

BRITISH LOSSES IN
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BOCHE LOSSES ENORMOUS

Germans Afraid to Disclose Extent
of Casualties to People at Home
and All Wounded Are Kept in
Belgium to Hide True Facts.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—British losses in men killed, wounded, captured and missing on the western front since the German offensive began March 21, are estimated here at nearly 250,000.

In a statement today giving this calculation, it is said everything indicates the offensive will be continued almost immediately, and that if the brunt of the attack is borne again by the British, the situation will become serious unless the British troops are supported by sufficient reserves.

Hun Losses Staggering.

This estimate would appear to be in remarkable contrast to the enormous German losses in the drive. The German War Office, of course, has not disclosed to the world what its losses in the great battle have been, but the estimates of allied observers have placed the loss of German life at a staggering figure. An inkling of how serious the German losses are came some time ago, when it was reported that the German military chiefs dared not disclose their extent to the German people and therefore were sending the wounded to Belgium.

"The casualties in the British army are emphasized," the statement says, "by the German wireless. Although figures from German sources would be undoubtedly much exaggerated, yet it is certain from the severity of the fighting and from the fact that the entire combatant forces of the British army have been almost continuously engaged, the British losses in proportion to reinforcements immediately available must be very heavy. It is probable that one would be approximately as accurate in quoting these as close on a quarter of a million."

New Offensive Imminent.

Everything points to the German offensive being continued almost immediately and should the brunt of the attack again have to be borne by the British, the situation will be undoubtedly serious unless sufficient troops are available close at hand in reserve to strengthen the line as required and bring relief to the British divisions who have been in the line almost constantly since the beginning of the present battle. Should the Germans determine again to attack in Flanders it is certain that any advance in the direction of the channel ports will be made at great cost to themselves over the bodies of the British army, who have so often shown in the past such bulldog determination in the defense.

As examples of what the British have gone through, two divisions lost a large percentage of their effectives. The 15th, a new division, in the fighting between March 22 and 26, lost 4000 men. Put in the fighting again, from April 10 to April 12, it lost 5000 more. Despite these losses, it was brigaded with the French for a counter attack, and still later it beat off four heavy German attacks.

Many Men Are Lost.

The 21st Division fought continuously from March 21 to March 23 and lost 4000 infantrymen of a total strength of 9000. Later it drove back a German attack in which five German divisions were engaged, and its losses increased to 4000.

Statistics such as these bring home to the military mind the terrible ordeal through which the British army is passing. Britain at this very moment is making the supreme sacrifice of endurance for right against might, and now, shoulder to shoulder with the famous French fighting divisions, is prepared to hold the German masses in check until the right moment arrives for the great revenge.

AMSTERDAM, May 4.—Two hundred and sixty-five trains full of wounded soldiers returning to Germany from the battlefronts in Picardy and Flanders, says the newspaper *Le Courrier de la Haye*, were counted in the days from April 2 to April 11 and April 12 on the Namur-Liege Railway. The transports were so crowded that the Germans were using open coal cars to carry the wounded.

Hospitals, convalescent homes and factories in Belgium, the paper adds, are all packed with wounded.

Official Casualty List.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—The casualty list today contained 84 names divided as follows:

Killed in action, 3; died of wounds, 5; died of accident, 4; died of disease, 8; died of other causes, 1; wounded severely, 24; wounded slightly, 80; missing in action, 1.

The list shows the following:

Lieutenant Wilson Marshall, Jr., of Bridgeport, Ct., died of accident.

Lieutenant Albert E. Johnson, of Collinsville, Ct., severely wounded.

Lieutenant Maurice S. Redmond, of Pittsburgh, Pa., reported missing in action.

Died of disease—Dewey Volney Bromley, of Ricketts, Wash.

A Marine Corps casualty list contains the names of one man killed in action, three dead from shell wounds and five slightly wounded.

The list includes:

Died from shell wounds—Private Harry Elton Clark, Tacoma, Wash.

