

HUGE HUN MASSES POUND AT BRITISH

Haig's Men Slowly Are Forced to Give Way.

RESISTANCE IS STUBBORN

Field Marshal Haig Commands Army to Stand Fast, as Big French Army Will Soon Aid.

ALLIED BLOW MAY BE MADE

Teutons Claim Progress Along Lys Plain, Between Armentieres and Merville.

(By the Associated Press.)
Great Britain's armies stand at bay in France and Flanders. After three weeks of combat, which has eclipsed anything that has raged during the entire four years of warfare, Field Marshal Haig has issued a command to his men to hold their ground at whatever cost and fight with the knowledge that their blows are struck "for the safety of their homes and the freedom of mankind."

The end of the first phase of this giant struggle now may be considered as passed. "There must be no retirement," is Haig's admonition, which adds that the British now are fighting "with their backs to the wall." The withdrawal in Picardy was officially reported to have been a part of the allied strategy, but the period for such tactics seemingly has gone into history.

French Will Help.

The order issued by the field marshal contains another sentence which may be pregnant with significance. "The French army is moving rapidly and in great force to our support," he said. This is the first official intimation that the allies are ready to strike back at the German invaders.

This blow may not necessarily fall in Flanders, nor in Picardy, but may be aimed at some part of the line where Generalissimo Foch may believe he can cut through the German front and compel the Teutons to relax their pressure against the British.

The allies stand today on a front which has been dented and battered, but which is very strong throughout.

Line Is Sinuous.

Tracing this line from the south, it is found to leave the old battlefield at Braucourt, west of Laon. From this point it runs to the West, passes south of Coucy-Le-Chateau and curves north until it reaches the Oise River, which it follows until it reaches a point south of Noyon. Here the line runs just north or west to Mesnil, west of Montdidier, where it turns to the north. It is continued as far as Hangard, where it turns northeast to Hanged and then by a crooked line through Albert to a point east of Hebuterne. The line then runs off to the northeast through Bucquoy and Boisieux to Fampoux, east of Arras.

At this point it turns north to beyond Lens and then turns sharply to the northwest past Bethune, entering the scene of the most bitter fighting. It continues as far as Merville, which marks the farthest advance of the Germans in their present offensive, and then bends to the northeast, to Paschaendele, north and east of Ypres. Here it curves to the northwest to Merckem and thence north over the lowlands of Belgium to Nieuport to the sea.

Attacks Are on Big Scale.

The capture of Merville featured the fighting during the last day, but all along the line from just north of Lens to Hobbekke, southeast of Ypres, there have been tremendous attacks which have been met by savage resistance. The hardest fighting along this front seems to have centered about Messines Ridge, for which the Germans and British have struggled hand-to-hand. At last reports the Germans held the eastern half of the ridge, while the British were in control of the western slope.

BRITISH TO BUILD BIG GUN

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"STAND AND FIGHT TO END," CALLS HAIG

BRITONS TOLD SUPREME MOMENT OF WAR IS AT HAND.

Every Position Must Be Held to Last Man if Enemy Is to Be Defeated, Says Field Marshal.

LONDON, April 12.—Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, in a special order of the day addressed to "all ranks of the British in France and Flanders," says: "Three weeks ago today the enemy began his terrific attacks against us on a 50-mile front. His objects are to separate us from the French, to take the channel ports and to destroy the British Army."

"In spite of throwing already 100 divisions into the battle and enduring the most reckless sacrifice of human life, he has yet made little progress toward his goals."

"We owe this to the determined fighting and self-sacrifice of our troops. Words fail me to express the admiration which I feel for the splendid resistance offered by all ranks of our army under the most trying circumstances."

"Many amongst us now are tired. To those I would say that victory will belong to the side which holds out the longest. The French army is moving rapidly and in great force to our support. There is no other course open to us but to fight it out."

"Every position must be held to the last man. There must be no retirement. With our backs to the wall and believing in the justice of our cause, each one of us must fight to the end. The safety of our homes and the freedom of mankind depend alike upon the conduct of each one of us at this critical moment."

WOMEN HONOR STATESMAN

Anniversary of Thomas Jefferson to Be Marked by Fitting Ceremonies.

The 175th anniversary of Thomas Jefferson will be held tonight in Library Hall. It will be in the nature of a patriotic rally. The meeting will be under the direction of the members of the Women's Jackson Club liberty loan committee, who are raising money to purchase a liberty bond.

Prominent women who will act as sponsors include: Madames Thomas Carrick Burke, Lucia Faxon Addison, M. L. T. Hadden, Sarah E. Moore, Emma Haley Frasselle, Alice M. McNaught and Mrs. W. T. Vaughn.

