

SHORTAGE IN FIRE DEPARTMENT FORCE INCREASES HAZARD

Chief Dowell Comments on Seriousness of Situation That Confronts City.

Fire Chief Dowell and other fire bureau officials are uneasy over the shortage of men in the department. A large fire at this time might be difficult to cope with, according to Chief Dowell, because not only is the department short 25 men, but many of its members are inexperienced fire fighters.

The men are leaving the department daily for more remunerative positions. We cannot compete with the shipyards, paying far greater wages than we do. The people of Portland do not appreciate the seriousness of the situation," said Chief Dowell.

The city council considered the shortage in the fire bureau recently but were powerless to give relief because of shortage of funds. Therefore, an amendment to the charter was prepared and if passed by the people will increase the salaries of men receiving less than \$100 by 15 per cent and those receiving less than \$125 will receive a 10 per cent increase with the provision that none in this class be paid more than \$125 monthly.

The measure is classed by the council as a war emergency measure because the fire department is necessary for the protection of not only the city at large, but the war industries along the waterfront. Unless relief is given, Commissioner Bigelow said, new industries will refuse to come to Portland to establish factories, because the risk would be too great.

GERMANY MAKING DEMANDS ON DUTCH

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many is holding the mailed flat over Holland to enforce sanction of supply shipments through that country into Belgium.

In her desperate efforts to drive to a decision on the west front, Teuton diplomacy is once more showing its ruthless disregard for the rights of neutrals.

The situation appeared fraught with war possibilities, but there was a strange dearth of official news here concerning developments.

If war comes, Germany would undoubtedly seek to plow through Holland, opening a path to Belgium, which she wants for troops and supplies. Holland's border is well protected by highly trained troops, but it is doubtful that the Dutch would withstand long any serious attempt at invasion.

Would Lose Her Colonies
It is held certain here that Holland will not agree to Germany's demands unless she is willing to sacrifice her neutrality.

Holland knows that if she throws her lot in with the Germans, the allies are

in a position to take virtually all her ships and her colonies. Hence the little neutral's position becomes gravely dangerous, if the British have succeeded in bottling up the German U-boat outlet at Ostend and Zeebrugge, Germany is forced to take drastic action in Holland or see her submarine campaign utterly fail.

German designs on The Netherlands are of long standing. Some years before the war German influence sought to drive a measure through the Dutch parliament to fortify the mouths of the Scheldt—thus affording protection against attack from the sea. This was aimed at Great Britain and England protesting so strongly as to constitute a virtual ultimatum and the bill was defeated.

German Agents at Work
Military experts here believe that unless allied forces are sent to Holland's aid, it would require scarcely more than 500,000 Germans to overrun the little country.

This would depend on Holland's determination, however, literally to "sink or swim." The scheme of defense of the little neutral embodie concentration of her forces in a restricted area—"the Holland fortress"—comprising the provinces of North and South Holland with parts of Zealand and Utrecht. Two thirds of this area is surrounded by the sea. On the land side are strongly established military works, rendered exceedingly difficult of attack by inundations.

The German land approaches to the Holland fortress, Amsterdam is well fortified and there also are inundation protections which might preclude successful attack by the Germans. Control of inundations has not been entirely in military hands, however, and the fear is expressed here that Germany's long arm of intrigue may have stretched to the point where the flooding of the country to prevent invasion may be jeopardized by German agents.

Ministers Are Called Home
Amsterdam, April 25.—The German minister to Holland has left The Hague for Berlin and the Dutch minister to Germany has left Berlin for home, according to an announcement Wednesday in the Helvolk.

The reported severance of relations between Holland and Germany follows an ultimatum delivered at the Hague several days ago in which Germany demanded, according to dispatches, that Holland permit the passage of war materials as well as civilian supplies through that country.

It was likewise reported that Germany proposed to send military forces through The Netherlands. Statements from allied capitals at the time declared that the allied governments would be able to cope with the situation.

Oppos. Cut in Age Limit
Amsterdam, April 25.—(U. P.)—The minister of defense declares the situation renders necessary the maintenance of the maximum age for landsturm.

The cable may refer to some agitation for reduction in the age limit of members of the landsturm, the last military reserve.

Tin Plant Burned, Huns Blamed
Wilkesbarre, Pa., April 25.—(U. S.)—German agents are blamed for the complete destruction by fire of the Tretaway tin factory at Parsons early today. The company fixes the loss at \$500,000.

The factory covered five acres of ground and was working on war contracts.

PORTLAND LEADS THE WORLD IN GIVING FOR RELIEF OF ARMENIANS

J. J. Hansacker, Secretary of Oregon Relief Committee, Receives Telegram.

Another "Oregon first" record has been made by Oregon and Portland in subscriptions for Armenian relief. J. J. Hansacker, secretary of the Oregon Armenian relief committee, has received the following telegram from the national Armenian relief committee at New York:

"Oregon leads America in Liberty loan. Portland leads the world in per capita contributions to Armenian and Syrian relief. Other cities follow rapidly. Earnestly hope every county in Oregon will complete its quota during the week of April 28 to May 4, enabling us to report Oregon once more a world leader in good works. Many thousands are now being fed and saved from starvation by money already received from Portland and other Oregon cities, but Portland's greatest contribution has been to challenge other cities throughout the United States. Likewise Oregon's greatest contribution will be to challenge America as soon as the remaining counties are in line. Cablegram today from Jerusalem reads: 'Five thousand refugees families visit Gethsemane and Calvary. Price of bread is price of life. Dollars or deaths!'"

