

GREAT HUN DRIVE SWINGS TO WEST

French Yield After Inflicting Heavy Losses.

750,000 GERMANS ENGAGED

Huns Seek to Crush Soissons Salient and Gain Paris Via Marne and Oise.

RHEIMS YET UNCAPTURED

American Troops Arrive in the Battle Area, Ready to Go In, if Necessary.

PARIS, June 1.—Heavy attacks by the Germans are reported in the War Office announcement tonight. The French troops offered strong resistance, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy and giving ground only where they were opposed by overwhelming numbers.

(By the Associated Press.)
With their left wing touching the Marne and their right linking up with the battle front at Noyon, the Germans in their new offensive are hammering the allied line apparently with the hope of crushing in the Soissons salient and opening up the way to Paris by way of the Marne and the Oise. They are reported to be using nearly three-quarters of a million men in this effort.

Although the enemy occupies the northern bank of the Marne for a stretch of a dozen miles east from the vicinity of Chateau Thierry, he seems to have made no serious attempt to force a crossing, the only efforts in this direction being made in small forces. These were repulsed by the French.

Enemy Pushes Westward.
The main trend of the enemy effort is westward and with this purpose seemingly fully developed, General Foch is disposing his forces to resist it. Already the French seem to be in considerable strength in the path of the Crown Prince's drive west of the Soissons road to Chateau Thierry.

The Germans at last reports had succeeded in penetrating from two and one-half to nearly four miles at points west of this road. They were stopped for the time being, at least, at Chaudun, three miles from the road, which the French first lost and then retook in desperate fighting, and likewise before Chouy and Neuilly, to the south.

Just below Soissons the Crown Prince's troops were forced back on the Crise River, which runs on a north and south line through that town. In the engagements on this front several hundred prisoners were taken by the French and in the Soissons fighting especially the Germans suffered terrific punishment.

Near the Marne in the vicinity of Chateau Thierry, an important rail-

DECISION REACHED IN TELEGRAPH CASE

WAR LABOR BOARD TO ANNOUNCE FINDING TODAY.

William H. Taft and Frank P. Walsh Preside at Hearing of Dispute at New York.

NEW YORK, June 1.—After a discussion lasting more than five hours the National War Labor Board reached a decision here tonight in the dispute between the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies and some of their telegraphers over the right claimed by the operators to join the Commercial Telegraphers' Union, but withheld announcement of the decision until tomorrow.

Presided over by former President William H. Taft and Frank P. Walsh as joint chairmen, the board, including in its membership five representatives of employers and a like number of organized labor, heard the complaint of the telegraphers' union that two companies have insisted on the right to discharge employees who join the union, while the Western Union actually has dismissed some of its men.

A decisive vote was taken, of which the chairmen declined to give any intimation until they have reviewed the record of the day's proceedings. They promised to do this before leaving tomorrow afternoon for Scranton, where they will attempt to settle a strike of street railway workers.

WHITE IS WITH PERSHING

Former Adjutant-General Now at Field Headquarters.

George A. White, former Adjutant-General of Oregon, who resigned to enter active field service as Major and Adjutant-General of an American artillery brigade in France, has been transferred to General Pershing's headquarters staff, at the general headquarters of the American Army.

Word of his transfer was received in Portland yesterday. Major White still has the rank and duties of an Adjutant-General. An Adjutant-General of Oregon he made a remarkable record of efficiency that was responsible for putting Oregon first in every call of a military nature.

MAJ. FLEET TRANSFERRED

Captain Weidenbach Named Supervisor of Airplane Mail Service.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—Captain C. A. Weidenbach, of the Signal Corps, United States Army, who has been transferred to General Pershing's headquarters staff, at the general headquarters of the American Army, was appointed by the War Department as supervisor of the airplane mail service between Washington and New York, it was announced.

He will succeed Major Reuben H. Fleet, of Aberdeen, Wash., who has been transferred to a California flying school.

GERMANY'S NAVY ACTIVE

Unusual Assemblage in Heligoland Bight Reported.

COPENHAGEN, June 1.—Fishermen returning from the North Sea, according to the Stifte-Tidende, report an unusual assemblage of German war craft in Heligoland Bight.

The fishermen also say there is unusual reconnaissance activity by German vessels well up the Jutland coast.

CONCRETE SHIP RATED A1

First Voyage of Faith, Tested by Storms, Highly Satisfactory.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 1.—An A-1 rating as to seaworthiness was given to the concrete steamship Faith in the report filed here today with underwriters, of a marine surveyor who noted the conduct of the vessel on its first voyage, which included considerable storms.

SOLDIERS' DRILL IS KIND THAT COUNTS

Faculties Quickened by Strenuous Work.

RACIAL SPIRIT SHINES OUT

Americans Reveal Patriotism Without Alloy.

