

BERLIN DECLARES POLAND FIGHTING STILL UNDECISIVE

Dispatches From the Front Admit That Russians Have Been Heavily Reinforced in That Region.

DESPERATE BATTLE RAGING

Situation in France and Belgium, Germans Maintain, Is Unchanged—French Newspaper Prints Story That German Losses in Poland Will Exceed Army Corps.

BERLIN, Nov. 28.—Desperate fighting continues in Russian Poland without a decisive result, according to dispatches from the front. It added the Germans were expecting to resume the offensive but the admission was made the Russians have already been heavily reinforced. The situation in Belgium and France, it was stated, was unchanged.

PARIS, Nov. 28.—"The German losses in Russian Poland will exceed an entire army corps," the Matin asserted, quoting as its authority, a dispatch from Petrograd based on information from the most authoritative sources.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—The Exchange Telegraph company announced it had learned through diplomatic sources that Italy will remain neutral in the European war "as long as circumstances permitted."

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 28.—German aviators bombarded the French port of Dunkirk today. Numerous houses were damaged and one man was struck.

FARMERS MAY BUILD HARD SURFACE ROAD TO COLUMBIA RIVER

The first actual organized effort on the part of the Cold Springs farmers to secure a railroad or a hard surface highway to the Columbia river is on at the Commercial club rooms where 50 or more representative wheat men are in session with R. O. Earnhart as presiding officer.

Up till 2:30 the business has been confined entirely to a discussion with F. J. Walsh, engineer for the port of Astoria as the chief speaker. Mr. Walsh told of the preparations being made at Astoria for handling the wheat when the open river is accomplished and made a plea for river transportation by showing the saving to be worked thereby.

Taking the barges now in use on the Mississippi as a standard he quoted figures to show that with such barges in use the water rate from the interior to Astoria could be but one-tenth the present rate from Umatilla to Portland. He did not prophesy such a cut in rates when water transportation is established but predicted a heavy reduction in the rate.

At the conclusion of Mr. Walsh's talk, Mr. Griswold, an assistant state engineer, was called upon. During the day there developed a sentiment in favor of a hard surface highway to Cold Springs instead of a railroad as formerly discussed. No definite show of strength was given but men who have been discussing the subject with farmers assert the sentiment appears favorable to a hard surface road instead of a railroad. Dr. D. J. McPaul has urged this line of action from the state and it is possible that idea may be adopted in preference to the scheme for a railroad.

WHEAT DROPS PENCE IN LIVERPOOL MART

According to cable advices the price of wheat in Liverpool dropped one penny today thus making the price nine shillings four and a half pence. Reduced to bushels the price in American money is slightly under \$1.38 per bushel Liverpool.

ARMY FOOTBALL TEAM DEFEATS NAVY BY SCORE OF 20 TO 0



Oilphant, former star football player of Purdue University and who is now a tower of strength in this year's West Point team.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 28.—Before a distinguished gathering of army and navy officials, and cadets from Annapolis and West Point, the army football squad defeated the navy this afternoon by the score of 20 to 0.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 28.—With President Wilson, plenty of gold lace, full dress uniforms and all the trappings of a splendid military and naval social function, the annual football game between the army and navy began on Franklin Field this afternoon. The gray uniforms of the West

Pointers and the blue of the Annapolis men furnished the background for the more elaborate dress of the regular army officers and foreign dignitaries. The game itself will have no effect in determining the eastern championship for neither team has shown first class this season. To the two schools' rosters, however, this will be discounted by the rivalry between them and a good game is expected.

Herrick to Come Home. PARIS, Nov. 28.—Former Ambassador Herrick and his wife, left for Havre. They will sail from Havre for New York.

INDUSTRIAL CLUB WORK TO BE FEATURE OF THE SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY

PLANS NOW BEING MADE TO INTRODUCE NEW COURSE AMONG PUPILS.

Industrial club work will hereafter be a prominent feature in the school work in Umatilla county and County Superintendent I. E. Young and Supervisor J. A. Yeager are engaged now in making ready to introduce the work. Last year some work along this line was done in different schools but no effort was made to make it general. The work will be done under the personal direction of the two men, Superintendent Young as county club leader and Supervisor Yeager as district club leader. It will be a part of the extension service of the Oregon Agricultural College in co-operation with the United States department of agriculture and the state board of education.

There will be eight different projects, one each in potato raising, gardening, poultry raising, dairy herd record keeping, corn raising, pig raising, sewing and baking. Special emphasis in the county schools will be placed upon pig and poultry raising, keeping of records on dairy cows and gardening. In the cities and towns the chief emphasis will be placed upon potato raising, baking, canning and sewing.

Any pupil between the ages of 9 and 18 may become a member of any one of the county project clubs by making application. Instructions will be given them and they will be expected, not only to pay proper attention to their work, but to exhibit the results at an industrial school fair to be held prior to the state fair. These exhibits will then be sent on to the state fair.

