to turn out this lumber as fast as needed and that L. W. W. troubles are not seriously interfering with the spruce industry. In fact, prompt delivery will be guaranteed.

## POLK FIRES CONTROLLED

### Standing Timber Practically Undamaged, All Districts Report.

DALLAS, Or., Aug. 16.—(Special).—Forest fires in Polk County are all well under control. There has been no fire in the standing timber as the fire on Cedar Creek which reached the timber, was a ground fire, and was quickly controlled. The greatest damage has been to logging equipment, but this is not so great as first reported, as all the engines can be repaired and only a few bridges were burned.

Fire which threatened the Canyon Creek water shed is under control and the crew has returned to Dallas. A fire at the Balderee camp of the Willamette Valley Lumber Company is practically out. Logging trains are running and there has been no fire in the Sitkum basin.

At the Spalding camp the fire is well under control, as is that of the Sheridan Lumber Company on Mill Creek.

PAINTER'S CASH IS MAGNET

### Corvallis Heir to Fortune Gets Many Appeals for Aid.

CORVALLIS, Or., Aug. 16.—(Special).—A large quantity of mail was found by C. H. Smith, the Corvallis painter and paperhanger who fell heir to \$600,000 in Finland the other day, on his return from Portland. The letters contained appeals for charity and financial help for all sorts of schemes.

Mr. Smith says he will spend his income doing good, but he does not propose giving it away promiscuously.

Mr. Smith is making preparations for the transfer of his fortune. His ambition is to see the \$600,000 grow to \$2,000,000.

## DISTILLERIES STOP SEPT. 8

### Manufacture of Whisky for Beverage Purposes to Cease.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Eleven o'clock on the night of Saturday, September 8, is the time fixed by the food administration when all processes in the production in the United States of distilled spirits for beverage purposes must stop.

The 30-day period allowed for the approval of the food control law expires at midnight, September 8, but this date falls on Sunday and the internal revenue law prevents the operation of distilleries after 11 o'clock Saturday night.

## AMERICANS ARE WOUNDED

### Arrival at English Hospital Reported, but No News of Battle.

LONDON, Aug. 16.—According to the Daily News, some wounded American soldiers from the western front have just arrived at the hospital at Bath.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Neither the War nor the Navy Department has any information on the reported wounding of American troops on the western front. Prompt official announcement is promised when information is received, provided it is not incompatible with military interest.

## MANY MINORS ARE WED

### Seven, Ranging From 16 Upwards, Licensed at Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 16.—(Special).—There was a rush to the municipal altar here today by minors, seven being wed.

Leo Christanson, 20 years old, and Floisio Riley, 17, came from Newberg to be married. Edward L. Williams, 19, and Violet Kuhn, 18, came from Hillsboro, Or.; John T. McKay, 20, and Pearl Creveling, 19, embarked upon the matrimonial sea, as did Earl Quaring, 23, and Pearl Stegman, 18, both of Portland.

Jose Guerr is Inaugurated.

LA PAZ, Bolivia, Aug. 16.—(Delayed).—Jose Gutierrez Guerr, former Minister of War, was inaugurated President of Bolivia today.

## PEACE TALK IS FOR EFFECT IN AMERICA

### Sincerity of German Offers Questioned.

## WAR GENERALS RULE PEOPLE

### Gerard Is Told Ludendorff Is Real Dictator.

## LOVE FEAST PRECEDES WAR

### While Civilians Are Protesting Friendship for U. S., Preparations Go Forward for Defiance of International Law.

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On my return from America to Berlin every one in official life, the Chancellor, Zimmermann, Von Stumm, who succeeded Zimmermann, Von der Busche, formerly German Minister in the Argentine, who had equal rank with Stumm in the Foreign Office, all without exception and in the most convincing language assured me that cases like that of the Marina, for example, were only accidents, and that there was every desire on the part of Germany to maintain the pledges given in the Sussex note.

And the great question to be solved is whether the Germans, in making their offers of peace, in begging me to go to America to talk peace to the President, were sincerely anxious for peace, or were only making these general offers of peace in order to excuse in the eyes of the world a resumption of ruthless submarine warfare and to win to their side public opinion in the United States, in case such warfare should be resumed.

Had the decision rested with the Chancellor and with the Foreign Office, instead of with the military, I am sure that the decision would have been against the resumption of this ruthless war.

Ludendorff Real Ruler. But Germany is not ruled in wartime by the civilian power. Hindenburg at the time I left for America was at the head of the General Staff, and Ludendorff, who had been Chief of Staff, had been made the quartermaster general in order that he might follow Hindenburg to General Headquarters.

Hindenburg, shortly before his battle of the Masurian Lakes, was a general living in retirement at Hanover. Because he had for years specialized in the study of this region, he was suddenly called to the command of the German army which was opposing the Russian invasions. Ludendorff, who had been Colonel of a regiment at the attack on Liege, was sent with him as

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## 5 OVERDUE SHIPS CAUSE OF CONCERN

### TIME BOMBS HIDDEN IN CARGOES ARE SUSPECTED.

### Sailor Tells of Having Seen Fragile Bottles of Acid Taken From Powder Cases.

A PACIFIC PORT, Aug. 16.—Five ships are overdue at this port, and have been practically given up by their owners and agents. They include three American, one British and one Japanese vessel.

