



AMERICANS DEFEAT BIG GERMAN ATTACK

Many Fall in Fierce Raid Near Toul.

U. S. CAPTAIN AMONG KILLED

German Dead Strew Ground in Front of Trenches.

HUN BATTERIES SMASHED

Speedy Reprisal Follows Bombardment of Yankee Troops With Gas Shells—Position of Minnewater Guns Obliterated by Fire.

PARIS, March 1.—German troops especially trained for raiding operations attacked the American salient last night and this morning, but the Americans maintained their line everywhere and in addition caused heavy casualties among the enemy. The Americans also took prisoners on both positions.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 1.—(By The Associated Press)—American troops repulsed a strong German attack this morning in the salient near Toul. There were many American casualties. One of the killed was a captain who was graduated from West Point in 1917.

Whirlwind of Firing Starts. A driving wet snow was falling this morning when the Germans opened fire on the American salient with every weapon at their command. Seventy-seven heavy shells and gas shells fell in a perfect whirlwind on the American trenches for half an hour.

German Surge Forward. At 4 o'clock the barrage fire lifted on the trenches to the right of the salient and Germans numbering 240 came sweeping forward under the protection of their fire.

They advanced, apparently intending to make a big haul and jump into what was left of the trenches, but there, instead of the many times anticipated, found the Americans all ready for battle. Fierce hand-to-hand fighting began.

IRON MOLDERS WALK OUT Members of Spokane Union Demand Minimum of \$6 Daily.

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EL PASO, March 1.—Mexican snipers fired across the river at Lieutenant H. B. Walden, Lieutenant J. J. Neyland and Texas Ranger Joe Mullins tonight as they were walking near the international bridge.

GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE OVER TUBES

PURCHASE OF PNEUMATIC MAIL CARRIERS RECOMMENDED.

Congressional Commission Favors Federal Ownership and Operation in Six Big Cities.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Government ownership and operation of pneumatic postal tubes in New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago and St. Louis as a means of retaining high-speed transportation of first-class mail was recommended by the joint Congressional investigating commission in a report submitted today to Congress.

LINN HINDUS AMONG FIRST Efforts Made to Become Naturalized in United States in 1908.

ALBANY, Or., March 1.—(Special.)—Recent press dispatches regarding efforts of Hindus to become naturalized in the United States on the ground that they were members of the Caucasian race and therefore legally white, recall that one of the first efforts in this direction was made in Linn County with the result that the applications were denied.

MODESTY OR PRICE PUZZLE Mayor Baker to Decide Whether City Shall Pay Well for Bathing Suits.

Whether conservation of cloth is to be applied next season to bathing suits is a problem facing the City Council. An ordinance has been passed authorizing the purchase of 300 suits for use in public swimming tanks, and it has been found that prices are way up, and patterns call for use of as little material as possible.

ARCHBISHOP LANG VISITOR Primate of England Here to Further Cause of Liberty.

NEW YORK, March 1.—The Most Rev. Cosmo Gordon Lang, archbishop of York and primate of England, who arrived at an Atlantic port last night, came to New York today en route to Washington, where he will call on President Wilson.

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NEW YORK, March 1.—Trustees of the Central Trust Company and of the Union Trust Company, among the oldest in the country, voted today to merge the two institutions. Their combined deposits will aggregate \$257,000,000, making the new institution among the largest of its kind in the world.

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JAPAN MAY GO IT ALONE IN SIBERIA

Single Action Gaining Favor in U.S.

CABINET DISCUSSES SUBJECT

President Gives Attention to New Far East Issue.

EARLY DECISION EXPECTED

Comment of British Press Discloses Great Interest With Which Proposals to Combat Latest German Menace Is Viewed.

LONDON, March 1.—According to the Daily Mail, it is understood that the allies have decided to ask the Japanese to take any steps necessary for the protection of the allies in the Far East. Stress is laid on the fact that the British and Japanese governments hold that Japan's intervention in the Russian affairs is not to be construed as an act of hostility to Russia or the Russian government.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Indications now point to an agreement between the entente powers and America to confide to Japan alone the task of taking such measures as may be necessary to combat German aggression and influence in Siberia and to protect the military stores at Vladivostok.

WAR TIME EMBARGO ASKED Nearly Six Million Women Petition for Liquor Prohibition.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Signatures of nearly 6,000,000 women, headed by Mrs. Francis F. Cleveland Preston and Miss Anna A. Gordon, president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, appeared on a petition presented to President Wilson today asking that production of malt liquors in the United States be stopped during the war.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY ADOPTED British Columbia Loggers Adopt Oregon-Washington System.

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 1.—Members of the British Columbia Loggers' Association, who employ about 3999 men, have decided to put their camps on an eight-hour basis beginning March 11, it was announced here today.

LINEMAN, HURT BY FALL, SAVES TRAIN

TRACK CLEARED JUST BEFORE LIMITED SPEEDS PAST.

L. F. Stephens, on Speeder, Hurled From Rails by Obstruction. Two Youths Arrested.

HOOD RIVER, Or., March 1.—(Special.)—Phillip Solon, who recently completed a 90-day jail sentence in Portland for failure to register under the selective draft act, and Elmer Misner, 15-year-old Seattle boy, are held in jail here for an attempt to wreck the eastbound Oregon-Washington Limited at Lindsay Creek today.

GENERAL NAMED AS FRIEND OF PACKERS

Letters Tell of Gifts to E. H. Plummer.

