



U. S. BOYS AT HOME IN NO MAN'S LAND

Efficiency Displayed in First Trench Raid.

EYE WITNESS TELLS EXPLOIT

Americans Charge Into Mist of Shell Vapor.

OBJECTIVE SOON REACHED

Colonel in Command of Force Proud of His Men; French Poilus Go Into Engagement With Attacking Yankees.

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HEADQUARTERS OF THE AMERICAN FORCES, on the Lorraine Front. (Special Cable.)—Barely had I reached the infantry observation post, which may not be described in more detailed fashion, and glided my eyes to the narrow slit gazing upon No Man's Land just before the Americans went over the top on their first raid of the Boche trenches, which carried them into the second line, only to find two living enemies, but many corpses, when there was a sudden sinister pause in the barrage.

Our machine guns held sway alone during the scarcely perceptible intervals. I made out our wire entanglements apparently right under my nose, but the German trenches were lost in the smoke and fog hanging over the bruised landscape.

Harassing Fire Dies Out.

Only an occasional Boche shell crashed into the ground to explode in a muddy black cloud. Our own batteries had lifted their barrage and shoved it back on the enemy's second line.

His batteries were being mightily deluged, too, which was doubtless why his harassing fire had died away.

The horrible hammer beats of our quick-firers was the loudest note in the discordant jazz band of projectiles. I wondered where our infantry was. Clambering up the departure steps and slipping briskly through the wire, "dash! There they go!" uttered the awed voice of a doughboy, creeping out beside me.

Poils Flank Yankees.

The line stretched out into pretty order. Off to the left I could see the horizon blue helmets of the poilus keeping step on the two flanks of our boys.

As far as I could detect, no shell fell near them, nor was there any evidence of hostile machine-gun fire. They just got over the ground as quickly as possible, and in two minutes they were swallowed up in a mist of shell vapor.

"It wasn't half as bad as I thought it would be," the chap next me remarked in a disappointed tone of voice—such is human nature.

I made my way back to the Captain's post of command and waited there with him at first underground.

Victory Terribly Announced.

We sat there silently together. After what seemed many hours it was only 12 minutes—a French officer stepped into our little chamber from the French commandant next door and said in matter-of-fact English:

"They have just said New York to us over the telephone from the battlefield combat post. That means that the objective has been reached.

"The Captain says he'll be back in five minutes. I asked him how they knew the assaulting columns had reached their destination.

"The airplanes dropped the white rocket I suppose," he replied and pointed to make out his report.

No matter what is going on there is always a report waiting to be made out in the Army.

Spells of War Brought In.

Half an hour later two mud-begged, panting privates pushed a pair of German prisoners down into the dugouts—the first of the batch to be brought in. They were dismounted Bavarian cavalrymen about 30 years old and appeared entirely unperturbed, if a bit glum. The French officers questioned them through an interpreter.

While I may not reveal the nature of the information elicited, it can be said that both denied knowing that there were Americans on that sector and that both were promptly called sharp by the French.

Thinking I would get news quicker at the battalion's headquarters I walked back behind the prisoners.

Reaming about in the darkness I came upon the Colonel who had led the American group on the left in the attack. He was clothed with mud but beaming with satisfaction. Here is what he told me:

"When my watch showed I we couldn't see a thing on account of the smoke from the German barrage, although the barrage itself had lifted. However, we knew it must be O. K., so we started off. It was pretty rough going. My foot never touched earth that hadn't been churned up by shells, but we made the 200 yards between our trenches and the Germans in the 15 minutes, which was not at all bad. The French were splendid—right

SOUTH PUTS BRAKE ON TIMBER OUTPUT

CHAMBERLAIN COMMANDERING BILL IS OPPOSED.

Effort to Help Speed Spruce and General Lumber Programme Meets No Sympathy in Southern Mills.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 12.—On motion of Senator Fletcher the senate today referred back to the military committee for further consideration the Chamberlain bill authorizing the President to commandeer for war purposes any lumber, timber, stumps, lumber mills or logging equipment during the period of the war.

It was announced that hearings would be held on the bill. Southern lumbermen now in Washington having asked opportunity to oppose the measure or some of its provisions.

No arrangement has been made for hearing representatives of the Pacific Coast lumber industry, although Messrs. Van Duser, Hoedel and Day, when appearing before the commerce committee last Saturday, voiced the opinion that while commandeering might not become necessary, the passage of such a bill might be advisable, so that the President would have the unquestioned power if it should become necessary to use it.

