

CLIMAX OF BATTLE
MAY FOLLOW LULL

Theory Held That Allies and Germans Are Preparing for Crucial Grapple.

SALIENT'S APEX HAMMERED

Day's Activities Suggest That Foch's Plan Is to Force Enemy Out Rather Than Hold Him in Pocket.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—Behind the apparent lull in the struggle around the Aisne-Marne salient today, the high command of the allied and German armies may be setting the stage for the decisive battle of the war.

In that event, it seems more than likely to observers here that the fourth anniversary of the conflict will see a flame of fighting raging from east of Rheims to the North Sea; but with the crucial conflict in progress somewhere just north of the Marne.

There is nothing as yet in reports to show General Foch's plan. Flickers of fighting have occurred to the north that may have more than local significance behind them.

There is some evidence of a feeling here that a sufficient American army has not yet been assembled in France to warrant passing definitely to offensive tactics.

It was recalled today that General March recently indicated to members of Congress that this was not to be expected till later in the year. Conditions have changed greatly at the front since then, however, and only developments will show how decision has been made.

Tables Turned on Foe.—At first it appeared as if the fierce counter-attack launched by General Foch on the western side of the Aisne-Marne salient was intended only to offset the German effort to encircle Rheims and further exploit the menace toward Paris.

As success followed success for the Franco-American troops, and as the Italians and British joined, the nature of the operation changed.

It was clear that the tables had been turned on the enemy and that the nutcracker tactics he had attempted to apply to Rheims were in turn being applied to his armies.

The enemy was quick to realize his danger. Behind a stubborn rear guard he drew back across the Marne and today was apparently still struggling northward out of the depth of the pocket in which he had been caught.

To save his advanced forces here, reserves have been called to hold apart the jaws of the great trap until the armies of the Crown Prince could escape.

Yesterday the advance of the British northward from the region of Rheims aroused hope among officials here that the allied forces might be able to spring the trap. The lull today seemed to indicate General Foch was not prepared at this time to press his advantage to his full power in that direction.

Salient Apex Under Pressure.—The pocket is not yet sufficiently narrowed at the top to prevent withdrawal of the German armies falling back from the Marne, officers believe.

That the main pressure of the allied troops today was rather against the blunt apex than against the extended sides of the salient was indicated by an indication that the supreme commander was bent on forcing his opponent out of the pocket rather than to trap him in it.

Should General Foch feel that he should still wait the coming of more American troops to give added preponderance in numbers, he might be expected that he would continue to harry the retreating enemy flank and front, exploiting his present victories to the fullest possible extent and forcing the enemy to decide upon making a stand.

When that line was reached or approached, however, a sudden transfer of allied offensive to the Picardy or more probably the Flanders front would be natural.

ALLEGED AUTO THIEF HELD

Andrew Anderson in Custody While Officers Make Investigation.

Andrew Anderson, a machinist, aged 19, was arrested yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Abbott and Officer O'Halloran at East Twenty-eighth and Gladstone streets on a charge of larceny. A conversation overheard by the officers in reference to a Hudson Super-Six that was stolen in Portland more than a year ago led to his arrest.

Such a car was stolen in Portland and the machine was never found. It is said, it is believed by the officers that Anderson has the car concealed near his home, which is at Forest Grove. The prisoner also is charged with the theft of a motorcycle. Officer O'Halloran left for Forest Grove to investigate and return the machine, if found, to the rightful owner.

Drafted Men Feted.

TWIN FALLS, Ida., July 26.—(Special.)—A big public demonstration was held here tonight for 70 drafted men departing for Camp Lewis. All stores closed and hundreds of people accompanied them to the station. At the station citizens passed through a crowd with a large flag taking a collection. Several hundred dollars were tossed into the flag and sandwich money for the departing men. The contingent was in charge of E. P. Natvig, chemist and athletic teacher in the local high school last year.

SUNSET SUNDAY RASPUTIN "The Tied Monk"

"He is the only man who yields most completely to his desires," Rasputin's creed.

