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GERMAN LOSS IS 350,000 IN 5 WEEKS

Enemy Sustains Appalling
Slaughter of Troops in
Present Struggle on West-
ern War Front

FIGHTING RESERVE IS HALF EXHAUSTED

Situation Takes Alarming As-
pect From View of Ger-
man Leaders

FRENCH ARMY HEADQUAR-
TERS, via OTTAWA, May 2.—Under
the German blows the allied
armies seem to be welded together
as never before. There now is no
point of junction at which the Ger-
mans can thrust. The process of
welding together the two armies is
complete, but it will not stop there.
Franco-British divisions will be
moved about on a solidly knitted
front at the wish of the allied high
command as freely as German divi-
sions.

Against the enemy's territorial
gains must be set the fact that he
had to throw 140 divisions into the
battle in five weeks. A considerable
number of these have been twice en-
gaged and some thrice. Adding
these reappearances together, there
is a total of 186 engagements of
divisions, equivalent to a mass of two
and one-half million men whom the
enemy has already put into battle.

As a German division is never with-
drawn until it has sustained severe
losses, on an average of 2500, it is
reasonable to reckon the enemy's loss
since the beginning of the battle
at not less than 250,000.

The Germans began the offensive
with a reserve of 650,000 in depots
in France and at home. Behind
these there is only the 1919-20 class,
consisting of youths, half of whom
are under 18. The enemy's genuine
fighting reserve is thus half exhausted
before he has covered anything like
half the distance to his goal.

The organization decided to
stop making ice and sherberts
and concentrate on ice cream. President
Gardiner said this course was adopted at the sug-
gestion of the federal food ad-
ministration officials.

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PIONEERS GATHER TO DEDICATE CHAMPOEG MEMORIAL BUILDING; TO ASK ANOTHER APPROPRIATION

New Structure Commemorating Conference Held in 1843
at Historic Spot Opened to Public—More Funds Need-
ed to Provide Auditorium and Furnishings—2500 Peo-
ple Come From Valley Points to Take Part in Celebration

By LUCILE F. SAUNDERS.

Where seventy-five years ago 102
of the original Willamette valley
settlers gathered at the Hudson Bay
warehouse and decided whether Oregon
should be a part of British Columbia or a territory of the United
States, yesterday approximately 2500
people gathered to dedicate the new
Champoeg memorial building. Pio-
neers from all over the state, one
even from as far east as Union coun-
ty, mingled in great numbers with
the crowds of visitors from Salem,
Portland and other valley points,
who came by way of auto, train and
boat.

Situated on a beautiful spot in the
twelve-acre memorial reserve, just a
few hundred feet from the east bank
of the Willamette, stands the newly-
completed structure, designed by
George M. Post and erected under
the direction of Fred Erickson and
Ralph J. Jones. It is built on the
bungalow style with a dull gray and
white exterior and inside woodwork
of a slightly different shade. It con-
tains a kitchen, main hall and two
rest rooms on the first floor and

what will later be made into museum
and caretaker's quarters upstairs.
Chairs and tables are the only equip-
ment on hand just at present. One
of the most striking features of the
main hall is the big fireplace of large
smooth round stones. The big porch
with its columns of whole tree trunks
at the corners afforded a shady spot
for many of the pioneer guests and
the speakers at yesterday's cere-
monies.

Building Long Desired.

For the past eighteen years Founders
Day has been observed by the
Oregon pioneers and their descendants
with an appropriate program on
the spot. In 1901 a cement monu-
ment containing the fifty-two names
of those men at the original meeting
who voted in favor of joining the
United States, was dedicated by the
late Harvey W. Scott. After a strenuous
fight, begun in 1907, the land and
appropriation for the building were
secured from the state. The money for the former, however, was
not given until after a dozen men
had taken up a collection among
themselves and secured the tract.
Their donations were later refunded.

Many Pioneers Present.

The spirit of the pioneers dominated
the program at this year's meeting.
P. H. D'Arcy, who acted as chairman,
called on as many of the old people
as possible and introduced them to
the audience. Among them were
Abner Lewis, son of Reuben Lewis,
who participated in the original
meeting; J. U. Smith, son of another
of the pioneers of '43, also his moth-
er, who came here in 1845; Mrs. W.
A. McPherson, wife of the first state
printer; W. P. and J. T. Gray, sons
of W. H. Gray, secretary of the con-
ference; P. Fletcher and Oliver
Beers, whose fathers also took part
in it, and H. L. Pittock, owner of the
Oregonian. The oldest man at the
meeting was W. C. Emery, 90 years
of age, who was here in '43. Mrs.
Melinda Smith, the widow of Sidney
Smith, a pioneer of 1838, was also
present. C. B. Moores of Portland,
and Judge Daniel Webster of Salem
were other pioneers who attended.

Rev. Mr. Huneker, another Oregon
old-timer, opened the program
with the invocation. He was followed
by the veteran's quartette, who
sang "The Star Spangled Banner,"
thus contributing several other num-
bers.

