

DECISION STILL IN ABEYANCE ON WESTERN FRONT

Great Struggle Continues With Unabated Fury; Haig Hold Firmly

BRITISH REAP HARVEST

Battle Fought Near Longueval One of Most Spectacular Of All

(Continued from page 1) a few belonging in a bag on their backs.

Offensive Launched in Mist

It is possible today to give details of that most important phase of the battle fought in the sectors between Gouzencourt and St. Quentin. The weather was shrouded in mist Thursday morning and the Germans advanced without being seen. Strong forces of infantry flung themselves against the British front line and after a fierce struggle broke through at several places. They then continued driving hard for Templeux, near Hargicourt. Just in front of the former village were quarries where the British had taken up positions, and here a battle of great ferocity was waged. The German repeatedly tried to take the quarries by storm, but so gallant was the defense of the comparatively small forces that the attacking troops were unable to push their way through.

While this struggle was in progress, the enemy flung five divisions against the line in front of Hargicourt and compelled the British to fall back from that place. This automatically ended the struggle in the Templeux quarries and the defenses fell back a little.

Enemy Loses Heavily

On Friday a fierce engagement was waged about Le Verguer where the Germans captured prisoners but not

until the British infantry holding the place had fought to the last man and inflicted extremely heavy losses on the enemy. The British again fell back, this time to a line through Hervilly, just east of Roisel and Vermand.

The Germans captured Hervilly, but the British came back with the help of the tanks in a dashing counter-attack, which forced the enemy to withdraw. The Germans, however, in an attack farther down the line, had forced the British line to swing back, and the whole front of this sector was compelled to give way, falling back to the line on the Somme.

Every inch of ground was contested, as the British withdrew, and some of the most magnificent work of the war was done by the hardy troops who fought the rear-guard action and allowed the main force to retire in an orderly and moderate manner.

Huns Deluged With Shells

The fighting southwest of Roisel was especially severe. On Saturday the Germans were fired and there was no very heavy fighting in this section. The enemy forces pushed forward to occupy the evacuated territory and, as they came, they were deluged with shells by the British artillery.

No finer tragedies could have been offered to the defending artillerymen, who shot all day with open sight, and covered the ground in front of them with dead and dying.

On Sunday the German advanced against the Somme defenses, and having pierced some of these, are seemingly pushing their advantages to the full in the hope of overcoming all opposition to the objectives which they have planned.

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THIRD LOAN TO BE FOR THREE BILLION

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of \$4,500,000,000 in addition to those now authorized, in order to provide for future issues; for authority to issue additional treasury certificates of indebtedness; for authority to make additional loans to the allied governments during the summer and for authority to deposit income and excess profits taxes with national banks, state banks and trust companies throughout the United States in the same manner as the proceeds of the liberty loans.

"I am sure that the people will respond to the third liberty loan with the same loyalty and enthusiasm that characterized their support of the first two loans. The great events now happening in France must fire the soul of every American with a new determination to furnish all the dollars and all of the material resources of America that are needed to put an end to the execrable atrocities of German militarism. Defeat the forces of the kaiser. Let us hasten it by showing America's might with increased vigor in concert with our gallant comrades."

MAX ALFORD WRITES HOME

Enlightening Description Is Given of People and Customs of France

Censored by himself in official capacity, a letter comes from Lieutenant Max L. Alford, written from France under date of January 30, 1918, to relatives in Salem. His address is Company I, 162nd Infantry, A. E. F., via New York city. The letter follows:

"Perhaps you will find the heading a bit indefinite but you'll have to charge it to Bill. He makes us do it. One thing is definite for us though, and that is France. A person could tell it if you never saw it before.

"I suppose the weather would interest you very little, but to get you acquainted with the country, I'll have to tell you of it. When we first landed we found it quite cold and snowy. But it soon began to get warmer, and now for two weeks we have been seeing 'Sunny France.' It is very much like Oregon spring at present.

"Much Can't Be Said. "If during the course of this little letter you think I have forgotten to mention something, please do not charge it against me, for it is probably because I cannot speak of it. This is often as much a handicap for us, as it is distressing for the folks at home.

"Our voyage across was very pleasant, no scares, and very comfortable. We were lucky enough to draw first class passage on a steam liner, so we fared very well. The last part, however, across the channel, was quite rough, and most of us were sick. I had very unpleasant sensations, but paid no wasted board bill. I can't say we fared so well on our rail travels. We were very short on heat on the cars, and in freezing weather, we suffered some.

"I guess that that we were lucky enough to get away from Long Island when we did. Of course we find things different here. But no one ever was able to tell one just how different. For the love of the whole tribe, don't ever get the France bug in your head, or English, either. Believe your unk Willie, when I set back to the U. S. you won't be able to dislodge me with a T. N. T. depth bomb. If you don't know what that is, ask a powder man.

"I have never seen a private house with accommodations for bath. And they are careless about the streets and buildings.

"Then they're slow. As slow as the slowest thing you know of standing still. It takes a family history, Bible and all, for a fellow to buy a cigar.

"And I suppose their slowness accounts for their being so far behind the times. I can't begin to tell all about this but a few things which are very common will help.

