

HUNS GAIN GROUND BY FURIOUS DRIVE

British Retire Between Arras and Ypres.

BOCHES ADVANCE 6 MILES

Reports Indicate That Britons Have Stood Firm at Vital Points Along Line.

ARMENTIERES IS GIVEN UP

Teutons Make Desperate Attempts to Take Hollebeke and Wytschaete.

LONDON, April 11.—A telegram to Reuter's from British headquarters in France reads:

"There is general disposition to consider the situation in Flanders as pretty well in hand and, although fighting is continuing on a heavy scale, the outlook is viewed with confidence."

(By the Associated Press.)

Field Marshal von Hindenburg, swinging his heaviest legions and mightiest guns far to the north of the Picardy battlefield, now is driving attack after attack against the British lines between Arras and Ypres.

Charging across the level country behind a tempest of high explosive and gas shells, the Germans have succeeded by terrific fighting in penetrating the British defenses at points over a front of nearly 50 miles to a depth of almost six miles just to the south of Ypres.

Line Is Straightened.

The loss of Armentieres is admitted by the British, but this was expected from the trend of events in that sector during the last few days. The enemy had driven in on both sides of the town and holding out longer by the British would have imperiled the whole line.

So far as known the withdrawal of the British forces from Armentieres was orderly and was only for the purpose of straightening out the line in the region where the German pressure is the heaviest.

The British have stood firm at vital points along the line. Wytschaete is still held by Field Marshal Haig's men, who also maintain their grip on Messines ridge, Lestrem, Ploegsteert and Ploegsteert wood and Hollebeke, against which furious assaults have been launched, only to break down or be nullified by British counter-attacks.

Germans Lose Heavily.

A terrific attack made against Hollebeke and Wytschaete was completely repulsed, with great loss to the Germans.

This particular part of the battle line in the west has been the scene of terrible fighting for nearly four years.

The drive south of Ypres has developed into a major operation, it would appear, and the Germans, using their massed attack system, are not counting the losses inflicted upon them in their advance. So far they have gained little of great tactical value.

British Hold High Ground.

The high ground along the front is still held by the British forces and the retreats here and there have not as yet endangered the integrity of the line from Arras to the North Sea.

While this battle is going on there is a lull in the struggle before Amiens. Since the announcement that American troops had made their appearance in the sectors occupied by the British, there has been nothing to show that they have actually entered into the battle.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM, APRIL 11.

(By the Associated Press.)—The fighting continued today north of Armentieres with the British still holding Messines ridge and Wytschaete, which yesterday changed hands several times.

During the day the enemy succeeded in entering not only these positions, but La Creche, Nieppe and Hollebeke. Vigorous counter-attacks forced the enemy from all these places.

Huns Completely Repulsed.

About 10 o'clock this morning the Germans launched a formidable attack against the Belgian town of Hollebeke.

They came forward in massed waves

NORTHWEST PLANT GETS 8 MORE SHIPS

CONTRACT CLOSED FOR \$800-TON STEEL STEAMERS.

Latest Award Will Make Total of 24 Ships Assigned to Big Portland Yard by U. S.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 11.—J. R. Bowles, president of the Northwest Steel Company, of Portland, has closed contracts with the Shipping Board for eight additional steel steamers of 800 tons each. This, with other contracts held, will keep its yard busy for some time.

There are now 15 ships under contract for the Government at the Northwest plant, eight of them having been awarded the latter part of 1917 at the same time the Columbia River Shipbuilding Corporation closed for eight vessels. In addition there were contracts originally closed by others, but the ships, except two the Cunard line is now operating, have been re-quisitioned by the Shipping Board. Of the number eight at the Northwest yard and two at the Columbia River Shipbuilding Corporation were ordered by the French government. Contracts accepted previous to the French business being closed were from Norwegian interests.

It has been understood that the Emergency Fleet Corporation would award new business to both yards to the normal limit of their capacity, and it is said the eight new ships will not require any expansion of existing facilities. It is also expected the Columbia River yard will be given the same number of vessels.

Mr. Bowles left for Washington a week ago, and Alfred Smith, president of the Columbia River Shipbuilding Corporation, is in the East on his honeymoon. Both are expected to take up future construction plans with the Shipping Board.

THREE-DAY FETE OPPOSED

Lumbermen Would Work July 4 and Give Wages to Red Cross.

NORTH BEND, Or., April 11.—(Special to the Oregonian.)—An independent July 4, and donate the wages received to the Red Cross was proposed by representatives of the North Bend locals of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen at a patriotic meeting at the Chamber of Commerce last evening. The question of the city participating in the Coast County celebration to be held July 4, 5 and 6, as proposed by workers of Coquille and Marshallfield, was discussed.

