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## AMERICANS SERVE FRENCH BATTLELINE

### Germans Try to Bomb Engineers' Trains.

### BRITONS MAKE OBJECTIVES

### Every Elevation or Grove Holds Machine Gun Crews.

### GAIN OF ONE MILE MADE

### Drive Apparently Is Intended to Cut Germans From Important U-Boat and Aerial Bases on Belgian Coast.

AMERICAN TRAINING CAMP IN FRANCE, Sept. 20.—An American regiment of engineers has taken over an important line of French strategic railways. While they have not yet been under shellfire, the Germans have attempted to bomb the trains.

LONDON, Sept. 20.—Field Marshal Haig's official report says that North Country and Australian battalions penetrated the German positions in the center to a depth of over a mile and captured the whole of their objectives. These included Hamlet, Veldhoek and the western portion of Polygon Wood. Further north Zevankote was captured and also a few guns. Two thousand prisoners are reported taken.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, Sept. 20.—The British at daybreak today launched a heavy offensive against the German defenses about the Ypres salient along an extended front, which has its center around Inverness Copse, and astride the Ypres-Menin road, a little southeast of Hooge.

From the first moment of going over the top the assault proceeded with marked success, especially in the crucial sector between the Ypres-Roulers Railway and Hellebeke, where the British made the most important achievements in recent months. The German infantry made the most determined resistance in their attempt to regain this vital ground, and their artillery retaliated heavily against the British big guns.

Five Barrages Dropped. The infantry advance was preceded by a barrage of greater depth than ever before witnessed. Five distinct barrages, in fact, were dropped ahead of the men as they began their journey into this difficult terrain. The tremendous curtain of bursting steel did its work well, and the troops pushed forward rapidly toward their objectives.

Hard Fighting Encountered. The German defenses consisted largely of concrete redoubts scattered in profusion over the entire country, and from these they have been able to pour a stream of bullets into the ranks of the advancing troops. Every little elevation also held its machine gun emplacements and all the woods were literally choked with rapid fire.

Land Is Swept Clean. A great number of big guns have been pouring a steady stream of high explosive shells into their territory, and every now and then the British have put down a barrage which swept the land like a broom. It is known that many German batteries have been silenced in the past few days.

BERLIN, via London, Sept. 20.—The report from headquarters this evening on the British attack says: "The battle in Flanders is still in full swing on the British front from Lange-macker to Hellebeke. In the foremost part of our defensive zone bitter and fluctuating fighting has taken place since morning."

PARIS, Sept. 20.—Except for artillery activity at various parts of the battle front in France last night, the official statement this afternoon says there was nothing of importance to report.

The British drive apparently is being (Concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)

## BREAKFAST ORDER IN FOR SOLDIERS

### PORTLAND HOSTELRY READY TO FEED MEN ON MOVE.

Half Ton of Hams, Same of Beef and Potatoes Among Items Needed to Appear First 700.

"Is this the market? Well, send up the following: Forty-five cases cantaloupes, 1000 pounds of hams, 12 cases of eggs, 120 pounds coffee, 20 gallons breakfast cream, 1000 pounds potatoes, 150 pounds creamery butter, 250 pounds cubes and granulated sugar, 125 gallons ketchup, 1000 pounds No. 1 steer beef, 5 barrels flour, 250 pounds green string beans, 200 pounds cornmeal, 350 pounds peas.

"No, I don't need any salt or pepper. I have about 50 pounds of each."

This was not some thrifty housewife laying in her winter's stock, but the steward at the Hotel Multnomah ordering supplies to feed the boys who stop here at 4 o'clock this morning as the trains of drafted men en route to Camp Lewis begin to arrive.

At 4 o'clock this morning, while the vast proportion of Portland is on the last lap of their sleep, 538 soldiers are scheduled to breakfast at the Multnomah. Orders were received late last night to prepare for the men and the Multnomah Hotel housed its servants at the hotel all night to be on hand at the early hour. President Hauser announced that the hotel would not accept a cent of profit on the meal and that the men would eat as fine a meal for 40 cents, the sum allowed them by the Government, as could be bought wholesale at that price.

