

MARCH MONTH OF MAJOR OFFENSIVES

BITTERLY COLD WEATHER HAS PASSED AND GROUNDS ARE READY FOR BATTLE.

According to All Precedents, This Is the Appointed Time for Some History Making Deeds.

NEW YORK, March 2.—The time of major offensives has come in the war zone. March is the month of desperate fighting and of the initial development of great strategic plans. Henceforth, the war may carry any day the first intimation of America's forthcoming drive against the German front.

In 1918, March saw the maximum effort put forth by the Germans to capture Verdun. The beginning of the attack on the fortress was advanced by the Crown Prince to the last week in February, for the purpose of securing the benefit of a surprise assault.

In March, 1915, the British started their first spring offensive, which resulted in the capture of Neuve Chapelle. The Russian advance in Galicia broke through the Austro-Hungarian defenses in March, 1915, and captured the great fortress of Przemyśl, and further to the south, invaded Hungary.

Grain Tax Puzzles Washington Farmers

WALLA WALLA COUNTY WOULD ASSESS FEDERAL WHEAT; AUBURNITES CLASH.

OLYMPIA, March 1.—State and federal authority clashed here today over the question of whether wheat still held in storage subject to government order on March 1 shall be assessed for taxation.

According to a report made to the state tax department by the Assessor of Walla Walla county, the Portland agent of the Food Administration Grain Corporation has directed warehousemen and growers holding wheat to inform assessors that the grain is held for government account and is not to be assessed.

Clark R. Jackson, state tax commissioner, today directed all county assessors to assess grain on hand, notwithstanding its detention in the state by government direction. He holds that the grain is not classed as government property and thus exempt, but is part of the total general private property subject to taxation.

Approximately \$25,000 in taxes will be lost to the state, it is estimated, if the grain levy is not made this year. About nine million bushels are still unshipped, according to last report.

L. H. Darwin, state fish commissioner and Game Warden since April 1913, was today reappointed by Governor Lister for four years, beginning March 1. Darwin is a former newspaper man.

Not being able to guess what Russia meant, the irritable Teuton relieved his tension by delivering a swat.

IF YOU'D BE SMART WEAR PLAIDS



No bit of feminine wear is more up-to-the-minute and is easier to make or wear than the separate vest—built of many materials—but preferably plaid. Not only something plaid but something silk should be the law of the vest, for a large part of its reason for existence is the saving of wool.

This checker-board confederation is of heavy silk or satin in dull blue and white plaid. It is uncompromisingly severe and buttons close up to the chin with white bone ball buttons—in an effect that is a cross between the military and the jockey air.

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