



# ALLIES AGAIN OPEN FLANDERS OFFENSIVE

## HEADS OF SHIPPING BOARD AND EMERGENCY FLEET ARE AGAIN ENGAGED IN DISPUTE

Rear Admiral Capps May Soon Resign or be Forced to Quit.

### MANNER OF BUILDING SHIPS IS QUESTION

Officials Admit Delay is Hampering War Work; Capps' Health Bad.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—Rear Admiral Capps, head of the emergency fleet corporation and successor of Gøthals, probably will soon resign or be forced to quit. It is indicated by Chairman Hurley, of the United States shipping board, and Capps are not in full harmony. Capps' health is bad, due to continuous work.

Officials admit the shortage of vessels and the delay in construction is hampering war work. Capps and Hurley are not disputing the types of vessels, but the manner of constructing the ships.

Capps' ill-health will probably serve as a vehicle for his elimination. An amendment to the shipping law substituting one board for the emergency fleet corporation and the United States shipping board is likely.

Hurley favors concentrating labor to hasten construction. Three hundred to five hundred thousand workers are needed.

## COUNTY NOW TRIES FOR MAXIMUM QUOTA

Heroic Effort Being Made to Bring Liberty Subscriptions to \$1,800,000.

Pendleton and Umatilla county having passed their minimum quota of the Liberty Loan, they are now being urged to make a heroic effort to reach the maximum quota. Oregon's minimum quota is \$18,000,000 and her maximum \$30,000,000. Umatilla county's minimum is \$1,100,000 and her maximum \$1,800,000. Pendleton's minimum is \$750,000 and her maximum \$1,250,000.

W. L. Thompson, chairman of the local committee, is sending out appeals to all of the banks to aid in attaining the maximum though he realizes that with but one more day for the campaign the task is a colossal one. However, all communities are responding nobly.

Pendleton's total today at the two banks was near the \$900,000 mark. Most of the latter subscriptions are small ones. Milton reported today that \$112,000 had been subscribed there, which is \$7000 over her minimum quota. Milton also reported that Walla Walla banks have received subscriptions of \$25,000 from Pendleton residents and have taken credit for them.

Echo is one of the few towns in the state to have raised her maximum quota which is \$49,000. Echo reported more than \$50,000 subscribed there to date.

Several of the local committees are still in the field after subscriptions. In fact one committee did not start out until this morning and another began work yesterday afternoon. They are picking up quite a number of small subscriptions.

GEORGIA TRAINS CRASH. MACON, Ga., Oct. 25.—The Royal Palm, south bound, side swiped the Kansas City special, northbound on the Southern, railway near here this morning. The train was derailed and was killed and engineer H. K. Burgay painfully injured. No passengers were seriously hurt.

### STRANGE BREAK FIRE

Electric Iron Burns Through Floor, Ignites Ten-inch Job.

What is said to be the strangest break fire in the history of the Dayton (Ohio) fire department was caused by an electric iron left on a table in a dress goods store. It burned its way through the table, through the flooring, through a ten-inch job that supported the floor, and was dangled by its wires from the ceiling of the store room below when discovered.

The fire department investigated, but did not throw any water, for the iron had not fused the building. The only repairs necessary were to reinforce the burned joist and close the hole in the ceiling and floor.

## BEAN IN MAN'S EAR 41 YEARS IS TAKEN OUT

Forty-one years ago two boys, brothers, were amusing each other by poking beans down one another's ears. The beans went in easily enough but it was a different matter when it came to taking them out. One of the beans could not be reached and was left there. It did not impair the hearing nor did it give other trouble and in after years was forgotten.

This week the man who had been a boy 41 years ago entered the office of Dr. T. M. Henderson and complained of having lost the hearing in one ear. The doctor made an examination and discovered that the canal had been completely closed with hard wax. He removed the wax in a ball as large as a marble and embedded in the center found the bean.

It was perfectly black from absorption of the wax but still held its original shape and split in halves when removed. The man then remembered the boyhood incident. Not until the wax had closed the canal had the hearing been lost. Now his hearing is restored.

Dr. Henderson did not take the man's name as he paid for the operation at the time, but he has the bean and wax as an interesting exhibit.

## GERMANY IS DEFIANT OF ALLIES AIRCRAFT

Official Statement Declares Allies Lack Equipment for Extensive Operations.

