

HUNS DRIVE AHEAD IN YPRES SECTOR

Allied Front-Line Positions Are Penetrated.

ENEMY ATTACKS IN FORCE

Germans Smash Through Between LaClytte and Voormezele, Haig Reports.

TEUTONS GAIN RIDGE WOOD

Australians Advance Second Time Near Amiens; American Guns Roar Near Toul.

LONDON, May 8.—After a heavy bombardment on a wide front in Flanders, the German infantry this morning launched an attack south of Dickebusch Lake, which lies between Ypres and Kemmel, says Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters.

The attack apparently was only in divisional strength, but it may develop larger proportions. The enemy seems to have penetrated our front line between the lake and ridge wood, and some parties of Germans are reported in the eastern wood itself.

Weather Is Clear. Fighting continues in fine weather and under good visibility. "We still hold the major part of the wood and also Klein Vierstraat," continues the correspondent.

LONDON, May 8.—In an attack against the British and French line between LaClytte and Voormezele in the Ypres sector the Germans, early this morning, succeeded, after heavy fighting, in entering the allied front-line positions at certain points, according to Field Marshal Haig's official communication issued this evening.

Successful minor operations by Australians last night resulted in the advance of the British lines a short distance in the Amiens sector between the Somme and Ancre rivers.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, May 8.—There was a tremendous amount of wrangling among the heavy guns down between the Somme and the Ancre rivers last night.

Australians Strafe Huns. The British troops on both sides of the sector thought the long-expected German attack was beginning, but anxious inquiries elicited the information that it was only the Australians baiting the Germans again.

RAISING OF DRAFT TO 40 CONSIDERED

HOUSE MILITARY COMMITTEE FORESEES POSSIBILITY.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Legislation raising the draft age to 40 years was discussed as a possibility within a few months at a meeting today of Provost Marshal-General Crowder and the House military committee. Although General Crowder made no specific recommendations, members of the committee said afterward that the War Department was considering a plan for changes.

BIG GRAFT NIPPED IN BUD

Deputy Food Administrator for Nevada Is Trapped. SAN FRANCISCO, May 8.—James A. Wood, Deputy United States Food Administrator for Nevada, was arrested by Department of Justice officials here today for bribery on the charge he had accepted \$200 in part payment of an alleged demand upon the South Fork Flour Mills, of Elko, Nev., for \$500 a month for alleged protection in their handling of flour and wheat under the Federal food act.

Wood, according to the Federal authorities, was trapped in a local hotel Tuesday through the use of a marked \$100 bill. When confronted with the evidence they said they had in their possession Wood was quoted by the officials as having stated he had planned to take into his confidence the Department of Justice in a scheme to prosecute the mill company officials for alleged attempt to bribe a Government officer.

ITALIAN WILL NOT FIGHT

Conscientious Objector Insists He Is Victim of Democrats. CAMP LEWIS, Wash., May 8.—An Italian recruit from the latest draft is in the guardhouse at Camp Lewis following his declaration he would not fight for his new country. He based his refusal upon the belief that the United States Constitution relieves a citizen of the obligation of entering the Army against his will.

NO WATER FOR GARDENS San Francisco Children May Not Raise Vegetables This Year. SAN FRANCISCO, May 8.—(Special.)—The Spring Valley Water Company has notified the Board of Education of San Francisco that because of the shortage of water and unsettled conditions, it is unable either to give water free or at reduced rates to school children engaged in war gardening.

ALL BEE RECORDS BROKEN

Tillamook Apterist Reports Swarm New Year's Day. Nothing is impossible in Oregon! Bees swarmed in Oregon last New Year's day. Mrs. Beilie Watson, Tillamook, Or., reports this marvelous fact in answer to the challenge of The Oregonian for the report on bees swarming in Oregon in midwinter.

MAYOR PLANS PROHI LAW

Baker Wants City to Keep Money Instead of State Getting All. The city is to have a prohibition law of its own. Mayor Baker yesterday presented an ordinance a copy of the state prohibition law, which he asked the Council to pass.

BANDIT OF EUROPE BOASTS OF LOOT

Neutral Nations Told What to Expect.

GERMANY ISSUES WARNING

Propaganda of Frightfulness Floods Spain. WAR HORRORS EMPHASIZED Contemplate Woes of France and Belgium Before Joining the Allies—Against Good-Hearted Germans, Substance of Circular.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Teutonic frightfulness as practiced in France and Belgium has been made the subject of a German warning to neutral nations of the fate which they may expect if they take up arms against the central powers. "If there are any still thinking of siding with the allies, let them take warning from the fate of others," says the warning. It is in the form of a circular, which recited the amount of booty seized in France and Belgium, the number of churches damaged and destroyed, the money wrung from the stricken inhabitants, and finally the deliberate mistreatment of English prisoners of war.

WARNING CIRCULATES IN SPAIN. German propagandists have flooded Spain with this document, printed in Spanish, and copies have come into the possession of the State Department. Having established its German origin, the department tonight made public this translation: "Besides an untold amount of war material captured on the battle field, the Germans have taken possession of incalculable booty in France and Belgium, including: "High-grade watches, 417. "Average watches, 5018. "Underwear, 18,673. "Embroideries and women's handkerchiefs, 15,132. "Umbrellas and parasols, 2765. "Silver spoons, 1878. "Bottles of champagne, 525,000. Business Better Than in 1870-71.

