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BRITISH RETIRE AS HUNS HIT IN NORTH

Bloody Struggle Rages at Messines Ridge.

BOCHES CROSS RIVER LYS

Enemy Claims 6000 Prisoners and 100 Guns in Armentieres-La Bassee Canal Sector.

GIVENCHY FIGHTING BITTER

Britons Recapture Village in Fierce Counter-Assault and Take 800 Prisoners.

LONDON, April 10.—Maintaining their powerful attacks in the northern part of the British line, the Germans continued to gain ground today. The official report from Field Marshal Haig says that the British troops were forced back to the line Wytchnaete, Messines Ridge and Ploegsteert.

BERLIN, via London, April 10.—Six thousand prisoners and 100 guns were captured by the Germans between Armentieres and La Bassee Canal, the official statement from general headquarters announces today. The Germans have crossed the Lys River at several points between Armentieres and Estaires, according to the evening statement from general headquarters.

English Lines Penetrated. "North of Armentieres," the statement adds, "we penetrated the British lines on both sides of Waasten, Warneton."

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, April 10.—Messines ridge and Ploegsteert wood, which last June were cleared of Germans by a spectacular coup, again today were filled with swirling masses of fiercely battling troops as the result of a new drive launched by the enemy between Armentieres and Messines this morning.

For hours the German hordes have been flinging themselves viciously against the defending lines, and by sheer weight of numbers forced their way forward at several points into the British positions.

Tide of Battle Fluctuates. Messines, Ploegsteert and Nineppe all had come within the zone of the bitter fighting during the forenoon, but, with the attacks and counter attacks in progress, the situation was changing so rapidly that it was impossible to say at the time of filing of this dispatch (2 P. M. Wednesday) which way the tide of conflict was flowing.

Today's push north of Armentieres was a continuation of the new phase of the great offensive which boiled up yesterday between Givenchy and Armentieres, when the enemy surged forward suddenly with fresh troops and made a considerable dent in the defending line.

If the enemy attack of today should succeed, Armentieres would lie in a deep salient with the Germans well in on either side of it.

In the meantime fighting is still proceeding at various points in the sector between Givenchy and Armentieres.

Army's Destruction Sought. One of the main features of the German plans for the offensive as a whole now becomes obvious. The Kaiser is bent on annihilating the British army, as far as is possible.

The question of geography retires to the background in comparison with this pretentious programme. This was threatened some time ago, and now it appears that a serious attempt is being made to put it into effect. Attacks already made are believed to be but forerunners of other assaults which will come in quick succession along the British front.

Prisoners declare the offensive above Armentieres will be extended 40 kilometers northward. Everything the Germans can put against the British will be kept on this front, and desperate fighting must be expected. Portuguese Bear Brunt. Yesterday's gains south of Armentieres were made mainly through the Portuguese front, where the Germans

HOOD RIVER MAYOR PRODS TARDY ONES

MOPPING-UP CLUB OR FLAG OFFERED SUSPECTS.

Suspected Disloyalists Are Afforded Chance to Buy Bonds by Direct Acting Executive. HOOD RIVER, Or., April 10.—(Special.)—Liberty bond canvassing teams direct the attention of Mayor Dumble to citizens of doubtful loyalty, and the Mayor has not yet failed to bring in a subscription.

Today Mayor Dumble had a blacksmith make a replica of one of the gruesome German man-killing clubs as shown in an official liberty loan advertisement and used by the Huns to dispatch wounded soldiers. Armed with the club and a small American flag, Mayor Dumble called on H. Burmaster, naturalized German, who has been under suspicion.

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"MORAL" SHELLS HIT PARIS

Americans Say Big Tenth Gun of Little Military Value.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, April 10.—The long-range gun with which the Germans have been bombarding Paris at intervals since March 23, in the opinion of Americans who arrived here today on a French steamer, is being fired for "moral effect" rather than the hope of inflicting material damage. The effect of the shells, several of the passengers said, was about equal to the explosion of an ordinary six-inch projectile, and, so far as could be learned, up to the time they left Paris, only a few buildings of any consequence had been hit.

U. S. ASKED TO AID JEWS

American Citizens Fleeing Before Allenby Declared in Peril.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Representative Sigel, of New York, today asked the State Department to investigate the fate of more than 100 American Jews in Jerusalem, who had been imprisoned by the Turks and later were forced to flee with the Turkish army at the approach of General Allenby's British forces.

TACOMA CITY JOBS VACANT

Effort Will Be Made to Get Employes in Portland and Seattle.

TACOMA, Wash., April 10.—(Special.)—Unable to get men to fill city positions in Tacoma, Secretary Eshelman, of the City Civil Service Commission, was authorized by the City Council today to advertise in Portland, Seattle and other outside newspapers for applications.

Mr. Eshelman told the Council that he was getting no responses from advertisements in the city official paper and that it was impossible to fill vacancies. Many of the city workers have gone to the shipyards, where they are paid higher wages.