ROMANOFFS FACING WANT

Expenses of Royal Exiles Limited to 10,000 Rubles Monthly.

MOSCOW, April 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Romanoff family, most of whom are residing in the Crimea, are suffering from want, according to the Moscow papers. The Dowager Empress, Maria Feodorovna, with Grand Duke Nicholas, the Grand Duchess Xenia and children and other members of the family, is allowed to spend only 10,000 rubles a month, while the expenses of all of them cannot exceed 10,000 rubles.

They have five servants, but many of the former court noblemen and noblewomen who are staying with the Romanoffs do their own washing or work in the vineyards, earning occasionally 4 rubles a day.

LYNCHER HELD MURDERER

Leaders of Mob That Hanged Enemy Alien Now in Jail.

COLLINSVILLE, Ill., April 11.—Joseph Riegel, Wesley Beaver, Richard Dukes, Jr., Enid Elmore and William Brockmeier, charged in a coroner's jury verdict tonight with the murder of a man, were arrested tonight and taken to the County Jail at Edwardsville, Ill., where they will be held without bail for action by the grand jury.

HOLLAND TO GET GRAIN

Immediate Shipment of Two Cargoes Ordered by War Trade Board.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Immediate shipment of two shipments of grain to Holland was authorized today by the War Trade Board to meet the growing shortage of food in that country.

A third steamer will be permitted to proceed to Argentina from a Southern port of the United States to load grain for Holland.

FOUNDLING ASYLUM IS HIT

German Long-Range Gun Blots Out Lives of Four and Wounds 21.

PARIS, April 11.—The bombardment of Paris by the German long-range gun was resumed this afternoon.

AMERICANS LAND AT VLADIVOSTOK

Force of Marines Has Control of Docks.

JAPANESE GUARD RAILROADS

Ammunition Depots Also Held by Mikado's Men.

RUSSIAN FEELING SUBSIDES

Tokio Advises Say Proclamation Issued by Admiral Sadakichi Kato Has Made Favorable Impression.

HARDIN, Friday, April 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—American marines have been landed at Vladivostok, as well as British and Japanese forces, according to advices from that place.

The Americans are in control of the docks and the Japanese are guarding the railway and ammunition depots.

The British government has no reason to suppose the American Government does not approve of the landing of British and Japanese forces at Vladivostok.

Cecil Sets Doubts at Rest.

Lord Robert Cecil, Parliamentary Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs, made this statement in the House of Commons today in replying to a question.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Landing of American marines at Vladivostok is expected to have a reassuring effect in Russia. With Americans joining the British and Japanese naval forces in protecting life and the vast stores of war material belonging to the allies at the Siberian port, the enterprise is given a distinctly international character which, it is believed here, should quiet fears of the Russians aroused by German suggestions that a Japanese invasion had been begun.

Move Merely Protective.

Since the attitude of the United States is credited with having stayed the proposal for real Japanese intervention in Siberia to check German influence, participation by Americans is counted upon to emphasize the purely local character of an operation undertaken to protect life and property where there is no competent Russian authority to enforce order.

No details are available as to the number of marines landed. In fact, the Navy Department tonight had not been informed officially of the landing, though American warships are at Vladivostok and the step was not unexpected.

LONDON, April 11.—The foreign Consul in Vladivostok has officially informed the president of the local Zemstvo that the landing of allied marines was due to anarchy and that the forces will be withdrawn as soon as the Consul consider that order has been re-established.

OVER THE TOP AND FIRST, AS USUAL.



SWIFT & CO. CUT BIG JUICY MELON

PACKERS DECLARE STOCK DIVIDEND OF \$50,000,000.

Statement Is Made That Action Is Not Due to Earnings, but to Get Cash to Carry On Business.

CHICAGO, April 11.—The board of directors of Swift & Company, today decided to declare a stock dividend of \$50,000,000, half at par and the rest in cash, increasing the capital stock from \$100,000,000 to \$150,000,000.

The dividend, it was said, was not from earnings, but to cover increased property values and procure money for carrying on business under high costs. The plan will be submitted for approval at the annual meeting on May 15. The stock of Swift & Company today was quoted on the Chicago Stock Exchange at \$14 a share, a decline of \$2 from yesterday's close.