T. T. Geer One of Speakers.

Former Governor T. T. Geer, who
gave the dedicatory address, recom-
mended on the present patriotic spirit
of the people of Oregon. He said
the present building is merely a fore-
runner of a more pretentious addi-
tion, which is to contain an audi-
torium.

Governor James Withycombe re-
sponded with a short patriotic talk
in which he pointed out the need of
"real red-blooded Americans" in the
present crisis. "It is more important
than it ever was before that you peo-
ple are standing together today," he
said.

The state of Washington sent four
representatives: Professor Edmund
S. Meany of the University of Wash-
ington, former Governor Miles C.
Moore, Sam Hill and D. C. Elliott of
Walla Walla. These men expressed
the interest of Washington, reminding
the people that it was part of
Oregon in 1843.

Rufus Holman, Colonel Robert A.
Miller, Milton A. Miller, J. D. Lee of
Portland, Frederick V. Holman, pres-
ident of the Oregon Historical Society,
and Mrs. Edith Tozier Weather-
red made brief addresses.

Professor E. B. McFarland amus-
ed the pioneers with recitation in
Chinook.

Rev. W. S. Josselyn gave the ben-
ediction.

Will Ask Appropriation.

A motion made by Mr. Miller pro-
posing that the next state legislature
appropriate \$10,000 for further im-
provements on the building carried
unanimously.

An interesting relic was the gavel
used by Mr. D'Arcy and loaned for
the occasion by George H. Himes,
secretary of the Oregon Historical
Society. It was made of five historic
pieces of wood, one of them taken
from an oak tree planted by Mrs.
Smith in her girlhood.

CHINONVILLE BOMBED.

LONDON, May 2.—The report on
aerial operations tonight says:

"One ton of bombs was dropped to-
day at Thionville. Several bursts
were observed on the barracks, rail-
way station and sidings. A fire
broke out in the Carkshutte works."

U.S. STRIPPING FOR ACTION ON WAR FRONT

ADDRESSES OF MEN ORDERED TO ACCOMPANY AMERICAN CASUALTY LISTS

Added Identity Information to
Accompany American Casualty Lists

Plans for Throwing Every Re-
source Into Battle Maturing
—Germany Still Has Re-
serves to Throw Into Fight

RUMANIANS ASK TO FIGHT AUSTRIANS

Local Operations Only Move-
ments—Lull Broods Over
Battlefield

OFFICIAL SUMMARY.

America is stripping for the de-
cisive battle on the battle front of
Europe. In an executive session of
the military committee of the lower
house of congress Secretary of War
Baker, Major General March, acting
chief of staff, and Provost Marshal
General Crowder have asked con-
gress to give the president blanket
authority to increase the United
States army to whatever size may
be necessary to win the war.

This county now has nearly 2,
000,000 men under arms and the
army appropriation bill for this year
would provide for an increase of this
number to 3,000,000.

LULL CONTINUES IN WEST.

While America's plans for throw-
ing every resource into the bat-
tle against Prussianism are maturing,
the lull which has brooded over
the western battle lines continues.
The expected German attacks on the
Ypres and Amiens fronts have not
been launched. Here and there the
opposing artilleries have broken
forth into wild bombardments, such
as usually preludes to massed at-
tacks on the allied lines, but they have
not been launched. Here and there local operations have
been carried out for the purpose of
straightening lines and raiding the
enemy's positions but they have not
developed into anything unusual.

The Germans must attack soon or
acknowledge their defeat in their
ambitious attempt utterly to crush
the allied armies.

Germany Has More Reserves.

Germany has lost heavily, but the
emperor still has reserves to throw
into the fight. The defeat Monday
on the Meteren-Voormezeele line
has taught the Germans that the allies are prepared
to stand their ground and there
seems little inclination at the present
moment to renew a conflict which
threatens to be disastrous.

The report that Czech soldiers, de-
serting from the Austrian army, now
are fighting with the Ita-
rians has been confirmed by a dispatch saying
that Rumanians who had been cap-
tured by the Italians have asked per-
mission to fight against the Aus-
trians and that they are now on the
front line.

The British forces in Palestine
have recaptured Es-Salt, a village
from which they retired three weeks
ago under pressure from a superior
force of Turks and Germans.

A Berlin report says that the
fortress of Sebastopol has been occu-
pied by the Germans. This was ex-
pected after the capture of Simferopol
last week.

BOMBARD WITH GAS.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN
FRANCE, May 2.—(Via Ottawa)—Early this morning the Germans
heavily bombarded with gas shells
and high explosives the allied pos-
sessions west of Merris and the area
around Villers-Bretonneux. There
was no infantry action.

The allies have been profiting by
the lull to prepare to meet any fresh
enemy effort.

During Wednesday the British
carried out a successful enterprise
south of the Ancre, advancing the
front over a width of nearly half a
mile to a depth of 400 yards.