YANK'S BACK QUEEN'S DESK

Sergeant Permits British Monarch's Wife to Use Back as Writing Pad.

LONDON, April 10.—American soldiers acted as guard of honor to King George and Queen Mary yesterday when their majesties inspected a certain famous works where thousands of hands are employed day and night. Their majesties conversed freely with officers and men and commented on the smart and soldierly appearance of the Americans.

MARCONI DIVIDEND VOTED

Wireless Company Declares 5 Per Cent First Payment.

NEW YORK, April 10.—The Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company of America today declared an initial dividend of 5 per cent.

INQUEST DISCLOSES MOB VICTIM HERO

Lynching in Illinois Has Dramatic Sequel.

PRAGER REVEALED AS PATRIOT

Last Request Is for American Flag as Shroud.

DEATH FACED FEARLESSLY

"Bravest Man I Ever Saw," Says Leader of Vigilantes Who Hanged Man Suspected of Being German Spy.

COLLINGSVILLE, Ill., April 10.—A request that his body be wrapped in the American flag formed the last words of Robert P. Prager, hanged here by a mob early last Friday, according to the testimony today before the coroner's inquest by Joseph Riegel, it was said tonight by persons who were present at the inquest, which was held behind closed doors.

Riegel, according to these persons, admitted that he was a leader of the mob and is said to have given the name of another member who was his assistant in the leadership. Prager was hoisted into the air by boys from 12 to 15 years old, Riegel is said to have testified. He is declared to have said Prager denied that he was a spy or that he had hoarded powder with the purpose of blowing up the Maryville mine.

FEATHER BED DEMANDED

Divorced Wife Waives Claim to All Other Personal Property.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 10.—(Special.)—All attempts at a reconciliation having failed, Superior Judge Thomas F. Graham today signed a decree granting Mrs. Anna Guinasso a divorce from John Guinasso. She was awarded the decree recently by the first jury composed of women to sit in a San Francisco court.

SPEEDING PAIR MARRIED

Kind-Hearted Officer Helps Couple to Get License at Oregon City.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 10.—(Special.)—"What's the hurry?" asked Speed Officer Means of James A. Randall, Portland amusement man, of 30 North Twentieth street, Portland, Mr. Randall, with Portland friends, was rushing toward Oregon City at about 30 miles an hour.

"Well, if you must know," said the driver, "I'm on my way to Oregon City to get a marriage license and I'm afraid the woman will change her mind."

Instead of making an arrest, Means escorted the party to the clerk's office, where Mr. Randall obtained a license to wed Miss Henriette Potte, of 1021 Mississippi avenue, and then took the party over to Judge Stevers, who performed the marriage ceremony.

BIGGEST GERMAN INTRIGUE EXPOSED

LABOR CONFERENCE AT LONDON FACTOR IN PLOT.

COMMISSION PLAN DEVISED FOR STATE

Revamping of Oregon System Outlined.

EIGHT DEPARTMENTS PROVIDED

Few Elective Offices Would Be Left Under Scheme.

LEGISLATURE MUST ACT

Consolidation Commission to Secure Service of Eastern Expert to Make Survey and Report on Feasibility.

What amounts to a commission form of state government, including the administration of state affairs under eight departments, was tentatively agreed to by the Consolidation Commission at a meeting in Portland yesterday, as a general plan to be recommended for the consideration of the next Legislature.

Under the plan outlined, members of the Supreme Court, Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer will be the only elective state officers. The duties and functions of all other state officials, boards and commissions will be assembled for administrative purposes under the proposed eight departments, which, for the present, have been designated for convenience as follows: Law, finance, education, public welfare, public domain, agriculture, industry and commerce and labor.

It is proposed to vest in the Governor full power to appoint a director or commissioner to head each of these departments. To the director or commissioner, as he may be designated, will be left the selection of his subordinates as heads of the different bureaus which will be affiliated with that particular department. Together they will determine the amount of clerical help required and choose that assistance.

In their work to date, the members of the Consolidation Commission have not finally determined upon the classification of the various existing boards and commissions new identified with the state government to the eight departments that have been agreed to. A final determination of this somewhat complex problem will be deferred until, from a further inquiry into the work of these numerous boards and commissions, it is ascertained to which department each properly should be assigned.

In the meantime, the professor will secure the services of Commission J. M. Mathews, of the University of Chicago, who will make a survey of the various state departments, boards and commissions, study the nature and scope of the work of each and determine what consolidations and possible eliminations are feasible, together with the saving that can be effected by introducing the plan that has been suggested.

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UBOATS DO WEEK OF POOR BUSINESS

BRITISH VESSEL LOSS NEXT TO LOWEST OF WAR PERIOD.

SIX SHIPS SUNK, ELEVEN ESCAPE TORPEDOES—2534 ARRIVALS AND 2495 SAILINGS REPORTED.

LONDON, April 10.—The sinking of British merchantmen by mines or submarines last week reached the next lowest level of any similar period since Germany began her intensive submarine campaign early in 1917.