The announcement of the plan, made after the close of the market by President Louis F. Swift, said that the financing had been approved by the capital issues committee of the Federal Reserve Board. Mr. Swift added: "Increased business requires increased capital. The extremely high prices of livestock, for which we pay cash, and the continuous increase in cost of operation have made large demands on us. The \$50,000,000 cash proceeds of this issue will greatly strengthen the financial position of the company, and will enable it to discharge its functions with a full degree of efficiency."

"We realize that there are many calls for funds at this time; and, in order not to interfere with Government financing, we have thought it opportune to issue free of cost a dividend of \$25,000,000 in stock which will facilitate the purchase of the new stock at par by our shareholders.

"This dividend is not being paid out of earnings, but is issued against surplus resulting from an adjustment of values of the fixed assets of the company to values current on January 1, 1914, based on an appraisal. Such stock is not taxable until sold."

TWO KILLED IN GUN FIGHT

Alaskans Die as Result of Quarrel Over School Election.

SEWARD, Alaska, April 11.—C. L. Magill, United States Commissioner, and P. Ryan, a pioneer Alaskan, were shot and killed today at Kenai, across Cook Inlet Point, in a gun fight over the outcome of a school election held Monday, according to a wireless message received here.

The message said it was believed Ryan was killed by Magill, who later was killed by Charles Koats, who sided with Ryan. At the time the message was filed Koats had not been arrested.

HIDDEN WIRELESS RUMOR

Evidence Indicates That Germans Have Radio Plant in Andes.

BUENOS AIRES, April 11.—What is considered evidence that there is a hidden wireless plant somewhere in South America is the fact that a German newspaper in Buenos Aires daily receives at 3 o'clock in the afternoon the general communication which arrives at midnight by cable.

Win War, First Aim of All.

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WILL HAY CAPTURES OREGON PATRIOTS

Indiana Orator Makes Four Speeches Here.

REPUBLICANS ARE JUBILANT

National Chairman Held Most Satisfactory Leader.

MAGNETISM-OF MAN WINS

Get-Together Meeting in Morning of Busy Day for Visitor Proves One of Great Benefit, Full of Inspiration for Patriots.

Will H. Hays, Republican National chairman, came, saw and captured Oregon Republicans yesterday.

Captivated by his personal magnetism, impressed by the sincerity of his appeal for loyalty to country, and inspired by his tremendous patriotic enthusiasm, the members of his party capitulated. Numerous former Progressives now returned to the Republican ranks joined in the capitulation. All acclaimed him a satisfactory leader in whose selection as chairman the members of the National committee made no mistake.

From the hour of Mr. Hays' arrival at 7 A. M. until he departed for San Francisco late in the afternoon, his time was fully occupied. The morning was given over to a breakfast-conference, a public reception, and a noonday luncheon as a guest of the Progressive Business Men's Club at the Multnomah Hotel, followed at 2 P. M. by a liberty loan address at the Helix Theater. He made four addresses in all during his short stay.

Conference Is Representative.

The conference at the hotel from 8:30 to 10 o'clock was confined to Republicans and former Progressives and was one of the most representative gatherings of reunited Republican leaders and workers ever held in this city. It was distinctly a get-together meeting and was attended by more than 100 men.

Ralph E. Williams, Republican National Committeeman, presided at the breakfast and introduced Mr. Hays, who was the only speaker. Before presenting the National chairman, Mr. Williams perpetrated a mild surprise on a number of candidates for National and state offices by introducing them one at a time, but rigidly enforced his ruling that none should be permitted to talk.

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BRITISH PALESTINE ARMY GAINS AGAIN

TURKS FALL BACK MILE AND HALF ON 5-MILE FRONT.

Boche General Predicts That Recapture of Jerusalem "Has Become Practicable Possibility."

LONDON, April 11.—British troops on April 9 advanced their line north of Jerusalem in Palestine to a depth of one and a half miles along a front of five miles, the British War Office announced today.

Notwithstanding the stubborn resistance of the Turks the British captured the villages of Kafat and El Kefer.

AMSTERDAM, April 11.—Lieutenant-General Baron von Ardenne, a well-known military writer, in an article in the Dusseldorf Nachrichten, a copy of which has been received here, says: "The tide is about to turn in Syria and Palestine. With the Turkish victory near Es-Halt the recapture of Jerusalem has become a practicable possibility. It is a satisfaction to us Germans that the struggle for the holy places is again proceeding with German arms, as in the time of the Kaiser at Barbarossa."

GERMANS PUSH WAR LOAN

Teuton Newspapers Full of Propaganda to Encourage Subscriptions.

