

FARMERS COOPERATE; LABOR SHORTAGE IS THEREBY PREVENTED

Labor Commissioner Reports
This Feature Outstanding
in Situation Well in Hand.

FUTURE OUTLOOK IS O. K.

Many Temporarily Employed Will Be
Released in Time to Take Part in
the Harvesting of Fall Crops.

Salem, Or., Aug. 21.—The splendid spirit of cooperation among the farmers was the biggest single factor in averting a serious labor shortage which threatened as the harvest season approached, according to Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff, who today issued a mid-season survey of the crop, labor and wage situation in Oregon for the months of April, May and June, and a forecast of the labor situation for August and September.

The danger of a shortage in the late fruit and hop harvests is not past, points out Commissioner Hoff, but he says present indications seem to point to a satisfactory solution of this difficulty as in the case of the grain harvest.

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"There are thousands of skilled mechanics temporarily employed in the construction of military automobiles, where they were attracted by the unusually high wages offered by the government in this emergency, who will be released in time for the prune, apple, pear, peach and hop harvests," predicts Mr. Hoff. "Then, in recognition of the critical state of the situation, the opening of the schools for the fall term has been postponed almost everywhere throughout the state, in order to permit children to go into the fruit orchards and hop fields and assist in the harvest."

Factors in relieving the labor shortage, points out Commissioner Hoff, were the agricultural extension service of the O. A. C., working through the medium of the county agricultural agents, the public employment bureau and the United States employment service of Portland, and the state labor bureau working through the medium of the local granges and farmers' unions. Strikes in other industries, particularly the lumber, released men who sought employment in the harvest fields, says Mr. Hoff.

Speaking of the labor market generally, Commissioner Hoff says that, through the medium of the 19 private employment agencies of Portland, for men exclusively and the two public agencies, working in cooperation with his department, an aggregate of 24,408 men were furnished employment in Oregon and contiguous territory in Washington during the months of April, May and June of this year. Of this total, 17,112 secured positions through the private agencies and 7,296 through the free public bureaus.

Demand Greater Than Supply
During the corresponding months of last year employment was furnished to an aggregate of 27,364 men, showing a deficiency this year of 2,956 per cent in supply in proportion to the visible demand, points out Commissioner Hoff. He estimates there is a 40 per cent shortage of labor in the leading industries.

Commissioner Hoff finds that the advances in wages in the last year, more particularly in the last four months, ranged from 14 to 70 per cent in various industries.

The greatest increase prevailed in the logging industry, where an average increase of 40 per cent is noted for all classes. He cites other increases as follows: Sawmills, 23 per cent; planing mills, 25 per cent; engineers, 28 to 30 per cent; wood cutting, 29 and 30 per cent; hard and soft woods, respectively, 30 per cent; 42 per cent; boat cooks, 48 per cent; road construction and maintenance, 20 to 24 per cent; flunkies, 49 per cent; kitchen help, 38 per cent; porters, 50 per cent; mercantile clerks, 49 per cent; office clerks, 60 per cent; janitors, 50 per cent; truck drivers, 30 per cent; teamsters, 18 per cent; mechanics, 30 per cent; and common laborers, 20 to 22 per cent.

Man and wife cooks for logging camps average a wage increase of 50 per cent.

ALLIES JOIN IN MOST GIGANTIC ASSAULT OF WAR

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General Serrail would shortly come into the great plain, arms, timing his blow to best advantage.

Picked German Troops Defeated
Paris, Aug. 21.—(U. P.)—German picked troops were flung violently but vainly against the French positions on the French fighting line last night. At three places on the Chemin des Dames special stormtrooper battled desperately to loose the French grip around Verdun. General Pellain's fighters repulsed assaults of the most violent nature.

All French ground was held, the official statement declared today. "At Cerny plateau the Germans attacked at three points twice," the official report asserted. They were repulsed and flied back to their trenches with heavy losses.

"German attempts at Hurtelise likewise failed."
"On the front north of Verdun the Germans carried out an energetic riposte blow. There were counterattacks of the most violent nature, notably at Avocourt and Maurieres Wood, which were all broken up in the face of the French troops. We kept all our gains which we are now organizing. The Germans fled heavily."

