

FRANCE MOVE TO CHARGE SINGING

Crown Prince's Choice Divisions Caught in Net Spread in Irresistible Dash.

TERRIBLE GAS APPEARS

New Form of Shell That Loosens Vapor That Produces Slow and Painful Death Makes Its Initial Appearance on Field.

(By the Associated Press.)

GRAND HEADQUARTERS OF THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 20.—When prisoners came back in hundreds shortly after dawn this morning the observers knew that the sharp blow decided on by the French higher command to give more breathing space at Verdun had been successful.

French Sing as They Charge.

The French soldiers showed once more that they were not yet broken. When the order was given for them to go over the top in the face of hundreds of batteries of heavy and light artillery and thousands of machine guns they advanced, singing, and nothing could stay their dash.

Night as Light as Day.

The night preceding this battle was fairly like in beauty. There was no moon, but the stars were brilliant and the natural effects enhanced by the constant succession of flashes from bursting shells, while all along both the French and German positions there almost incessantly arose, making the surrounding area brighter than day.

Enemy Massed on Front.

Facing them were German divisions which had been massed for resistance to any effort the French might make to extend their control of territory around Verdun, which the Germans call the door to the heart of France.

Verdun Heavily Shelled.

Verdun itself received hundreds of shells which simply added to the devastation in the city. All the ground within eight miles of the front lines was strewn repeatedly with shells containing a horrible new German gas known as "mustard gas," affecting the mucous membrane and any part of the body which was exposed, causing terrible blisters, as its base was sulphuric acid, and bringing a slow and painful death if it entered the lungs.

5000 GERMANS CAPTURED

turned a heavy fire on the fortifications and the Germans were killed or else they surrendered. The enemy casualties were heavy. Great numbers of Germans were seen fleeing, terror-stricken, as the tanks appeared in the distance and a great number threw down their arms and surrendered without offering resistance.

Tanks Clear Territory.

The tanks cleared the whole territory desired and then trundled back home. They suffered no damage and the casualties for the operation totaled 15. This has been the most striking incident of the latest fighting along this line.

There have been intense artillery bombardments and the air services of both sides have been unusually active. Last night the air was full of British and German planes, which bombed their way into each other's territory amidst picturesque but awesome flashes from breaking shrapnel and long white rays from searchlights.

I. W. W. STRIKE IS NOT EVEN STARTED

Nobody in Oregon Pays Any Attention to Call for General Tie-Up of Industry.

AGITATORS FEEL HURT

Leaders Are Keenly Disappointed That Workers Should So Thoroughly Ignore Them and Go Right on at Jobs.

Prisoners Bitter That Guns Are Held More Important Than Men.

found to be veritable nests of machine guns. One field gun which a German artilleryman was about to blow up was taken near Les Lilas, the gunner being shot just as he was placing the explosive.

GERMANS WITHDRAW CANNON

The examination of German prisoners taken by the British continues and out of 54 questioned only 25 per cent were found to belong to the 1916 class. Non-commissioned German officers relate how they were demoralized by the demoralization of the younger recruits with whom they are supplied. They say they cannot rely on these youngsters, and similar complaints are heard about the inefficiency of the young German officers in the battle of Flanders.

OBJECTIVES QUICKLY GAINED

Prisoners Arrive at French Rear Soon After Battle Starts.

PARIS, Aug. 20.—The Temps says that in one hour and 20 minutes after the French infantry advanced to the attack at Verdun, this morning, the first objective had been attained and German prisoners were going to the rear.

MANLY I. W. W. INTERNED

OREGON BOYS GUARD AGITATORS AT ELLENSBURG CAMP.

Portland Motor Tourist Sees Miles of Haystacks From Hill in East-ern Washington.

SHOT HITS PERISCOPE

British Steamer Encounters U-Boats Both Ways on Trip.

AT AN ATLANTIC PORT, Aug. 20.—A hit on a German submarine on the outward voyage and the successful thwarting of an attack by another German submarine on the trip back to this country, were reported by officers of a British steamer which arrived tonight.

HOG PRICE REACHES \$19.75

Figure Rises Daily for Almost Calendar Month.

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—Hog prices, which have risen every day since July 21, reached a new high record today when they soared to \$19.75 per 100 pounds.

ALL IDAHO REPORTED QUIET

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STRIKE AT ASTORIA FIZZLES

I. W. W. Headquarters Knows Nothing of Order for Walkout.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—The strikers' industrial strike that was reported to have been scheduled for today was a failure so far as Clatsop county and the lower river district were concerned, and no trouble occurred.

NONE QUIT NEAR SEATTLE

Vote on Strike Will Be Taken on September 10, Says Official.

SEATTLE, Aug. 20.—I. W. W. construction workers of the Seattle district will take a referendum vote on a strike September 10, according to Frank Baker, secretary of the district.

13 OFFICERS AT CAMP

LIEUTENANTS TO ATTEND BAKERY SCHOOL FOR TRAINING.

Men Will Have Charge of Installing Kitchen and Mess Equipment for New Regiments.