AMSTERDAM, April 11.—The German war loan propaganda is working under full pressure. The newspapers are filled with short articles, pithy sayings, drawings and poetical efforts on this subject. President Wilson's Baltimore speech is brought into the propaganda thus: "President Wilson threatens us with force to the utmost, without stint or limit. We believe he means it. Therefore, hasten ye all and subscribe to the loan."

SENATOR STONE IMPROVED

Physicians Hope Critical Period of Illness Has Passed.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—After passing a fairly comfortable night, Senator Stone, of Missouri, who yesterday suffered a stroke of paralysis, was reported somewhat improved today and his physicians hoped the critical period had passed.

FRANCE GETS NEW CREDIT

Award of 125 Millions Brings Ally's Indebtedness to \$1,565,000,000.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—France today got another credit from the Treasury of \$125,000,000, making France's total \$1,565,000,000 and the total credits to all the allies \$3,285,000,000.

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OREGON CARRIES ON IN VICTORY MARCH

State Passes Its Quota by \$2,650,000.

PORTLAND ADDS A MILLION

No Sign Seen of Waning Interest Among Loan Workers.

GREAT BATTLE STIRS ALL

Goal Predicted at Loyal Leagues in Advance of Original Allotment, Some Think, as Far as \$25,000,000.

CITIZENS ARE URGED NOT TO WAIT FOR SOLICITOR.

To the Public: Our workers have endeavored to call on every citizen, but naturally they find many away from their offices, homes and are unable to get in touch with them, sometimes after several trials. Therefore, we urge that people who have not as yet been approached go to some bank or to the Liberty Temple and make their subscriptions at an early date as possible, in order that we may clean up our work in hand promptly.

GUY W. TALBOT,
Chief, Subscription Division.

It was a victory march that Portland and Oregon made yesterday, an oversubscription procession in honor of the state's conquest of the quota on the previous day, when Oregon laid claim to first place in the Nation for full subscription. Yesterday's returns show that the state is now \$2,650,000 beyond its allotment of \$13,495,000.

As for Portland, the interest did not wane with the announcement that the quota had been reached, but yesterday proved to be as active in the interest of both solicitors and citizens as any of the previous days of the campaign. The city's returns last night place Portland at \$11,122,000, a signal advance beyond its quota of \$10,050,000. "I am certain that Oregon is the first state to go over the top, and such is the opinion of officials of the Twelfth Federal Reserve Bank at San Francisco," said C. A. Miller, manager of Oregon's first victory Federal district campaign, when he arrived last night from San Francisco.

"There is some question about Portland being the first large city to attain its quota," continued Mr. Miller, "but it is assured that Portland is the first city to give its quota. Federal district, Oregon is making a great record, and the district is proud of her."

Mr. Miller, as special representative of the Twelfth Federal Reserve Bank, arrived in Portland last night, on the invitation of Edward Cookingham, state chairman, to aid in the final work of the state campaign.

"You see, I am still officially delegated to Oregon," said the former state campaign manager, "and I am subject to call. But I cannot believe that there will be much for me to do. Your state was organized as never before through splendid pre-campaign work, and the results speak for themselves."

Great Battle Stirs State.

How far old Oregon will "carry on" none ventured to predict, save that it would be loyal leagues in advance of the original allotment. Unofficial hazards at the riddle put the answer at \$25,000,000 and even more. It is certain that the state is attired to financial bedrock by the third liberty loan, by the great battle of Picardy and the fact that American troops have arrived on the battle front.

Every effort now is bent on bringing communities with "red" and "yellow" classifications, which have not yet recruited their full quotas, up to their allotments. The effect of the announcement that Oregon had gone over was noted at headquarters yesterday in prompt advices from many delinquent towns saying that redoubled effort had placed them in the honor column.

Map Is Almost Blue.

As it is, the headquarters map is now almost a solid field of blue honor buttons, with only an occasional yellow and a handful of red. Until the map, from border to border, is as blue as the Pacific there will be no cessation in effort—and when that time comes the state will have exceeded the most optimistic hopes with which the campaign was launched.

No official reply has been received from Washington, D. C., in answer to Oregon's claim, filed Wednesday night, to the distinction of having been the first state to go over the top, and of Portland's similar claim among American cities.

State Chairman Smith yesterday received a message from George K. Weeks, general campaign manager for the Twelfth Federal Reserve district, acknowledging the filing of the Portland and Oregon claims, and advising that the same had been forwarded to Washington, D. C.

"Information from Secretary McAdoo" ran the message, "states that only subscriptions received by the Federal Reserve Bank at San Francisco are to be considered, but this does not seem to include credit for honor flags

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