SOAP SENT TO COMMANDANT Camp Dodge Exclusive Field for Armour Products.

GOOD BUSINESS REPORTED Francis J. Heney, Special Counsel for Federal Trade Commission, Reads More Letters of Compelling Public Interest.

CHICAGO, March 1.—The Federal Trade Commission's investigation of the packing-house industry today advertised to packages of soap and toilet articles, the product of Armour & Co., and their presentation to the commanding officer at the Camp Dodge cantonment, Des Moines, Ia.

STEFANSSON GRAVELLY ILL Explorer Has Cold and Fever in Arctic and Is Reported Delirious.

DAWSON, Y. T., March 1.—Captain K. M. Tupper and the members of his Royal Northwest Mounted Police Arctic patrol returned from the northern edge of the continent yesterday and reported that Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the explorer, was wintering at Herschel Island, having reached that point over the ice after his boat, the Polar Bear, grounded at Barter Island last fall.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS

The Weather. YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 52 degrees; minimum, 43 degrees. TODAY'S—Rain; fresh southeasterly winds.

GET BUSY AND PUT THE PIGS IN THE PEN.



McADOO PROMISES G. A. R. GOOD RATES

PORTLAND VISITORS TO GET 1-CENT-A-MILE FIGURE.

Encampment Also Will Have Best of Train Facilities at Reunion. Confederate "Vets" Also Win.

PLANS FOR GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT WILL ALLOW TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Director-General McAdoo has decided that the Confederate Veterans shall have special rates and no interference of transportation to their reunion this Summer at Tulsa, Okla., and that the Grand Army of the Republic shall have the same for its meeting at Portland, Or.

PREMIER BREWSTER DIES Liberal Leader of British Columbia Expires at Calgary.

CALGARY, Alberta, March 1.—Premier Brewster of British Columbia died at 10:15 P. M.

SENIATOR SMITH WILL RETIRE.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Senator William Alden Smith, of Michigan, a Republican leader in the Senate, announced today that he would not be a candidate for re-election, but would leave the Senate when his term expired, March 4, 1919.

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BOLSHEVIKI FEAR PEACE DEAL OFF

Slav Delegates Order Their Train.

ALARM SOUNDED BY LENINE

Message From Brest-Litovsk Suggests Trouble.

AUSTRIA JOINS INVASION

German Advance Continues—No Prospect of Halting Until Treaty Has Been Signed—Three Days for Parleys Allowed.

LONDON, March 1.—According to a dispatch received here from a semi-official news agency at Petrograd, dated Thursday, the German offensive has been stopped by serious resistance which has been offered by the revolutionary troops.

VIENNA, via London, March 1.—Ten thousand Russians already have laid down their arms and considerable quantities of ammunition. Cars and other rolling stock have been taken by the Austrians, says an official communication announcing the commencement of the advance in Russia.

LONDON, March 1.—A message received by the Bolshevik government in Petrograd from Brest-Litovsk, dated Friday, ordering a truce under military guard, was considered by the government as probably signifying that the peace negotiations have been broken off, according to a wireless communication received here from Petrograd today.

The wireless follows: "To all the Councils.—The following message was received Friday from Brest-Litovsk: "The council of commissaries, Petrograd: Send us a train to Toroshaets, near Pskov, escorted by sufficiently large forces. Communicate with Krylenko concerning the bodyguard." (Signed.) KARAHAN."

People Called to Resist. "This message most probably signifies that the peace negotiations have been broken off by the Germans. We must be ready for an immediate German advance on Petrograd and on all fronts. It is necessary that all the people arise and strengthen the measures for defense. LENINE."

PETROGRAD, March 1.—The occupation of Rostov-on-Don by the Bolsheviks after a sanguinary battle and the forced retreat of the troops of General Kaledines and General Korniloff is reported by the semi-official news agency today.

BERLIN, March 1, via London.—German troops continuing their advance in Russia have reached the Dnieper River, the War Office announces.

Austro-Hungarian troops have begun an advance into Ukraine over wide sectors north of the Pruth.

The movement of Austro-Hungarian troops, the statement says, was begun in response to an appeal from Ukraine. The Germans also have reached the line Kiev-Sherinka, near Fastov and Kasulin.

Town Taken by Storm. The text of the statement follows: "Our troops have reached the Dnieper in their advance eastward. Along the northern frontier of the Ukraine, near Ryechnitsa, they encountered a strongly fortified bridgehead which was defended by the enemy. The town and railway (Continued on Page 4, Column 3.)"

A FREE KNITTING BOOK FOR EVERY WOMAN READER OF THE OREGONIAN.

The Red Cross wants the help of every American woman in knitting socks, sweaters, mufflers and wash cloths for the soldiers and sailors. It has issued an illustrated booklet showing just what articles are wanted and giving explicit directions for making them. It shows it all in pictures and tells what kind of yarn and what size needles to use. Almost every woman can spare a little time for the aid and comfort of the boys who are taking Old Glory to Europe—taking it there that the women and children of America may not know the horror of contact with the brutish hordes of Prussia. Get this little book of instructions at once and weave into every stitch your protest against this mad power that would trample the peace and honor of the world under the feet of its selfish ambition. Write at once for a free copy of "The Knitting Book." Enclose a 2-cent stamp for return postage and address Frederick J. Haslam, director The Portland Oregoniana Information Bureau, Washington, D. C. Do NOT write to The Oregonian at Portland.