

DESTRUCTION IS ORDER GIVEN TO GERMAN TROOPS

"More Method and Less Haste" to Be Used in Destroying Property

ORDERS ARE EXPLICIT

Those Divisions Failing to Obey Must Suffer Consequences, Stated

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN LORRAINE, Sept. 20.—(11:30 a. m.) (By the Associated Press.)—German troops recently were ordered to be more methodical in the destruction of property in the regions evacuated by them. An order from the commander of the 108th infantry brigade to the rear guards, dated September 3, says:

"A recent army order demands that we proceed in the future with more method and less haste in the destruction of indicated property. The divisions already have been notified that they will be held responsible for buildings not destroyed in their areas. In consequence all preparation should be made for firing (straw collected, etc.)."

"Lieutenant Krause with his platoon already has received special orders regarding the destruction of certain localities. He is to destroy the northern section of Commenchon, Ugeny-Le-Gay, Villequier-Aumont, Le Gaiel, Fallouel, Frieres-Fallouel and the roads joining them with Mennessis as well as the bridges on the roads west."

"All soldiers are bound to assist to the best of their ability in the execution of this mission. The rear guard battalions will select groups to complete the work of destruction. These detachments will not set fire to things until the right moment. It will be remembered that there are means to defile all wells. Mines must not get exploded too soon."

The villages mentioned in the foregoing order are west of LaFere and now are held by the French. They were given up by the Germans in their retreat from Ham early in September.

Polk County Men Ordered to Report for War Duty

DALLAS, Or., Sept. 20.—(Special to The Statesman)—To fill the draft quota of 10 men to be sent from Polk county to a training camp about October 7, the local board has ordered the following class 1 men to hold themselves in readiness for the call and to report in this city upon the date to be announced later:

James Henry Sohn, Salem; George Elbert, Salem; Alexander E. Gage, E. F. D. No. 2, Dallas; Ernest Leslie Chown, Independence; Claude B. Graham, Falls City; Paul Buchanan, Independence; Lee Reynolds Falls City; John Holland, Salem; Ammon Pitzer, Dallas; Gilbert Stallings, Independence; Ernest Hoisington, Monmouth; Earl Denis McNeil, Monmouth; Clinton Tom, Grand Ronde; Bruce F. Dunsmuir, Independence; Roy Neville Pfeifer, Portland; and Elmer E. Addison, Independence.

Clinton Tom is an Indian and is one of the several boys sent from the reservation to help fight the Hun. The following Polk county boys have been directed to report for entry to the limited service division on September 30: Jesse Elmer Lucie, William I. Talbot and Fred Wilson.

RECORD BROKEN AT YAKIMA

YAKIMA, Wash., Sept. 20.—The world record for a mile by a hobbled trotter was broken today by Cavalier, Galy owned by L. Ferrizo and driven by Fred Woodcock. The record was made in the second heat of the two sixteen trot which was made in 2:08 1-4, one second below the record. Forty eight heats on the state fair track this week have averaged 2:09 35.

HEARST PASSES BRISBANE BUCK

Attorney for William Randolph Says Corporation No Quences, Stated

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—William A. DeFord, general counsel of the Star company, publishers of William R. Hearst's newspapers, the New York American and the New York Evening Journal, issued a statement tonight explaining his connection with the Growing Circulation corporation, the concern through which Arthur Brisbane received the funds from brewers which enabled him to purchase the Washington Times, as disclosed yesterday by A. Mitchell Palmer, alien property custodian. Mr. DeFord, who was named as one of the directors of the corporation, said he had resigned from the corporation on March 11, 1916, more than a year prior to the date of the loan of \$375,000 made through the concern to Brisbane by C. W. Feigenspan, as trustee for a number of brewers. John T. Sturdevant and Thomas McEntegart, also named as directors of the corporation, likewise resigned and there was elected as president Mr. Brisbane's father in law, Seward Carey, with two of the directors as secretary and other directors.

