

FOE FALLING BACK TO SHORTENED LINE

German Withdrawal Declared to Be Well Executed.

RETREAT DUE TO PRESSURE

Army Officers Say Enemy Lacks Resources to Make Stand on Extended Front.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—While the German retreat in Belgium has glittering possibilities, military opinion here is forced to the conclusion that what is in progress is a well-ordered and executed withdrawal, probably upon prepared positions.

The fact that reports from other portions of the front, notably from the Lille area and the sector southeast of Laon, also tell of retreats, gives the impression of a general withdrawal, but as yet no official information has come to indicate where the line upon which the enemy will attempt to stand has been established.

Army officials can take no notice of the numerous reports of an impending complete capitulation, giving the explanation that the German maneuvers in the field. They can describe those operations in very definite and well-developed plans of the German general staff.

Move Due to Pressure. It was said tonight that the enemy probably had begun the second phase of the withdrawal, being compelled to undertake as a result of unrelenting pressure by Marshal Foch all along the battle line.

There is reason to believe, however, that under the hammering of the allied and American armies the German high command has been compelled to make a compromise.

Instead of holding to the front lines until the new front was in complete readiness, it is regarded probable that the advanced positions are being abandoned in order to avoid encirclement and the retirement being made to defenses not far from the new line.

The genius of the German general staff is plainly shown, officers say, in the skill with which the withdrawal has been conducted thus far, which is still well ordered.

Belgian Situation Obscured. The situation in the Belgian contour is hazy in many respects, however, due to the swiftly changing nature of the lines.

The reports showing that the French were making good progress in clearing up the Oise-Serre pocket, southeast of Laon, attracted particular attention here. This narrow point of high ground between the two rivers, guarded by wide, marshy water lines on both fronts, has appeared to be the bastion on which the enemy resistance in the center rested.

It has been regarded as incapable of retention for any great length of time, as it is subject to a three-sided bombardment by heavy guns that eventually would force the evacuation of the enemy made this sector, however, a part of the Hunding line, and has been employing it to hold up the general advance in the center.

The collapse of this position presumably means a rapid straightening of the whole center of the front. At the wings of this vital part of the line American troops northwest of Verdun and Anglo-American forces at Le Chateau are hammering ahead toward the main communication lines that support the whole enemy framework.

Fierce Fighting Explained. This probably accounts for the stubborn resistance on both wings as compared with that encountered elsewhere. It was said.

The freeing of the Belgian coast will have little direct effect on the submarine situation, but may be of the greatest indirect value in furnishing the allied forces with new bases from which to operate anti-submarine patrols.

The German U-boat flotillas on the Flanders coast have been a thing of the past ever since the harbors were blocked by the British naval forces.

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quarters in Liberty Temple, the committee in charge of Portland's housing survey is now seeking volunteers to assist in tabulating the data secured, and soldiers in the offices of the Spruce Division have been given an opportunity to volunteer for the same duty. With the exception of but one or two precincts, all canvassers have finished their work, according to Chairman C. C. Colt, and the cards have been returned in an especially satisfactory condition. Few alterations have been found necessary.

The survey, while interfered with by the influenza epidemic and unfavorable weather, proved to be all that members of the committee had desired. Every vacant dwelling, apartment and room in the city of Portland is listed with the Permanent Placement Bureau, and as soon as the tabulation is completed the data will be available for those in need of accommodations.

Segregation and tabulation of precinct reports started last night with the aid of the following volunteer boys from the Spruce Division, who volunteered their services: Virgil Vargas, Bois P. Lambert, L. K. Heiser, H. T. Kraton, E. H. Barter, E. G. Gentry, M. K. Gillis, S. D. Archibald, Albert A. Levi, F. E. Streeter, C. E. Luke, Harold Moyer, N. K. Hichens, U. C. Bartholomew, H. O. Engel, E. R. Brumfield, M. Hadley.

GRAPE IMPORTS ARE EYED

FEDERAL PROBE MAY RESULT IN STARTLING DISCLOSURES.

