

MAUBEUGE NEARED IN ALLIED ADVANCE

Battlefront Dispatches Say That Armies Are Within Four Miles of Great Fortress.

With the American First Army, Nov. 6.—The Americans are now within five miles of the Sedan-Metz railway.

London, Nov. 7.—(U. P.)—American troops advanced about two miles today on the whole front from between the Bar and Meuse rivers, it was announced in the official American communiqué this afternoon.

The American line has advanced to Flaba, Malconcelle and Chemery. Malconcelle is six miles south of Sedan.

London, Nov. 6.—(U. P.)—The allies have pushed forward to within less than four miles of Maubeuge according to battlefront dispatches received here this afternoon.

Americans Continue Advance

London, Nov. 6.—(U. P.)—The Americans, continuing their advance in the Meuse region, have cleared the east bank as far north as Milly and have passed beyond Stonne, less than nine miles south of Sedan, it was announced in the American official communication today.

"We have crossed the river at Dunsur-Meuse, captured Bois de Chantillon, Dur-sur-Meuse and Beaufort, and have reached the village of Milly," the statement said. "We have passed the forest of Jaulny and are now within five miles of the Sedan-Metz railroad, one of the main lines of the German army. Between Beaumont and Bar we have advanced beyond Stonne."

"Two tons of bombs were dropped on Raucourt and enemy troops were attacked with machine gun fire. Seventeen hostile airplanes and two balloons were shot down. Seven of our machines are missing."

French Again Go Forward

Paris, Nov. 6.—(U. P.)—The French, after maintaining contact with the rear-guards of the retreating Germans all night, renewed their attack on the whole front this morning, it was announced by the war office.

Additional advances of three miles were made at several points. Italian troops, cooperating in the attack, carried their lines to the Purtau river, southeast of Mont Cornet.

French detachments crossed the Aisne between Rethel and Attigny, practically isolating those important towns.

On the left of the American first army the French reached La Casne, less than eight miles from Sedan and 11 miles from Metz.

"We maintained contact during the night with the enemy rear guards, who, on the whole front, continue to fight with retreating," said the communiqué. "Early this morning the progress of our troops was renewed."

"East of the Sambre canal we occupied Barzy. North of Marle we passed Marfontaine and Voharies. Italian troops, cooperating with ours, have taken La Thuat and reached the Purtau brook, southeast of Mont Cornet."

"West of Rethel we occupied Barby, on the north bank of the Aisne. Between Rethel and Attigny our detachments crossed the Aisne at several points. Further to the right we reached the outskirts of Lanets and pushed on to the outskirts of La Casne, northeast of Le Chesne."

American Commands Changed

With the American Army North of Verdun, Nov. 6.—(U. P.)—Colonel Edward L. Logan of Boston has been succeeded as commander of the American 101st regiment by Colonel Hobbs of the 26th division.

Brigadier General Frank E. Banford has replaced General Edwards, commander of the Yankee division.

Beaumont Shelled Heavily

With the American Army North of Verdun, Nov. 6.—(U. P.)—Although they knew that there were 600

AMERICAN SOLDIERS GATHERED AROUND COMMISSARY TRUCK



A sales commissary truck at an American camp in France. The trucks carry much needed articles to the various camps for the use of the soldiers.

No More Hero 'Stuff' for Him French General's Kiss Cause

Pittsburg, Nov. 7.—"Now, listen, get me! There's been so much hot air about this hero stuff that I want you to get it straight. I saw this French bird across the river and I went and got him. If I hadn't someone else probably would have taken the same chance."

In these words Captain Walter R. Flannery, who was awarded the Cross of War for swimming the Marne river and rescuing a wounded French soldier at the time the Germans held the Aisne-Marne salient, disposed of any attempt to make a hero of him for the deed. At the time Flannery was a lieutenant. He is at his home here on a furlough.

The wounded man lay on the bank across the river from where the Americans were stationed at Savigny. Disregarding a French officer's warning that it probably was a ruse to attract Americans over that the Germans might learn what division opposed them, Flannery waited until nightfall, when he stripped to his underclothing and swam across. The Germans spotted him and most of the trip was under water. Flannery tells the rest of the story as follows:

"When I got over I found the man. All the French I knew was 'id, id—'here, here—'and then the bird went hysterical and refused to come into the water. He was too weak to tie the rope I had brought along, so I had to drag him in. We got over all right."