WAR CORRESPONDENT OF THE OREGONIAN HOME FROM SIX MONTHS WITH OREGON TROOPS, IN FRANCE, AND PAGE FROM HIS NOTE BOOK FILLED WITH MESSAGES TO RELATIVES.



MAC RAE WILL TALK

Soldiers' Friends and Relatives May Ask Questions.

RECEPTION TO BE MONDAY

Verbal Messages From Oregon Men in France Will Be Delivered and Details of Their Daily Life Related.

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There never has been a time from the moment the regiment left Camp Mills until I left it in France that the whole regiment was together. Yet because they have rules and regulations in the Army and because Colonel May and Captain Logus, the regimental adjutant, were on the job all the time, I was able, through the weekly reports each company had to send to headquarters to keep in touch with the men. Until a month and a half ago some members of the regiment had never seen France. It is no secret; they were receiving their training in England.

I know that more than one mother will be eager to know about the men who dropped temporarily out of the game through being almost smothered by the fumes of ammonia gas. It will be interesting to hear how their men have recovered from this trying ordeal.

Third Oregon Is Broken Up.—Of course you must know that the division the troops from the Pacific Northwest were in is now a replacement division. That means the old Third Oregon has been stripped of its commissioned and non-commissioned officers. They, the officers and non-commissioned officers, are held together and until such times as the division becomes a combat division, they will be instructing the casuals who arrive in France from America. The enlisted men of the regiment, as the casuals occur at the front in the various organizations, are sent forth to the fighting line to replace the sick or injured.

It was a sad blow to the regiment to be made into a replacement regiment. They were all good soldiers, however, and what the men felt they did not express. They played the game. The Third Oregon soldiers, like all of the American soldiers in France, have only one wish. That wish is to get to the front and fight.

Just the day or two before I left the place where the troops were billeted a large number of non-commissioned officers, reflecting the desire of all of those in the regiment, waited on Colonel May. And what do you suppose they wanted? Only to be reduced to the rank of privates! What for? So that they could become casuals and be sent to the front. That is the spirit of the entire regiment and, in fact, the whole division.

This was the fate meted out to one of the very best lots of soldiers that ever shouldered a rifle or that ever crossed any sea. It was, man for man, better than any division that has sailed off to fight in America.

It was just a little the best division that was ever brought together in this or any other war ever fought, or any war that is yet to be fought.

SOLDIER ADMITS GUILT

Portland Boy Is Sentenced to Two Years in Alcatraz.

TACOMA, Wash., July 26.—(Special.)—Private Floyd D. Kraus, of Portland, in the miscellaneous company, Quartermasters Corps, Camp Lewis, pleaded guilty today at a court-martial trial to a charge of having stolen an automobile for joy riding with companions. He was sentenced to two years' imprisonment at Alcatraz Island. Private Floyd D. Kraus, of Salt Lake, was sentenced to three years for pleading not guilty, and Private Matt J. Beseke, of Butte, was given eight months in the guardhouse for the same offense.

The three soldiers stole a car at Green Park belonging to Stewart Tait and drove it to Chehalis. On the return trip they ran out of gasoline and abandoned the car, then stole one belonging to E. L. Simmons, a traveling salesman of Portland. Simmons' car was driven back to camp and hidden in the woods.

Army Orders.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 26.—The following orders were issued by the Western Department of the Army here today:

Major Julius C. Peterson, Coast Artillery Corps, having completed his duties here, will return to his station in the coast defenses of the Columbia.

Second Lieutenant William G. Parrott, aviation section, signal reserve corps, Mater Field, Sacramento, will proceed to Camp Fremont for duty.

CAR FOUNDRY ENLARGED

EXTENSIONS MADE TO TURN OUT BIG FEDERAL ORDER.

PORTLAND-SEATTLE CONCERN TO BUILD 2000

for Government and 200 for Southern Pacific.

