

# DESPERATE FIGHT BY MILITARISTS IS BROUGHT TO LIGHT

Captured Hun Documents Plead With German Troops to Hold Back British at All Costs.

## PLANS SHATTERED BY ALLIES

Ludendorff's Reason for Resigning Appears Clear in Light of Recent Disclosures Made.

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With the British Army on the Western Front, Oct. 31—(Delayed)—(N. S.)—The desperate struggle of the German militarists to save themselves from doom is shown by a series of remarkable documents that have just been captured.

The higher command frantically pleaded with the German troops to hold back the British at all costs, particularly the Hermann-Göering system of defenses. One document said that if the Germans held there, the prospects would be good for carrying out peace negotiations or arranging an armistice.

Another document, marked strictly confidential, quoted the German high command as saying that the possibility of an armistice depended upon the battle coming to a standstill. This and other documents, dated as late as October 12, directed attention of all officers to instruct other ranks that every man "must do his duty night and day."

Attacks Proved Irresistible  
The English are not to be permitted to cross the Selle river and the task of holding them up was given to the German artillery. But the British and the Americans attacked with such irresistible pressure that they swept ahead to new victories in the face of almost insurmountable obstacles.

"British, French, Belgian and American troops in the meantime have continued their advance on other fronts."

What these continued successes had to do with Ludendorff's resignation may be surmised in the light of the disclosures of the past few days. It is probable that, as he saw the great German war machine crumbling at his feet and the impossibility of the Germans continuing indefinitely in the face of Marshal Foch's steady blows, he lost all hope.

1,776,000 Men Fight Allies  
At least 148 enemy divisions (1,776,000 men) have been engaged against allied offensive operations since September 26. Fifty-nine were in the line and they were reinforced by 89 reserve divisions. Of these 89 divisions, 60 had been withdrawn and engaged a second time, and five have been employed even a third time, making a total of 218 divisional engagements on the Cambrai-St. Quentin front alone. Seventy German divisions are engaged now.

How the Germans' plans and hopes have been shattered is shown by information from reliable sources during the past 24 hours. That a further withdrawal upon the present front is contemplated is shown by the fact that various administrative departments have already left Brussels.

The Germans are reported, also, to have begun a retirement to the Antwerp-Namur line and are apparently preparing to give up Ghent with but slight resistance.

In some instances ammunition dumps are being hurriedly removed to Charleroi.

There are great and hurried preparations in the back areas for the demolition of coal locks, bridges, railways and so on, while the Germans are making preparations to inundate the country by cutting canal dikes.

Parents Attend Graduation  
Milton, Nov. 1.—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Slover of this city left Wednesday for Sacramento, Cal., to attend the graduation exercises of their son, Clark Slover, with the aviation service. Slover is a graduate of Whitman college. He resigned as principal of the Cotville, Wash., high school to join the aviation corps.

## WOMEN CARE FOR HIS MAJESTY'S HORSES



With the men at the front fighting the Boche, and still more help needed, his majesty, King George, has accepted the help of British women veterinary surgeons to keep the artillery horses fit.

## 5000 Troops Cross Ocean Without One Case of Influenza

Paris, Nov. 1.—(I. N. S.)—Five thousand American soldiers who crossed the Atlantic wearing chemically soaked white masks and giving them the appearance of "Ku Klux Klan" members, disembarked at a French port without contracting a single case of influenza or pneumonia, says the Stars and Stripes, the organ of the A. E. F.

Of 28,938 American soldiers landed in two days, only two died at sea from pneumonia and there were only 14 cases of influenza and pneumonia among them en route.

The influenza epidemic apparently has run its course in the army over here.

## Wilson Insists on Disarmed Germany

Boston, Nov. 1.—(I. N. S.)—The only armistice which President Wilson will agree upon is an armistice which will make it impossible for a German soldier to have a gun or do any further damage in the world," Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels told an audience of more than 35,000 here.

## Yanks Drop Bombs On German Towns

Washington, Nov. 1.—(I. N. S.)—Six tons of explosives were dropped on three towns behind the German lines by bombing units of the first and second American armies Wednesday, General Pershing reported in a communique this morning and made public by the war department Thursday afternoon.