A number of students registered in the work last year. Kenneth Youel, son of the principal of the Hermiston schools, recently sent his books containing his data on poultry raising to the agricultural college and they were given a grade of 98. Leslie Nelson, the Vincent boy who raised 106 bushels of corn on an acre of land, was also registered in this work.

TWO BATTLESHIPS OF GERMANY SUNK DECLARES REPORT

Cruiser Hertha and Fighter Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse Believed to Have Met With Disaster.

FRENCH BRING DOWN BIPLANE

Details of Exploit Are Not Contained in Communication Issued by War Office at Bordeaux—Germans Reported to be Concentrating Forces at Antwerp.

PARIS, Nov. 28.—That a German cruiser, believed to be the Hertha, has been sunk near Libau was asserted this afternoon in a dispatch received by the Matin.

The same dispatch contained an unconfirmed report that the German battleship Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse was torpedoed and sunk in the Baltic sea. The Hertha was a protected cruiser of 5569 tons and was built in 1907 and up to the time that war broke out was used as a training ship. The Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse was built in 1901 and reconstructed in 1907.

In a communication received from the war office at Bordeaux it was said that a German biplane had been brought down by French guns. The scene of the exploit was not given nor did details accompany the reference to the capture. A lull in the fighting, it was said, all along the line in the western theater of the war was taking place today.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—The Germans were withdrawing from the Belgian coast according to a dispatch from Rotterdam to the Daily Mail and were concentrating at Antwerp.

It was stated that heavy firing was heard Friday in the direction of Zebruge which city was evidently being bombarded by the warships of the allies.

NEWS SUMMARY

General. Von Hindenburg's army is reported surrounded in Russian Poland and in danger of annihilation. Two German battleships reported to have been sunk.

Local. Wreck of freight train near Duncan stops traffic. Council makes nine mill levy for next year. Civic Coffee Club will open first of month. Spaulding memorial service tomorrow.

Cold Springs farmers discuss proposals for road to river. Industrial club work will be prominent feature of county school work. Indians divided among themselves on proposal to allot tribal lands.

Assessed valuation of property in Pendleton is estimated over 3 millions.

Pendleton's city tax levy for the coming year is nine mills, the same as last year. At an adjourned meeting of the city council last evening the levy was made upon the recommendation of the finance committee. Of this levy six and six-tenths mills will be for general purposes, two mills for streets and four-tenths of a mill for the library.

The assessed valuation of the property in Pendleton is about \$5,336,000 and a nine mill tax will produce about \$48,000. This is about \$10,000 less than the yearly operating expenses but the money from licenses and fines is expected to make up the difference. During the year just past \$35,000 was spent in betterments but considerably less than that amount will be spent during the coming year.

At the meeting last evening saloon licenses were granted to Peters & Morrison and to Anderson & Quinlan, Frank Quinlan having purchased a half interest in the Bowman bar with Martin Anderson. A resolution was also passed making all licenses date from December 1 and continue 13 months. It will thus be possible for Russell, Hays & Sullivan to open their new bar on December 1. The only one of the present saloons not granted a new license to date is the Office saloon conducted by Fred Schmitter and it is understood that his application will be favorably acted upon at the next meeting. The Hotel Pendleton license was granted in August for a year.

It is said that the German invaders of Belgium, whatever else they may have destroyed, have been careful not to injure park trees. Cavalrymen so the report goes, are forbidden to tie their horses to trees for fear the animals will gnaw the bark. Germany was the first nation to apply forestry on a large scale, some of the crown forests having been under scientific management for over a hundred years.

VON HINDENBURG'S ARMY, SAID TO BE CUT OFF IN COLUMN, IS BEING SHIELDED BY CZAR'S FORCES IN RUSSIAN POLAND

Germans, Although Entrenched, Are Reported to be in Perilous Position and Their Destruction is Predicted—Kaiser's Soldiers Who Began Invasion Have Been Turned Back and Are Now Surrounded by Slavs.

PETROGRAD CLAIMS THAT RAPID ADVANCES ARE BEING MADE

Many Villages Have Been Occupied Along Vistula River Where Russians Have Been Victorious Against Invaders is the Announcement Contained in an Official Statement—Prisoners and Artillery are Taken.

PETROGRAD, Nov. 28.—The Russians were making a vigorous attack today on the entrenched positions of the Germans at Lodz in the Segiers, Zdunska and Wola districts where, it has been reported, a large detachment of Von Hindenburg's troops have been surrounded. According to unofficial advices from the front, the Germans were in danger of being destroyed. After a long delay, the war office today issued a formal statement based on a report from Grand Duke Nicholas, commander-in-chief of the czar's forces, concerning the developments in Russian Poland. The statement in part said: "The Russians, advancing along the left bank of the Vistula river have reached Gombin. In the center, the town of Brzeziny and the villages in the valley have been occupied by the czar's forces, the Germans being expelled at the point of the bayonet. Between Brzeziny and Glogow, Russian cavalry successfully attacked German infantry, capturing many prisoners and guns. In the districts of Segiers, Zdunska and Wola the Germans retain their trenches but are being vigorously attacked."