"These figures show a large increase over those of the campaign against France in 1870-71. "In Belgium, besides many art treasures, they have confiscated old paintings valued at 2,000,000 pesetas. "Due to the treachery of Cardinal Mercler and other priests, who did their utmost to stir the priests against the good-hearted German soldiers, they were forced to teach a severe lesson to the Belgian and French Catholics. "Cathedrals destroyed, 4. "Cathedrals rendered unserviceable, 3. "Churches destroyed, 27. "Churches rendered unserviceable, 34. "Total, 75. "In Poland also a large number of churches have been destroyed for military purposes." (Concluded on Page 8, Column 3.)

9 GUNNERS KILLED BY MISFIT SHELL

SEVEN INJURED BY EXPLOSION AT FORT WORTH.

General E. St. John Greble, in Command at Camp Bowie, Narrowly Escapes Death. FORT WORTH, Tex., May 8.—Nine American gunners were killed and seven injured more or less seriously near Benbrook, a few miles west of Fort Worth, when a three-inch shell exploded at 3 o'clock this afternoon. One gun crew, comprised of members of the headquarters company of the 141st Infantry, was entirely wiped out and a second crew from headquarters company of the 142d Infantry suffered heavy casualties.

NOTORIOUS COUNT IS FREE Luxburg, of "Spurlos Versenkt" Telegrams, to Sail for Home. BUENOS AIRES, May 7.—Count von Luxburg, former German Minister to Argentina, who was dismissed by the Argentine government last fall because of his notorious "spurlos versenkt" messages and other activities objectionable to Argentina, is finally about to sail for home.

WRIST WATCHES POPULAR

100,000 Timepieces and Compasses Wanted for Army in France. PARIS, May 8.—An order for 100,000 wrist watches and 100,000 radio compasses for the officers of the American Army are among the unexpected requests that have come to the American supply department. These new implements of war are being rapidly assembled from Swiss and other European stocks.

AMERICANS STRIKE HARD AT GERMANS

Heavy Artillery Roars on Many Sectors.

DARING RAIDS WORRY HUNS

Yankee Patrols Penetrate to Teuton Lines, Take Captives. FIRST TRAITOR CAPTURED German-American Is Surprised by Officer While Trying to Sneak Across to Boche Lines in Company With German Spy.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—Reports received from all the fronts on which the Americans are engaged with the exception of Picardy said that quiet prevailed tonight, principally because of the bad weather. The artillery activity was normal, although the enemy was using a few gas shells intermittently on the Luneville sector. Artillery Fire Continues. Except for artillery firing and patrolling, there is little new in Picardy. Every day the Americans become stronger. Apparently they are better entrenched than the Germans, who are being continually harassed, day and night. Despite the enemy's heavy expenditure in gas, he has obtained no advantage in this sector.

U. S. FLYER ROUTS HUNS Sergeant Baylies Downs Seven Hun Planes in Two Months. WASHINGTON, May 8.—Sergeant L. Baylies, of New Bedford, Mass., an American flyer in France, has brought down seven German airplanes within the last two months, said an official dispatch today from France. "Here we live! Lie in a village which has been completely demolished by artillery fire. The village is near Montdidier. "We dare not show ourselves. We live in the cellar. We have to go and get our food at night. Last night I went out with a detail which brought back food. "We got a direct hit. A shell hit our party, which killed some men and wounded several. I hope we will soon be taken from the western army." Americans Are Strafed. At least three new German squadrons of pursuit airplanes have been sent up to the American troops in the Toul sector for the purpose of strafing them, according to information received today. The exact composition of the squadrons is not known. (Concluded on Page 8, Column 4.)

MAN WITH HAMMER FELLOWS HOLDUP MAN

C. L. KELLY BRAVES BULLETS, SAVES WOMAN, TAKES MAN. George Harrison, Laborer at Plant of Northwest Steel, Is Landed in Jail in Helpless Condition.

Three shots were fired at the Ninety-second street station on the Estacada car line in Leuts shortly after sundown yesterday, when George Harrison, a laborer at the plant of the Northwest Steel Company, attempted to hold up Mrs. F. J. Challima, of the Hammersly Court apartments, and Mrs. E. E. Weber, 8888 Seventy-third avenue, Southeast, who were waiting for a Portland-bound car. C. L. Kelly, of 7303 Ninety-second street, Southeast, who was working nearby, saw the man approach the woman, holding a revolver in his hand and wearing a dark mask over his face. Kelly started bravely to the rescue with a hammer in his hand. When the robber saw him coming he fired a shot at him, but missed the mark. Kelly, by that time, was within striking distance of the man, and hit him over the head with the hammer, knocking Harrison to the ground and forcing him to drop his revolver, which was of .38 caliber. Kelly picked it up and fired two shots into the air as a signal for help.

MINIMUM WAGE NOW \$9.60

Twenty Cents an Hour to Be Paid to Women in California. SAN FRANCISCO, May 8.—The Industrial Welfare Commission of California issued an order today establishing a minimum wage of \$9.60 for a 48-hour week, or 20 cents an hour, for all women in the state engaged in unskilled and unclassified occupations. Under the term "unclassified occupations" the commission includes all occupations which have not been classified as the mechanical, factory, laundry or canning industries, office or professional.

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NINE SHIPS GIVEN PORTLAND PLANTS

4500-Ton Ballin Type Craft Specified.

MORE CONTRACTS PROMISED

100 Additional Wooden Vessels to Be Built on Coast. FERRIS TYPE SUPERSEDED Shipping Board to Permit Coast Yards to Build 50 Wooden Steamers for French Government. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 8.—Contracts for nine wooden ships of the Ballin type, to be 4500 tons each, have been awarded by the Shipping Board to the Kern & Klerman Shipbuilding Company, of Portland, and to the Columbia Engineering Works, the larger end of the contract going to the former concern. These are the first contracts let in some months to any yard not previously holding contracts with the Government.

GET RID OF THE WHITEWASH FIRST, THEN INVESTIGATE.

