

POILUS ROLL BACK
HINDENBERG'S LINE

French Get 400 Prisoners in Advance Over Two-Mile Front Near Loere.

HEAVY GUNS ROAR AGAIN

Southern France Turned Into Great American Concentration Camp.

Thoroughness of U. S. Is Pleasing to Allies.

LONDON, May 20.—In sharp operations around Loere, French troops made an important advance on a front of more than two miles and captured more than 400 prisoners, according to Field Marshal Haig's report from British headquarters in France tonight.

PARIS, May 20.—Active artillery fighting near Hangard, on the front near Amiens, is reported in today's official statement. Northwest of Rheims a French detachment penetrated to the German third line, taking prisoners.

Opposing Gunners Active.—The official statement from the War Office for Sunday reads: "The artillery on both sides was active north of the Avre. French patrols were active in the sector of Hangard, and captured prisoners. "Enemy surprise attacks against our positions on the Lower Ailette, in the Argonne and in the Woëvre, were broken up by our fire. We brought back prisoners in raids east of Rheims. "French and Italian troops have made an advance on the western end of the Macedonian front, the War Office announced.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, May 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—The French troops, who are fighting along the Northwest of Rheims, carried another of their whirlwind attacks to a successful conclusion in the Flanders battlefield, and have thereby advanced their line along a 4000-yard front in the Loere sector. Several hundred German prisoners have thus far been brought in. The prisoners have been sent on the happy road to the French rear. No attempt was made to push forward to a great depth, and all objectives were gained. As a consequence there has been a decided improvement in the allied positions.

LONDON, May 20.—The German artillery developed increased activity last night along the front between Albert and Bucquoy, the War Office announced. "We captured a few prisoners yesterday as a result of a successful raid carried out in the Albert sector," says the statement. "A raid attempted by the enemy north of Hinges was repulsed with heavy loss to the hostile raiding party. "The hostile artillery activity increased considerably last night on the Albert-Bucquoy front."

By the Associated Press.—The allied armies are not permitting the Germans to get set for a serious blow at the western front. Here and there along the line there have been sudden blows at the German positions and in all of them ground was captured by the allies. The French have done the most of this work. On the front east and northeast of Loere, on the northern side of the Lys salient in Northern France, and just to the west of Kemmel, where some of the most intense fighting of the war has been going on, the French have advanced their line over a two-mile front. Far to the south, near Rheims, the French have advanced into the enemy's positions as far as the third line of trenches.

Heavy Firing Reported.—The Australians on the front before Amiens have been active and have improved their positions. Heavy artillery firing is reported from several points along the front, it being especially severe near Hangard and south of the line near Amiens. The Germans also report heavy cannonading in the region of Kemmel. The American sectors have been the scenes of fierce aerial battles. The American suffered a severe loss when Roul Lufbery, of Wallingford, Conn., one of their most famous air pilots, went to his death in a brilliant encounter above the city of Toul. In the Italian theater of the war, the fighting in the mountains east of Brenna River continues, reports telling of struggles on the slopes of the mountains.

The French troops in Macedonia have taken the offensive near Lake Ochrida and have advanced to a depth of more than 12 miles in some places. The subject of this operation appears to be the straightening of an awkward salient in the line. A new German army, led by General von Below, is reported to have been definitely located in front of Arras. This army is said to be made up of units which were not thrown into the great battles on the Somme and along the Lys, and it is believed that it has been brought up to the Arras front to meet the coming attack on the allied positions at that point. The German reserves are undergoing intensive training far behind the actual fighting front and are expected to reach the front in time for the next smash at the allies. It is pointed out that the German attack March 21 was timed so that the Germans were able to take advantage of the bright moonlight for several nights. The moon now is just past the phase which signified the advance from St. Quentin and Cambrai, and the long-expected attack may be launched at any time. German submarines are carrying on unrestricted warfare against Norwegian fishermen. Five Norwegian vessels were recently sunk in the Arctic and a Russian mail steamer was shelled, numerous casualties resulting.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, May 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Parts of Northern France have become within a short period thickly populated with American training troops, and great American training camps and depots are springing up where two months ago only British khaki was normally seen. American Thoroughness Apparent.—The outstanding impression of American organization may be summed up in one word—thoroughness. One is conscious at every turn of the resolve of the Americans to fight until victory is achieved. Intensive training is being tirelessly carried out in combination with the British and French. Large formations are steadily being drafted to augment the Americans already in the fighting line, and these are immediately being replaced by still larger numbers.