## Klamath Falls Boy In Limited Service Dies at Vancouver

Klamath Falls, Nov. 1.—News of the death of Cecil J. Weeks at Vancouver barracks has been received here. Henry J. Weeks, his father, and Miss Dorothy Weeks, a sister, were preparing to leave for Vancouver when the word came. Mr. Weeks had just entered the limited service of the army and had been at Vancouver but a few days. He was 23 years of age. He was born at Salinas, Cal., coming to Klamath Falls a few years ago. He operated an electrical establishment here.

## Corvallis to Lift Assembly Ban Today

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Nov. 1.—The Spanish influenza situation in Corvallis and at the college has improved to such an extent that the ban will be lifted today by Dr. R. L. Bosworth, city health officer. Those attending public gatherings—even school children—will be required to wear masks. Only six cases remain in Waldo hospital at the college, and eight women are confined to their beds. No serious cases are reported.

## Passenger on Sophia Well Known in Lane

Eugene, Nov. 1.—Mrs. Peter Anderson of Portland, who lost her life in the sinking of the steamer Princess Sophia, was the daughter of Mrs. Cass Mulligan, who lives just outside of this city, and was well known in Lane county. She was born and raised in Coburg and spent most of the 25 years of her life in this county.

## Sawmill Totally Destroyed by Fire

Eugene, Nov. 1.—The Frank Crugan sawmill near Dexter, 18 miles southeast of this city, was destroyed by fire of an unknown origin. The mill had been engaged in cutting heavy bridge timbers for the government and had a capacity of 15,000 feet a day. It was valued at about \$4000 and was not insured. Mr. Crugan said today that he had the mill decided whether he would rebuild or not.

## Two in One Family Die From Influenza

Eugene, Nov. 1.—Making the death toll in his family, due to the influenza epidemic two in the past week, Alwin Leroy Orr, 4-year-old son of Mrs. W. L. Orr of this city, died Thursday from pneumonia, which set in following an attack of influenza. W. L. Orr, the boy's father, died last Thursday, and his brother, Hugh, is an influenza patient at the Mercy hospital. A sister, Hazel Orr, resides in Bremerton, Wash.

## Huns Lose 2,500,000 Men Since January 1

London, Nov. 1.—(U. P.)—German losses since January 1 were semi-officially estimated today at 2,500,000, of which 1,000,000 were permanent. Of the 10,000 German guns operating July 15, the allies have captured a third.

Wife of Farmer Dies  
Freewater, Nov. 1.—Mrs. Evelyn Mason, wife of Wayne Mason, a well known farmer of Umapine, died Tuesday at the College Place sanitarium. Mrs. Mason was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fagin, pioneers of this section, and was born south of Milton in 1836. She is survived by her husband, four children, her parents, five brothers and two sisters.

Dies at Age of 104 Years  
Newark, N. J., Nov. 1.—John Ernest Bach smoked for 80 years and drank just as much and often as he pleased, but he never worried. He died Thursday aged 104 years.

## SUGAR ALLOWANCE INCREASED POUND

Improved Conditions Permit of Purchase of Three Pounds Per Person Per Month.

The monthly allowance of sugar for family consumption is increased 50 per cent, effective today, according to telegraphic instructions received Friday from Federal Food Administrator Hoover.

Hereafter the housewife will be permitted to purchase her sugar supply in the proportion of three pounds per person per month, instead of two pounds. The new regulations also permit the purchase of the entire month's supply at one time, although this ruling was made effective in this state a month ago, according to W. K. Newell, assistant federal food administrator for Oregon. This ruling also applies to public eating places.

However, householders are warned that this extra allowance of sugar is not to be used in sweetening coffee or tea, nor in pie or cake or the like, but is intended to take the place of the rationing allowance, discontinued yesterday, in sweetening fruit canned during the summer months without sugar and in taking care of cranberries, apples and other fruit now on the market.

"This point relative to the use of the extra allowance should be emphasized," stated Mr. Newell. "The food admin-

istration is only making good its promise to increase the sugar allowance as early as possible but this privilege must not be abused by using the extra pound of sugar in any other way than as a substitute for the rationing allowance which is now discontinued."