BERLIN, Oct. 25.—The allies cannot defeat Germany by brutally bombing unfortified German cities. It is officially declared. The entente should not forget that numerous French cities are within easy reach of German bombing aircraft.

High officials said the allies could not conduct extensive aerial offensive because of lack of machines. The authoritative statement declared:

"Our enemies hope the lack of raw material will force us to our knees. That hope is fruitless. We have solved the problem of substitutes so well that the English are considering whether they shouldn't imitate some of these substitutes.

"Our raids on London are justified. Lloyd George in June, 1915, declared Spaldin had become a second Woodstock.

"Hitherto, whereas our enemies have increasingly bombed open towns such as Karlsruhe, Frankfurt on the Main, Baden, Freiburg and Tübingen the effect of such brutalities on the population has been the opposite of that intended. It has strengthened the public's determination to hold on."

## MARSHALL SPELL RECOMMENDED FOR 1ST LIEUTENANCY

CAMP GREEN, Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 25.—Promotion of Second Lieutenant Harold E. Kiff, Marshall H. Spell and Alfred E. O'Brien to first lieutenants, and of Sergeant Major Will F. Hession, formerly of the business staff of the Oregon Journal, and Sergeant Eugene P. Walters, John A. McClevery, George D. Riley and Roy M. Sloan to second lieutenants was recommended here Wednesday. Other changes made among Oregon cavalrymen at Camp Greene were the assignments of Captain Cleo F. Hogan of Troop A to headquarters company, and Captain Charles E. Gledstad of Troop B to the supply brigade.

## RESIGNATION ITALY'S CABINET IMPENDING

Socialists Strength Increasing According to Semi-Official Reports.

ROME, Oct. 25.—The resignation of the Italian cabinet is impending, according to semi-official newspaper announcements. Socialist strength is increasing. The chamber of deputies defeated a vote of confidence in the cabinet.

## "DIGGING IN" AT SPARTANBURG



Guardsmen ready to do their bit for Uncle Sam, getting a touch of life on the modern battlefield, digging trenches at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, N. C.

## FEDERAL REGULATIONS WILL NOT MATERIALLY AFFECT PRICES OF COAL PREVAILING IN CITY NOW

District Attorney Receives Copy of Orders Showing How Dealers Will be Required to Fix Prices.

Coal prices that prevail in Pendleton at this time will not, in all probability, be materially affected by the government regulations. District Attorney R. I. Keator yesterday received from U. S. District Attorney Reames a copy of the regulations showing how dealers will be required to fix their prices. The information sent by Mr. Reames is published herewith in full.

The dealer is allowed 20 per cent more profit than in 1915. That is, he is charged two dollars a ton more for his coal in 1917 than he paid for it. He can now charge \$2.60 a ton more. The difference between the average cost of coal on his sidetracks and the price he charges the consumer is called the retail gross margin and the dealer is allowed the same retail gross margin as he had in 1915 plus 20 per cent, presumably to cover the increased cost in operating.

Price May Drop Few Cents. The Pendleton dealers have not yet conferred with Fred Holmes, who has charge of the fuel situation in Oregon. Coal, lump and nut, now cost them \$3.50 a ton at the mines and \$4.15 a ton freight, making a total of \$7.65 on their tracks. Two years ago the retail gross margin by any dealer was \$1.75 a ton. Using this figure, the dealer would be allowed an increase of 30 per cent or about 52 cents a ton, making \$2.27; he would be permitted to add to the cost of the coal on his tracks. This would make a price of \$9.92, but this price is for coal in single lots, \$10.75 in two to five ton lots and \$12.50 in five or more ton lots.

At the present time local dealers are selling lump and nut coal at \$11 a ton in single lots, \$10.75 in two to five ton lots and \$12.50 in five or more ton lots.

Shortage of Coal Here. However, there is very little coal in Pendleton to be had at any price owing to the car shortage. Most of the coal in the mine, the dealers claim, is a good deal of it is lignite coal which is of course, not official.

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## WANT LOCAL DELEGATION AT HERMISTON DAIRY-HOG SHOW

HERMISTON, Oct. 25.—Staff Correspondence.—Hermiston's Dairy and Hog show opened today with the largest attendance on record and tickets as much stock on display as during any previous year. The show this year is attracting much interest and a good delegation of boosters from Pendleton is expected tomorrow.

The judging work is being done by experts from the Oregon Agricultural College and the entries in the hog division were judged this forenoon.

