

PORTLAND ADVERSE TO CLOSING ORDER

Adoption of Resolution by Defense Council.

ENFORCEMENT IS DEFERRED

Business Organizations Meet and Frame Telegrams of Protest to Both State and Congressional Executives.

Protest against the resolution of the State Council of Defense ordering Sunday and 6 o'clock closing of merchandise stores broke in such a storm in Portland yesterday that temporary toher 7 was promised.

The suspension concession was made by Chairman W. F. Woodward and Secretary John K. Koilock, of the State

fourth liberty loan. The purpose is that this committee may complete in-vestigation of the proposal and present recommendation, based on its con-lusions, to the Council of Defense. The protest hearing before the lib-

erty loan executives as judicial arbi-ters was the third gathering of the day convened to consider phases of the drastic closing resolution. The resdrastic closing resolution. The res-olution calls for the closing of all mer-chandise stores at 6 P. M. during the week, at 9 P. M. on Saturday and all day Sunday. The selling of medicines by drugstores and the business of restaurants is excepted.

Telegraphic Protests Filed.

During the day opposition of business interests crystallized not only in the hastily called meetings but later poured forth in a flood of protest to State and Congressional executives and dele-gations have been named to call upon Governor Withycombe in person today.

The big conference hearing was held at 4:39 o'clock in the assembly-room of the Portland Hotel. Edward Cockingham, chairman of the liberty loan executive committee, presided, and it was at his suggestion that the Council of Defense members present agreed to the six-day delay in making the resolution effective. It was at the request of affected business interests and be-cause of the bearing the closing rule would have on liberty loan subscrip-tions and payments that this body as-sumed the judicial role.

Conference of the liberty loan exec-utives with representatives of the re-tall interests and of the Council of Defense was announced for 11 o'clock today. If the advisory body can com-plete its inquiry it is expected to place nendation in the hands of the a recor council at once.

Resolution Declared Unfair.

admission that such closing restrictions as proposed for Oregon are being tried out in but two or three or Federal power, but merely upon the will of the pobple concerned. "The act rests on Bo law whatever," said Mr. Woodward. "You can disre-

gard it and disobey it as you will" On this point, however, he had stated that the Council of Defense would leave no stone unturned to bring the clos-ing regulation into effect.

At 2 o'clock the Anti-Blue Law League held a meeting in the Sol Hart Cigar Company store. Between 50 and 60 retailers representing cigar, con-

region of Ypres. The capture of Dix-mude, if it is pressed for further gains eastward, will zeriously affect the German submarine bases on the North

Keeping up retentlessly their violent attacks from near the sea in Belgium to the region of Verdun, the Belgian, British, American and French troops Storm of Protest Follows are fast driving wedges into the enemy line, forcing him to retreat or defeat-ing him in sangularry battles. Appar-ently the German front is fast going to pieces under the impetus of the aliled blows.

In Belgium, between Dixmude and In Belgium, between Dixmude and Ypres, King Albert's men have pressed back the German front from four to five miles and taken 6900 prisoners. Ground that the enemy had held since the invasion of Belgium in 1914 has been restored to Belgian ownership, and at last accounts the allied forces were well on their way to the impor-tant junction town of Roulers.

To the south from the region east of Arras to St. Quentin the British, with he Americans fighting ca their right, everywhere have penetrated the Ger-man defences over the 55-mile front. The allied troops swept through the remaining portions of the Hindenburg line and are standing, according to the latest reports, virtually on the door-steps of Cambrai. More than 16,000 prisoners have been taken in this region since Friday.

Under the efforts of the British, Americans and French the Germans have been cleared out of the entire suspension of the limitation until Oc- Department of the Somme and part of the Department of the Ardennes now in in French hands for the first time since 1914.

