

WEDGE IN GERMAN LINES BROADENED

French Successes in Flanders Feature of Week in Military Operations.

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Teutons Score Slight Local Advances at Terrible Cost, but Their Gains Invariably Are Short-Lived.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—French successes in Flanders, broadening the great wedge which the allies are relentlessly driving into the German line...

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The success attained by the French forces operating north of the British sector, more particularly in the neighborhood of the Houtholst Wood, has given the allied advance in Flanders the needed elbow room.

Breadth of front is an essential condition for operations which are to have far-reaching results, for confined to a narrow base, a really important encircling movement can have no sustained value if along its entire length it can be flanked by artillery fire.

The zone of operations in the Ypres salient, formerly too narrow for the proper disposition of large masses of troops, has now, by the French cooperation and their recent successful advance, so extended the line that fighting in what was the Ypres salient has changed in character. It is no longer to be considered a salient, but an ever-extending wedge progressively driven into the German line.

The operations of the French during the past week are, in fact, complementary to the engagements which resulted in the capture of Messines by the British last June.

As was to be expected at this season, bad weather has somewhat retarded the allied advance. Operations were hampered owing to the fact that the well-drained ground of the Flanders ridge once again became over the waterlogged, soggy Flanders plain, which stretches on to Roulers and beyond.

The infantry was further impeded by the fact that allied artillery preparation has not been so successful as that the terrain has been turned into a sea of mud, making the going almost impossible.

The Germans are driven back. The German advance in Flanders is followed by a similar effort along other sectors of the front, particularly north of Verdun, endeavored to thwart allied plans by launching a powerful attack preceded by the usual intensive artillery preparation in this sector.

The enemy was able to gain a temporary foothold in certain advanced French lines. Latest advice show that he was driven out after some hot fighting.

It must be remembered that if a commander in the field is willing to pay the price, both in blood and money as well as in an overwhelming expenditure of munitions, he is invariably able to score a local success. This the Germans gained in their attempt on the French positions, along the right bank of the Meuse in the region north of Hill 241.

French Offensive Continues.

The enemy's success was, however, more short-lived than was to be anticipated when its cost is taken into consideration, for not only did the French regain the positions momentarily lost, but they are now holding their positions against exceedingly heavy enemy pressure, at the same time successfully carrying on their offensive engagements in Flanders, as well as raiding the enemy's lines at other points.

The review touches briefly upon the situation on other fronts. No mention is made of American forces or war preparations.

LEWIS QUOTA NOT FILLED

320 Men to Be Examined by Draft Board and 39 Fail to Pass.

A Simple Way to Remove Dandruff

There is one sure way that has never failed to remove dandruff at once, and that is to dissolve it, then you destroy it entirely. To do this, just get about four ounces of plain, common liquid arvon from any drug store...

BELLANS

Absolutely Removes Indigestion. One package proves it. 25c at all druggists.

BOYS MUST EARN TO DIG, SAYS DOYEN

Commander of Marines Emphasizes Importance of Trench Work.

LESSON MUST BE LEARNED

Americans in France, It Is Said, Are Inclined to Balk on Ditch Labor. This Aversion Must Be Overcome.

CONGRESS IS APPROVED

REPRESENTATIVES OF STATES TO MEET IN ATLANTA, GA.

Purpose Is to Work Out Adjustment of Federal and State Tax Complications.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Oct. 17.—President Wilson has approved California's proposal that a congress of states be called to work out plans for unity between the Federal Government and the states with regard to tax matters...

Already 40 states are on record, either through action of the Legislature or endorsements by Governors, as approving the proposed congress.

At the Nation's Capital.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—Great Britain has agreed to a modification of the postal treaty which fixed a 2-cent letter rate from the United States, so as to increase it to 3 cents for practically all foreign letters now taking the coast route.

Internal revenue agents report that evasions of the special tax of 12 1/2 per cent on munition manufacturers total \$1,599,000. More than \$10,000,000 has been recovered by the Government. Taxes voluntarily paid were \$20,300,000.

The War Department has placed an order for 7,000,000 pairs of Army shoes to cost \$22,550,000. This enormous order has been distributed among many factories.

Through the Council of National Defense, the Government fixed the price at \$4.85 per pair. Even under this restriction, Quartermaster General Sharp was agreeably surprised to find the bids submitted at the price named by the Government were for a quantity of 15 per cent in excess of that named in the advertisements.

Secretary Lansing authorizes the statement that the United States will be represented at the coming conference of all the nations at war against Germany, which probably will be held in Paris.

Secretary Daniels has appointed 950 enlisted men of the Navy as temporary warrant officers for the war. Promotions of all rank date from September 24, and the others from October 15. The promotions apply to 176 boatswains, 172 machinists, 230 gunners, 64 carpenters, 154 acting pay clerks and 88 pharmacists.

Demand for silver coins is so great that every mint in the country has been placed on a 24-hour a day basis. This never has been necessary before. The total subsidiary silver coinage this year is \$1,551,000, an increase of various percentages over the corresponding period last year—in itself a new record—when the total of such coinage was \$1,749,000.