The corporation said Mr. DeFord was organized on January 13, 1916, at Mr. Brisbane's request as an instrumentality for the delivery of Hearst's newspapers and Brisbane asked him, together with Sturdevant, his associate, and McEntegart, a clerk in his office, to act temporarily as incorporators and directors. The Star company afterward declined to contract with the corporation for the distribution of its papers, and the Growing Circulation corporation thereafter remained a mere shell. Later Brisbane advised him that he "desired to take over the nominal as well as the actual ownership" and to elect directors of his own choice. This was done at the meeting held March 11, 1916, "the first and only meeting of this company which either Mr. Sturdevant, Mr. McEntegart or myself attended," after authorizing an issue of \$10,000 capital stock to Mrs. Alice Brisbane Thursty, Brisbane's sister, for \$10,000 in cash, DeFord and his associates resigned and the other officers and directors were elected.

"The corporation transacted no business," said Mr. DeFord, "while I, or any member of my staff was connected with its directorate, or while its records were in my possession; and, therefore, I never knew, until the publication of Mr. Palmer's statement, that the corporation possessed any funds or had transacted any business."

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RECORDS OF WEST SALEM BADLY KEPT

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\$165 to which Blue had referred in his testimony. He likewise stated that a 200-foot ditch, in payment for the work on which Blue had claimed to have expended certain sums, was constructed by the Kingwood Park company and not by the city.

Another hitch came in Blue's report to the council that he had on hand January 13, 1914, \$80 in the city treasury. On May 25, 1914, his next report showed that there was no balance and that no bills had been paid. The defense maintains that the council had ratified his handling of the funds and had not questioned their usage at that time.

Blue's story was told simply and straightforwardly. "At the time I began doing work for West Salem before it was incorporated there was, of course, no city attorney," he said. "The understanding was that I was to be paid before the incorporation and when finally elected to office no salary was allowed, but I was to be compensated for fees and expenses."

The defendant told of some of the expenses incurred in handling city business, trips to Portland and Dallas and stenographer's hire, all of the items intended to explain items not mentioned in the report of A. A. Cunningham, the expert accountant, who went over the books of the town at the request of an investigating committee. Counsel for the defense pointed out that Cunningham had not been shown a certain portion of the records, implying that they were

AMERICA IS BEATING HUNS SAYS JIM HAM

Senator Lewis Fresh From France Asserts This Country Is Appreciated

GERMANY IN TERROR

Humiliation of Teutons by Yanks Taken as Forerunner of Sure Defeat

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—The smashing of the St. Mihiel salient by the American army has filled Germany with terror, and is the forerunner of an overthrow of the Prussian military domination by the German people, according to an opinion expressed here today by Senator James Ham Lewis of Illinois, who has just returned from France and England.

The German rulers, Senator Lewis said, are aware that the people of Germany have awakened to a realization of the power of General Pershing's troops, and "the spirit of German monarchs and military captains has been shattered," by this knowledge.

France and Great Britain, he added, freely admit that the entrance of American fighters into the fray has turned the tide. Premier Clemenceau told him, the senator said, that America's prowess was "the salvation of the hour," while the British prime minister, declared that the "influence of President Wilson and America upon institution of Britain and her people was equivalent in itself to new British army."

The humiliation of the German military by fresh troops of Americans has filled Germany with wonder and terror, the senator said. "German rulers see that this American surprise is a sure forerunner for the German people clearing their houses of the military monsters and establishing authority at Berlin of their own choice."

He evidently carelessly kept itemized statements. Blue claimed, were presented with every bill and he had not drawn out money until these were ratified by the council. Returned checks were kept by him in chronological order in his safe and presented with his stubs in his reports to the council.

When he left for Alaska he had on hand \$159.39 of the city's money and this he removed to the Miners' and Merchants' bank of Ketchikan when he learned of the investigation being conducted as to his books. This was entered as the account of "Ernest Blue, treasurer," no other designation being given. When he left for Salem to appear at the trial he drew this sum out and brought it with him.

Mr. Cunningham's report of his findings showed that Blue owed the city \$2356. Aid but \$295.70 was apparently accounted for yesterday by the defendant, who showed that the expert had not been supplied with a number of items of expense, which he summed up as follows:

Expenditure of \$250 for improvements on a ditch, which the state claims the Salem Water, Light & Power company paid for and which Blue says West Salem stood the cost of.