B. F. Irvine will deliver an address on "Why We Fight."

The Junior Artisan Band will furnish music, with Hyman Breslau as soloist. The public is invited. Miss Leona L. Larrabee will preside.

HOUSE MOVER USES "TANK"

Tacoman to Put Home Beyond Reach of Shells With Tractor's Aid.

TACOMA, Wash., April 12.—(Special.)—James Hargrave has found new use for the city's caterpillar tractor. He has rented it to haul his home away from the artillery range at Camp Lewis.

Every time a shell whizzed in his direction Hargrave had stage fright. Finally he believed it was up to him to move, but he objected to leaving his house. Then he hit upon the idea of renting the caterpillar tractor to haul his house a distance of three miles. He offered \$50 a day for its use and the offer will be accepted.

UNIONS TO HAVE LAUNDRY

Spokane Council Arranging for Modern Establishment.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 12.—(Special.)—The Spokane Sectional Labor Council will go into the laundry business. Under management of the council a modern laundry, employing at the start at least 25 persons, is to be opened in a centrally located building.

The laundry will be operated especially for the benefit of union members of the city, all families in good standing having their work done at cost. Laundry work for others will be done at the regular rates.

FAILS TO SEE FLAG; JAILED

Walla Walla Photographer Made to Kiss Emblem by Crowd.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 12.—William Billman, photographer, did not salute the flag at a liberty meeting last night. He was made to kiss the flag and jailed.

He denies he is an industrial worker of the world, and says he failed to note what was going on.

ENGLAND TO HONOR DEAD

Monument at Fort Worth to Stand in Memory of Cadets Buried in U. S.

PORT WORTH, Tex., April 12.—The British government, through the Royal Flying Corps, will erect in Fort Worth a monument to the memory of the aviation cadets who were killed in training here this winter and whose bodies were not returned to England.

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206 TO GO BEFORE OREGON ELECTORS

Candidates File for May Primaries.

GUBERNATORIAL ASPIRANTS 6

Attorney-General and School Superintendent Safe.

RUSH COMES IN LAST HOUR

Voters of State to Select 99 for Offices Out of 188 Republicans and 18 Democrats Seeking Political Honors.

SALEM, Or., April 12.—(Special.)—Two hundred and six candidates had filed for office tonight with Secretary of State Olcott for the primary election, May 17. Of this number 188 were Republicans and 18 Democrats. Out of them will be picked 99 men to fill the many offices.

Thirty-six candidates had declared their intention of battling for the 12 places in the lower house of the Legislature allotted to Multnomah County and 24 will be disappointed when the votes are counted.

Governorship Contested by Six.

Six candidates have filed for Governor in the Republican primary, six for State Treasurer, three for Justice of the Supreme Court, four for Labor Commissioner, two for Public Service Commissioner, three for Water Division Superintendent of the First District, while there is no opposition in the Second District.

Attorney-General Brown and Superintendent Churchill have it all their own way, with no opposition.

Three candidates have filed for the long term and three for the short term for United States Senator.

Two Democrats have filed for Governor, two for the long term United States senator and two for Representative in Congress from Multnomah County. The complete list of filings follows:

Republican candidates:
United States Senator, long term—E. E. Houston, Portland; Charles L. McNary, Salem; Robert N. Stanfield, Stanfield.
United States Senator, short term—Charles J. Schnabel, Fred W. Mulkey, Portland; A. H. Burton, Portland.
Member of National Committee—Raigh E. Williams, Portland; Bruce Dennis, La Grande.

Representative in Congress, First District—W. C. Hawley, Salem.
Representative in Congress, Second District—N. J. Slocum, The Dalles.
Representative in Congress, Third District—A. W. Lafferty, C. N. McArthur, Portland.

Governor—J. E. Anderson, The Dalles; L. Simpson, North Bend; Gus C. Moser, Portland; James Withycombe, Salem; Ben W. Olcott, Salem; F. C. Harley, Astoria.

State Treasurer—William Adams, Portland; E. D. Cusick, Albany; Thomas F. Ryan, Gladstone; O. M. Plummer, Portland; Ben F. West, Salem; O. P. Hoff, Salem.

Justice of Supreme Court (to succeed Justice Wallace McCaman)—Percy R. Kelly, (Concluded on Page 4, Column 2.)

YANKEES REPULSE AND CAPTURE HUNS

AMERICANS WITH FRENCH EFFECT COUP IN APREMONT.

(By the Associated Press.)

PARIS, April 12.—American troops fighting with the French brilliantly repulsed a German attack in the Apremont forest today and the American troops captured numerous prisoners, according to the official statement of the War Office here tonight.

"In the Apremont forest the enemy delivered against our positions in the Brule wood a powerful attack, gaining a foothold in our advanced elements. A spirited counter attack by the French and American troops, acting together, immediately drove them out. Twenty-two prisoners belonging to six different units were taken by the Americans."