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COMMANDING GENERAL AND HEAD OF WAR DEPARTMENT MEET
IN FRANCE.

GENERAL PERSHING AND SECRETARY BAKER.
General Pershing, commander-in-chief of our forces at the front, is directing the attention of Secretary of War Newton D. Baker to an American hoist on the docks at one of the A. E. F. base ports.

BOYS NOT TO BE SHOT

American Soldiers Pardoned
by President Wilson.

TWO SLEPT AT THEIR POST

In View of Extreme Youth and Un-
conscious Disregard of Duty,
Both Lads Ordered to Re-
join Their Companies.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—President Wilson's action today in pardoning two soldiers of the American expeditionary force who had been condemned to death by a military court-martial in France for sleeping while on sentry duty and commuting to nominal prison terms the death sentences imposed on two others for disobeying orders, was viewed by many Army officials as approval of the President of Secretary Baker's stand against the imposition of death penalty in the Army except in special cases.

Privates Forest D. Sebastian, of Eldorado, Ill., and Jeff Cook, of Lutie, Okla., were the men pardoned. In reaching his decision, the President took into consideration their extreme youth—the former being 20 years old and the latter 19—and concluded that they did not realize the seriousness of their offense and its possible disastrous results upon the unit to which they were attached.

Privates Olen Ledoyen, of Atlanta, Ga., and Stanley G. Fishback, of Connelton, Ind., were the men convicted for disobeying orders. Their sentence was commuted to three years in the Federal penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and they will be brought to this country for imprisonment. Details in these cases have not been made public. The soldiers are 19 years old. All four of the men were volunteers in the regular Army.

The President's action was in line with recommendations made to him by Secretary Baker, who made a full investigation of the cases after the sentence of the court had been reviewed and approved by the Judge-Advocate General.

Secretary Baker previously had gone on record against the adoption of any general rule for the imposition of the death penalty for military offenses.

BIG CONSIGNMENT SHIPPED

Kalama Sends Out Quantity of Red
Cross Supplies.

KALAMA, Wash., May 4.—(Special.)—The largest shipment of Red Cross supplies ever sent from Kalama or from Cowlitz County in one month was dispatched from here April 26. It contained 70 bed quilts, 48 feather pillows, 100 sweaters, 300 hospital bed shirts and 150 pajama suits.

In honor of the event there was a meeting in Kalama in the afternoon of representatives from the auxiliaries of the chapter at Ariel, Cougar, Carrolls, Woodland and Pigeon Springs in Cowlitz County, and Grays River, Altona and Puget Island, in Wahkiakum County, together with local Red Cross workers. As a result of this meeting the chapter is now on a better working basis than ever before.

Many of Kalama's auxiliaries are in remote districts, and one representative, Mrs. Kate Leavers, of Cougar, rode 25 miles by stage to Woodland in order to attend. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jenkins, of Pigeon Springs, drove 30 miles over mountain roads in order to be here.

MRS. W. F. MEISSNER DEAD

Portland Woman Survived by Four
Sons and Three Daughters.

Funeral services were held Tuesday for Mrs. William F. Meissner, who died recently at the age of 74 years. Interment was in Riverview Cemetery.

Mrs. Meissner was born in Germany in 1849, and came to America in 1858. She was married to William F. Meissner in Germany, before coming to the United States. They located in Grundy County, Iowa, near what is now the town of Reibek. During those days there were no railroads west of the

MISSISSIPPI RIVER, AND THE NEAREST
SHIPPING POINT WAS DUBUQUE, 109 MILES
DISTANT.

In 1892 the family moved to Chicago, where Mr. Meissner died on December 25, 1901. Two years later Mrs. Meissner returned to Reibek and lived there until 1913, when she moved to Portland.

Mrs. Meissner is survived by four sons and three daughters: Ernest Meissner, of Colony, Kan.; John Meissner, of Portland; Will Meissner, of Reibek; Dr. Herbert Meissner, of Oregon City; Mrs. Louise Hauser, of Portland and Misses Ella and Lillie Meissner, also of this city.