Orphanage taxed to capacity. Our representatives spent Easter in Jericho welcoming old Armenian friends as they crossed the Jordan after three years' deportation in Syrian desert. Following are some of the expressions from exhausted exiles during first ration distribution in Jericho: "God bless America!" "God sharpen King George's sword!" "Your kindness first we have known in three years." "Can we find work in Jerusalem?" "Where can we exist?" "Touching scene to see bereaved refugee families visit Gethsemane and Calvary. Price of bread is price of life. Dollars or deaths!"

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GERMANS RENEW ATTACKS ON AMERICAN SECTOR

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partment declined to indicate how much of a strength we have injected.

The Teuton smash south of the Somme is likely to go the route of Germany's other blows to date—advance for a time and then come to a complete block. This was how military men sized up the prospects today.

Amiens Hun Offensive
The new drive has the actual capture of Amiens as its main objective apparently. The first objective, Villers-Bretonneux, is still being fought for, but behind that place the terrain is such as to give the defenders an advantage; and unless the defense line recedes too much the Teuton will find his progress

THrift STAMPS and WAR SAVING STAMPS on Sale at Business Office, The Journal

beyond Bretonneux anything but easy going. American army men are disappointed that resumption of the battle found the allies still on the defensive. But they rely so thoroughly on General Foch that they believe he has some surprise strategy in store which makes an allied stroke, inadvisable at this moment.

California Artillery at Front
Paris, April 25.—(U. S.)—(By mail.)—California is contributing the first American batteries of field artillery to go into action in the big fight.

The artillery regiments now on the march to Picardy also include a number of boys from Iowa and Washington, but the greater part of the personnel is composed of sons from the Golden State, the majority of whom were the first to respond to the call for volunteers and entered the army in March, 1917. Among them are widely known men from San Francisco and Los Angeles.

They are some of the best artillery units in the army. Assembled during April, they were sent to camp at Roswell, N. M., where they received their preliminary training. The following month they were transferred to the big camp at Albuquerque, where they received a rigid training in the handling of French seventy-fives that have proved so deadly in breaking up German attacks and which proved so deadly to the Germans at Verdun.

By the end of September the boys had taken their places as artillerymen of the first degree and one of their batteries in a marksmanship contest won the first prize, beating the oldest gunners in the game.

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for the finishing touches in a 10 weeks' course. After that they embarked for France. They have already made a name for themselves on their own front and may be depended upon to duplicate their success on the Picardy front.

Red Guard Troops Marauding in Amur

London, April 25.—(U. S.)—Red Guard troops (Russian Bolsheviks) are marauding along the Amur railroad, mistreating travelers, according to an agency dispatch from Peking today. The marauders are also active along the Amur river, dismantling steamers.

The foregoing cablegram evidently refers to the railway running northward from Vladivostok, in Amur province, which borders Northern Manchuria.

Germans Want U. S. To Win War, Is View

Topeka, Kan., April 25.—(U. S.)—The people of Germany—millions of men—are hoping and praying that America will win the war," Governor Bamberger of Utah, a German-born American, declared here today.

"The real people of Germany, the slaves of autocracy, are bound down by iron rules. The only relief offered them comes from America—America victorious in this great conflict," he said.

British Capture Two Towns in Macedonia
London, April 25.—(U. S.)—A successful large scale raid by the British and the capture of two villages on the Macedonian front is recounted in Tuesday night's Paris war office commu-

unique. The text of the statement follows: "West of Dorian the British penetrated the Bulgarian trenches on a wide front, destroying dugouts and inflicting heavy losses on the defenders.

"A mobile column reconnoitering north of Devoli drove the enemy from the line of heights dominating the right bank of the Urba, taking the villages of Sals and Strelga and capturing prisoners. "Enemy attacks in the Cerna Bend were repulsed."

PUT OLD ENEMY TO UTTER ROUT

Tells how to lift off that touchy corn without hurting one particle

Hospital records show that every time you cut a corn you invite lockjaw or blood poison, which is needless, says a Cincinnati authority, who tells you that a quarter ounce of a drug called freestone can be obtained at little cost from the drug store but is sufficient to rid one's feet of every hard or soft corn or callus.

You simply apply a few drops of this freestone on a tender, aching corn and the soreness is instantly relieved. Shortly the entire corn can be lifted out, root and all, without pain. This drug is sticky but dries at once and is claimed to just shrivel up any corn without inflaming or even irritating the surrounding tissue or skin.

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Men may be leaving this week, next week, every little while. They will be singing. You can hearten their songs by buying a Liberty Bond. You should buy a bond and another bond. Buy them today! You should buy with a song in your heart.



- Keep the home fires burning Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag
- My sweetie I don't care to live in any marble halls
- Valse in A flat
- Polonaise in A flat major
- I hate to lose you For the two of us
- A baby's prayer at twilight—Fox-trot
- Liberty Bell—Fox-trot
- My Hawaii (You're calling me)
- "O Sole Mio" (Hawaiian instrumental)

- Oscar Seagle {A6028 \$1.50
- Samuel Ash {A2511 75c
- Percy Grainger {A6027 \$1.50
- Robert Lewis {A2508 75c
- Samuel Ash {A6029 \$1.25
- Prince's Band {A2509 75c
- Louise, Ferera, and Greenus

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\$8.95

\$8.95 \$10.95

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