Council of Defense, at conclusion of a In unison with the attacks to the north the french along the battle front north and northeast of Solssons have delivered fresh attacks, under which the Germans are in retreat north of the Aisne toward the Ailette, indicating that the enemy line soon must be readjusted east as far as Rheims, if not further. The French now are on the banks of the Ailette River at the

defense line soon must be passed by in retreat northward. Large numbers of reinforcements have been thrown into the battle in Champagne to halt the advance of the French toward the important junction town of Vouzieres, but General Gouraud's men have pressed northward from the region east of Kheims to the northern frienes of the Argenage for

Meantime the Americans also have advanced their front, capturing Brieulles-Sur-Meuse and Romagne, and at last accounts were progressing favor-ably northward along the Meuse valley and to the east of the Argonne forest, the turning of which by the combined forces of General Gouraud and General Liggett seems probable within a short

The Bulgarian delogates who are endeavoring to arrive at terms with the ailled forces under which Bulgaria will quit the war, have arrived in Saloniki,

but the Utalian, French, Greek, Serbian and British armies are keeping up their drive across Southern Serbia and into Bulgaria, Krushevo, the Bulgarian base 20 miles north of Monastir, has been captured by the Italians, in front of whom the Bulgarians are in rapid retreat. The Surphans have won the retreat. The Serbians have won the important mountain range of Flachko-vitsa, south of Kochana, while to the east the British and Greek forces have

W. T. Hume represented the Anti-Blue Law League of Portiand at the hearing. He drew from Mr. Woodward in the region of Lake Doiran and across the border in Bulgaria.

The losses of the Teutonic allies on the western front since the allied of-fensive began July 18, have been 200,000 men made prisoner, and 3000 guns, 20,000 machine guns and enormous quantities of material captured.

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fectionery, ice cream and grocery lines and men of political prestige were pres-ent. Reports of the appeals to Governor Withycombe were given, a pe-tition to him was unanimously signed, messages to Congressional Representatives were framed, a committee to visit Salem was named, funds were contrib-uted and a meeting to be held in the green room of the Chamber of Comerce building at 10 o'clock this morning was arranged.

Governor Urged to Act.

There was practically unanimous agreement among the league members, advised by Mr. Hume and the leaders, cigar, confectionery and billiard par-lor interests had been held at the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company's men in training for overseas service.

order, for the reason that enforcement of same would be a menace threatent ing the destruction of the small retail dealers and untold financial loss and injury to all wholesale dealers. "We are at all times cheerfully sup-porting the Government in the enforce-ment of all measures and activities made necessary by the war, but protect against a local measure which will in-flict such widespread business disaster of capture of boys in German uniform flict such widespread business disaster as to materially interfere with our financial support of Government war so far as those stories leave the infer-activities, and we respectfully solicit your official aid and influence to pre-vent the State Council of Defense from taking any action to enforce or fur-ther promulgate the order above re-us from the ther promulgate the order above re-ferred to. We appeal to you to protect us from threatened ruin."

Progress of the War.

(By the Associated Press.) American troops-boys from New

in the operations. Meanwhile to the south the British stormed the main Hindenburg defenses on the Scheldt Canal, crossed the waterway and gained the hills beyond, taking many prisoners.

To the north the British have their hands on Cambral, the important Ger-man base over which recently there has been so much fighting. The Canadians are in the northwestern out-Canadians are in the northwestern out-skirts of the city, while a naval divi-sion has reached the souhern environs. South of St. Quentin to La Fere the French have pressed forward their line and taken some 500 prisoners. Along the Chemin Des Dames the French have advanced their line for a distance of two miles conturing the highest

WALTER GLEASON, GASSED, HOME FROM FIRING LINE.

Lieutenant Discounts Storles That Germany Now Depends on Boys to Fill Field Ranks.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washadvised by Mr. Hume and the leaders, that the 6 o'clock closing restriction, then expected to become effective to-morrow evening, would be ignored. Earlier in the day a conference of

office. Protests of the various meetings of the day may be summarized in a quota-tion from the petition being transmitted to the Governor, as follows: "We do earnestly and

to the Governor, as follows: "We do earnestly and respectfully protest against the enforcement of such order, for the reason that enforcement of same would be a menace threaten-

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000, Destroyed St Utah.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Sep'. 29 .-

Zeller Commissioned Major.

DALLAS, Or., Sept. 29 .- (Special.)-Fred W Zeller, a former Dallas man, has been commissioned a Major and is stationed at a training camp in Texas. Major Zellar was employed as book-keerer in the office of the Oregon Power Company for seve. I years and during his residence in Dallas was a

Lieutenant in Company L, National Guard.