Saturday three more contingents will be fed there, as Portland is one of the places where all trains will stop for meals. The supplies ordered were for about 700 men for breakfast on Saturday.

## 96 QUARTS LIQUOR SEIZED

### Police Arrest Duo Driving Auto Containing Whisky in Trunks.

Ninety-six quarts of whisky were seized early today, when Patrolmen Cyrus, Russell and Glencove arrested Harry and John Hergenreder, of 73 Russell street, as they were driving into the city from Oregon City. The liquor was concealed inside two trunks, which were in the automobile driven by the men. The prisoners were taken to the police station. They denied owning the whisky. They were held for further investigation. John Hergenreder is proprietor of the Oceania Hotel, at 77 1/2 Russell street.

## \$10,000 ON GERMAN'S HEAD

### Gerard Citizens Resent Offer of Reward for Americans.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Sept. 20.—Citizens of Gerard, Keft County, have raised to \$10,000 the bid to be offered as a reward for the taking, dead or alive, of the German commander of the Eleventh Division.

## CHILD LABOR RESTRICTED

### All Under 14 Years of Age Barred From Military Establishments.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Orders were received from Washington today at Western Department headquarters that children under 14 years of age shall not be employed in any military establishment and that children between the ages of 14 and 16 years of age shall not work more than eight hours a day in any military establishment nor before 6 o'clock in the morning.

## MAYOR'S AIDE INDICTED

### Charges Allege Payment of Money for Restoring Saloon Licenses.

CHICAGO, Sept. 20.—Francis A. Becker, an alleged political lieutenant of Mayor William Hale Thompson, and Willis Melville were indicted on a charge of conspiracy and operating a confidence game today.

The indictment is in connection with charges of the alleged payment of money for restoration of saloon licenses.

## TOBACCO CANVASS IS SET

### War Department Acts on Bill to Allow Ration for Soldiers.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—The War Department today informed Representative Barkley, of Kentucky, who is seeking to have tobacco made a part of every soldier's rations, that 88 per cent of the regulars are tobacco users. A canvass of National Guardsmen and drafted men is to be made to determine how many of them use tobacco.

## KINGDON GOULD IS IN ARMY

### Son of New York Millionaire Mustered Into 311th Regiment.

CAMP DIX, Wrightstown, N. J., Sept. 20.—Kingdon Gould, son of George Gould, of New York, began his life as an army private today by doing police duty. He has been mustered into Company K of the 311th Regiment.

## LA FOLLETTE BACKS LUSITANIA SINKING

### "Yellow!" "Put Him Out!" Crowd Cries.

### JUSTICE OF WAR IS DENIED

### Senator Offers to "Take Care of" Interrupters.

### GOVERNOR RESTORES QUIET

### Wisconsin Pacifist Declares That People Have Forgotten Sacrifices That Were Made for Liberty in 1776 and 1861.

ST. PAUL, Sept. 20.—Cries of "Yellow!" "Put him out!" were shouted at Senator La Follette when, speaking at the closing session of the producers and consumers' conference here tonight, he declared the United States should never have been at war and sought to defend the sinking of the Lusitania. The disturbance subsided almost immediately and the Senator proceeded with his address.

Senator La Follette began his address with the declaration that political parties had failed to give the people representative government. "People's Patriotism Impugned. "Because you stood up and bared your heads when America was sung a few minutes ago, you have forgotten the sacrifices that were made for that liberty in 1776 and 1861, some of you are testifying to a devotion to liberty you do not feel."

"Who is abroad crying in the loudest tones? Business, which is making money. The new projects of patriotism are masquerading in the livery of heaven while you are serving the devil."