BOYS TOILING TO PURPOSE

Twenty Miles of Pounding Gravel Is Daily Feature of Training Oregon Men Are Getting at Finishing School.

BY WILL G. MACRAE.
(Staff Correspondent of The Oregonian with the American Forces in France.)

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 3.—There is something very human—as human as war itself—about the attitude of men preparing and training as soldiers. It strikes one that in nothing are we so much the creatures of our surroundings as in war.

This is that period when one gets, full blast, the meaning of that famous phrase, "The spirit that quickens." One sees it on the faces of the men as they march to and from the drill field; one sees it in the faces of the men as they entrain for other fields, for their eyes gleam and they seem to say: "At last, it is soon to be our turn." The quality of this appeal causes a tightening of the vocal cords, for in one's heart one knows it is that of the thoroughbred racial and National spirit of a people without alloy—that inbred patriotism which, though young in centuries, has created a distinctive civilization.

These then are the breed of soldiers—men who put in nine strenuous hours of drill a day, walk six miles twice a day and from the drill ground before the retreat bugle is sounded. It is this kind of drilling that the Oregon troops are getting at this "finishing" school. "That 20 miles of pounding in the gravel sounds fierce, doesn't it? It perhaps would be if the great objective were obscured, as it was in the mess, tumbling and muddle of 1916. I know it sounds ominous, and it would be, perhaps, but the company commanders and the squad leaders make it their special business to see that it isn't all work and no play.

Drilling is Real King.
During the drill hours, while there are no periods of absolute rest, there are work-play periods. To be sure, there is no time for "rolling your own," or for a quiet sprawling rest on the grass. There is something doing every moment. Either the men are hurrying through a short period of close-order drill, just enough to remind them that there are such commands as "Squads Right" and "Squads Left," or there is a bayonet drill.

The bayonet drill these soldiers had at the different training camps at home was a milk-and-honey drill compared to the bayonet drill of today. It isn't all parry and lunge. It is too thrillingly real for that. While the big N. C. O., just back from the training school, is urging the men to put "pep" in their drill, the captain and his lieutenants, their eyes quick to detect any pair putting too much realism in the work, are moving up and down the line of lunging, plunging, perspiring men, uttering low-spoken words of caution.

Yesterday, while drilling, Private MacMahon, in private life an office boy on The Oregonian, forgot that across from him at bayonet drill was his

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UKRAINE AFLAME IN WILD REVOLT

Rising of Peasants in Full Swing.

INSURGENTS DESTROY CROPS

Germans Turn Artillery on Rioting Populace.

ATTEMPT MADE TO DISARM

Peace Terms Presented to Delegates of Soviet in Negotiations at Kiev Are Rejected and Conference Adjourns.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—(Special.)—A Swedish press report from the Petrograd Telegram agency saying that in the Ukraine a revolt of the peasants is in full swing, was made public by the State Department today.

The peasants are setting the woods on fire, destroying crops and refusing to surrender their agricultural implements.

German soldiers are attempting to disarm the peasants, in some cases using their artillery on the insurgents.

Peace Demands Presented.
The State Department was also advised through Stockholm that the Ukrainian delegation in conference with the Soviet republic's delegates, meeting to negotiate peace, has presented at Kiev the following demands:

Withdrawal of all troops of the Soviet republic from the territory of the Ukraine and that military operations cease.

Restoration of all Ukrainian citizens and the restoration of their property which has been seized by Russian authorities.

Restitution to Be Made.
Return to the Ukraine of all railway material which the Soviet government had seized.

Appointment of an Ukrainian to supervise the execution of the foregoing terms.

The Soviet delegates accepted the Ukrainian delegates' conditions in principle and proposed that hostilities should cease before the official conclusion of the armistice. The Ukrainian delegates refused this condition and the conference adjourned.

Destruction of Fleet Proposed.
Another report from Kiev via Vienna, received by the department asserts that the sailors' congress, which represents the Black Sea fleet at Novo Rossisk, decided to destroy the fleet in which there are two battleships of large type, nine torpedo boats and 10 other war craft before German forces could arrive. It was decided not to destroy the merchant vessels.

Fate of Ships Unknown.
The department has not been advised whether the Russian warships in the Black Sea actually have been destroyed.

Berne, June 1.—As the result of a conflict for the possession of the legation premises here between the former diplomatic representatives of Russia and a Soviet delegation that recently was admitted to Switzerland, the Swiss authorities have sealed up the legation quarters, excluding both parties of contestants.

Ship Employes Get Rise.
WASHINGTON, June 1.—Flat increases of \$20 a month to all chief stewards and chief cooks and \$15 a month to all other members of the steward's department on Atlantic and Gulf vessels were announced today by the shipping board.