Four vessels of more than 1600 tons, two of less than 1600 tons and two fishing boats were sent to the bottom. The Admiralty statement adds: "Vessels unsuccessfully attacked 11, including two previously. Arrivals, 2534; sailings, 2495."

"Both fishermen reported today were sunk during the week ending March 30."

The low record in sinkings for any week since Germany began her intensive submarine campaign was, in the aggregate weight of tonnage sunk, the week of November 11, last. Then only one vessel of over 1500 tons and five vessels of less than 1600 tons were destroyed.

Last week's Admiralty statement announced the sinking of six merchantmen of more than 1600 tons, seven of less than 1600 tons and five fishing vessels. The previous week 28 merchantmen were sunk, 16 being of more than 1600 tons burden.

PARIS, April 10.—Only two French merchantmen, both over 1600 tons, were sunk by mines or submarines during the week ending April 6, according to the official announcement tonight. One vessel was unsuccessfully attacked.

AMSTERDAM, April 10.—The Belgian relief steamer Flandres struck a mine in the Free Channel Monday and sank, according to the Handelsblad. The crew was saved.

The Flandres was last reported in available shipping records as having arrived at an American Atlantic port February 18. She was a vessel of 4157 tons and was owned at Antwerp.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, April 10.—Reports that the Anchor Line steamship Anchora (British) bound from Glasgow to New York, presumably in ballast, was torpedoed and beached off the Irish coast April 7 were confirmed in shipping quarters today.

The Anchora was a vessel of 5430 tons gross and was built in 1911.

Cochran Sets High Mark. COCHRAN, Or., April 10.—(Special.)—Cochran, Washington County, Oregon, subscribed \$11,500 at an enthusiastic meeting in the mess hall of the Wheeler Logging Company.

First Lieutenant Tromley and W. J. Harrison, of Portland, were the speakers. The quota was \$1000. This is a subscription of 1160 per cent for Cochran.

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OREGON FIRST TO PASS LOAN QUOTA

Over Subscription Reported Is \$4,000,000.

CAMPAIGN WILL CARRY ON

State's Pride Is Aroused. Million Dollars a Day to Be New Slogan.

LIST OF HONOR TOWNS LONG

Portland Is Foremost Among American Cities—Splendid Work Raises \$10,050,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10.—Oregon liberty loan headquarters reported to the Twelfth Federal Reserve District headquarters tonight that Oregon had passed its liberty loan quota of \$18,495,000 and that the state, exclusive of Portland, with a quota of \$8,445,000 had subscribed \$12,313,400. Portland has also exceeded its quota of \$10,050,000.

Oregon and Portland won the right to liberty loan honor flags last night, when they drove far past the state's quota of \$18,495,000, with the same vigorous purpose that has prevailed since the opening of the campaign.

It is believed that both state and city are first in the United States officially to complete their allotted liberty loan tasks, and to press forward toward new goals of oversubscription. State Manager Robert E. Smith has telegraphed to Washington, D. C., for definite information on Oregon's claim for the honor.

Telegrams Sent to McAdoo. The announcement that state and city have exceeded their quotas is official, being announced in telegrams that have been sent to Secretary McAdoo by Edward Cookingham, chairman for Oregon, and Emory Olmstead, chairman for Portland.

At Liberty Place last night, when the huge congregation of citizens had gathered for the evening rally before Liberty Temple, the first announcement of sweeping success and realized ambition was made by Guy W. Talbot, general in command of the Portland campaign. The day's subscriptions had been totaled, hundreds of eagerly awaited messages had been received from Oregon communities, and the audit showed the state to have won a signal patriotic victory.

Mighty Cheer Greet News.

"I have the honor to announce," shouted General Talbot, "that Portland and Oregon have gone over the top, and are probably first in the United States!"

While the megaphone was yet at his lips the throng lifted a mighty cheer, and cheered again and again. In Liberty Temple the officers and workers were shaking hands and giving congratulations. The crowd swirled as the cheering snk, and broke into excited talk.

In the two previous liberty loan campaigns, both marked by intense spirit, there was never a moment that matched for enthusiasm the outburst that followed last night's announcement. For state and city had accomplished in three and one-half days the allotted task of a month.

Figures Are Official.

Telegrams were immediately dispatched to Secretary McAdoo, at Washington, D. C., and to Governor Lynch, of the Twelfth Federal Reserve District, at San Francisco, officially advising them of the successful campaign.

To Secretary McAdoo the following telegram was sent by Mr. Cookingham: "Have just sent the following telegram to Governor Lynch, Federal Reserve Bank, San Francisco: 'At 8:34 tonight official audit shows that by actual subscription and initial payments into banks Oregon has exceeded its quota. Our entire organization will continue its efforts toward a substantial oversubscription.'"

"Carrying On" Promised. For Portland the following message was sent to Secretary McAdoo by Mr. Olmstead: "Have just sent the following telegram to Governor Lynch, Federal Reserve Bank, San Francisco: (Concluded on Page 16, Column 1.)