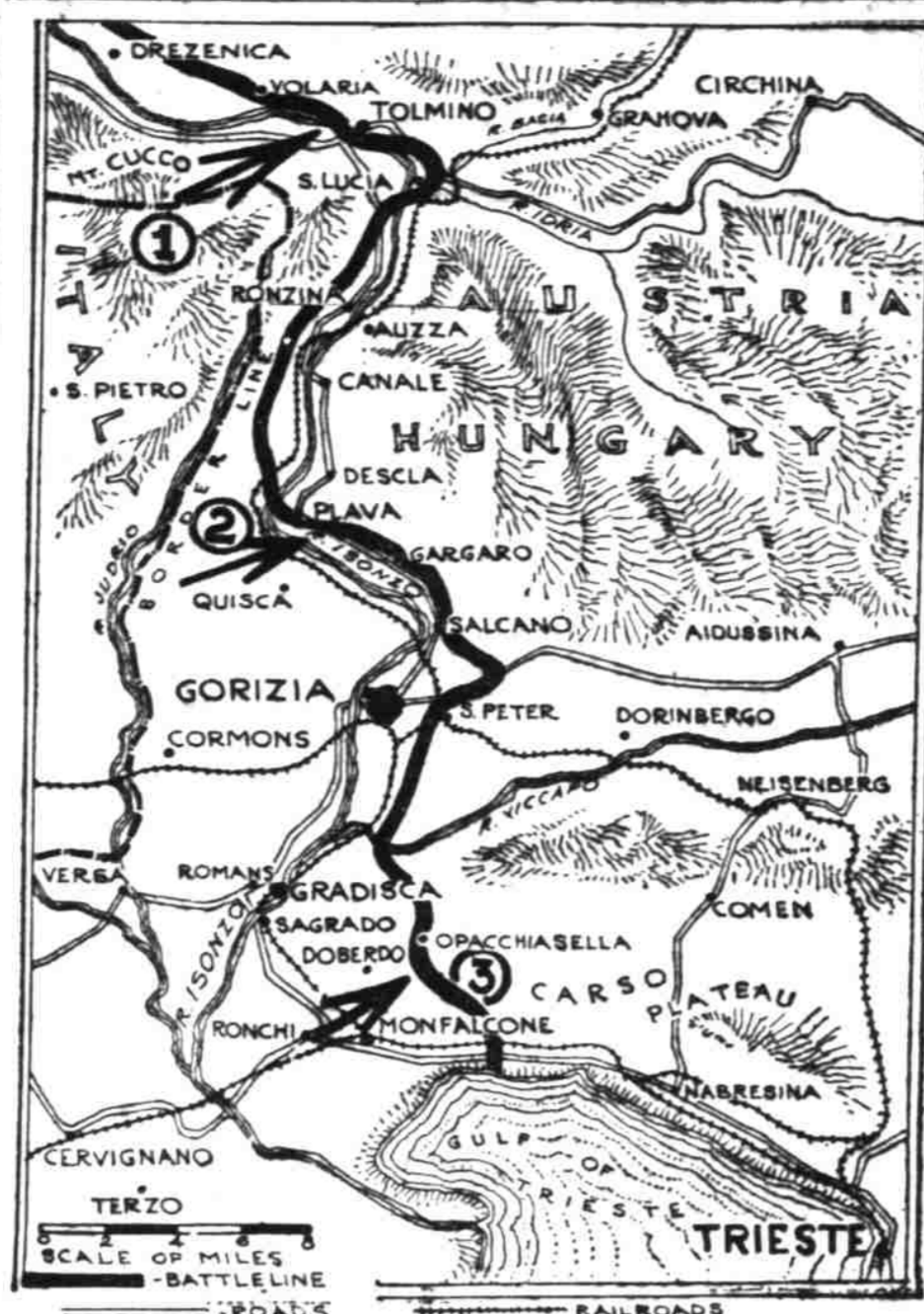
"Yesterday over 8000 unwounded prisoners and 116 officers were captured."
"German aviators bombed the French

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WHERE ITALIANS ARE ATTACKING THE AUSTRIANS



The Italian-Austrian battle line from Trieste northward, showing the Carso plateau and the Isonzo river where the Italians have attacked the Austrian lines with great success.

rear, especially a camp of German prisoners, who suffered severely from their bombs.

French aviators bombed stations in Belgium and at Loulers and other points. French flyers dropped bombs over the Verdun region and at Bizieux, Fleville and the Hantsevillie ammunition depot. At the last-named place an ammunition depot was set on fire. On August 20 French pilots brought down 21 German machines, nearly all of which were utterly destroyed.

Similar dispatches today laid emphasis on the ferocity of the German counter blows. They were delivered apparently with every resource of guns and of men that the German war chiefs could muster. Specially picked, trained men fought madly to eject the French from their gains. The battle was continuing throughout today.

Counter Attacks Are Repulsed
London, Aug. 21.—(U. P.)—The third and most powerful of all counter attacks by the Germans to regain ground captured by the British southwest of Epehy was thrown back by the British fire early today, Field Marshal Haig reported.

The assault was made after violent artillery preparation and behind a vast sheet of flame thrown by German projectors. The fighting was of the most violent character.