To a man named Gossler for tools, \$20. Attorney's fees and expenses, \$260. Donation on behalf of the city to the parents of J. A. Moore, who was killed in an accident near a sewer improvement, \$50. A hastily called council meeting was held in a store, at which time it was decided to vote the money, it was said. Mayor Frazure paid \$25 out of his pocket at the time and Blue the other part, the latter repaying the mayor a few days later. City Recorder P. L. Woods when on the stand admitted no knowledge of the meeting, of which no minutes had been kept.

Water fund incidentals, \$20. Interest on the Herald warrant and expenses in handling the Portland Railway, Light & Power company suit, \$80. Personal expenses and attorney's fees, \$400.

Witnesses appearing in the valuation Cunningham placed on the water power plant bought by the city and the actual purchase price, \$800. This was explained by the lack of information given on this point. Mr. Cunningham said he took the appraised valuation of the plant minus the real estate belonging to it. When he looked up the deed he found that it merely stated, "nominal price, \$10."

"Therefore he had used \$19 as working figures instead of the actual cost which ran up into several hundred. These figures make a total of \$1910 favoring Blue. With the \$159.39 in his possession there would still be \$235.79 to be accounted for."

"My coming departure for Alaska was generally known," the defendant went on. "My friends knew I was going there to make a survey of the situation with the expectation of staying if it were found satisfactory. Of course, I didn't advertise the fact around, but it was no secret. Before leaving I signed enough warrants and left them with Mr. Wood, providing for every expenditure that might come up until the time of my return. There was no business to close up at this time, for I did not know for sure that I would say in the north."

"I didn't know of the controversy over my accounts until March, 1917. Even then I had no details about it and had heard nothing of the accusations against me. What I did hear of concerned some bills I was

BREWER OWNS UP HE HELPS OUT BRISBANE

Says Association Furnished Funds to Finance the Washington Times

DENIES DISLOYALTY

Declares Brewing Interests Have Maintained Lobbyists at the Capitals

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—C. W. Feigenspan, president of the United States Brewers' association, tonight made public a letter to Senator King, chairman of the senate sub-committee on the judiciary, in which he "frankly and freely confessed" that the association furnished Arthur Brisbane funds to finance the purchase of the Washington Times.

He further admitted that the association and the brewing interests generally, have maintained lobbyists at Washington and at various state capitals, whose business it was to try to protect us, and checkmate those presenting opposition to our industry.

He vigorously denied charges of disloyalty or pro-Germanism, both personally and on behalf of the association, and asked that he be permitted to appear before the sub-committee for questioning "without limit" on all the charges regarding the communication regarding the time sent to Senator King by A. Mitchell Palmer, alien property custodian.

supposed to have owed." When questioned as to the \$100 item for attorney's fees, which the state's counsel insisted was rather large, Blue reminded the court that this covered two years' work.

"The items should have been entered every time my bills were rendered," he said. "I know of no reason why they should have been left out. I didn't present the large bill for two years on account of the city not having the money to pay it."

Water board bills in West Salem are not kept with the other city bills and no record of them is to be found in the minutes of the council, according to Mr. Wood's own admission. As secretary of the water board Blue kept all of the bills, each of which he claimed was audited by that body before payments were made.

As to the purchase of the city water works Blue said \$375.00 was paid to Frank Waters, the original owner. Part of this deal was closed in cash and part in bonds. Blue secured \$1750 in cash and took it to his office, Waters having phoned that he would come over immediately for the money.

"He must have been delayed for he did not come for it until four days later," said the defendant. "Meanwhile the money add bonds lay in my safe."

To questioning as to why cash instead of a check had been secured, he replied, "It was probably Waters' request."

"Waters gave \$1000 of this and the bonds, to Ruge," he continued. "and later gave me \$500 out of which to pay some bills. By this time he had only \$250, and this accounts for W. H. Grabenhorst's statement that Waters told him he wasn't getting much out of the deal."