## Body Long Buried Found in Chehalis

Chehalis, Wash., Nov. 1.—The body of a man was found under the sod about 200 yards north of the car barn at the city limits Wednesday evening. The sheriff's office reports that the man had been dead a long time and only part of the skeleton remained. They state that nothing was found to identify the man nor to indicate how he had met his death.

## O. A. C. Students All Take Insurance Limit

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Nov. 1.—S. A. T. C. students have gone over the top in subscribing for insurance. Each man has taken out the maximum of \$10,000 allowed by law. Eleven hundred men have taken out insurance, making a total of \$11,000,000. Lieutenant Carl S. Morbio, personnel adjutant, has charge of the writing of the insurance.

Belgium Given Credit  
Washington, Nov. 1.—(U. P.)—A new credit of \$3,500,000 was granted Belgium by the United States treasury Thursday. Credits to Belgium now total \$183,520,000, and to all the allies \$7,532,976,000.

## COMMISSION TO ASK LEGISLATURE TO CUT DOWN APPROPRIATION

Industrial Accident Department Asks Legislature for but \$296,-876 for Maintenance.

Salem, Nov. 1.—The state industrial accident commission will request an appropriation of \$296,876 from the next legislature to cover the salaries and cost of maintenance of the commission during the next two years, according to the budget filed by the commission with Secretary of State Olett.

If the present law is not amended the state will be required to contribute \$60,000 to the industrial accident fund, but the commission says it will ask for an amendment which will limit the state's contribution to the cost from maintenance of the department, which will be \$296,876.

The commission estimates that receipts from employers and employees during the next two years will be \$4,800,000.

The Christie Home for Orphan Girls will ask for \$23,040, according to its budget, while the Baby Home estimates its cost for the next two years to be \$45,000.

Building Declared Needed  
Salem, Nov. 1.—"One of the greatest

needs of this institution is a better method of segregation of the different classes of girls that come to us," says Mrs. Margaret L. Mann, superintendent of the state industrial school for girls, in her biennial report to the state board of control.

She recommends the construction of two additional buildings, but the state board of control has already eliminated these items from the budget for that institution.

There are 50 girls in the school. Sixty-nine were received during the present biennium, 41 were released and 27 were paroled. The ages range from 12 to 21, the greatest number being 15 and 16 years old.

Blind School Neglected  
Salem, Nov. 1.—In the biennial report for the state school for the blind, Mrs. May Moore, superintendent, points out that less than half of the counties in the state are represented in the school, and she declares it is to be regretted that the parents of blind children of school age do not take advantage of the opportunity offered by the state to educate them. There are 35 pupils in the school. In the last two years nine pupils were received, eight left school and two were graduated.

Log Boom Franchise  
Salem, Nov. 1.—A log boom franchise has been granted by the public service commission to the Veneta Timber Products company on Coyote, in Lane county. The company will build splash dams and float logs by releasing the water in the dams. The company must deposit a \$5000 indemnity bond as a guarantee against damage to the property of anyone along the creek. Improvement of the stream must be completed within 18 months.

## Mrs. Strandborg Going to Salt Lake Food Conference

Mrs. W. P. Strandborg, publicity director of the food administration, will leave Sunday night to attend a conference of educational directors of the Western states at Salt Lake City next Wednesday, when plans will be made for putting over the food pledge drive to commence the last of December.

The conference is a result of the postponement of the national conference which was to have been held in Washington, D. C. Due to Spanish influenza, it was impossible to meet nationally, and it was decided to carry on the same work through zone conferences.

Mrs. Strandborg will represent not only the food administration, but the merchants of Portland as well, taking the place of J. H. Dundore, who was chosen representative, but who has found it impossible to go.

## Barn and 10 Horses Destroyed by Fire

The Dalles, Nov. 1.—An unexplained fire destroyed a new \$6000 barn and 10 head of horses, including three high-bred mares, at the Lou Kelley ranch at Juniper Flat, five miles from Maupin, early Tuesday morning. The barn contained a winter's supply of feed and grain and harness for 14 span of horses. Mr. Kelley sustained a loss of \$10,000 above insurance of \$4600.

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