"HANDS UP!" CITY ORDERS

Fifty Cowboys to Shoot Up Tacoma as Aid to War Loan.

TACOMA, Wash., April 12.—(Special.)—Tacoma will be "shot up" tomorrow by 50 real, whooping, live cowboys of the Wild West Division, who will parade during the noon hour on the downtown streets and then separate to show the people of Tacoma how things are done on the plains.

The 50 horsemen, the best that the West can supply, now working for Uncle Sam in their chosen vocation at the remount station at Camp Lewis, will be supplied with 20,000 rounds of blank ammunition by the street features committee to use in making things lively during the liberty loan.

HOTEL BAR IS TOTTERING

Hotel Men's Association Predicts Heavy Blow to Liquor Cause.

CHICAGO, April 12.—Abolition of the bars in all hotels in the United States and Canada was forecast in an announcement today by the executive council of the American Hotel Association.

Declaring that the interests of the hotel business are paramount to those of the saloon, the council strongly advocated that the sale of liquor be confined to light wines and beer.

ARCHIE ROOSEVELT IN PARIS

Wounded Officer Transferred to Red Cross Hospital No. 3.

PARIS, April 12.—Captain Archie Roosevelt, who was wounded in action last month, has been transferred from a field hospital near the front to Red Cross hospital No. 3 in Paris.

This hospital is located in what formerly was the American Girls' Art Club.

SENATOR BROSSARD DIES

Louisianan Succumbs After Illness of Several Weeks.

NEW IBERIA, La., April 12.—Robert F. Brossard, Jr., United States Senator from Louisiana, died at his home here tonight after an illness of several weeks from a complication of diseases.

HOME RULE SEEMS NEARER IN IRELAND

Report Submitted to Parliament.

LONG-FOUGHT ISSUES SETTLED

Agreement Basis Reached by Dublin Convention.

PLUNKET TELLS OF WORK

Chairman Writes Lloyd George That Self-Government Agreement Unprecedented in History Has Been Reached.

LONDON, April 12.—Ireland has taken a step nearer to home rule. The Irish convention, which met at Dublin for eight months considering the problems besetting the island, has submitted to the British Parliament a plan which, while not the unanimous decision of the convention, represents a basis for agreement on some of the questions that in the past have prevented all the parties of Ireland from acting in harmony.

The plan calls for an Irish Parliament modeled after that of the empire, the authority of which would not be diminished. An executive responsible to it and with full powers over internal legislation, administration and direct taxation also is provided.

Offer made to Ulster.

To meet with objections from Unionists, it is agreed that a 40 per cent representation in the proposed Parliament will be guaranteed them by the dominating Nationalists. Provision also is made for extra representation from Ulster.

Minority reports were submitted by the Ulster Unionists and the minority faction of the Nationalists.

The Irish convention failed to agree upon a scheme of self-government for Ireland, but laid a foundation for an agreement "unprecedented in history," Sir Horace Plunkett, chairman of the convention, says in a letter to the Prime Minister, transmitting a report of the proceedings of that body.

Much Progress Made.

"A larger measure of agreement has been reached on the principle and details of Irish self-government," he declares, "than has ever yet been attained."

It was not found possible, Sir Horace explains, to overcome the objections of the Unionists. The majority of the Nationalists, all Southern Unionists and five out of seven labor representatives, however, agree that the scheme set out in the report "should be immediately enacted in law."

The difficulties of the convention, says the chairman, may be summed up in two words, "Ulster and customs"—the latter referring to demand of the Nationalists for unrestricted fiscal powers.

To this demand the southern unionists, as well as the Ulster unionists, would not agree, but the southern unionists and the Nationalists were willing, (Concluded on Page 5, Column 4.)

BIG RAID BY BOCHE FLEET IS FORECAST

GREAT NAVAL ACTIVITY REPORTED AT GERMAN BASES.

Coal and Ammunition Are Being Shipped to Kiel in Great Quantities, Geneva Announces.

GENEVA, Switzerland, April 12.—Great activity reigns at German naval bases, especially at Kiel. Coal and ammunition are being shipped to the fleet in large quantities, according to information received here this morning from a reliable neutral source.

German naval contingents with heavy guns were recently recalled from the western front to join the fleets and were replaced by Austrian artillery, manned by land forces.

Indications are that a naval raid of great magnitude is about to be attempted.

PHONE FOUND BY CHANCE

Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, Inventor, Tells of Discovery.

CHICAGO, April 12.—Discovery of the telephone was "one of those divine accidents willed while working out another problem," Dr. Alexander Graham Bell said at the dedication last night of a school named in his honor. The school is the first of its kind in Chicago to be devoted chiefly to the education of deaf children.