"I have just come from Washington where, with a little handful of men, I have been waging a fight demanding that taxation should be laid according to the ability to pay. "I wasn't in favor of beginning this war. We had no grievance. The German Government had interfered with our rights to travel on the high seas as passengers on the munition ships of Great Britain."

## ZYBSZKO IN DRAFT ARMY

### Famous Wrestler Hides Identity Under His Real Name.

MYER, Mass., Sept. 20.—Vladek Zybszko, the wrestler, was discovered today among the Maine contingent of the National Army here, he having been assigned to the 303d Heavy Artillery. "His identity had been concealed under his real name, Cyganiewicz, which he gave when he took out his citizenship papers and was accepted for the draft army. He was born in Austria of Polish parents."

## AUSTRALIA SENDS BIG FLOUR CARGO

### CHEAP OFFERINGS CUT NORTHWEST MILLS' OUTPUT.

Probability of Heavy Wheat Imports to America Indicated by Food Administration. "The present stock of wheat in Australia available for export is about 135,000,000 bushels, a large part of which is not available for Europe on account of short shipping and will probably filter into this market on account of the higher prices."

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—Beet sugar producers in conference with the food administration today reached a unanimous agreement under which the stable retail price of sugar will be about 8 cents a pound. They will sell to wholesalers at Eastern refining points at 7 1/2 cents a pound, cane basis, and the retail price, it was stated, would normally be not more than 1/2 cent higher.

The new sugar price will become effective in the West October 1, and in the East about two weeks later. The present price of beet sugar to wholesalers is about 8.4 cents a pound.

## CHINESE LOTTERY BEATEN

### Drafted Oriental Thinks Government Plays to Win.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—When Moo Wing, the 25-year-old Chinese, born in Oregon, was bidding goodbye to many of his vegetable customers at the depot yesterday, when en route to American Lake to join the United States Army, he mused: "For as long as I can remember, I have played the Chinese lottery, and only once have I won; but Uncle Sam holds a single lottery and gets me all the first time."

## ST. HELENS STRIKE PREDICTED

### These Figures Indicate the Apathy of the Average Voter, and Particularly of the Independent Voter.

The remarkable run made by William M. Bennett against Mr. Mitchell appears to be due principally to two things—deep-rooted antipathy to Mayor Mitchell among machine Republicans and utter failure on the part of the managers of the Mitchell campaign.



## MITCHEL WINS OUT; FOLLOWERS NAPPING

### Bennett's Strength Is Underestimated.

### FUSION HAS 1119 PLURALITY

### Close Contests Are Found by Both Parties.

### APATHY MARKS VOTING

### Resentment Against Machine Politics Believed Reason for Low Vote—Primaries Show That Party Lines Are Weak.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Apathy toward politics, probably due to the war, and resentment of machine methods appear to be mainly responsible for the poor showing made by the Republican primaries here yesterday by Mayor John Purroy Mitchel, and for some of the results in the Democratic primaries, which are almost equally significant.

Unofficial and incomplete figures available tonight give Mr. Mitchel a plurality of 1119 over Mr. Bennett, his opponent, the total vote in the Greater City having been about 72,000. In three minor fights in the Democratic primaries, the organization candidates won by pluralities equally meager.

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## D. WEBSTER FAILS TO SAVE PACIFIST

### COURT SAYS WELLS CANNOT SHIFT BLAME ON OTHERS.

### "You Must Either Be for Your Country or Against It," Is Admonition as Jury Retires.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 20.—Directing their acquittal on all charges except the count of the indictment charging violation of the sedition act, the case of Hulet M. Wells, Sam Sadler and Aaron Fisherman was given to the jury tonight by Judge Neterer with the admonition that "there are only two sides in this war; you must either be for your country or against it."

These three, with R. E. Rice, have been on trial here for a week for conspiracy to obstruct enforcement of the conscription law. The court today directed Rice's acquittal on all counts. The prosecution was based on the distribution of circulars advocating resistance to conscription. Judge Neterer declared that the guilt or innocence of Wells and his co-defendants was not affected by what Daniel Webster, William Lloyd Garrison, Jane Addams, George W. Wickersham, David Starr Jordan or anybody else had said or done. Both Wells and his attorney had attempted to shift the blame for Wells' state of mind toward the drafts upon sentiments expressed by these or other notables.