In answer to the inquiry, "Did you have a commission out of the sale?" Blue replied emphatically, "Not one cent."

He went on to tell of payments made by him for Waters out of the \$500. These were by personal check because the other man's bills were not chargeable to the city. He mentioned making out one for \$165 to Ruge, but this latter denied ever having received, claiming that he received the \$1000 and bonds.

Ruge said he attended practically every city council meeting about this time and did not remember the \$400, \$80 or \$200 items being passed on at any meeting. The improvements the city paid for at the water plant consisted in a small ditch where a connection was made, no long one being put in after the establishment became the property of West Salem.

Witnesses appearing in the rebuttal yesterday were G. L. Bedford, Mr. Wood, Mr. Brown, W. S. Fittz, J. T. Hunt, Mr. Ruge and Mrs. Fannie Moore. The last told of attending a council meeting when the question of the city's being able to afford a city attorney was brought up.

"Mayor Frazure got up at this time," she averred, "and said that Mr. Blue had agreed to serve free of charge."

The case will be continued today at 9 o'clock and may possibly reach the jury by night.

GREAT REVENUE BILL IS PASSED BY THE HOUSE

Huge Tax Measure Is Largest of Its Kind in History of Any Nation

OVER EIGHT BILLIONS

House Votes Unanimously—Speed in the Senate Now Seems Assured

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—The house late today passed the war revenue bill, designed to raise by taxation approximately \$8,182,000,000 of the twenty four or more billions needed by the nation for the current year. The huge measure—the largest of its kind in the history of any nation now goes to the senate. Passage of the bill was unanimous.

All possible speed in the bill's course through the senate is assured, according to leaders. Desire for the bill's enactment before the November elections has been expressed by leaders of both houses, but this is considered doubtful.

Consideration of the measure by the house today prior to the vote was brief. An amendment by the house ways and means committee which drafted the bill, extending the depletion allowances to gas and oil wells and mines to include "timber and other natural deposits" was adopted.

SERBS ARE STILL GOING

(Continued from page 1.) of the enemy's long range guns in this position."

AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Sept. 20.—(Reuters.)—Patrols report having encountered an entirely new type of enemy airplane designed especially to make maneuvering easy. They also report the Germans adopting the parachute as a means of escape from damaged planes.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Sept. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Beyond local fighting, the British third and fourth armies, northwest of St. Quentin have not been engaged today. In the local operations a new front has been further improved at several places.

The Germans are holding strong machine gun detachments in the large number of small farms, and sunken roads in this vicinity, but a number of these already have been cleared.

In front of St. Quentin, there were clashes between the opposing infantry and the British gained some ground east of Holnon village. Smoke bombs played an important part in the storming of fortified quarries in front of the Hindenburg outpost system northwest of St. Quentin. The quarries, covering an area more than a mile deep and two miles in width, have been utilized by divisions of the Germans second army for construction of an underground "Gibraltar."

Prussian officers, including a regimental adjutant general have been captured. One of the officers said bets had been freely made that the British would never be able to capture the quarries.

A British brigadier left his grooms near a quarry, which he supposed had been cleared of the Germans, and went forward to watch the advance of his men. When he returned he found the perplexed groom surrounded by 40 armed Germans, demanding that the groom accept their surrender.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Sept. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—The progress of General Mangin's army toward the western extremity of the Chemin des Dames has driven the enemy to violent reactions. Five vigorous counter attacks were made last night against the new French positions east of the Moisy farm and north of Allemant. In every one of these unsuccessful assaults the Germans lost heavily.

The French troops have maintained all gains made in this region and have succeeded in organizing their new positions. Only about three quarters of a mile now separates the French from the height on which stands the ruins of Fort Malmaison. It is difficult ground, adapted to the kind of defensive fighting the Germans are carrying on.

It is the plateau of Chavignon the Germans are defending here so desperately. More than 429 of their dead were picked up over a space of half a mile long by a quarter of a mile deep during the recent fighting. The possession of this plateau, which is the key to positions north of the Chemin Des Dames, would compel the enemy to abandon a part of the St. Gobain forest.