HOOVER ACCUSED OF GROSS WASTE

Senator Reed Demands Money Accounting.

VIOLATION OF LAW ALLEGED

Financial Reports to Congress Said to Be Lacking.

NEW ALLOWANCE FOUGHT

Food Administration Declared to Beat Drunken Sailor in Squandering Funds; Charge of Self-Advertising Made.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Senator Reed, of Missouri, Democrat, renewed his attack on Food Administrator Hoover in the Senate today, delivering a three-hour speech in which he charged that never in the country's history has there been such wastefulness in the expenditure of money as that of the Food Administration. He demanded that a complete accounting be made before another dollar is appropriated for its use.

Among other things the Missouri Senator said:

"A drunken sailor never threw money around as this administration is now doing.

"Failure to pay existing bills and make a complete report to Congress is a violation of the law under which the Food Administration was founded.

Advertising Methods Criticized.

"For the purpose of providing more wheat and pork for our allies we've expended \$781 for moving-picture slides," said he. "I've seen some that did nobody any good, but always advertised the Food Administration."

The speech was made in connection with an amendment introduced by the Missouri Senator and later rejected providing for the elimination from the urgent deficiency bill of an appropriation of \$1,750,000 for the food and fuel administration.

Price Fixing Attacked.

Attacking what he termed the price-fixing policy of the Food Administration, Senator Reed said Mr. Hoover solemnly assured the members of the agriculture commission when it was considering the control bill that price fixing under its provisions would be impossible.

As soon as the bill was passed, he declared, Mr. Hoover, surrounded by his "board of trade sharps," picked out an obscure phrase authorizing voluntary agreements and "proceeded to conceive a plan for fixing prices."

The business methods of the administration were also criticized by Senator Reed, who said he wanted to know what had become of the \$12,000,000 received as income from the grain corporation and from other sources.

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GUILTY SOCIALIST DIES BY DYNAMITE

SEDITIONIST LEADER CONFESSES; MAKES PACT WITH WIFE.

Minnesota Defeats Justice by Death in Blowing Off Head but Family Decides 'Tis Best to Live.

AKELEY, Minn., March 12.—William Peregrin, active Socialist leader in this section, killed himself by placing a piece of dynamite in his mouth, lighting a fuse and blowing off his head. The Department of Justice has been inquiring into his activities in connection with agitation for the repeal of the draft law last June.

After being questioned Peregrin, according to his wife, returned to his home and told her he would have to go to jail sooner or later and that he thought he had better kill himself. His wife, according to the woman, agreed with him, and it was decided that his wife and daughter would destroy themselves at the same time. They decided to use dynamite.

When Peregrin had secured the dynamite, his wife and daughter, who is 12, withdrew from the agreement.

Peregrin left a note willing all his property to his widow.

800,000 TO JOIN COLORS THIS YEAR

Second Army Draft to Begin March 29.

95,000 TO MOBILIZE EARLY

Sweeping Withdrawals of Men Not Planned.

HARVESTING TO PROCEED

General Crowder in Official Announcement Says Details of Second Selection Will Be Given Out After Congress Acts.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Eight hundred thousand men are to be called to the colors gradually during the present year, under the second Army draft, which begins on March 29.

An announcement today by Provost Marshal General Crowder of the number to be called, was followed closely by an order for the mobilization of 95,000 men during the five-day period beginning March 29, some 15,000 of them to be assembled under the second draft.

Eighty thousand will be men of the first draft of 687,000 not yet summoned into service.

News Laws Awaited.

Details of how the second draft is to be applied, will be made public later, after Congress has acted upon proposed legislation providing for the registration of youths attaining the age of 21 years and for basing state and district quotas on the number of registrants in class 1.

In his first official statement on the subject, however, General Crowder assures the country that no sweeping withdrawal of larger numbers of men at one time is contemplated, and that care will be taken to avoid interference with harvesting.

The 85,000 now called, it is understood, are needed at once to fill up other divisions or units scheduled for early departure, or to take the place of men transferred from other divisions to make up such deficiencies.

Regular Divisions Short.

Newly organized regular divisions are particularly short of men and heavy drafts on National Army divisions to make these good have been necessary, seriously interfering with the training work of the National Army divisions drawn upon.

The call for the new men makes it probable that no further transfers will be necessary.

The 800,000 men to be summoned this year represent the number necessary to fill up all existing divisions, to create all the Army Corps and field army troops to fill out the war machine for which the framework al-

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ST. HELEN'S HALL IN PORTLAND ACADEMY

GIRLS' SCHOOL WILL OCCUPY NEW QUARTERS SOON.

