GERMANS APPEAR UNDECIDED JUST WHERE TO STRIKE

Prisoners Give Different Versions of Plans for the Next Offensive on Western Front.

MACKENSEN IS IN COMMAND

British Continue to Make Gains in Minor Operations; German Guns Keep Up Bombardments.

London, May 24.—(U. P.)—Bombardment of various British sectors and continued raiding operations were reported by Field Marshal Haig today.

"Hostile artillery was active last night west of Lens and in the neighborhood of Festubert," the statement said. "The Nieppe forest sector was bombarded by gas shells.

"We took a few prisoners in a successful raid southwest of La Bassee and in a patrol encounter north of the Ypres-Comines canal.

"A few men are missing as the result of an enemy raid north of Hill 70 Thursday.

"An attempted enemy raid early last night failed in Iveluy wood."

By William Philip Simms

With the British Armies in France, May 23.—(U. P.)—(Night.)—The Germans themselves disagree as to the time and place of resumption of their offensive.

Some enemy prisoners say the next assault will be in the north, with Calais as the objective; some say Amiens and Abbeyville will remain the objectives, while others say the Rheims area will be the scene of the next drive. Still others have heard rumors of combinations of all of these. The one thing that most of them agree on is that Field Marshal Mackensen will be in charge of the next move.

Huns Work Ruse on Own Men

Stories are told of German ruses to keep up the morale in the interior, from where most of the recruits are now being trained. Most of these recruits are told they are wanted only for work behind the lines. But the drafts no sooner reach the battlefield than they are split up among the divisions needing men to replace casualties.

The broiling sun early today hid its face over the battlefields. Heavy clouds threatened rain, but the wind, blowing a half gale, drove them off by midday, leaving the lines smothered in sunshine, but much cooler.

For the first time since May 13 the air was comparatively free of airplanes. During the week of May 14-21 inclusive the British alone sent crashing out of the sun-lit skies nearly 200 German airplanes, while bombing machines dropped about 240 tons of high explosives behind the enemy lines. Of the machines mentioned more than 150 were actually seen to crash by others than the airmen who did the job. Five were brought down by "Archies" and about 30 dashed out of the heavens out of control.

Nun Planes Poorly Constructed

I continued to hear stories about German planes breaking up in mid-air. In one battle this week three were plainly seen to go to pieces when fired into at close quarters. This was when a British formation, returning from a bombing raid, was attacked by 20 enemy scouts. One of these dived on a British two seater. The British machine gunner fired one drum into it, when it careened, caught fire and dropped. After falling about 2000 feet it broke into several pieces.

Another German scout when given two short bursts by a second British gunner at close range, dived, then its planes folded back. The two planes and the fuselage fell to the ground in three widely scattered places.

A third scout, attacking another British bombing plane, received two volleys and fell to pieces.

Allied airmen say these occurrences are becoming constantly more frequent. German pilots place the blame on faulty material, hasty construction and bad workmanship.

FRONT IN PICARDY IS SUSPICIOUSLY QUIET

By Fred S. Ferguson

With the Americans in Picardy, May 23 (Night).—(U. P.)—It is the Boches' move, but they apparently are gathering their wind after the recent severe artillery pounding they received.

There is more indication when the offensive will begin than heretofore. This was the third day of suspicious stillness on this front. German working parties could easily be seen by American observers today, and rising dust clouds told of movement in the enemy's rear areas, but the guns on both sides were silent. The stillness is in marked contrast to the previous constant cannonading.

The Boche is so zealous in guarding against raids at night that he gives the impression of being unusually nervous. The curving salient around Montdidier and Cantigny after sunset is marked by the constant flare of German rockets and flaming "onions," which light up No Man's Land. The latter consist of a string of four balls which float slowly to earth, blazing brightly.

A low mist hung in the valleys tonight, and clouds shaded the brilliant moon, reducing the favorableness for air-bombing.

I walked for an hour along a road through shell-pocked fields without hearing more than a dozen gunshots. I heard one burst of shrapnel. Then it became peaceful once more. The singing of night birds, the rasping of nocturnal insects and the dull glimmer of the shaded moon made this road seem like a country lane back home.