The weather has improved and
the allies are doing deadly work
over enemy positions.

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WASHINGON, May 2.—Blanked

authority for the president to in-
crease the army to whatever size may
be necessary to win the war was pro-
posed to the house military commit-
tee in executive session today by
Secretary Baker, Major General March,
acting chief of staff, and Provost Marshal
General Crowder. An administra-
tion measure amending the selective draft act to provide for
this grant of power will be prepared
immediately and prompt action on it
asked.

Secretary Baker told the commit-
tee it would be unwise to set any
limit of the number of men who
could be called to the colors and that
the granting of complete discretionary

authority to the president to increase
the size of the army as rapidly as
possible.

AMOY, China, May 2.—Heavy re-
inforcements of government troops
are moving toward the Fukien-
Kwangtung border concentrating
chiefly at Tung Shan and Chaoan.

ANOTHER BODY UNDER FLOOR

Remains of Irma Pallatinus
Beneath House Occupied
Schmidt

DETROIT, May 2.—Wrapped in
canvas, the body of Irma Pallatinus
was found today under the cement
floor in the basement of the home
here formerly occupied by Helmuth
Schmidt, whose suicide in the High-
land Park jail ten days ago has re-
sulted in an investigation to deter-
mine the fate of at least three women
who lived with Schmidt as his
wife.

Mrs. Edward Rederer, a sister of
Irma Pallatinus, identified a strand
of hair as that of her sister's and
examination revealed the fact that
the woman had been strangled to
death with a clothesline.

Miss Pallatinus accompanied
Schmidt here from Lakewood, N. J.,
and relatives state that the couple
were married in New York, this be-
ing disputed, however, by Schmidt's
daughter and widow, Mrs. Tieitz-
Schmidt. The woman disappeared
suddenly two years ago.

Mrs. Schmidt, who was brought
before Prosecutor Gillespie late to-
day for further questioning in connec-
tion with the death of Augusta
Steinbach, who, according to
Schmidt, killed herself when he
would not marry her, fainted when
told of the finding of the body.

Information has been received
from a German prisoner who was
brought by one of the American
patrols. He was a Red Cross man
who assisted in the removal of the
wounded and the burial of the dead
after the engagement, and told the
American intelligence officers that
the German force was cut to pieces,
about four-fifths of its 1500 effectives
being killed or wounded.

In view of the fact that the pris-
oner gave other information of a
definite character, the intelligence
officers seemed to believe his state-
ments relative to the German cas-
ualties.

American Officer Killed.

Lieutenant Colonel Richard H.
Griffiths, commanding a battalion of
infantry, has been killed by shell
fire in Picardy. He emerged from a
dugout just as a German shell ex-
ploded and exploded directly in front
of him.

Lieutenant Colonel Griffiths was
with the Fourth Tennessee volun-
teers. He served also as major in the
Philippine constabulary. He was ap-
pointed a major in the national
army after resigning from the
British army. His widow is a Red
Cross nurse.

An American aviator has brought
down the fourth German airplane
along the American front, northwest
of Toul. Lieutenant James A. Meiss-
ner, whose home is in Brooklyn,
after a thrilling aerial battle at
about 15,000 feet, shot down an Al-
batross scout which fell in flames.

Lieutenant Meissner is 21 years
of age and a graduate of Cornell.

While he was protecting a photo-
graphing plane a German machine
came in view. A French plane
started for the German, but Meissner
was flying high nearby in a
speedy Nieuport chaser, made a dive
for the German's tail. When within
range he opened fire with his machine
gun and the German started a
spiral nose dive, but after a few sec-
onds straightened out and started
back for Germany.

Meissner followed so closely when
the German started out that the latter's
wing tore both of the under
wings of Meissner's machine, but at
the same time the young American
poured a deadly stream of bullets
into the enemy plane, which started
smoking. Meissner kept up the fire
until the German machine burst into
flames and crashed to earth.

The American pilot landed safe
on his own side of the lines, but the
German fell about a mile inside the
German lines to the south of Thion-
ville. The American infantrymen in
the front lines watched the engage-
ment and cheered loudly another
American air victory.

TROOPS REPORTED REPULSED.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 1, via
LONDON, May 2.—An official state-
ment issued today by the Turkish
war office reports the repulse of
strong British detachments in Mes-
opotamia.

states would have to furnish no draft
men, while others would have to fur-
nish a very high percentage.

Wilson for Volunteer Credits.

When the resolution to change the
draft quota basis was before the
house, President Wilson wrote Chair-
man Dent of the military committee,
supporting the volunteer credits plan
but he was represented today as hav-
ing changed his mind in view of the
inequality that would result. It is un-
derstood that he will write Chairman
Dent asking the house to rescind its
insistence on its amendments.

There were indications today that
an administration bill to grant wa-
ited power to the president to in-
crease the size of the army will
meet with opposition.

WEATHER.

Friday probably rain west, cloudy
east portion; cooler, moderate south-
westerly winds.