"We hold all positions," was Field Marshal Haig's comment in detailing repulse of the enemy attempt. The British commander in chief reported an "improvement" in British positions north of the Voras-Menin

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FOOD COMMISSIONER URGES PROPER CARE IN SHIPPING MEATS

Waste in Past 16 Months Has
Been 18,426 Pounds, Be-
cause of Lack of System.

AGENCIES ARE PROTECTED

Caustic Telegrams Pass Between Of-
ficial at Salem and Chairman of
Insurance Committee of Fleet.

With the purpose of eliminating a large source of waste, J. D. Mickie, dairy and food commissioner, has written some directions for farmers and butchers to follow in shipping meat. Especially during hot weather meat is apt to spoil while being shipped and Mr. Mickie offers expert advice on how to prevent it. He has written the following letter to The Journal:

To the Editor—Would you kindly give me space in your valuable columns to space a word of caution and advice to farmers who are preparing dressed meats to be sold in Portland and other cities within the state. A great amount of this meat is condemned and ordered destroyed because of reaching the market in such a condition that it is unfit for food. This is not only a direct loss to the farmer who ships it, but in such times when we are exercising every effort in the line of food conservation, it is a loss to the consuming public, and we feel a great deal of such loss could be avoided if farmers and butchers would properly prepare their meats, taking necessary precautions to see that it reaches the market in the best possible condition.

P. E. Chase, chief meat inspector of Portland, informs me that during the last 16 months there has been condemned 18,426 pounds of meat that was killed and dressed by farmers, and this condemnation has not been on account of a diseased condition of the meat, but simply on account of what is termed "spoiled meat." We feel that if farmers and butchers will ob-



These are the simple facts of the case, and I guess I ought to know.
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serve the following requirements much of this loss can be eliminated:
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Second—All carcasses of veal should have two sticks, one in the forehead cavity, the other in the abdominal cavity, so as to spread the carcass and keep it apart. In hogs weighing over 200 pounds it would be well to have them split through the hips and shoulders, as hogs sour very quickly during hot weather. Thoroughly wash the inside of the veal with hot water and wipe with a clean cloth until all slime and dampness is thoroughly removed; the sprinkling of cayenne pepper on the inside of the carcass tends to prevent the work of flies.
All carcasses, except veal, must be wrapped in a hoar cloth before being offered for shipment.

PRACTICALLY ENTIRE WEST FRONT IN MIDST OF TERRIFIC BATTLE

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hinge on their famous Meuse retreat position. The drive comes exactly two weeks after the English attack in Flanders threatened the German northern hold on the coast.

While these two huge offensives developed today, the battles of Verdun, Lens, Arras, St. Quentin along the Aisne and at Moronvilliers continued with unabated intensity. Germany made her supreme effort in concentration of men and artillery in the 1916 assault on Verdun. No offensive had ever reached the intensity of this one, but the French assault of today, in the identical sector, had surpassed it.

Artillery Keeps Night Light

The combined French and German artillery brought into the play of death, is probably the greatest concentration of weapons for a single attack the whole war has yet seen. During Sunday night's final artillery preparation by the French, although it was cloudy and the French military poles strictly forbade the slightest glimmer of artificial light, I was able to leave Verdun at midnight and proceed to an observation point, a greater distance from the city than Douaumont, as my way was lighted by countless thousands of gun flashes.

Artillery kept the night continually light. It was as though a million lightning flashes blended into one cataclysmic shock. The artillery gave

effort to wither the advancing wave of French troops.
They also rushed up fresh divisions from far to the rear and flung those prodigally into the battle.
The German concentration of artillery massed to combat the enormous number of French field pieces was estimated by German prisoners today to equal the maximum artillery concentration for Germany's assault on Verdun in 1916.

Engine Strikes Auto; Eight Deaths Result

Five Persons Instantly Killed Near
Saybrook, Conn., and Three of In-
jured Die, Only One Yet Living.

Prisoners who poured back behind the lines in a steady stream today were authority for the statement that an average of a hundred Germans deserted each day during the week's fearfully concentrated French artillery preparation for the attack. They declared the effect of the French shells as nerve-shattering. Germans in the front line trench were half crazed from the inferno of noise and death around them. Scores crawled away from their positions rather than face the French bayonets after such an artillery pounding.

Not only was there the greatest concentration of artillery in the war's history at Verdun, but an unprecedented use of gas by the Germans in their efforts to stem the French attack.

Fresh Divisions Are Used

Enormous quantities of the newest and deadliest German gases were released, both throughout the French artillery preparation and the actual infantry attack.

The enemy even attacked in a sort of gas barrage and fields of gas in an



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