In addition to the livestock on exhibit, prizes are also given for apple, corn and potato exhibits and for many things entered under the ladies' fair field in conjunction with the main event.

## GERMAN AGENTS SAID TO BE WORKING IN THE VANCOUVER ARMY POST

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 25.—German agents were evidently working in the army post. A number of army miles were mysteriously and severely stabbed and several killed. It is believed an attempt was made to plant typhus germs in the water. Colonel Jones, commandant, flatly denied the persistent report that 1500 loaves of bread were found to contain poison.

Every report was run down in an effort to catch those responsible. It is generally reported here that a spy was shot while trying to enter the army bakery and died later in the hospital. Jones denied the story.

### RUSSIANS ADVANCE FURTHER.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 25.—The Russians have advanced further in the Riga sector. The Germans evacuated a great section of territory it is officially stated. The statement said: "In the Elgund Manor sector from Lenaworden to the castle, as far as the Riga Orel railway line, we advanced without discovering the enemy."

### BOND ISSUE INVALID.

SALEM, Oct. 25.—The supreme court found the \$100,000 Tillamook road bond issue invalid.

## ELKS ROLL CALL IS PATRIOTIC OCCASION

R. W. RITNER PRESENTS SERVICE FLAG CONTAINING STAR FOR EVERY MEMBER IN SERVICE.

Last night was roll call night at the Elks' lodge and it was made a patriotic occasion. A service flag, containing a star for every member of the lodge who has gone into some branch of Uncle Sam's service, was presented to the lodge by Roy W. Ritner and in the absence of the donor Roy Raley made the speech of presentation.

The lodge now has 14 men entitled to a star on the flag, as follows: Captain Charles C. Viner, who is a Camp Lewis; Captain Lee Caldwell, Lieutenant Marshall Spell and Private Willie Breeding of Troop D; Jas. H. Sturges and James R. Bowler of Battery A; Lieutenant Fred A. Leshall of the medical reserve corps; Harold G. Blakely and W. N. Royer, enlisted in the navy; Roy Alexander and Grover J. Floyd, now at Camp Lewis; Raymond C. Vose and J. C. Sullivan, in the engineering corps; and Ralph S. Davis and Arthur Eliz Gerald, who enlisted in the engineering corps but who were honorably discharged for physical disability, in addition Frederick Steiner is now at the officers' training camp.

Record Attendance. H. Alexander, as the only parent of an enlisted man who was present, presided and made a response in behalf of the lodge. Rev. J. E. Snyder also made a short talk. A Hoover feed completed the meeting which had a record attendance.

Two of the men now gone were officers of the lodge, Captain Viner having been esteemed loyal knight and Private Bowler having been esteemed lecturing knight. James H. Estes was chosen to complete the term of the former and H. E. Choupek of the Elks club was also made last evening for the annual Thanksgiving ball.

## BATTLE OF AISNE IS GERMANY'S GREATEST DEFEAT THIS YEAR

HENRY WOODJ FRENCH HEADQUARTERS, Oct. 25.—The German retreat on the Aisne front is continuing, following the terrific French smash Wednesday and Thursday. The Aisne battle is Germany's greatest defeat this year.

The French penetrated the German defenses for three miles. German losses are conservatively estimated at 15,000, the heaviest losses Germany has yet sustained in proportion to the size of the front.

The victory gives the French domination of the Aisne valley. The Germans are evidently attempting to make a determined stand today. The new French positions practically render untenable the German lines along the northern end of the Mosely Chemin Des Dames toward Craonne.

The German forces are evidently eroded like a boxer struck a terrific wallop. The Germans hadn't considered defeat on the Aisne front possible, considering their positions there impregnable. The French captured positions seven miles long, averaging three and a half miles deep.

## GAIN OF 200 YARDS MADE; ITALIANS ARE FORCED TO ABANDON BAINSISSA PLATEAU

Pressure of Austro-German Drive Causes Italians to Withdraw to Mount Maggore; Observers Confident Italians will Eventually Repel Assault; French Strength Magnificent.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—The French and British opened another Flanders offensive this morning. Haig reported the progress satisfactory.

Fifty five minutes after the British opened the drive, German pill boxes 2000 yards distant were completely destroyed. Half an hour later the British reached Poldhoex Chateau, an initial gain of 2000 yards.

Rain was falling last night and today. British cavalry is active.

