

GERMAN PLAN FOR DRIVE IN FLANDERS IS RUDELY UPSET

Allied Success in Soissons District Gums Up Whole Program, Including Attacks on Paris.

NEW OFFENSIVE LOOKED FOR

Officer Prisoners Say That Kaiser Likely to Take Step to Bolster Fast Ebbing Confidence.

By Frank J. Taylor
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMIES IN FRANCE, July 24.—(U. P.)—The German drive southward between Soissons and Main de Massiges was one of three pushes they contemplated this summer toward Paris and one toward the channel ports, according to information obtained from prisoners.

The recent effort, which resulted so disastrously and galled the whole program, was aimed at Châlons and Epervier. The French and Americans have captured German officers who were prematurely appointed mayors of French cities to be occupied, including the two named.

Captured Boches also declared that a large number of divisions were massed in Flanders for a drive against the British while they were concentrating 35 divisions (420,000 men) for the Champagne operation. The Flanders drive was to follow the crown prince's push as soon as the latter had attained a certain degree of success.

Flanders Drive Disrupted
Many prisoners captured near Soissons have been identified as recently removed from Flanders, indicating the failure of the Champagne drive disrupted the contemplated Flanders campaign.

German officers say the third drive, toward Paris, was to be undertaken late this summer or early in the autumn in the event that the one just stopped did not carry clear through to the coveted territory.

Prisoners are doubtful as to whether these other two drives will be carried out, as planned, since a great number of extra divisions were used on this front last week and many of them were so badly shattered they will not be fit for use as storm troops inside of four months.

Many Prisoners Sick of War
The majority of intelligent German prisoners believe the Kaiser will start another offensive this summer—on even a large scale—to regain the confidence of the German people, which is admitted to be at low ebb. Many prisoners frankly say they do not know and do not care about Germany's future activities, declaring they are sick of the war.

During the enemy retirement German officers say the allied artillery fire compelled them to fall back so fast they were unable to maintain an effective counter barrage. While the allies were bombarding Boche positions, preparatory to some local attacks, the German outposts were forced to take cover and many were captured before they could come out of their hiding places.

Guns Crews Left in Rear
In some regions the fighting was carried on almost entirely by artillery and machine guns, the Germans being so far ahead of the American rifles and grenades could not be used effectively.

Allied aviators and German prisoners testify to the destruction wrought by our heavy guns on railways, roads and important junctions, which were necessary to the enemy's retirement.

The German plan to retreat left the machine gun squads to fight rearguard actions at many points. On several occasions when these guns and their crews

Rainfall Is General Over the Northwest

Precipitation in Portland Nearly an Inch; Inland Empire Reports Good Showers but Seacoast Gets None.

Nearly an inch of precipitation was recorded by the weather bureau in Portland's mid-summer rain of Monday night and Tuesday, the exact figures being .92 of an inch. The rain was general throughout the Northwest Tuesday afternoon and night, but fair weather and higher temperatures are predicted throughout the district for Thursday, the forecast for tonight being cloudy.

Late vegetable crops will profit hugely as a result of the rain, and the late grain crops in some districts will benefit. Alfalfa hay will be helped by the moisture, as well, and there is little or no damage to be expected in harvest fields from the precipitation. Some fruit suffered a small extent of loss, but other big benefit along the coast will be in the wetting of forests and the aid in fighting fires that have been burning in some districts during the dry weather.

Portland recorded the heaviest rain Tuesday and Tuesday night, the precipitation from 2 a. m. to 5 a. m. today being .78. Marshfield had .70 and Roseburg .70, and Baker reported .74. Walla Walla had .50, Spokane .12 and Seattle .02, but North Head and Tatoosh island were without rainfall.

Alleged Holdup Men Are Arrested

Two young men, believed by the officers to be brothers but giving the names of George Cox and Phillip Davis, were arrested at 2 o'clock this morning at Seventeenth and Marshall streets by Officer Nida. According to L. Mery, watchman at the Independent Foundry at Twenty-fourth and York streets, the two men held him up with revolvers and he has filed a complaint against them charging them with intent to kill. According to Inspectors P. Moloney and J. S. Sells, who were assigned to investigate the case, Cox and Davis have been identified as several business firms in the city.

They were captured the Boche gunners did not know that their comrades had already fallen back.

Foch Keeps Foe Guessing
London, July 24.—(U. P.)—General Foch is making the most of his opportunity in the Soissons-Rheims pocket, without playing into Germany's hands by a reckless expenditure of men. He is advancing wherever possible without a large toll of casualties and is contenting himself with consolidating his gains elsewhere under the stiffening enemy resistance.

At the same time the allied generalissimo is keeping the Germans guessing and interfering with their withdrawal and reinforcements from other parts of the line by splendidly timed operations. The attack north of Montdidier Tuesday, which relatively devoid of geographical importance, was a great tactical success. In addition to capturing three villages and 1500 prisoners, he showed the weakening their lines to aid the crown prince in the Champagne.