SUBMARINES TO BE BUILT HERE MAY BE FOR ENGLAND

RUMOR GAINS GROUND THAT SHIPS ARE FOR GREAT BRITAIN'S NAVY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Reports that eight submarines for which the Union Iron Works of San Francisco received orders as well as 12 others to be turned out at Seattle and at Fort River, Mass., are for the British navy caused considerable comment in official circles today.

The first question raised was whether or not the United States would be permitting a violation of its neutrality if it allowed the construction of the war vessels for European belligerent powers.

In answer to this query there came from an authoritative source the information that to allow the vessels to be constructed in American yards was not a violation of neutrality, though the administration was not in favor of it. The submarines would be constructed, however, it was stated, and would be subject to seizure as soon as they left American waters.

VILLA MAY MAKE ATTACK ON CARRANZA AT YERCA CRUZ

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Information has reached the state department that Villa is negotiating with Zapata to establish Guiterrez in authority in Mexico City. It was believed the negotiations would go through. If so Villa will attack Carranza at Yerca Cruz. Government officials predicted the early elimination of Carranza.

ANCIENT WALL FOR DEFENSE OF CONSTANTINOPLE



This is the ancient wall of the waterfront of Constantinople which the Turks hope will hold them safe against the attack of battleships if they succeed in getting into the Bosphorus. The wall has been built for many hundred years. Stones in their native shape and mortar were the material used. But since modern cement of fifty feet in thickness has been blown to bits by the artillery used in this war the old wall may not last long against the Russian, British or French fleets.

TRAFFIC BLOCKED ON MAIN LINE AS CARS LEAVE TRACK

Freight Train No. 255, West Bound, Strikes Broken Rail and Holds up Travel for 10 Hours.

WRECKERS RUSHED TO SCENE

Eight Cars Are Piled Up and Considerably Damaged—Eastbound Passenger Train is Held Here Until Noon—No. 17 is Scheduled to Arrive at 3 O'clock.

All traffic on the main line of the O.-W. E. & N. was blocked for ten hours today as the result of the wrecking of westbound freight No. 255 near Duncan this morning about 5 o'clock. Eight cars in the midsection of the train went into the ditch when they struck a broken rail and were badly smashed. No one was hurt.

The full details of the wreck have not been received at the local depot. The first car to leave the track was about eleven cars back from the engine and the last one was about the same distance from the caboose. The eight cars were considerably damaged. Wreckers were hurried from Umatilla and La Grande and have been making fast headway in clearing the track for traffic.

Eastbound passenger No. 5 was held up in Pendleton until 12:05 when it pulled as far as Gibbon to await the signal that the track was clear. No. 17, due here at noon, is expected to arrive in Pendleton before 3 o'clock.

WOOLGROWERS WILL MEET HERE 2 DAYS

MANY IMPORTANT SUBJECTS WILL BE DISCUSSED DECEMBER 3 AND 4.

Numerous subjects of importance to the woolgrowing industry will be discussed at the annual session of the Oregon Woolgrowers' Association to be held here December 3 and 4. An announcement from Secretary J. G. Hoke states that the question of a coyote bounty law will be up for consideration; the pure fabric question will be discussed; also the central wool warehouse plan, the question of minimum weights, the dipping of sheep and forest reserves.

Congressman N. J. Sinnott is to be one of the speakers before the woolgrowers' association. Others who will give papers are Judge S. A. Lowell, on the subject "The Public's Interest in Sheep Husbandry"; H. E. Lounsbury of the O.-W. E. & N. Co., "Transportation of Livestock"; Dr. H. E. Pinkerton, "The Scab Situation in Oregon"; Charles Cooney, "The Pure Fabric Bill"; Thomas P. McKenzie, "The Forest Service." T. J. Mahoney of Heppner is also to be a speaker, but his subject has not been announced.

It is the hope of the officers of the woolgrowers' association that they may have a good representative attendance and that a good business meeting can be held. Aside from Secretary Hoke the officers of the state association are R. N. Stanfield, president; Charles G. Adams, Portland, vice president. The executive committee consists of Montie B. Gwinn, Boise; H. A. Rooper, Antelope; Jay Dobbin, Enterprise; A. N. Ingalls, Keating; James Rice, Hay Creek; J. N. Burgess, Pilot Rock; G. S. L. Smith, John Day.

BRITISH HAVE MORE THAN 400,000 MEN AT THE FRONT

FRESH TROOPS ARE CONTINUALLY JOINING THE ARMY NOW AT YPRES

PARIS, Nov. 28.—It was learned here that the British forces on the firing line in France and Belgium now number from 400,000 to 450,000 men. The British center is at Ypres with the right and left wings extending south and north from that point. Fresh troops the pick of the Territorials, are continually coming to the continent. The British losses, as recently announced officially in London, amounted at that time to 57,000 killed, wounded and missing. This wastage has now been made good by the new contingents and the British line is reported to be stronger than at any time since the beginning of the war.