## 3 ROBBERS HOLD UP TRAIN

### Engine and Express Car Detached and Safe Dynamited.

JACKSON, Tenn., Sept. 20.—Three masked men late tonight held up a northbound Mobile & Ohio passenger train at Kingsport, Tenn., 20 miles south of this city, detached the engine and express car from the other coaches and, after running the express car several miles, dynamited the safe, but railroad officials say, obtained virtually nothing of value, as it is the custom not to handle currency or other valuable shipments on night trains.

## PORTLAND CARS ARE USED

### First Section of Ambulance Service Leaves Paris.

PARIS, Sept. 20.—The first section of the American field ambulance service, attached to the United States ambulance service, left Paris yesterday on cars furnished by the citizens of Portland, Or. The section comprises representatives of many of the important American universities.

## RAILROADS IN SNAIR

The railroads affected have long been unable to agree upon a division of the freight rate, the absorption of from 5 to 15 cents on each 100 pounds being essential.

Negotiations over this matter have been had by the railroads but, finding themselves unable to agree, it was agreed to refer the subject to the Interstate Commerce Commission for adjustment. It is expected a satisfactory settlement will be reached as the result of the present hearing, but, following the usual channels, the desired rate cannot be anticipated for a year or more.

The rate into certain Northwestern territory over the Northern lines has closed Valley mills, lowered prices of stumps and hampered industrial progress in the great timber belt south of Portland, said A. C. Dixon, of Eugene, manager of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company.

## MILLS ARE THREATENED

"Our two mills at Coburg and Sagle have been closed," he said, "while our mills at Springfield and Wendling are running. We had seriously considered closing them also, because of the lack of a market, but the recent revival of the lumber business helped us to keep open."

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## VALLEY MILLS PUT UP PLEA FOR RATES

### Lumbermen Charge Discrimination.

### INDUSTRY HELD THROTTLED

### Bame Placed on Northern Railway Lines.

### COMMISSION HEARING HELD

### Contention Is That Points Along Southern Pacific Are Entitled to Same Tariff as Equivalent Points in Washington.

Rates declared to be preferential and unjustly discriminatory against lumber mills of the Willamette Valley were attacked yesterday at an Interstate Commerce Commission hearing held in Federal Court before C. R. Marshall, attorney-examiner.

It will be continued today. It was testified by leading lumbermen that differentials against saw-mill products in this district have closed numerous mills, hampering and hedging in the industry, barring it from wider and profitable markets, while the industrial progress of the state is thereby retarded.

## PARITY WITH PORTLAND SOUGHT

The absorption of local freight tariffs on carloads of lumber from points of origin in the Willamette Valley to Portland is asked of the Northern railway lines, that Valley lumber may reach Northwest markets on a parity of delivery cost with the output of mills at Coast points and those at common points in Washington.

The Southern Pacific Company is chief defendant in the suit brought and others are the Northern Pacific, Great Northern, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, and many connecting lines throughout the West.

The Southern Pacific Company yesterday expressed willingness to comply with the wishes of the millmen and adjust the through rate with the Northern lines.

The favoritism of these carriers toward mills in Washington on their own rails was ascribed by James Mulchay, assistant general freight agent for the Southern Pacific at San Francisco, as probably the chief reason why the arrangement had not been effected long ago.

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"We are deprived of business because of the rates and if the Coast group tariffs were in effect, the industry would be stimulated and helped instead of being depressed. We feel that the railroads are not working for their own best interests by withholding the desired relief from us, for the prosperity of the lumber business, the one big industry of the Willamette Valley, would be reflected widely throughout the closely related activities of the state.

"It is impossible to do business in (Concluded on Page 15, Column 1.)