"But the joke was that a couple of days later I got orders to report to a French colonel. Headquarters was about seven miles away, so I hoofed it back, expected to be put on patrol duty of some sort. I presented myself and couldn't find out what the program was. They told me to go stand behind a major. I did, but the major kept rambling around, and me after him like a goat."

"Then I was told to go forward on the parade ground, and a French general lined me up, pointed a sword at me and turned on the French. It wasn't much of a conversation, for I didn't know what he was talking about, so I just grinned. Then he let down the sword, pinned this on me—the Croix de Guerre—and started kissing me. Say that mustache tickled me from ear to ear. I'm off saving men after this."

Sinnott to Become Chairman of House Lands Committee

Washington, Nov. 6.—Republican control of the house, now seemingly assured, will give Representative Sinnott of Oregon a conspicuous position in the next congress, as he will become chairman of the public lands committee, one of the most important and active committees. This committee deals with all public land questions and the chairman-ship is highly prized by western members. Sinnott will succeed Scott Ferris of Oklahoma in that position.

Deserters Caught In Stolen Car by Roseburg Officers

Roseburg, Nov. 6.—Hugh Horton of Colville, Wash., and James Taburt of Dembrook Farm, 821 Marshall street, Seattle, were taken here by the officers as deserters from Camp Monroe, Wash. The two lads were traveling in a stolen Ford car, which they had taken in Portland. They are 21 and 23 years old, respectively.

The boys said they did not like army life and thought they could get away.

Civilians in the town, the Germans heavily shelled Beaumont all night long, drenching the place with gas. The Americans captured Beaumont Tuesday.

Portland Exports Show Big Increase Last Year Totals

Exports from Portland for 1918 will show a great gain over the shipping last year. If the last two months of the year keep pace with those preceding.

Lumber shipments from this port from January 1 to October 31 totaled \$4,028,422 feet, valued at \$2,105,178.

Flour shipments for the same period totaled 1,273,855 barrels, valued at \$12,430,033.

These shipments include both offshore and coastwise commerce.

Margaret Wilson To Sing at Front

Paris, Nov. 6.—(U. P.)—Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the president, who is in France, will leave for Verdun within a few days to sing for the American soldiers.

Noblesse Oblige
From the Philadelphia Evening Star
The doctor was attending an injured woman who had come to his surgery with her arm severely bitten.

As he dressed the wound he remarked:
"I cannot quite make out what sort of animal bit you. The wound is too small for a horse's bite and too big for a dog's."
"Oh, it wasn't an animal!" exclaimed the patient. "It was another lady."

Living Cost Is 15 P. C. Higher

Figures Are Given by United States Food Administration and by Labor Department; Increase in Last Six Months in Portland Has Been 15.93 Per Cent.

By John L. Murray
Washington, Nov. 7.—The increased cost of living in the last 12 months is 3 1/2 per cent, according to the United States food administration, or 15 per cent according to the department of labor.

The simultaneous announcements of the food administration and the labor department's bureau of labor statistics with their very considerable discrepancy is hardly a coincidence, it is the result of a pronounced difference of opinion and of methods.

Officials at the food administration explain that the major part of the increased cost of living is due, not to food, but to rent, clothing, transportation and other items, and especially due to the advanced standard of living. The food administration compilations are based solely on the statistical basis of the nation's expenditures for food at wholesale. The labor department's figures are based on investigation of family budgets in various cities.

Big Jump in Portland
What the increased cost of living amounts to, inclusive of all the items of the average family budget of a working man, was stated recently by the bureau of labor statistics on investigations in various Pacific Coast cities. Compared with costs six months previously, the cost of all essential living expenses had increased in Seattle 18.16 per cent, in Tacoma 20.37 per cent, in Portland 15.93 per cent, in San Francisco 10.88 per cent, in Los Angeles 11.89 per cent.

The item of clothing taken separately, increased for the same period in the same districts respectively 25.82 per cent, 30.92 per cent, 27.88 per cent, 28.59 per cent and 28.20 per cent. The increase since then of course has been enormous.

Increase Over 35 Per Cent
The food administration in its report, admits there has been more than a 35 per cent increase in prices paid to the farmers, but contends that this is reduced in actual household purchasing by a reduction of specialization and profiteering and narrowed margins between farmers and wholesale prices under food regulations, that is, that the food administration has been able to make a 35 per cent increase to the

farmers only a 3 1/2 per cent increase to the consumers.