The probable loss of the ships is believed by mariners to be due to time bombs placed in the cargoes by enemy agents. This theory was strengthened today when a sailor employed near this port told of having seen fragile bottles, containing acid, taken from powder cases, where they had been placed in such a manner that the breaking of the bottles would have ignited the powder.

The overdue vessels are the American schooner Winslow, 88 days out from Sydney for Apia; the American sailing ship R. C. Slide, 88 days out from Sydney for this port; the American schooner Beluga, 92 days out for Sydney; the Japanese freighter Koto Hira, 35 days out from Kobe for America, and the British freighter Wairuna, three months overdue from New Zealand.

## HUMIDITY IRKS PORTLAND

### Fair Weather Is Predicted for Today by Forecaster.

High humidity and a mounting mercury caused Portland residents to breathe a fervent wish for rain yesterday when the Weather Bureau records showed 87 degrees above.

Though at least two days of the present season have been hotter, the intense humidity, which was 57 per cent, made the day rather irksome.

Today, the Weather Bureau says, will be as fair as any of its immediate predecessors, with moderate westerly winds. With the exception of an infinitesimal fraction of an inch no rain has fallen since June 29.

## CAMPAIGN COSTS 2 CENTS

### One Stamp Used by George Menzel in Race for Mayor.

It was unfortunate that the local chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers, in writing to George Menzel, did not inclose stamp for reply. The oversight made it necessary for him to spend 2 cents during his campaign for Mayor last June.

Mr. Menzel filed his statement of expenses with City Auditor Funk yesterday, said expenditures being 2 cents for one stamp, "with which to reply to the society of engineers," he wrote.

## HOLLAND FILES PROTEST

### Germany Questioned Seriously as to Violation of Neutrality.

THE HAGUE, Netherlands, Aug. 16.—Official announcement was made today that the Netherlands Minister at Berlin had been instructed to protest seriously to the German Foreign Office against the violation on August 7 of Dutch territorial waters by German airplanes and torpedo-boats off the Scheldt.

## CHANGES ARE MADE IN ARMY'S MAKEUP

### Division Cut to European Number.

## COMPANY TO HAVE 250 MEN

### Two Captains Provided, One to Be in Reserve.

## OVERHEAD EXPENSE LESS

### One Colonel and Regimental Staff Will Now Handle 3600 Men Instead of Little More Than 2000, as Heretofore.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—Complete reorganization of all branches of the American Army to conform with European standards, as recommended by Major-General Pershing, is provided for in Army orders revealing that the recently announced divisional reorganization plan is to be carried down into the regiments and companies.

The administrative unit of the infantry arm hereafter will be a company with 250 enlisted men and six commissioned officers in place of something over 100 men and three officers. The company will be divided into four platoons, each in command of a lieutenant. There will be two captains as first and second in command, one first lieutenant and three second lieutenants. Reports of the review of American troops in France yesterday show that this plan already has been carried out in General Pershing's forces.

Second Captain Provided. The object of assigning two captains to each company, it is understood, is to provide against disorganization of the unit through the loss of its commander. The second captain, under the European system, does not go into the battle line with the company if his senior is present. He is held as a reserve to reorganize the company if necessary.

Under the new plan, each regiment will have three battalions of four companies, making a total of 3600 men. Supplemented by the regimental headquarters, supply and machine gun organizations, the strength of the new regiments will be brought up to approximately 3600 men, as against little more than 2000 in existing war strength regiments.

Division to Have 19,000 Men. The unit organization of the field artillery and other arms of the service has not been changed. As a result of reducing the number of regiments in a division, the division instead of 28,000 men, will total hereafter about 19,000 men, 15,000 of them infantry.

Today's order provides the organization of 16 National Army divisions, designated as follows: (Continued on Page 5, Column 1.)

## ANGRY CROWD ROBS POLICE OF CAPTIVE

### WOMAN SOCIALIST SPEAKER IN SEATTLE CAUSE OF TROUBLE.

### Mrs. Kate Sadler Arrested After Making Remarks Derogatory to High Government Official.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 16.—A crowd of several hundred persons attending a meeting known as the "eighth American conference for democracy and terms of peace" here tonight forcibly took Mrs. Kate Sadler, Socialist speaker, away from two patrolmen who had arrested her after she had made remarks said to have been derogatory to a high Government official.

Immediately after Mrs. Sadler made the remark considered disparaging, Motorcycle Policemen Schivley and Dench pushed their way through the crowd and held her under arrest. The crowd began to mutter threateningly. It is said, as the policemen walked away with their prisoner, Miss Elizabeth Freeman, of New York, another speaker on the programme, appealed to the crowd not to lose its head.