The quietness of the past three days has encouraged the stout-hearted French farmers to venture out to work in the fields which a few days ago were under terrific shellfire. They toil before a gallery of Boche and French sausage balloons which float lazily about in seeming idleness, but which are watching for the move that will mean a new era of violent fighting.

Three Yankees Downed, Berlin Says

London, May 24.—(U. P.)—Three American airplanes were brought down Wednesday on the Lys battlefield, the German war office declared in its night official statement. (This is accepted as indication that American aviators are in considerable force on the Flanders battlefront, as Captain Biddle narrowly escaped when his plane was forced down east of Ypres a few days ago.)

The Berlin communique also reported the repulse of French attacks along the west bank of the Avre, southeast of Amiens.

Field Marshal Haig said that hostile raids were repulsed at Aveluy Wood and south of Hebuterne during the night. French troops made a successful raid east of Locre.

Only intermittent artillery activity at various points was reported by the French war office.

French Report Captures

Paris, May 24.—(I. N. S.)—"We penetrated enemy lines southeast of Councy, in the Champagne district and in the Vosges mountain, capturing 15 prisoners," the French war office announced today.

"Enemy coup de mains southeast of Mesnil in the sector of St. Georges and west of Nyon, all were broken up.

"There has been intermittent artillery firing at several points."

Day Quiet, Pershing Reports

With the American Army in France, May 24.—(I. N. S.)—(9:00 p. m.)—"The day was quiet on all points occupied by our troops," said General Pershing's communique issued tonight.

Hammond on Way

Oregon City, May 24.—Lieutenant Philip L. Hammond, a graduate of the third officers' training camp at American Lake, formerly of this city, left Thursday night for Virginia. He was unable to stop at Oregon City to see his brother, or to get to see his mother, who lives in Ashland, Or., on his way east. His brother, William Hammond of Gladstone, went to see him at the train in Portland.

HALF HOLIDAY IS GIVEN UP TO PUT OUT MORE SHIPS

Metal Trades Union, Representing 15,000 Workers in Portland, Takes Patriotic Stand.

ACTION ENTIRELY VOLUNTARY

Men Will Accept Only Regular Wage; War Move Means That the Output Will Be Increased.

Action of the Portland Metal Trades union's executive council in voluntarily suggesting the surrender of Saturday half holidays during June, July and August, that shipbuilding may be speeded up, was one of the most important steps ever made by labor in the United States, declared Arthur W. Jones today. Jones is examiner for the wage adjustment board of the federal government.

"This action represents a tremendous sacrifice which will not be generally recognized," Jones said. "It will mean a great deal to the government's shipbuilding program and a great thing for organized labor."

Jones explained that these half holidays, provided in the Macy award, had been won after a fight of more than 50 years, that they were a fetish to the unionists, and that the voluntary surrender represented patriotic action of the highest order.

Twenty-Six Thousand in Shipyards

The Metal Trades union in Portland represents 15,000 shipyard workers, said Jones. There are 26,000 shipbuilders in Portland, and the 11,000 not directly affected would without doubt be forced to follow the lead set by the metal trades, he said, if the idea goes through.

Only the first big step has been taken, Jones explained. The executive council will begin today working with Portland's 17 locals. After they adopt it, the plan must be sanctioned in all the Coast cities, for the provision is added that it must be general along the Coast.

The resolution unanimously adopted by the executive council shows that the nation's 250,000 shipbuilders will produce 2½ ships in a half day, and that if every shipyard continues to work during the half days involved, the nation's ships will be increased by 35. The workers, the statement says, would be donating $10,500,000 directly to the government.

Executive Council Signs

The holidays were guaranteed the workers by the Macy award, with the provision that if the men work they shall be given double pay for those half days. However, the metal trades propose to work these holidays at straight pay. Jones explained that their idea in fighting for the half holidays was to shorten the work period, allowing more recreation.

The resolution was signed by President Fred Bourne, Secretary H. W. Shaw and the members of the executive council.