"Very few four-wheeled wagons are used. And very few two-horse teams. A large lumbering two-wheeled cart, with one horse, and they'll put on a ton. Delivering for retail trade is done with dog carts. The woman guides the cart and hold back while the dog pulls himself to death.

"A fellow came to my office a few days ago and said he had a high-power automobile for hire. I asked him how powerful, and he said, 'Oh,

very much power, fourteen horse. I hated to laugh in his face, but could hardly help it. When I told him the power of a Hudson Super, he called me a liar.

"Street cars are dinkys and use a 220 volt current. One almost got going the other day and they arrested the man who was running it all being too enthusiastic. Auto trucks are a redeeming feature.

"Horses Pull Cars. "On the railroads they use the four-wheeled luggage van. Their largest freight wagons hold eight to ten tons; and they use the old hook and chain coupling. A man has to get between the cars to couple them. The newest locos are pretty fair, but built lean and lanky; but the old ones would have made Benjamin Franklin laugh. If a good old O. W. 'Mike' should hook onto 200 of their freight cars, it would pull every bolt in the train. Instead of switch engines they use horses in the yards.

"Their towns are old, dirty and crooked. The streets very narrow. Everything is done on such a small scale. Shops, stores, factories and all. The people can't seem to stretch their minds.

"I have seen very little of the outside country as yet, but it is somewhat prettier than the towns. Even then, one finds the same smallness. "But the fellow who said you can live cheaply in Europe has a second guess, or else the people say us coming. A nice 'room' house costs only \$25 per month furnished.

"Americans Well Situated. "A little about ourselves. We are well situated, have good quarters and accommodations, and our work is pleasant. There are six of us officers occupying a house, very nicely furnished, with a small garden in which the flowers are now blooming, and we have a piano. Further, I dare not go.

"I think people better be glad they live in America and Oregon. The farther I travel, the more convinced I am that there is not place like home.

"I received your very welcome Christmas remembrance yesterday. It certainly was welcome. Everything was in excellent shape, except a bit unusual for paper boxes, and I thank you very much.

"The box which Sara sent me has not come as yet, but I'm on its trail, so expect it any day. I have also had some difficulty with my letters."

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Attorney General Brown Passes on Status of Bowerman's Position

"It has been hornbook law in Oregon that the law officers of the state are its only lawful law officers," says Attorney General Brown, and he underscores the last two words, "law officers," in an opinion written for the state highway commission relative to the legality of its employing a right-of-way agent. The term "hornbook" means elementary. The opinion holds that the commission may employ a right-of-way agent. He may or may not be a lawyer, the opinion allows, but he does not have the legal right to serve as counsel or law officer.

Attorney General Brown was requested by G. Ed Ross, secretary of the highway commission, to pass on the question since criticism has been directed at the commission because of the nature of the services rendered the commission by Jay Bowerman, who is employed under the designation of a right-of-way agent, but whose name was attached to a complaint in condemnation proceedings in Clackamas county and who made an argument before the court. The opinion hews squarely to the lay, and says:

"Your letter does not attempt to define the extent of the authority that the commission wishes its right-of-way agent to exercise. Therefore my answer will be based upon the assumption that you are using the term 'right-of-way agent' as the same is generally understood, and within the limitations of chapter 237, general laws of Oregon, 1917, creating the state highway commission and defining the duties of the highway engineer." The opinion then shows that under section 3 of chapter 237, a right-of-way agent may be employed under the provision that "the commission shall employ such clerks, officers and assistants to said engineer, at such salaries and for such terms as appear necessary," but the opinion holds that no assistant shall have greater authority than the engineer.

Right of the commission to acquire right-of-way, including the right of condemnation, is shown in the opinion, but the attorney general shows that the acquiring of a right-of-way shall be completed before contracts for road construction are let. Touching upon the subject of special counsel, the opinion says: "I refer from the general contents of your letter that it is not the intention of the highway commission to employ legal counsel under the style and name of 'right-of-way agent.'" The attorney general then quotes from a supreme court opinion in the case of Gibson against Kay, in which Justice Burnett said relative to the

employment of a lawyer in lieu of the state's law officers:

"It may be said that, if that officer was not well enough versed in the law governing his position to perform its requirements, he cannot expect the state to incur the expense of educating him thereto further than may be implied from the functions of its regular law officers. If he desires independent legal action, he may, at his own cost, secure it. He cannot supersede the regular law officers of the state."

Another quotation from the supreme court in the case of Baskin against Marion county is quoted as follows: "It has never been denied that in proper cases aid may be furnished for public officers. On the other hand, it has never been decided that they could be ignored or superseded in the interest of special counsel."

Machines Are Missing; Aviators Thought Killed

PENSACOLA, Fla., March 25.—Two hydro-airplanes, each operated by an ensign, are missing tonight from the aviation flying station here. The aviators are reported to have been killed when their machines fell into the bay, but naval authorities declined to give out any information about the aviators. A search is being made for the missing men.

FORT WORTH, Texas, March 25.—Cadet William S. McNamara of New York city was killed instantly and Second Lieutenant A. N. Dunstan of Toronto, Ont., was injured slightly near Dallas this afternoon when the airplane in which they were riding fell in a spinning nose dive.

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