British cavalry has been used successfully, indicating the open nature of the fighting around Cheluvelt and Paschendaale. This is the second blow the combined British and French have struck against Germany's vital spot in Flanders in five days. As soon as all of Paschendaale ridge is captured the way will be open for the allied advance to Roulers, the pivot city in the German communication lines, except for the Flanders mud.

The greatest satisfaction is expressed over the magnificent evidence of France's military strength. The French are conducting two major offensives, one on the Aisne front, the others with the British in Flanders.

## STATE TOTAL IN BOND SALE IS \$19,181,450

PORTLAND, Oct. 25.—The official Liberty Bond total was announced at noon as \$19,181,450, well over Oregon's minimum quota, while over \$19,000,000 remain to be obtained in just 24 hours to reach the maximum.

The city of Portland with over eleven millions is well over its maximum, but the rest of the state with some few exceptions has fallen lamentably behind.

Portland has made a wonderful record. With one-third of the wealth of the state, it has subscribed nearly two-thirds of the Oregon total, while in actual number of subscriptions, it has subscribed 16,400 out of a total of less than 30,000. Moreover, in Portland, subscriptions made by an employe for hundreds of employe counts as only one subscription.

Pendleton's record and Umatilla county's is one for the state to admire, declare the committee. Based on the maximum quotas, however, Lake county heads the state outside of Portland with 84 per cent. Clatsop jumps to second place with 65 per cent.

Marshfield is now beginning to get its gait. The following towns have attained their maximum quota: Bridal Veil, Seaside, Wheeler, Westfall, Echo and Lafayette.

## SUICIDE THEORY IS REFUTED BY DOCTORS Physicians Declare Lieutenant McCoy Could Not Have Killed Himself.

SPARTA, Wis., Oct. 25.—Physicians examining the body of Lieutenant Malcolm McCoy, found dead at Vancouver barracks Saturday, declared he couldn't have committed suicide, as the army authorities announced.

Physicians said a bullet entered the lower left side of the skull, a place practically impossible for a man to have reached himself. Colonel R. E. McCoy, father of the dead officer, is understood as denouncing a military investigation. It is alleged the revolver found beside the body didn't belong to the lieutenant.

## 24 HOUR SUSPENSION OF COAL SHIPMENTS ORDERED

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—Priority Director R. S. Lovett ordered a 24 hours suspension of preference shipments of bituminous coal for the northwest, beginning at midnight October 25th. This is done at the request of Fuel Administrator Garfield to divert coal to Ohio and Michigan to relieve the serious domestic shortage of those two states.

## ROME, Oct. 26.—The pressure of the Austro-German drive has forced the Italian evacuation of Bainsizza Plateau, it is officially stated.

The announcement said the Italians withdrew to Mount Maggiore west of Auza.

London is Confident. LONDON, Oct. 25.—Military observers are fully confident the Italians will be able to repel eventually the Austro-German drive. Italy is well supplied with troops and munitions.

Observers said the Isorno offensive showed conclusively the weakness of the Austrians. German troops, officers, munitions and airplanes are conducting the drive.

Realizing the extent of the Italian unrest, the Kaiser evidently launched the drive hoping to break the morale of the Italian people.

Kaiser's Judgment Poor. The Kaiser evidently created another grotesque error in judging the mental processes of other nations. The immediate effect of the German offensive appears to be criticisms against the weakness of the present Italian cabinet, coupled with a demand for a more belligerently active national policy.

## 30,000 Italians Taken. BERLIN, Oct. 25.—Austro-German forces on the Italian front have captured 30,000 prisoners and 300 guns, it is officially stated.

TELEPHONE CONTROVERSY MUST REACH SETTLEMENT TOMORROW. SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 25.—Unless a settlement of the controversy between the electrical workers union and the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company is reached by noon tomorrow union officials will telegraph a strike to all coast locals.

## FLY OVER 1000 MILES ON RAID; NO HITCH

LONDON, Oct. 25.—The Daily Mail's correspondent with the Italian armies says that later details received of the great Cattaro raid mark it as an example of rare organization.

The fourteen Caronnes which took part in it started together from near Milan, flew to the Apennines in a gale and arrived in a bay near Rome. There they rested awhile and then flew to their taking off camp on the Adriatic shore and thence to Dalmatia and Montenegro and home. The squadron afterward flew together something like 1000 miles without failure on the part of any machine or any hitch.