Bishop Sumner Announces That 3 Years' Lease of Buildings Has Been Obtained by School.

St. Helen's Hall soon will be housed in the Portland Academy buildings. Announcement was made yesterday by the Bishop of Oregon, the Right Rev. Walter Taylor Sumner, on behalf of the president and trustees of the school that a three years' lease of the academy buildings, bounded by Thirtieth, Fourteenth, Montgomery and Hall streets, has been obtained.

These buildings will be remodeled and put in first-class condition for the boarders and the upper grades of the day pupils.

The Vista avenue property will be used as formerly for the kindergarten training school for teachers and the primary grades of the school.

Since 1865 St. Helen's Hall has stood as a unique institution on the Pacific Coast for the education of young women. For years the school stood on the block now occupied by the City Hall. When business encroached upon the school the Vista avenue property was purchased and a five-story brick building was built. This was destroyed by fire in September, 1914. Temporary buildings were erected and these have been used ever since.

Portland Academy, for a long time one of the leading preparatory schools of the Pacific Northwest, closed its doors a few years ago. The leasing of the property therefore will be of wide interest to the alumni of both schools. The hall is conducted by the Episcopal Church under the charge of the sisters of St. John the Baptist, of New York, but is open to all girls of every race or creed.

SEMENOFF DRIVEN INTO MANCHURIA

Bolsheviki Defeat Russ Provisional Army.

WARNING SERVED BY CHINESE

Invasion of Territory Will Be Regarded as Act of War.

HUN PROPAGANDISTS BUSY

Japan Continues to Observe Policy of Caution Toward Siberia and Actual Intervention Operations Are Held Up.

LONDON, March 12.—According to reports from Tokyo, says a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Tientsin dated Monday, "an important dispatch from London regarding Siberia caused an immediate convening of the foreign advisory council. It is expected that a reply to the dispatch will be sent following the Premier's report to the Emperor."

HARBIN, Manchuria, March 12.—General Semenovoff, anti-Bolshevik leader in Siberia, has retreated into Manchuria before the advance of a superior Bolshevik force, according to advices from the border.

The accuracy of the Bolshevik fire during the fighting is taken to indicate the co-operation of former German prisoners.

General Semenovoff's munitions are reported exhausted, as well as the funds at his disposal.

Officials of the allies at Harbin agree that the situation in Manchuria is growing worse. Every plan proposed for the amelioration of conditions meets with opposition or apathy, they say.

Cossacks Still Loyal.

Fifty per cent of the railway workmen in Manchuria are now Bolsheviks in affiliation, whereas a month ago the percentage was insignificant. Yesterday the workmen refused to move guns and trains to the aid of General Semenovoff, who was planning the destruction of the supply outfit. Loyal Cossacks, however, forced the movement of the relief train.

Reliable observers, according to reports received by the Associated Press correspondent, have found that there is a widespread pro-German propaganda, with speechmaking by Bolshevik orators among the workmen, with never a word of a pro-ally nature.

Wilson's Speech Distributed.

The American Consul at Harbin has distributed 15,000 copies of President Wilson's speeches and a similar number have been scattered by the Consul at Vladivostok.

LONDON, March 12.—The Chinese commander at Harbin, Manchuria, has warned the leader of the Bolshevik forces in Siberia that the invasion of Chinese territory will be considered an act of war, according to Harbin advices under Saturday's date forwarded by Reuter's Pekin correspondent.

China Recognizes Semenovoff.

The forces of General Semenovoff, the anti-Bolshevik leader, are being regarded as representing the army of the Russian provisional government recognized by China, the dispatch explains.

Cossacks have arrested the Bolshevik leaders at the capital of Amur Province and have dismantled the Bolshevik forces there.

LONDON, March 12.—Japan has not yet come to a decision regarding the dispatch to Russia by Premier Teruchi declared in reply to a question in the House of Representatives, according to a Reuter dispatch from Shanghai, carrying Tokio advices under date of March 9.

The government, said the Premier, would take the utmost care and precaution in dealing with "this momentous situation."

Another dispatch received from Tokio through the same channels, says that Foreign Minister Motono, replying to a question in the Diet, declared no request that the utmost care and precaution in dealing with "this momentous situation."

The opposition leader favored the sending of troops, but expressed the fear that the presence of Japan in Siberia might drive Russia toward Germany unless the greatest precautions were taken.

Reuter's Ltd. Shanghai correspondent in a dispatch dated last Saturday says the Russian Bolshevik telegraphed the Chinese authorities at Manchuria border station that there was no intention to show unfriendliness toward China, and that the Bolshevik forces were only attacking rebel General Semenovoff.