Grand Army Funeral For Henry D. Harms

The funeral of Henry D. Harms, the veteran blacksmith of Wilsonville, was held this afternoon at that place under charge of Sumner post, G. A. R., of Portland. Mr. Harms came to Oregon in 1876 and carried on blacksmithing at Wilsonville for many years. He served in the Civil war with the Missouri volunteers, and was a prisoner in the famous Libby prison at Richmond. Mr. Harms was 75 years old and died in Wilsonville Wednesday. Surviving him are Miss Bertha Harms of Wilsonville; Captain Leo A. Harms, the well known traffic policeman of Portland, and Adolph Harms, also of this city.

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—Life.

—W. S. S.—

Baker, Or., May 24.—Failing to get Baker citizens to subscribe their quota of War Savings Stamps as rapidly as the committee thinks they should, the chairman of the committee announced today that soliciting teams will be appointed and a quota for every citizen in the county apportioned on the plan of the Liberty bond campaign. The quota for each citizen has been set at $20 apiece and those failing to buy that amount of stamps it is stated by the committee will be posted as "slackers."

—W. S. S.—

The Dalles, Or., May 24.—Thompson's Addition school holds the record of this city for the sale of Thrift Stamps. With a registration of approximately only 60 students, all below the ninth grade, they have sold more than $1000 worth of the stamps. Every pupil in the school is also the possessor of a Thrift Stamp book which is being filled. The Junior Red Cross of this school is also unusually active, assisting materially in entertainments and Red Cross work of various kinds.

OFFICIAL COUNT IN COUNTY GIVEN

Figures Announced by City Auditor Show Six of 10 Measures Proposed Were Carried.

The official count of measures voted on in the special city election May 17, confirms The Journal report that six of the 10 measures had carried and that four were defeated. City Auditor Funk completed the count Thursday and by proclamation Thursday evening, Mayor Baker declared the one mill tax for salary increases, the home industry preferential, bond refunding measure, bonds for purchase of delinquent property assessments, measure for transfer of balances from obsolete special funds and the jitney ordinance to be law.

One of the immediate effects of the mayor's proclamation will be the resumption of jitney service.

The official count is as follows:

Complete returns from precincts in the city of Portland on the measures on the city ballot give:

P. R., L. & P. Jitney Measure	
100—Yes	12,989
101—No	22,537
Majority against	9,548
One Mill Tax	
102—Yes	18,262
103—No	14,923
Majority for	3,339
Home Industry Preferential	
104—Yes	18,534
105—No	12,405
Majority for	6,129
Two Platoon System	
106—Yes	17,344
107—No	17,581
Majority against	237
Refunding Bonds	
108—Yes	19,321
109—No	11,141
Majority for	8,180
Free Garbage Collection	
110—Yes	12,660
111—No	22,407
Majority against	9,747
Delinquent Assessment Bonds	
112—Yes	15,417
113—No	15,101
Majority for	316
Transfer of Balances	
114—Yes	19,203
115—No	9,673
Majority for	9,530
Jitney Ordinance	
116—Yes	21,041
117—No	13,310
Majority for	7,731
Traction Company Exemptions	
118—Yes	5,867
119—No	27,327
Majority against	21,460

Railroad Insurance To Be Discontinued

Only Bonds and Policies Insuring Fidelity of Employes Excepted by Order of Director General McAdoo.

Insurance policies on railroad property now under control of the federal government will not be renewed at their expiration. Orders issued by director General McAdoo, received today by officials of Portland terminal lines, require the discontinuance of all insurance upon expiration of policies, excepting only bonds and policies insuring the fidelity of employes.

Any exceptions to this ruling, which in the opinion of railway officials should be made, must be taken up for advisement with the director general. The discontinuance of insurance on railroad property will mean the loss of several millions of dollars in premiums to fire insurance companies throughout the country.

Accompanying the director general's order is a request that all employes observe the strictest caution to prevent loss of property by fire. A circular containing rules for fire prevention will be distributed generally among railway employes and the public is asked to cooperate in efforts to minimize losses of railway property by fire.

Crook County Will Improve Its Roads

Crook county voted, at the primary election May 17, to issue $95,000 worth of bonds, the funds to be used in constructing and hard surfacing a considerable mileage of roads in the county. The issue carried by a majority of 58 votes. Bids for the sale of this issue have not been advertised. Particulars will be announced later.

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GERMAN FORCE IN TOUL SHIFTED AND BAVARIANS APPEAR

American Sector in Picardy Is Unusually Quiet; Huns Are Uneasy When Big Guns Open.