The most notable advance in the main battlefront recently is that reported on the west side of the salient. Unofficial dispatches report the allies occupying the railway from Troesnois to Fere-en-Tardenois at a point within five miles of the latter city, southeast of Oulchy-le-Chateau.

This operation and the pounding of the British in the Aisne valley, on the opposite side of the salient, has resulted in an appreciable narrowing of the pocket.

Lester Hixon on Trial

The trial of Lester Hixon, who is indicted on two counts of alleged stealing of cattle from the Klamath Falls reservation, started in Judge Bean's court today. Hixon, it is alleged, stole a gray mare on one occasion and two calves at another time, from Indians.

PASS CREEK CANYON GRADING COMPLETED; BAD ROAD REPAIRED

Macadamizing to Begin at Once and Completed Before Fall Rains Set In.

Eugene, July 24.—The grading of the Pacific highway through Pass creek canyon, in Douglas county, the worst piece of road between Portland and Lumsair, Cal., has been completed, it was announced here today, and the work of macadamizing the road will commence at once. The contractors have promised to have the work completed before the fall rains set in. The plans for the new overhead crossing near Divide, to eliminate one of the most dangerous grade crossings in the state, have been approved and the work will be done this year. The railroad and the state highway commission will build the viaduct and Lane county will construct the approaches.

Presbyterian Synod Meets

Eugene, July 24.—The Oregon Presbyterian synod met today with Rev. Charles W. Hays, of Portland, Sunday school missionary, as moderator, and Geo. A. McCreas of Pendleton as secretary. Dr. W. W. Whittey of Philomath was chosen as recording clerk. One of the main subjects to be brought before the synod will be the disposition of Albany college. At a meeting of the synod last year it was the cause of a bitter fight over the proposition to consolidate it with Pacific university at Forest Grove. The Albany members of the synod were able to defeat the movement and the college was given a year to make good its financial status. The board this year is said to be intending to ask further time because of war conditions.

For Belgian Relief

Eugene, July 24.—The birthday of the queen of Belgium will be celebrated in Eugene Thursday by a lawn fete at the home of Mrs. W. W. Calkins under the auspices of the Eugene division of the Oregon committee for relief in Belgium and France. The proceeds of the affair will go to the purchase of supplies for the relief of the suffering Belgians.

Mrs. McCutcheon Dies

Eugene, July 24.—Mrs. Margaret McCutcheon of Veneta died at her home Tuesday, aged 78 years. She leaves a husband, Sam McCutcheon, two daughters, Mrs. J. E. Yoder and Mrs. S. J. Crist, of Elmira, and two sons, John and Charles. Funeral services will be held in this city Thursday with interment in the Inman cemetery, north of Elmira.

Plant Corn for Feed Is Advice of Newell

"Farmers should plant corn, now that the ground has been put in shape by the rain," says W. K. Newell, assistant food administrator, "so as to furnish feed stuff for stock. There is ample time for corn to attain at least a good growth and make green feed for the stock, and if weather is favorable later it will mature sufficiently to make good silage."

Mr. Newell suggests preparing ground from which oats or vetch has been cut for corn. "Buckwheat can be sown with the assurance of a good crop," claims the assistant food administrator, "and rape may be planted for fall pasture. Vetch and rye may also be sown for pasture and carried over for a hay crop in the spring. Turnips also may be grown as an addition to the feed supply."

Shippers to Have Say In Fixings of Rates

Traffic Committees Will Be Reorganized So as to Suit Geographical Divisions of Railroad Administration.

Representatives of shippers will have a voice in fixing freight rates by the federal railroad administration as soon as committee arrangements now under way are completed. It is proposed to reorganize the traffic committees to suit new geographical divisions of the railroad administration and to place representatives of shippers on each regional and district committee.

The Portland district traffic committee with jurisdiction over the lines of Oregon and Washington is at present composed of F. W. Robinson of the O. W. R. & N. company, W. D. Steiner of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway and F. D. Burroughs, general freight agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway. It is considered probable that J. H. Lotthrop, representing the Portland Traffic and Transportation association, and C. O. Bergan of the Seattle Shippers' association will be added to this committee as representatives of the shippers in this district.

Committees of the San Francisco and Chicago districts will likewise consist of three traffic men and two shippers' representatives, while smaller districts, such as the Astoria, Clatsop and Mrs. G. S. Botsford of 485 Davenport street, and was used on a Maxwell car. To cap the climax the machine with the makeshift plate was sold again by the dealer to Ernest Miller of 1090 Amhurst street, and the license number was not transferred. Now the police are in a quandary as to whom they should arrest.

ARRANGEMENTS BEING PERFECTED FOR RED CROSS DAY AT OAKS

Different Clubs Will Have Charge of Various Phases of Big Benefit August 6.

The Portland Ad club has promised to take charge of the publicity as well as of the advance sale of tickets for the Red Cross day at the Oaks, August 6. Frank McCrillis, president of the Ad club, has taken charge of the sub-committee.