While busy constructing 200 freight cars for the Southern Pacific Company, the Pacific Car & Foundry Company, of Portland and Seattle, is hastening building extensions, and calls for supplies of materials required for the handling of the Government contract for 2000 cars, recently allotted it.

The company has just completed construction of 400 freight cars for the Northern Pacific Railroad. It is busy all the while also on the manufacture of logging trucks. Extensive jobs of car repair work are done at the Seattle plant of the concern.

It was said yesterday that extensions and equipment additions to the big Portland plant, best known as the Twoby Brothers plant, near East Sixtieth street, will mount in cost to near \$100,000. New sheds, truckage and equipment are needed for the handling of the 1000 cars to be built at the local plant for the Government. The company's order for cars is being equally divided between the two plants it operates.

In the next few weeks it will be necessary for the Portland plant to engage several hundred additional workmen. It is expected that expeditions handling of the initial Government order will insure large future contracts for cars for the railroad administration.

LEGAL OPINION SOUGHT

ACQUIRING OF UNITED RAILWAY UNDER CONSIDERATION.

Mayor Baker Seeks Advice With Regard to Financing Purchase of Portland-Linnton Line.

A legal opinion from City Attorney LaRoche on the issuance of public utility certificates to be used in acquiring the old United Railway line for a municipal line was requested by Mayor Baker at a conference held yesterday.

Three plans are open to the city, in the event that it is finally decided to operate the line from Portland to Linnton. The first is outright purchase or lease of the property from the United Railway, the second is condemnation in the event that the railway and city officials cannot agree as to price and the third is application of the common law.

Judge C. H. Carey, representing the railway company, told the members of the special committee appointed by Mayor Baker to secure financing for the line that the city is to operate the line.

Judge Carey maintained that if the issuance of certificates was not too large, the line could be made to pay.

JUNIOR FROLIC TO LURE

RED CROSS CHILDREN TO PICNIC AT PENINSULA PARK.

Programme Includes Competitive Work in Games, Musical Numbers, Dinner and Other Novel Features.

The members of the Junior Red Cross units of the playgrounds of Portland will picnic today at Peninsula park. The activities of the day are in charge of various committees appointed by Playground Director Botsford.

From 11 o'clock until 12:30 the members of the various units will engage in competitive work in games and on the apparatus. The programme for the games is being handled by Harry Campbell, of Peninsula park, Miss Beatrice Doty, of Laurelhurst park, and Miss Jennie Huggins, of Forestry park. The apparatus work is in charge of Miss Edna Metcalf, of Lincoln park, and Miss Edna Agler, of Berkeley park.

The children will have a picnic lunch at 12:30 o'clock followed by a programme of song arranged by Miss Florence McElroy, of Sellwood Community house.

Dr. Esther Lovejoy will tell the children of some of her work in France. Miss Millard, of the Children's department of the Portland Public Library, will tell a story, after which the children will engage in folk dancing under the direction of Mrs. Alta Travis, of Sellwood park.

34 SUCCESSFUL IN TESTS

Sixty-Three Patrolmen Examined for Sergeant of Police.

Thirty-four patrolmen on the Portland police force successfully passed

the recent examination held for sergeant of police, according to announcement issued yesterday by O. C. Forrester, secretary of the Municipal Civil Service Board. Sixty-three men took the examination.

The successful men and the grade received are as follows:

R. L. Crane, 87.75; S. B. Vessey, 86.55; B. F. Sherwood, 85.25; R. L. Oesch, 84.80; C. M. Canon, 84.00; H. A. Lewis, 82.82; A. E. Mass, 82.75; J. J. Keenan, 81.95; D. T. Koller, 81.82; A. F. Clemens, 81.77; William C. Epps, 81.50; H. C. Bales, 81.45; W. A. Barker, 81.25; G. H. Murray, 80.60; R. L. Schod, 80.30; W. Padrick, 79.27; J. W. Marelock, 78.55; William Morris, 78.57; W. H. Brumling, 78.50; F. M. Mallon, 78.00; R. E. Burke, 78.07; F. M. Rich, 78.75; E. Burke, 78.12; E. P. Park, 78.10; H. M. Niles, 77.80; M. J. Spaker, 77.82; W. W. Wright, 77.81; R. P. Hunt, 76.65; P. R. Johnson, 76.32; A. Rudolph, 76.42; P. R. Johnson, 76.32; A. Hanson, 75.72; L. K. Evans, 75.37; P. D. Hepper, 75.50.