WOUNDED ARE COURAGEOUS

French Amazed at Cheerful Disposition of Yankees While Confined in the Hospitals.

By Newton C. Parke

With the American Army in France, May 23.—(I. N. S.)—(9 P. M.)—German troops opposite the Americans on the Toul Front have departed for the Picardy battle front and have been relieved by the Eighth Bavarian reserves.

The 24 hour period ending at noon today had been the quietest since the Americans entered the first line on the Toul sector.

Only 35 enemy shells were thrown and there has been very little aerial activity. There was a thunderstorm this afternoon.

By Bert Ford

With the American army on the French Battle Front, May 23.—(I. N. S.)—(Delayed.) — It has been unusually quiet on the American sector of the Picardy battle front in all branches of fighting arms.

The Boche started over our lines during the night, drawing a brisk fire from numerous batteries. Bombing of villages in the rear of the American lines has been suspended.

"The Huns are uneasy, but I don't wonder, the way our batteries have been showering them with steel confetti," said one American officer. "It has been almost a continuous performance.

Regretted He Couldn't "Go Over Top"

"We have got the Boche buffaloed. We can't even get a wink of sleep, but the only way is to keep after them all the time. Our gunners are not content unless they are banging away all the time. There are no union hours in their war program. My, but can't those lads shoot!"

Private Schooling of Clark county, Wisconsin, was mortally wounded by German shrapnel. When taken to the hospital he thrilled the doctors and nurses by his courageous conduct. Just as he died he smiled feebly as he said: "If I could only live to go over the top instead of being hit by shrapnel."

Those were his last words.

Another private's last words were: "Tell mother she will be taken care of with my insurance."

Miss Lehner, a Red Cross worker from Cambridge, Mass., in talking about the lads from the United States, declared:

"It's a caution what one finds in the pockets of the Americans. There are all sorts of odds and ends showing that most of them are but overgrown boys. There are lucky stones, horse chestnuts and love letters crumpled up, all fingermarked from re-reading, pictures of their best girls, souvenirs of boyhood days, pocket coins, religious medals, little prayer books and the names of mothers and sisters. Before operations these are all carefully gathered together and put in a sock, tied at the end with a tag giving the name and organization of the owner.

American Humor Cheering

"One bashful lad insisted on telling of his love affair. He had asked the girl to marry him nine times in five years. Although she refused, he still carried a tiny cracked snapshot of her in his inside pocket over his heart. There were tears in his eyes as he mentioned her name. His devotion was pitiable.

"Another fair haired infantryman from Georgia mastered one French word—'Oui'—it was cute the way he answered everything with it. French and American patients are fast friends. The French wounded are amazed at the fun making Americans in the hospitals. The Americans are forever laughing and joking. An example was a splendidly built youth of 22 who was forced to have his leg amputated after the doctors had hoped to save it. The nurses and doctors hated to break the news, but the soldier was less concerned than anybody else.

"One of my patients was astonished the other day after the operation to find him convulsing the French and American patients with his antics with the stump of his leg. You can't beat the spirit nor stifle the love that the humor, suffering and spirit win."

Austria to Punish Anti-German Talk

Berne, via Paris, May 24.—(I. N. S.)—The Austrian government, according to Vienna advices, has decided to treat as high treason the issuance of the anti-government and anti-German manifesto and the holding of "seditious" demonstrations in Prague during the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Bohemian national theater. Wholesale arrests are looked for.

During the celebration referred to in the above dispatch large crowds gathered in the streets of Prague, capitol of Bohemia, and held demonstration in behalf of Bohemian independence. Violent anti-German speeches were made and the crowds cheered the names of President Wilson and the premiers of France and Great Britain.

Mrs. C. M. Clark Dies At Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. C. M. Clark, wife of the chairman of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, died Thursday at her home in Philadelphia, according to advices received here. She had been ill more than a year. Mrs. Clark last visited Portland in 1916, when her son, E. W. Clark, was married to Miss Hazel Dolph. Mrs. Clark is survived by her husband and three sons, Sewell, Frank and E. W. Clark.

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All the coats up to $85.00 will be sold at $32.50. They're of the finest Bolivia cloth, in great demand.

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