Comparing again the two statements of the food administration and the labor department, showing the percentage increase compared with a year ago:

DEPARTMENT OF FOOD ADMINISTRATION		LABOR	
Inc.	Dec.	Inc.	Dec.
Bread and flour	5.0	Vegetables	5.0
Rice	2.6	Butter	63.1
Sugar	2.0	Sugar	37.4
Meat	3.0	Fruit and nuts	31.9
Chick roast	30.0	Oil and fats	54.3
Round steak	28.0	Beans	20.0
Roast	28.0	Meats	20.0
Stitch steak, pig's	28.0	Poultry and eggs	16.5
Beef	28.0	Dairy products	6.3
Bacon	28.0		
Flour	28.0		

Decrease, 15% figures available.
Increase 2 Per Cent in August
The increased retail prices of all food staples combined, retail figures for August compared with July was 2 per cent, the labor department says owing mainly to the decreased costs for the month of beef, ham, lamb and navy beans. Pork chops and eggs show the greatest increase. Bread, potatoes and coffee did not change in its month.

Whatever the disparity of the increased cost of food between the labor department and the food administration, officials of both estimates attribute much of the additional living expenses to an elevated standard of existence by the working classes. Finally—and this is one of the serious problems of the department of labor—the full satisfaction of aspirations without need for full time labor, so that workers can and do lay off part of the week as a result of which there has grown up an institution of caste that no longer satisfies itself with indicating its new elevation of social status by better food, better clothes and cheap jewelry but must manifest its prosperity by showing that "it does not have to work."

LEWIS E. THOMPSON, PIONEER DEALER IN REAL ESTATE, PASSES

Lived in Portland About 50 Years and Took Prominent Part in Development of City.

Lewis E. Thompson, prominent pioneer Portland real estate man, died at his home, 166 Gibbs street, at 8:45 o'clock Wednesday morning, after a short illness of pneumonia, which had developed from an attack of influenza.

Mr. Thompson was born at La Salle, Ill., June 10, 1855, and had lived in Portland about 50 years. He had taken an active part in the development of the city. He was a member of the Moose lodge and the Portland Social Turn Verein. He is survived by his wife, Linda E. Thompson, and daughter, Linda E. Thompson, James R. Thompson of this city is a brother, and Louis E. Thompson, also of Portland, is a nephew. Vincent Cook of Portland is his uncle. Mr. Thompson is also survived by his mother, Dr. Mary A. Thompson, a venerable woman suffrage advocate.

The funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p. m. with the Edward Holman Undertaking company in charge.

Suffrage Carries In South Dakota

Pierre, S. D., Nov. 6.—(U. P.)—Suffrage won in South Dakota by 15,000 votes, various political headquarters agreed late today.

Nicholas Liston Of Silverton Dies

Redding, Cal., Nov. 6.—(U. P.)—Nicholas Liston, 65, wealthy farmer of Silverton, Or., died here today. He was forced to leave a southbound Southern

Pacific train here a week ago on account of illness.

Careless Comparison
Member S. P. C. A. (to brutal driver)

—No, my friend, I won't shut up. Your poor horse, unfortunately, cannot speak like Balaam's ass, but I would have you know, sir, that I can.

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United War Work Drive November 11 to 18

—THE GOVERNMENT HAS ISSUED AN URGENT CALL FOR FUNDS to carry on the vitally necessary welfare work among our soldiers and sailors and has designated November 11 to 18 as War Work Week. The importance of this service cannot be overestimated and no doubt the public will respond accordingly. All funds received will be equitably proportioned among the following organizations:

- Y. M. C. A. American Library Association
- Knights of Columbus Jewish Welfare
- Y. W. C. A. Jewish Welfare
- War Camp Service Salvation Army
- Salvation Army
- All Library Assn.
- War Camp Service
- Y. M. C. A.
- Knights of Columbus
- Y. M. C. A.

—OUR BOYS ARE CALLING FROM "OVER THERE" for the companionship and cheer afforded by the above organizations—OUR BOYS in Home Cantonnments need amusements and help—READ THEIR LETTERS and you will realize how important it is that this splendid work be continued.

"Over the Top" for the Boys in the Service! Give—and Give Generously!

EVERY PATRIOTIC AMERICAN should consider it a great privilege to contribute to this worthy cause. Even though the war should soon end, there will be a tremendous call for money to keep our soldiers and sailors happy and contented and to help in other war activities of the above institutions. Portland's wonderful record in past campaigns assures a generous response to the United War Work Drive—put your shoulder to the wheel and help Portland "OVER THE TOP" once more!

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