TACOMA, Aug. 20.—(Special.)—The first of the 1400 officers assigned from the Officers Reserve Corps and from the National Army for the training of the 46,000 men to be gathered at Camp Lewis, American Lake, next month reported for duty today to Major David L. Stone and his Adjutant-Captain, F. J. Rosenberg. The 13 lieutenants who reported are the vanguard of the great body which is to be at the camp August 29.

30 CONVICTS "HOSED"

RIOTOUS PRISONERS AT WALLA WALLA ARE SUBDUED.

Warden Uses "Water Cure" After Mutilous Men Keep Bedlam Throughout Night.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 20.—For the first time in several years the "water cure" was used on mutinous convicts at the State Penitentiary early today, after about 30 of them had kept the entire prison awake all night hammering their cells with iron buckets.

GOVERNOR GETS NO REPORTS

State Ready for Trouble, but None Is Expected by Officials.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—No reports were received at the Governor's office of any trouble in Oregon growing out of the I. W. W. strike, which was scheduled to start today.

I. W. W. STRIKE FAILURE

(Continued From First Page.)

World from Southern California to join the armies in the Northwest that not enough men remain in Los Angeles to launch any movement against the "capitalists." This is the consensus of opinion of the few members who met today.

I. W. W. BLUFF IS CALLED

Federal Troops on Duty at Lewiston Are Ready for Trouble.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Aug. 20.—(Special.)—The threatened strike of the I. W. W. is a colossal bluff, which has been called by the Federal, state and local officials, said Sheriff George W. Welkers today.

FLAG PUT ON I. W. W. HALL

Minnesota Soldiers Raise Banner, Aided by Industrial Workers.

HIBBING, Minn., Aug. 20.—Members of a military company surrounded the

agitation, has been arrested under the espionage act. Bond has been placed at \$6000, which he has been unable to furnish.

Government Organizer Arraigned for Smuggling Way Into Country. MOSCOW, Idaho, Aug. 20.—(Special.)—C. S. Marlow, in jail here as an I. W. W. for the past month, was taken into custody today as a United States prisoner on a charge of smuggling opium into the country as an alien in violation of the immigration laws.

Local officials of the I. W. W. were vanquished as the Federal army, in a special trench which was the scene of desperate and indecisive fighting two days ago.

These new posts give command of the last bit of ground from which defenders of the city could overlook the town from the west. They are now in a hollow all around the front which swings about Lens in a semi-circular form.

The eastern exits from the city are now subjected to a constant and harassing fire of the artillery and machine guns. This makes difficult the bringing up of provisions and ammunition.

At 2 o'clock this morning a trench was dug in the front northwest of Avion, resulting in heavy fighting, in which a considerable number of the enemy were killed in hand-to-hand fighting.

The Avion front was strongly held by the Germans as protection to Salamines, a large mining village southeast of Lens, where many guns withdrawn from the German forward lines to escape capture are located.

German prisoners speak with bitterness of seeing their guns in process of withdrawal while the infantry was sent forward. The loss of guns still appears to be more important to German commanders than the loss of men.

The enemy has been active in the air recently and has been bombing the back areas freely.

Reports from Farmers Few. Reports from the harvest fields of the Willamette Valley and the great grain belt of Eastern Oregon were slow in coming in yesterday, but this was taken as a hopeful sign.

The prompt action of the military authorities in causing the arrest of 27 ringleaders of the I. W. W. at Spokane on Sunday night was the final blow, if any was needed, to break the backbone of the threatened strike, officials here believe.

The lumber workers and shingle weavers of Western Washington, who have been on strike for the last few months for the eight-hour day, some of whom are in the Northwest, are reported to be ready to return to work.

Disgruntled Join Cause. The I. W. W. have cunningly appealed to almost every disgruntled element of society—pacifists, slackers, pro-Germans, anti-Americans and other opponents of the present war, and at the same time have sought to attract members from the more conservative classes of working men and women.

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They declare that the I. W. W. have appropriated the thunder of the mill workers and that the confusion, in the minds of the public of the I. W. W. and the eight-hour cause really has served to discredit the men who actually do the work in the mills and who are the only ones directly concerned in the outcome of the issue.

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Warden Drum would not use the hose only as a last resort, and then kept the prison physician nearby to prevent fatalities.

Tiger Johnson, of Spokane, Sears of Tacoma, and Casey, of Walla Walla, the ringleaders, withstood the punishment for several minutes before giving in.

The state prison has been undergoing reforms for several years, and there are no dark solitary cells any more, these having disappeared soon after the lockstep was abandoned.

The trouble arose several days ago when several were kept in their regular cells after being caught trying to escape. Bread and water failed to quiet them, and other men sympathized and aided in the disturbances. The situation was well under control tonight.

Great Naval Battle Is Expected Before Germans Give Up. AN ATLANTIC PORT, Aug. 20.—Rear Admiral Hugh T. Hobbart, of the British navy, arrived here today on a special mission for the British Admiralty.

As to the effectiveness of submarine warfare, he said that while the situation called for unrelaxed vigilance and the most unflinching determination, he believed that it would ever be effectual.

He believes that the Germans are holding back their navy as a last resort and that they will not end the war without a great naval battle.

Department of Justice, has announced that Phil J. Pearl, a local barber and

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