The Rotary club and Transportation club, as represented by C. B. Waters and Ellsworth Benham, presidents, have promised to take charge of the "relief" and operating the different amusement devices.

A cafeteria, designed to feed 10,000 people during the afternoon event, will be the contribution of the Portland Caterers association and the East Side Business Men's club. H. W. Kent assumes responsibility for the caterers and H. L. Camp, president, for the east side.

Charles Ringler, exalted ruler of the Elks, has been appointed chairman of the entertainment committee, which will compose almost the entire membership of that body. F. H. Harnett, president of the Musicians' union, heads the committee, and has already been assured of a 100-piece band for the day's festivities.

Fishing Craft Is Sunk by Submarines

Portland, Maine, July 24.—(U. P.)—All members of the crew of the fishing schooner Richard and Robert, sunk by a German submarine off the Maine coast, were accounted for today.

A dory containing five men was landed here, while another with four men was taken into Boston. Captain Robert Wharton and 18 of the crew have arrived at the naval coast guard headquarters at this port. Eleven of the schooner's crew arrived here on a coal steamer Tuesday night.

The Robert and Richard was sunk about 60 miles southeast of Cape Porpoise Monday by a bomb placed on her by the crew of the submarine after a shell had halted the little vessel.

An officer of the submarine took an American flag from Captain Wharton of the schooner, and as he did so declared he had another in his "summer home in Maine."

When last seen the U-boat, which was said to be about 250 feet long, was traveling southward on the surface.

Washing Machine Needed for Sailors

Have you a little washing machine in your home?

Or a phonograph, or a dozen records or so? Or, would you wish to donate funds to provide the crews of the U. S. A. Western Spirit, Western Maid and Western Coast with the same?

Then call up Major I. Lowengart, at the Red Cross workroom, eighth floor Lipman Wolfe & Co. building. These men are just about to sail, and they need a washing machine, either electrically driven or hand driven, as well as a phonograph and records. Every appeal the Portland chapter has made so far has been answered.

Council Postpones Action

The city council today postponed until Friday action on the proposed ordinance reorganizing the public safety commission. The ordinance in effect gives the present commission a legal status with certain police powers and provides a salary for the executive officer. It will be informally discussed tomorrow afternoon by the commissioners and interested parties relative to its being before being submitted to a formal vote on Friday.

TOWN TOPICS

Community Sing Thursday—Under the auspices of the National Choral league (Portland chapter No. 1) the regular fortnightly community sing will be held at the Central library, Room A, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Professor Tom G. Taylor, organist and choirmaster of St. David's church, will conduct the singing. The public is invited free.

Mrs. Whitehead Re-elected—At the annual business meeting of the Oregon Holiness association, Tuesday evening, Mrs. Edith Whitehead was retained as president. Large attendance marks the campmeeting being held in the Alameda park district. The meetings will be concluded next Sunday.

Dancing, excursion boat Swan, every Wednesday and Saturday night. We sail, rain or shine. Main 5745. (Adv.)

AUTOMOBILE LICENSE TAG CAUSING WORRY TO POLICE OFFICIALS

Car With Bothersome Appendage Being Held, But Who to Arrest Is Question.

The police are holding an automobile bearing Oregon license No. 36,093, but they are now at a loss as to who they can arrest for using improper license tags on the car. This license was taken out by L. H. Faust of 789 Pettygrove street for a Hudson machine. Mr. Faust sold the machine, but according to the police records, the legal transfer was not made. An automobile dealer bought the car and it is said that one of his employees lost the rear tag. A mechanic in the shop is alleged to have made a new tag out of an old 1917 plate in violation of the law. According to Inspector Smith the new tag was made from plate No. 30,840 of the 1917 issue. This plate was issued to Mrs. G. S. Botsford of 485 Davenport street, and was used on a Maxwell car. To cap the climax the machine with the makeshift plate was sold again by the dealer to Ernest Miller of 1090 Amhurst street, and the license number was not transferred. Now the police are in a quandary as to whom they should arrest.

Plans to Encourage Dairy Industry Laid

Preliminary plans for a campaign to encourage the dairy industry were laid at a meeting held in Food Administration W. B. Ayer's office Wednesday morning, by a committee consisting of Mr. Ayer, W. K. Newell, assistant food administrator, O. D. Center of the extension department, Oregon Agricultural college; Professor E. B. Pitts of O. A. C.; Dr. D. W. Mack of the city health bureau and J. D. Mickle, state food and dairy commissioner.

"The object of the campaign will be two-fold," said Mr. Ayer. "First will be patriotic necessity in supporting the dairy industry by obtaining the maximum results in dairy products and keeping the herds up to the maximum in number and condition. Then there is the need of educating the people. The ignorance as to the food value of dairy products is appalling, and we want to teach the public their value."

Castro to Stand Trial

The trial against Ernest F. C. Castro, naturalized German, who is charged with alleged violation of the espionage act under a grand jury indictment was set for Friday morning. Castro has been in this country for a number of years.

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