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IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES MARK BEGINNING OF WORK ON SOUTH PORTLAND RECREATION PARK AT MARQUAM GULCH.



GULCH TO BE CLEAN

Children's Recreation Center and Playground Assured.

FIRST EARTH IS TURNED

Appropriate Ceremonies Under Auspices of South Portland Improvement Club Conducted on Site Before Hundreds.

After four years of struggle and argument on the part of progressive Portland citizens, a children's recreation center and playground is to be established in Marquam Gulch, South Portland, in the center of Portland's most thickly populated district. The programme consisted of an invocation by Rev. Joshua Stansfield; a song, "My Own United States," by pupils of the Pilling School; talks by Mrs. Kelly, Little Miss Sophie Rosensteln raised the American flag to the top of a large tree, which had been bared of its branches for the occasion. The programme consisted of an invocation by Rev. Joshua Stansfield; a song, "My Own United States," by pupils of the Pilling School; talks by Mrs. Kelly, Wilkie C. Dunaway, campaign manager of the South Portland Improvement Club; J. C. Smith, Marshall N. Dana, and by A. Rosensteln, president of the association. Mayor Baker reviewed the history of the fight for the project, praising those who took the lead in it. The "Star-Spangled Banner," played by the band and sung by all present, closed the ceremony.

Grading in preparation for the playground will be started this week. It is planned to fill the bottom of the gulch considerably and to build tennis courts, a baseball field, swimming tank, play courts for both boys and girls and a community building. The realization of the idea was made possible a year ago by the authorization by the voters of funds to be used for this purpose, and a few months ago the City Council made provisions for the expenditures in the annual budget.

GATEMAN IS DISMISSED

J. E. PERRY, OF BROADWAY BRIDGE, TERMED INEFFICIENT.

Captain Asserted to Have Distributed Political Literature Indorsing One County Commissioner.

Captain J. E. Perry, gateman on the Broadway bridge, was dismissed from the county service yesterday by order of County Commissioners Mack and Holbrook. Inefficiency was the cause assigned for the dismissal. Captain Perry was sponsor for a political ticket which gained wide circulation during the last week of the primary campaign under the signature of the Federation of Patriotic Societies. It was said by the commissioners that he was devoting a portion of his time while employed by the county in passing these tickets out to passersby along the Broadway bridge. It was said about the Courthouse yesterday that Captain Perry will contest his dismissal and a lively meeting is predicted at the board meeting tomorrow morning. The ticket circulated under the direction of Captain Perry included one indorsing for County Commissioner. It recommended the re-nomination of County Commissioner Rufus C. Holman.

SHOOTING IS MYSTERY

EMIL SCHMIDT BLAMES SOLDIER FOR NIGHT ATTACK.

Victim Is Improving at Local Hospital, and Probably Will Recover—Wife Questioned by Officers.

neighbor's and started home about midnight. A short distance from his home he met a soldier pushing Schmidt's motorcycle. He asked the soldier what he was going to do with the machine. Schmidt says the soldier cursed him, then fired four shots at him. The first shot took effect in Schmidt's stomach,

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ordered to report to his board on Saturday. He did not report, and that's how it came about that he was taken in custody yesterday by Charles R. Grilain, of the Department of Justice. Person was lodged in the county jail and will be taken to Camp Lewis today by a Federal agent. The delinquent registrant is 28 years old and has for some time been employed as gardener at St. Vincent's Hospital.

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