TWO U-BOATS SUNK WITHIN HALF HOUR

U. S. DESTROYER DOES EFFICIENT WORK SINGLE-HANDED.

Two Enemy Submarines Destroyed Almost Within Sight of the French Coast.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, June 1.—Destruction of two submarines within half an hour by an American destroyer off the coast of France was reported today by an American ship arriving here from the war zone.

The U-boats were sent down almost within sight of the French coast, it was said.

The destroyer was one of a number conveying American troops. The first submarine was sighted some distance off, members of the ship's crew said, and the destroyers gave chase, dropping depth charges near where the U-boat had submerged. There were evidences of a hit, it was said.

As the destroyer was returning to her position in the convoy, another submarine came up near a transport, the account said.

The troop ship opened fire while the destroyer dashed in. The submarine quickly submerged, but the destroyer let go another depth charge, which resulted in evidence that the U-boat had been hit.

CLEW TO CONVICT FOUND

State Police Think Baldwin Was Seen at Sweet Home.

ALBANY, Or., June 1.—(Special.)—Members of the State Military Police telephoned to Sheriff Bodine today that after talking to people at Sweet Home who had seen the man supposed to be Jeff Baldwin they are positive they are on the trail of the much-wanted convict. This man turned off the transmountain wagon road at Foster and took a trail through the big bottom country. This leads over the divide between the two branches of the Santiam and Gates.

NEW RATES ALARM GROWER

Orchardists and Shippers Meet at Seattle to Prepare Protest.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 1.—(Special.)—Washington apple orchardists will be driven practically out of business if the new freight rates announced under the schedule of Director-General McAdoo are not modified, according to representative growers, distributors and shippers from Wenatchee and Yakima, who met here today to enter an immediate protest with request for suspension of the rates to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

HUN PLANES BOMB PARIS

Several Explosive Charges Dropped and Few Persons Are Hurt.

PARIS, June 1.—Enemy airplanes attacked Paris this morning. Several bombs were dropped and a few persons were wounded. The alarm was sounded at 12:05 A. M. and the enemy machines were vigorously bombarded.

The all-clear signal was given at 2:06 A. M.

AUTOMOBILES FOR SOLDIERS WANTED TODAY

A request through the National League for Woman's Service has been made for automobiles and drivers to take soldiers and sailors in Portland today over the highway and on other scenic roads around the city. Those who have machines and who will donate their cars and time to give the men a holiday are urged to report as early as possible after 10 o'clock this morning at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Club in the Royal building, Morrison street near Broadway.

\$3,000,000 LOSS IN ARSENAL FIRE

Two Warehouses at St. Louis Burned.

ENEMY ALIEN IS IN CUSTODY

Austrian Captured Within Stockade of Plant.

EXPLOSION STORY CURRENT

Fifteen Million Yards of Khaki Cloth and 15,000 Service Hats Reported Destroyed in Flames.

ST. LOUIS, June 2.—Warehouses Nos. 23 and 24 at the United States Arsenal here were destroyed by fire shortly before midnight with a loss of Army equipment stored there estimated by the police at more than \$3,000,000.

Numerous other warehouses were threatened by the fire, which early this morning were under control, every available fire fighting facility in the city being called out to combat the flames, which threatened more than \$5,000,000 worth of Army supplies within the large depot.

One Arrest Made.
A report was current that the origin of the fire was incendiary and substance was given to this belief by the taking into custody by the police of an Austrian enemy alien, who was captured within the stockade shortly after an explosion was heard, which is believed to have started the fire.

An explosion is said to have partially wrecked one of the warehouses. Details of the conflagration's extent or cause are meager, as military authorities immediately took charge and throwing a heavy guard of soldiers around the enclosure, refused to admit only the fire fighting units.

Khaki Cloth Destroyed.
Officers of the quartermaster's department said early today that more than 15,000,000 yards of khaki-cloth for Army uniforms, valued at more than \$3,000,000 was destroyed.

Fifteen thousand soldiers' service hats were also lost.

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Grammar School Graduates to Train at Spokane and Pullman.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 1.—Calls for 102 registrants in the state of Washington to take mechanical instruction at Spokane under military direction, and 309 registrants for the same purpose at Washington State College, Pullman, were received by local draft boards from the War Department.

Both contingents must be made up of grammar school graduates who have mechanical experience and aptitude. Those reporting at Spokane will be given a modern automobile school course in mechanics, while those going to Pullman will be trained in blacksmithing, auto mechanics, truck driving, carpentry and radio work.

GIRLS WILL SELL CIGARS

Retail Stores at San Francisco Put Skirted Clerks to Work.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 1.—Girl cigar clerks made their appearance here today in downtown cigar stores, from a reserve detachment of 100 or more young women trained by two of the large tobacco retail firms to take the place of men called into service.

PICTORIAL SIDELIGHTS BY CARTOONIST REYNOLDS ON SOME EVENTS IN THE PAST WEEK'S NEWS.