RUSSIA TO BE EXPLOITED

Germany Proposes to Connect Baltic and Black Seas by Canal.

COPENHAGEN, March 11.—The commercial agreement between Germany and Russia will contain plans for the construction of a canal which would form the connecting link of a waterway between the Baltic and the Black Sea, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Politiken.

The cost is estimated at 20,000,000 marks, and German financiers, it is said, are ready to provide the money.

The foregoing apparently has reference to some plan by which the rivers Dvina and Dnieper might be connected, forming a waterway from the Baltic through the gulfs of Riga, to the Black Sea to the east of Odessa, cutting through the heart of Western Russia and the Ukraine.

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WHITE ELK TO MARRY

Cherokee Chieftain Takes as Bride Klamath Princess.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, March 12.—Attired in native regalia, White Elk, chieftain of the Cherokee Indians, reported to be a millionaire, who was on board the ship Antilles when it was torpedoed, and Princess Ah-Tra-Ah-Sua, of the Klamath reservation, Oregon, obtained a marriage license today. The ceremony will be performed on the steps of the State Capitol tomorrow.

White Elk bought more than \$200,000 worth of second liberty loan bonds, it is reported. He is here aiding the United States to obtain recruits for the Army. He has seen service in France and when the Antilles was torpedoed he suffered five broken ribs.

NEW GERMAN LOAN SOON

Prussian War Debt Now Amounts to 10,000,000,000 Marks.

LONDON, March 12.—A new German war loan of 15,000,000,000 marks will be issued soon, an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen says.

The German war debt now amounts to 109,000,000,000 marks.

CONDITIONS IN GERMANY TO BE SET FORTH IN THE OREGONIAN

On Sunday, March 17, The Oregonian will begin daily publication of a highly important series of articles revealing Germany's condition today. For five months representatives of The New York World on Germany's borders and agents within her borders have been gathering the facts for these articles, for whose publication in Portland the sole right is held by The Oregonian. They embrace practically every phase of Germany today—Man Power—Food—Clothing—Imperial Finance—Socialism—Overorganization—Foreign Trade; Economic War and Mark Exchange—Railroads—Effects of Embargo—Privations of the People—Military Situation, etc. There will be 20 of these articles and altogether they will give a remarkable amount of information concerning Germany's present condition and her prospects. Publication will begin on Sunday, March 17, and the articles will appear daily in The Oregonian thereafter.

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ARMEN OUT OF PRISON

Germany Heeds Great Britain's Threat of Reprisals.

LONDON, March 12.—It was officially announced tonight that the German government had released from special imprisonment in Berlin 13 Lieutenants Scholtz and Wood, the two airmen who some time ago were given prison sentences for dropping printed matter from an airship over German territory.

The release was due to a threat by the British government to take reprisals unless Germany ceased its harsh treatment of airmen.

NEW PEACE MOVE STARTED

German Newspapers Said to Favor Renewal of Negotiations.

LONDON, March 12.—According to the Morning Post's Berlin correspondent, preparations are being made through the German newspapers and German press agents for a new political move.

The correspondent says it is possible a fresh peace move is contemplated on the basis of the status quo prior to the war in the west and recognition of the present status in the east.

VACANT LOTS IN DEMAND

City Auditor Funk Anxious to Hear From Property-Owners.

City Auditor Funk has hundreds more applications for vacant lots for war gardens than he has letters from lot owners agreeing to allow the use of their lots. He sent out an S. O. S. yesterday for property owners who have not already let out their lots to list their property with the city.

Vacant garden places are needed, particularly within the close-in districts.

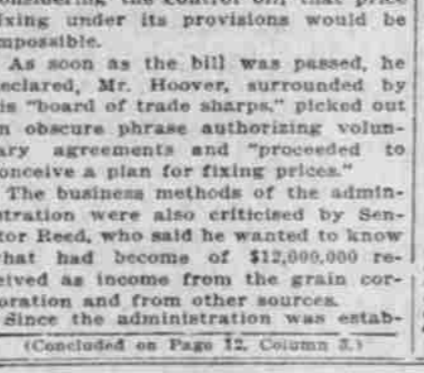
DRY ZONE TO COVER TEXAS

Great Southern State, Protecting Soldiers, Prohibits Liquor.

AUSTIN, Tex., March 12.—Texas will practically become a dry state April 15 as a result of the bill passed by the Legislature in special session yesterday creating dry zones of all territory within 10 miles of Army camps.