BAKER FAIR CALLED OFF

In View of Abnormal Conditions
Commercial Club to Save Money.

BAKER, Ore., May 4.—(Special.)—At the meeting of the board of directors of the Baker Commercial Club Wednesday evening it was decided, in view of the abnormal conditions, not to hold the event each year, but rather to make the annual event an industrial and agricultural exhibit, with a county school fair in connection. The event to be held at some suitable place uptown instead of the fairgrounds and at a later date in the fall than the fair is usually held.

Since the County Court a few years ago cut off the county fair appropriation the Commercial Club has staged the event each year, financing it by popular subscription. In view of the many demands made on the people in support of the Government in the war it was the unanimous opinion of the directors that no effort should be made this season to raise money for the fair.

ROAD BOND ISSUE INDORSED

Yakima County Would Expend
\$185,000 for Paving Work.

YAKIMA, Wash., May 4.—(Special.)—A proposed road bond issue of \$185,000 by Yakima County has been indorsed by D. W. Twoby, of Spokane, the Federal reserve agent in such matters in this state, according to W. L. Dimmick, chairman of the Board of Yakima County Commissioners.

Though formal approval of the bonds will follow consideration of the matter in Washington and San Francisco, Mr. Twoby's statement that the Government's policy is to approve road construction to facilitate crop movements is regarded here as decisive of the question whether or not the road will be built this year. The inquiry affects seven and a quarter miles of pavement, contract for a new camp. Underbrush caught fire and burned over the women on the matter of the parade.

Parade to Precede Drive.

SPOKANE, May 4.—(Special.)—A parade of 3000 Spokane women in Red Cross garb, May 18, two days before the opening of the Red Cross drive, will be one of the features of the month in Spokane. For the purpose of getting the women organized for the parade and captains and lieutenants named, a mass meeting of Spokane women has been called for next Tuesday morning. Mrs. Charles S. Alber will address the women on the matter of the parade.

Fire Destroys Silver Lake Home.
CASTLE ROCK, Wash., May 4.—(Special.)—A fire at Silver Lake Thursday in the vicinity of old Camp 4, destroyed the residence of Clinton Riley and a shack and contents occupied by Johnny Martin. The fire was caused by a coal from a donkey engine which was moved to a new camp. Underbrush caught fire and burned over the women on the matter of the parade.

SHIPBUILDERS FIND RELIEF
FOR CREOSOTE POISON

SHIPBUILDERS and workers in the shipyards will welcome the news that an effective remedy has been discovered for the troublesome skin affection, known as Creosote Poison, which has become prevalent with the unusual activity in this industry.

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The application of Santiseptic to the skin gives instant relief from itching and irritation, is cooling, soothing and comforting. It is a remarkable healing preparation, and may be relied upon for unusual results in all affections of the skin. In order to insure a healthy and attractive skin men use it after shaving and women for the complexion and for baby's tender skin.

Santiseptic is easily procured at most drug stores, a good sized bottle costing but fifty cents. If your druggist cannot supply it, his name and twenty-five cents in stamps or coin, sent to the manufacturers, the Ebanco Laboratories, Portland, Oregon, will secure, postpaid, large introductory bottle—Adv.



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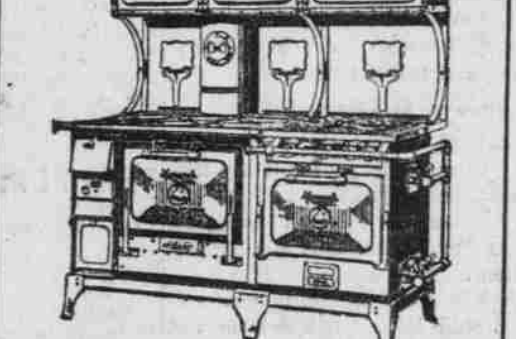
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