"When I discovered the telephone I was trying to perfect an instrument by which the deaf could be made to hear," Dr. Bell told the large audience.

"The result was the instrument which, insofar as aiding the deaf was concerned, was a failure, but which has come to be the telephone we use today."

URUGUAY AT POINT OF WAR

Republic Questions Berlin as to Status of Relations.

MONTEVIDEO, April 12.—The government of Uruguay has asked Berlin, through Switzerland, if Germany considers that a state of war exists with Uruguay, as stated by the commander of a submarine, who captured a Uruguayan military commission bound for France. If the reply is the affirmative, Uruguay will declare a state of war. If a negative reply is received Uruguay will demand that the commissioners be liberated on parole.

The foregoing dispatch indicates that a German submarine captured a Uruguayan mission to France. This is the first information that such an incident had occurred.

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OREGON IS FIRST TO BOOST LOAN OVER

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PORTLAND AND TOLEDO TIED

Two Cities Claim First Completed Subscription.

DRIVE NOT TO BE HALTED

Campaign Is to Go on Until Every City and Community Has Made 100 Per Cent Showing—Pew Places Reported Lagging.

Official confirmation of Oregon's claim to the honor of being first in the liberty loan campaign was received yesterday at state headquarters by Edward Cookingham, chairman of the state committee. As in voluntary enjoinments, where her answer placed her pre-eminence, Oregon's reply to the call for duty dollars was emphatic with clean-strain patriotism.

Nor did the spirit wane at the quota goal, attained in little more than three days. Patriotism and success were the splendid spur that urged the state to redoubled effort. Last night's returns showed an incomplete total of \$21,338,900 for Oregon, contrasted with the original allotment of \$18,995,000.

So swiftly did the state plunge forward to her quota that officials characterize yesterday and today as the "clean-up" of the campaign, though liberty loan offices will remain open till the end of the drive. With the city of Portland and a majority of the state oversubscribed, the comparative lessening of subscriptions was but expected.

Portland Reports Big Total.

Portland's total last night reached \$11,774,500, contrasted with the city's quota of \$10,950,000. The state, outside of Multnomah County, attained \$10,164,400, with the original quota fixed at \$8,445,000.

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington, D. C., received yesterday afternoon, announced first place for Oregon in the liberty loan crusade, stating that it was the first to report officially an oversubscription of its liberty loan quota, and consequently will stand at the head of the Nation's honor roll by states. Iowa claims the honor flag for oversubscriptions, but has not filed reports to substantiate the claim.

The same dispatch announces that Portland is sister-claimant with Toledo, O., among cities of similar population, for the distinction of having first reported complete quota subscriptions.

Direct official announcement concerning Oregon was received by Mr. Cookingham in a message from Frank R. Wilson, director of publicity for the third liberty loan. The message read:

First Honor Flag Awarded.

"Oregon awarded first state honor flag. Please accept my heartiest congratulations. Miss Mable, Ala., telling him of your accomplishment."

As Jealous of Oregon's record as when he led the state's two previous liberty loan drives, C. A. Miller, special representative from the Twelfth Federal Reserve Bank, has telegraphed to Washington, D. C., an argument for Portland's claim to first place among cities.

"When Portland went over the top on Wednesday," said Mr. Miller, "the hour was 8 o'clock. I have called the attention of the director of publicity, Frank R. Wilson, to the fact that the simultaneous receipt of claims from Portland and Toledo would mean that this city was first to go over."

Pacific Northwest Responds.

Reports received yesterday by Associated Press from San Francisco, issued by the Twelfth Federal Reserve District officials, are that the entire Pacific Northwest has responded to the appeal for subscriptions to the third liberty loan with conspicuous success.

With Oregon far in excess of its allotment, the sister state of Washington is soon to join the honor column, says the headquarters report, J. A. Stalwell, chairman of the Washington state committee, has telegraphed district headquarters at San Francisco that the state will attain its quota within the next week, and that Seattle will be oversubscribed by tonight.

With instructions from Chairman Cookingham and Campaign Manager Smith to stimulate subscriptions in communities that have not yet attained their quotas, C. A. Miller, representative of the Twelfth Federal Reserve District, left yesterday afternoon for a trip to Southern Oregon, and will spend today at Grants Pass and Medford, visiting Woodburn en route.

Crusade Not to Be Halted.

"We must not pause until every city and community in Oregon has attained 100 per cent of its quota," asserted Manager Smith yesterday afternoon. "The state's record is far too splendid to be blotted in any instance by partial failure."

"Take us off the 'yellow,'" read a telegram received last night from the Gresham liberty loan committee by The Oregonian. "We're over the top today in the rain."

Total subscriptions to date, \$59,900; quota, \$35,000. We will reach \$100,000, Application blanks received, (Concluded on Page 14, Column 1.)