Regarding her plea, however, several hundred men closed in on the trio, blocking their further progress. Finding themselves outnumbered, the policemen surrendered their prisoner upon the demand of several members of the crowd. They then reported to the police station and 40 patrolmen and detectives were sent to the meeting to aid them.

Mrs. Sadler did not return to the meeting after the policemen had given her up to the crowd and members of the department were making a search late tonight.

## TRAIN CRASH IS FATAL

### Several Reported Killed in Accident Near Fort Worth.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Aug. 16.—Several persons are reported killed and a large number injured in a collision between a passenger and a freight train on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway at Watauga, 12 miles north of Fort Worth, tonight.

Ambulances from Fort Worth are being hurried to the scene.

Reports reaching the dispatcher's office here said the northbound "Katy Flyer" and a southbound freight train collided head-on, some of the cars being telescoped.

One engineer and five passengers are reported missing and a fireman is seriously injured.

Details as to injuries to passengers have not been received, but a request came for more ambulances.

## VACATIONISTS TAX RESORT

### School, Abandoned Building and Trees Used for Shelter.

CANNON BEACH, Or., Aug. 16.—(Special).—An unexpected rush of vacationists has made it necessary to requisition the schoolhouse and the old postoffice building to house them. Every available tent has been in use.

A few have had to find shelter under the big trees, with driftwood fire to temper the penetrating salt air and the moon serving for a night lamp.

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## MILLMEN OPPOSE 8 HOUR CONCESSION

### Attitude of Governor Lister Rebuked.

## STRIKE CALLED INSURRECTION

### Washington Wages Declared Highest Paid Anywhere.

## UNIVERSAL LAW PROPOSED

### Lumber Operators Say I. W. W. Plan Is to Agitate Next for Six-Hour Day—Question of Workers' Patriotism Is Raised.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 16.—Although Governor Lister's proclamation calling for a settlement of the lumber strike, issued last night at Olympia, had not reached the lumber operators officially late today, the operators in two different statements issued this afternoon and tonight have declared that the proposal of the Governor for an eight-hour day does not impress them as feasible.

A National eight-hour day in the lumber industry, according to Robert E. Allen, secretary of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association, would be welcomed, but he declares that the lumbermen of the Pacific Northwest will never consent to an eight-hour day in this section and allow the ten-hour day to remain in effect in other sections of the country where lumber is produced.

Guarantee Is Lacking. Mr. Allen contends that the strike in this section is an Industrial Workers of the World strike and that even were an eight-hour day granted there would be no guarantee that there would not be another strike in a few weeks for a six-hour day.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association today gave out the following statement relative to Governor Lister's proclamation: "Up to a late hour today neither the West Coast Lumbermen's Association nor the Lumbermen's Protective League had received any direct word from Governor Lister.

Permanency Is Doubtful. "There is some doubt in the minds of the lumbermen and men who are familiar with the strike situation as to whether the Governor's reported recommendations will result in an immediate and enduring adjustment of differences."

"This is primarily a strike of Industrial Workers of the World and it is a part of their propaganda that upon returning to work it shall not be with any intention of abiding loyally by the results of the conflict, but rather with the view of further disorganization."

Further Trouble Expected. "This idea is apparently being instilled in the minds of the men in the jungle camps. A couple of evenings ago an I. W. W. agitator named E. E. Ellis, whose home is in Portland, addressed a meeting of striking mill workers in which he advised his hearers that Dr. C. C. Parker, who had been sent out here by the War Department to endeavor to arrange a settlement of the strike, had assured him, Ellis, that the eight-hour day was won and that within 10 days the strike would be over, as was only a matter of fixing up details."

Ellis then outlined the policy to be pursued on resuming work. He said, in substance: "We know that the Industrial Workers of the World will not be recognized as a union, but we do know who has brought about the victory, and then it is up to us to do the real work; that is, getting job control."

"If on returning to work you find that the I. W. W. are in the minority go to work and send the name of the job to Seattle and also the number of men short on each particular job, and when it is known that they are needing men get a wire through as quickly as possible, and by so doing the I. W. W. will then be able to ship in their own men and as soon as they are there in the biggest numbers the I. W. W. can then tell Mr. Boss what to do, and by so doing we shall soon be able to shorten up the day to six hours."

Inquiry Is Threatened. "Under the circumstances, it does seem that the control of the I. W. W. situation in the state should be the first consideration."

Joint state and Federal investigation of the lumber industry in the Northwest is to be requested by Governor Lister, according to word reaching here from Olympia today, if the labor troubles are not adjusted by Saturday night.

Late today the lumbermen's protective league, many of the members of which are also affiliated with the West Coast Lumbermen's Association, issued a statement in which it was declared that the strike of lumber employees was "an I. W. W. insurrection." The statement is addressed to Governor Lister in reply to his proclamation, although the proclamation had not been received officially by the league.

The statement says, in part: "It is a matter of common knowledge and beyond dispute that the strike is

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HENCEFORTH UNCLE SAM TAKES THE I. W. W. SITUATION IN HAND HIMSELF.