PARIS, Sept. 20.—(Havas.)—The chamber of deputies adopted by a vote of 457 to 4, a credit of 12,200,000 francs for military expenses and exceptional civil expenses for the fourth quarter of 1918.

Camp Devens, sixteen among the sailors in the first naval district, and three in the second district.

PRELATE'S CONDITION GRAVE ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 20.—Archbishop John Ireland of St. Paul diocese of the Roman Catholic church, still is in grave condition tonight, his physicians announced. The Rev. Thomas Welch, secretary to the archbishop, said it was doubted if the prelate would live 48 hours.

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SALEM COMPANY TO MUSTER TUESDAY NIGHT (Continued from page 1.)

proved an incentive to recruiting and about 26 men have been added since then.

Those now signed up are: L. Hewlett, H. L. Maynard, J. Fred Day, J. T. Welsh, Milo Patterson, Jerome Parmenter, Don W. Miles, Ralph W. Martin, B. W. McCoy, Albert M. Jones, Rex Howard, William Holstein, Bernard Hilfinger, R. B. Duncan, Late Savage, Lyman A. Keene, Harlan R. Hoffman, Howard Cleveland, Guy O. Boyce, Eugene W. Southwick, W. E. Vincent, Lloyd Hughes, H. W. Gortmaker, Glenn L. Rice, Joseph E. Wright, Thomas W. Lockwood, William C. Thomas, Robert N. Coulson, Fred L. Wilson, Edward J. Bartruff, George A. Schuita, Harlan H. Harris, Horace E. Gleason, Wilson Howard, Belmar Bond, Emil Carlson, John E. Zak, Earl W. Needham, William L. Robbins, John F. Fabry Jr., William S. Stevens, Luther M. Bartlett, Merle L. Grossman, Harold L. Churchill, Gordon O. Roque, Albert Roth, Francis M. Boyce, William Psetak, Merle Bonney, Earl E. Bonney, Earl T. Doyle, Clarence P. Brooks, John S. Turnbull, Herbert A. Smith, Elmer Bredler, Grover C. Blyen, Bert Wanda, Samuel E. Flanagan, William Busick, Lewis G. Dorris, Walter D. Brannon, Enoch Skiroin, Oscar H. Hans, L. R. M. Pierre, Lawrence P. Barak, Leo M. Killian, Lloyd R. Zachary, Charles O. Bray, Lewis W. Kerhahn, James H. Davis, James H. Doyle, Joseph J. Doerfler, Martin J. Doerfler, J. Zosel.

NEW CAMP COMMANDER. CAMP KEARNY, San Diego, Cal., Sept. 20.—Major General David C. Schank arrived here this evening to command of the camp and started at once on his duty, making, as he said, at least a cursory acquaintance of the camp and its personnel. General Schank said that he was not ready yet to announce his staff. He has been in charge of an embarkation camp on the Atlantic coast.

BRITISH WIN VICTORY OVER FLEEING TURKS (Continued from page 1.)

troops and natives under the flag of the king of the Hedjaz, struck the Turkish line over a front of 16 miles and penetrated it to a depth of 12 miles, taking more than 2000 Turks prisoner and over-running the entire hostile defensive system. Railway and highway junction points were captured and strong forces of cavalry at last accounts were well in advance of the attacking troops, threatening to carry out a turning movement against the fleeing Turks which might prove disastrous to them. Meanwhile along the shores of the Mediterranean naval units were clearing the coastal roads of the enemy by their gunfire.

In addition to the large number of prisoners taken great quantities of war material had fallen into the hands of the allied troops, and the pressure against the enemy was going on unabated. The predicament of the Turks is heightened by the operations of the Hedjaz tribesmen on the east side of Jordan which will prevent them from taking refuge across the stream in the Jordan valley, and compel them to fight their way out of their trouble west of the river as best they may.

Although there has been somewhat of a let-up in the intensity of the fighting from the region of St. Quentin to Cambrai in the French theatre, both the British and French armies have been able materially to better their positions in front of



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