HOME BEER POPULAR

Spokane Householders Skirt on Thin Edge of Law.

Stores Offer Formulas

Hardware Merchants Do Big Trade in Empty Bottles and Machinery for Putting on Metal Caps.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 26.—(Special.)—Half a dozen large breweries in Spokane were closed January 1, 1918, according to law, but in their places hundreds of small individual breweries have sprung up.

Today practically every drugstore in Spokane is prepared to furnish patrons with a printed formula for making homemade beer and the hardware stores of the city are reaping a small fortune from the sale of bottling equipment.

Even on the formulas furnished by the drugstores is printed the name of a dealer and grower of hops and patrons are solicited to send for that portion of the composition with which to make the "homemade brew" which, incidentally, may contain more "kick" than the beer turned out by the large breweries.

Some hardware stores of Spokane, in bidding for the trade on bottles, caps and equipment with which to put on the caps, have arranged large displays in their windows.

The bottle caps are being sold for 10 cents a dozen or three dozen for 25 cents, and, although the price is high, one dealer declared that his store has sold upward of four gross a day for the last couple of weeks and that the sale was improving steadily.

The machine to put the caps on the bottles is sold for \$5, although a different style, which is used with an ordinary hammer but which the hardware dealer kindly explained is "not nearly as fast as the \$5 machine," is also displayed.

Customers are warned about not making the beer too "hard," as it is liable to blow up the bottle and injure the maker, since it ferments rapidly.

To date the police authorities have taken no steps in the matter of "homemade beer," although the law is plain that beer containing more than 1 per cent alcohol cannot legally be kept in the state.

"The law provides that homemade beer must not contain more than 1 per cent alcohol and that it must be for the personal use of the maker and cannot be sold or given away," declared R. R. Christian, a deputy in the Internal Revenue office, today. "This office will gladly take up any cases where there is a violation of the law."

ALBANY RESIDENT PASSES

Felix Dodele, Oregon Pioneer of 1869, Dies in 70th Year.

ALBANY, Or., July 26.—(Special.)—Felix Dodele, resident of Oregon for almost half a century, died this evening at his home here, aged 70 years. Born in Brussels, Belgium, he came to America with his parents when 9 years old and resided in Illinois until 1869. In that year the family came to Oregon and located near Wells Station, in Benton County. He lived there until 10 years ago, when he came to Albany, residing here continuously since.

He was a member of the lodge of United Artisans, at Wells. He is survived by his widow, one son, George Dodele, of Albany, and two brothers and sisters, all residing in this section of the state.

Grain Inspector Wanted.

ASTORIA, Or., July 26.—(Special.)—The Port of Astoria has made application to the Public Service Commission for the appointment of a chief deputy grain inspector and for weigh-

ers and samplers of grain in Astoria. The new million-bushel grain bins are to be ready for business on August 17. Nearly all the space has been contracted for.

Astoria Company Incorporated.—ASTORIA, Or., July 26.—(Special.)—Articles of incorporation for the Central Company, Inc., were filed in the County Clerk's office today. The incorporators are F. L. Warren, C. R. Higgins and C. A. Smith. The capital stock is \$12,000. The company will engage in a general business and erect buildings.

Casualty Letters to Be Marked.—WASHINGTON, July 26.—Delivery of letters from chaplains, members of the American Red Cross and others to the families of American soldiers killed overseas, recounting the circumstances under which the man died, is to be expedited under a plan announced by General Pershing. Hereafter such letters will be marked with a small cross

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