Eight Prominent Oregon Men, Now in California, Said to Be Under Surveillance of Officers.

The internal revenue department of the United States Treasury has taken action, as the result of the large amount of grapes being shipped into the state of Oregon for the past few months.

As a result of the Government probe startling disclosures are expected. Officials of the department say that eight prominent Oregon men now are in California, where they have been for some time contracting with vineyard owners for 800 tons of grapes at \$130 a ton. If an effort is made to ship the grapes to Oregon it is probable that indictments may follow charging the consignor and consignee not only with violation of the prohibition law, but with an attempt to defraud the United States Internal Revenue Department.

It has been known to the department and the police, they say, that numerous Italians have manufactured a small amount of wine for their own consumption. Where no direct violation of the statute has been found it has always been the tendency of the department to deal leniently with offenders. However, the wholesale scale in which recent offenders have been engaged in making wine has attracted the attention of the Government and it is probable that drastic action will be taken in an effort to abate the evil.

DESERTER TO BE TRIED

Douglas County Finn Says He Left Camp to See Father Who Was Ill.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Oct. 18.—(Special.)—Oscar Anansa, a Finn, 23 years of age, and his brother-in-law, Wilho Koskela, of Dean Creek, Western Douglas County, are in the Marshfield City Jail, having been brought here last night from Reedsport by Special Justice Agent R. Bryan.

Anansa deserted from Camp Lewis the latter part of September and has since been at the home of his father, at Dean Creek. Koskela is held on a charge of aiding Anansa to avoid apprehension. The deserter is a man of little understanding of English and said he deserted after twice trying to obtain a furlough from his father, who was ill. His trial will take place tomorrow before United States Commissioner A. K. Peck.

\$10,000 DAMAGES CLAIMED

H. A. Morehouse, of Beaver Creek, Files Suit Against R. L. Badger.

OREGON CITY, Oct. 18.—(Special.)—Hattie Morehouse, a well-known manager of the Beaver Creek district, today filed a suit for \$10,000 damages against R. L. Badger, well-known farmer of the same section of Clackamas County. Morehouse charges defamation of character because of words said to have been uttered by Badger on the public highway in the presence of John Boland and Fred Hughes on August 2.

DALLAS BOY HAS HUN BUNK

Americans in Quarters Once Used by German Officers.

DALLAS, Or., Oct. 18.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. Ed F. Copad received a letter this week from their son, Lloyd, who is a member of the Sixth United States Artillery, the organization that was in the first gun in the war with Germany, saying he was in the thick of the fighting and that at the time of writing he was occupying a bunk in the quarters of the German officers who had previously held that part of the country.

Auto Collides With Train.

ROSEBURG, Or., Oct. 18.—(Special.)

JACKSON GOES OVER TOP

Loan Campaign Closes With \$15,000 in Excess of Limit.

EVERY VACANCY IS LISTED

Facilities for Housing Workers Now Are Available.

Your Money Goes Farther When You Save S. & H. Trading Stamps—Bring the Coupon Today

Our Christmas Goods Are on Display Make Your Selections Now

Specially Priced Today

Useful Christmas Suggestions

Imported French Village Pottery

Christmas Cards

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Ivory Pyralin

Do You Own a Gillette Razor?—Then a TWINPLEX STROPPER

Bliss' Native Herb Tablets

HAIR BRUSH—12 Rows bristles.

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Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets

MIRRORS, 75c to \$8.75

Every-Day Prices on Every-Day Needs

Table listing various household items and their prices, such as Denatured Alcohol, Castor Oil, Epsom Salts, etc.

SLUMBER SOX, for cold feet, priced, 25c to 75c

Woodard Clark & Co. Always "S. & H." Stamps First Three Floors

Hawaiian Steel Guitar and Ukulele

Seiberling-Lucas Music Co. 125 FOURTH ST. Portland's Big Music Store

Telephone Operators WANTED

Telephone operating offers many advantages to young women who are seeking employment at a good salary with opportunities for advancement.

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company Room 601, Sixth Floor—Park and Oak Sts.