A state-wide prohibition act is practically sure of passage and will become effective about June 27.

SMOKED OUT.



WHAT PRUSSIANISM MEANS.

The actions of the German armies in Belgium in Poland and in Northern France have blotted the record of humanity.

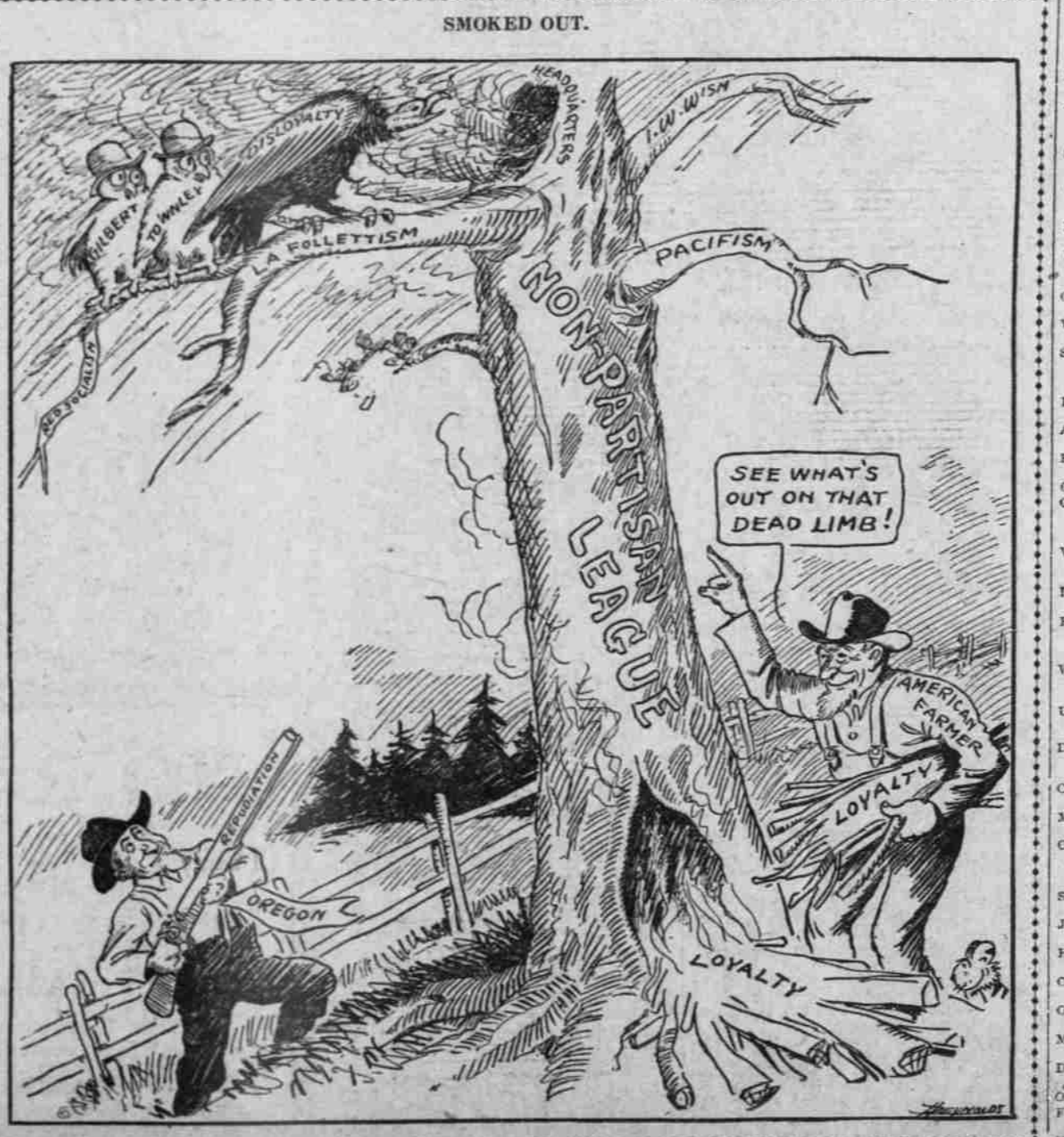
The evidence in the case is set forth in an official book just published by the United States Government.

A copy of this book will be sent free to any reader of The Oregonian.

To secure a copy of this free book, send your name and address with a 2-cent stamp for return postage to The Portland Oregonian Information Bureau, Frederick J. Haskin, Washington, D. C., or to the man War Practi-

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