General Bliss, chief of staff of the Army, has abruptly ended the practice of commissioning officers from civil life to the staff corps of the Army and calling them into active service before actual need for their services exists.

Indications that the practice has grown out of all bounds, particularly in the medical, signal and quartermaster's corps, led the chief of staff to take this action. The effect of the order will be to hold up temporarily a number of commissions, including those of many men of the flying corps who have graduated from the ground and flying schools. In no case, however, will any man whose services are needed fail to get a commission eventually.

Commander H. G. Sparrow, formerly executive officer of the battleship Pennsylvania, has begun his duties as aide to Secretary Daniels, succeeding Lieutenant-Commander Eyring McCandless, assigned to sea duty at his own request.

Further investigation into the accuracy of statements made by Senator La Follette in his St. Paul speech will be postponed until November 26. At that time the committee plans to call witnesses, including ex-Secretary of State Bryan, who will be asked if he endeavored to have the President prevent the Lusitania from sailing, as the Wisconsin Senator alleged.

Commanding Generals of nine of the National Army camps have telegraphed the War Department that they can accommodate newspaper correspondents in camp. These posts are Camps Travis, Lee, Pike, Dodge, Taylor, Jackson, Grant, Sherman and Devens. Quarters will be provided for correspondents at Camp Gordon, but they will be admitted to officers' mess only if all news sent out is censored.

Messages of felicitation upon the union of the United States and the new Russian democracy in the cause of justice, exchanged by President Wilson and Madame Catherine Brashkevskaya, chairman of the Russian Common Civic Education, are made public today.

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FOR \$15.00 he buys an OVERCOAT

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TO THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET VISITED OUR SHOP: We really do beat ground floor values so far that there is no comparison.

One visit will convince you that upstairs rent, enormous turnover and buying power, no losses from credit or cut-price sales, and no expensive fixtures, give us a proposition with which no ground-floor clothier can attempt to compete.

Life Depends on Ditch.

After an advance has been made your life depends upon your ability to dig down and get under cover quickly. You may have been working all day, carrying ammunition, water or supplies. The continual terrific roar of the big guns has made it impossible for you to sleep during the night.

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COWLITZ TAX LEVY MADE

Rate Decried for State and County Purposes 26.5 Mills.

WASH., Oct. 17.—(Special)—The combined tax levy in Cowlitz county for county and state purposes is 26.5 mills. The state equalization board places Cowlitz County a ratio of assessed valuation to true valuation among the lowest in the state and as a result this county's levy for state purposes is almost 12 per cent below that of about a mill over last year. This will provide \$108,474 for state purposes.

Approximately \$135,000 will be raised for county purposes, divided as follows: Current expense, \$20,458; county schools, \$37,008; roads and bridges, \$37,000; bond redemption, \$30,000. Levies of 10 mills will be made for road purposes in districts No. 1, 2, 3 and 5, and 8 mills in district No. 4. These levies will raise about \$75,000 for roads.

WORK RESUMED ON JAIL

Steel Arrives at Vale for Structure to Cost \$15,000.

VALE, Or., Oct. 17.—(Special)—The building of the new County Jail for Malheur County has been at a standstill for several weeks owing to the inability of the contractors to get steel. It arrived this week and is being placed in the new building.

The jail will be 40 by 50 feet of solid concrete reinforced by steel. A full basement will underlie the main building in which a heating plant is to be established.

BOOTLEGGER ADMITS GUILT

Negro Companions Deny Charge and Will Stand Trial.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 17.—(Special)—D. Simmons, one of the three negroes taken from the Shasta Limited here last week, with 300 quarts of whiskey in their suitcases, has entered a plea of guilty. J. D. Gibson and William Hill, the other two men, have pleaded not guilty and will stand trial.

STOPS TOBACCO HABIT.

Elders' Sanitarium, located at 513 Main St., St. Joseph, Mo., has published a booklet showing the deadly effect of tobacco habit, and how it can be stopped in three to five days at home.

As they are distributing this book free, anyone wanting a copy should send their name and address at once.—Adv.

Riddle Elects School Directors.

RIDDLE, Or., Oct. 17.—(Special)—At a special school election called in Riddle district No. 78 for the purpose of electing two Directors, Mrs. Anna Welch, wife of Dr. J. W. Welch, was elected Director for three years to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. L. A. Blackwell, who recently moved to Gardner, and C. F. Soverby was elected to fill the unexpired term of W. T. Haglois, who recently resigned from the board.

Phone your want ads to The Oregonian, Main 7676, A 6025.



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FILIPINOS ARE LOYAL

Congress Pledges Support to United States in War.

MANILA, Oct. 17.—The Insular Congress opened today, its first act being the adoption of a resolution affirming the adherence of the Filipino people to the cause of the United States in the world war.

FOOD CONSERVATION URGED

Governor-General Reports Treasury Sound and Asks Legislation for Establishment of Philippine Mint.

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ment of a Philippine mint also was requested. The Governor-General reported the Treasury to be in sound condition and therefore asked Congress to make adequate appropriations, particularly for public works, education and the promotion of health.

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