



BRITISH LINE NOW HOLDING IN FLANDERS; ENEMY LOSSES PLACED AT 300,000

FRENCH HAVE SUFFERED IN BITTER WAY

Extreme Sacrifices Depicted by Miss Helen Stewart Here Last Night.

SAW MUCH OF MEN WHO HELD VERDUN

Reconstruction Work in Reclaimed Zone is Marvel of War.

How the French have sacrificed and suffered, how they have shown unmatchable courage and endurance for an ideal and to uphold a cause that is America's as much as it is their own, was told by Miss Helen G. Stewart of Victoria, B. C., to an audience that filled the Christian church last evening.

Miss Stewart is a young woman of slight physique but intense earnestness and nervous energy. As she warmed to her subject last evening the audience sat in amazement at the revelations made.

During her entire stay in France Miss Stewart was with the French forces, not the British, and she gives a splendid insight into the spirit and aspirations of the French soldiers and civilians.

In the Vosges mountains where the speaker was stationed one winter the weather was bitter cold, yet there was but a scanty supply of coal and frozen feet were common among the fighters.

Many of the men seen in the Vosges had been at Verdun. "They did not cheer, they did not boast but their eyes shone like a white flame," said the nurse in describing their attitude.

One of the marvels of France has been the inch by inch progress of reconstruction work in the territory reclaimed from the foe. No sooner has the land been retaken than the old men and women peasants and young boys have been at work putting in crops.

HAROLD CASEY WINS CROSS COUNTRY RUN

Austin Ford Second, Donald Woodworth, Third, in Big Event.

The three and one-half mile cross country race which was run yesterday afternoon from the high school, was won by Harold Casey, whose time was 21 minutes and 22 seconds. The next two men in were Austin Ford 21:45, and Donald Woodworth, 21:55.

The race started from the fire house near the high school and ended up at the intersection of East Bluff and Main streets. Eleven boys took part in the race but all did not finish, some riding in cars which had been stationed along the course to open the gates.

This time is not as good as that in which the race was run last year as the first man in last year finished in 18:25. This does not indicate a slow race yesterday, however, as the time last year established a record for this event.

FOUR AIRPLANES IN RAID—LONDON, April 12.—Four airplanes participated in an enemy air raid last night, Lord French announced. Bombs were dropped in the open country, causing considerable damage.

\$29.24 PER CAPITA IS UMATILLA CO. TAX

Umatilla county in 1918 is paying taxes to the amount of \$29.24 per capita which is just about the average in the state, the average being \$29.24. Benton county pays the lowest per capita, \$16.74, and Tillamook the highest, \$54.42. Umatilla county is 19th of the 36 counties.

In 1914 Umatilla county paid a per capita tax of \$25.58 in spite of the fact that the total taxes were considerably lower. In 1914 the total tax was \$660,257 against \$721,112 this year. The following are the taxes this county is paying this year: State \$136,208.70; county, \$70,881.25; school, \$362,254.69; road, \$107,957; cities and towns, \$102,342.22 and miscellaneous, \$11,751.26. Multnomah, Marion, Lane, Clatsop, Coos and Clackamas counties all pay a greater tax than Umatilla.

SPRING WHEAT CROP WILL EQUAL 1911 IS PRESENT VIEW

WASHINGTON, April 12.—America's 1918 spring wheat crop will probably be the greatest since 1911, which was the best spring wheat in the country's history. Experts state reports that American farmers will reap by sowing a million acres more than last year.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Americans and French co-operation, have fought vigorously, capturing 40 since yesterday and breaking down most of the enemy attempts.

ONLY TWO OREGON TOWNS PROVE SLOW

- PORTLAND, Ore., April 12.—
- Only two towns in the state remain in the yellow column this morning in the third Liberty Loan campaign, these towns being Florin, Walla Walla county, and Oakland, Douglas county.
- Only 14 remain in the red column, that is over 50 and under 100 per cent of their quotas. All other towns in the state have over subscribed. Marion, Morrow, Josephine and Jackson counties are all that hold Oregon out of the 100 per cent over the top column. And as the aim of campaign headquarters is to make Oregon the first 100 per cent state in the Union it is hoped that every county and town will rally to this end.

PENDLETON MIGHT BECOME HEADQUARTERS FOR POLICE

Pendleton has a chance to become headquarters for the eastern Oregon company of state police but some effort will probably have to be made to secure their location here inasmuch as other eastern Oregon cities are urging their claims. There will be but one company in eastern Oregon and only a part of the company will be based in each city. However, the company officers will maintain headquarters in one of the principal cities of this part of the state.

HUSKY SENIORS WIN BATTLE AT HIGH SCHOOL LAST NIGHT

The second fight in which the 14 class of the high school has been engaged for the purpose of defending their numerals occurred last night between nine and ten o'clock at the fire house, south of the school, their opponents being the junior class. The seniors were outnumbered two to one but because of their advantage in size they came out the victors and are now the acknowledged leaders in school.

WAR CRISIS IS SERIOUS IS THOUGHT

Stiffening of British Resistance is Regarded With Greatest Hope.

FURTHER ADVANCE IS NOT TOLERABLE

Arrival of French and American Reinforcements Cheers.

(J. W. T. MASON) NEW YORK, April 12.—British reports show increased resistance powers. General Hindenburg's prodigious use of men has not gained any critically important points.

(CARL D. GROOT) WASHINGTON, April 12.—The war's most trying days are just ahead. Army men agree this is the situation following admissions of Haig and Maurice that a new crisis is reached. Americans are amazed with their "backs to the wall" it is increasingly possible that Germany will gamble with her fleet also.

AUBREY PERRY IS NOW WATERMASTER

Umatilla county has a new water master in the person of Aubrey E. Perry. He has been appointed to succeed L. A. Reinegan who resigned several weeks ago to devote his time to his fruit farm near Freewater. Mr. Perry has been on the job since the 28th and has offices in the basement of the court house with Game Warden George Tonkin.

WENT ALLOW BIG FIGHT

DENVER, April 12.—Governor Gooty, announcing that he would permit the Willard-Fulton championship fight to be staged in Colorado, suggested that Berlin would be the best battleground for them.

WHERE PRESENT BATTLE RAGES



LOAN DRIVE WORKERS FIND PEOPLE ARE INTENSELY LOYAL

"Not a person did we meet in all our rounds who showed the least symptoms of disloyalty." This was the tribute paid to Meacham residents by J. D. Casey, district chairman for the little mountain town, who was down yesterday bringing with him subscriptions to Liberty Bonds totaling \$1250.

FISHER BUSY AT WEEDING PROCESS; GOOD GAME SUNDAY

Manager Bill Fisher of the Portland ball team will send his most promising recruits into action tomorrow afternoon at Round-Up Park in a fast aggregation from Walla Walla. The man who will pitch for the opposing team has been signed by Fisher to don a Portland uniform on the 15th so that the game will give the heavier pilot an opportunity of looking over the stuff which a new recruit carries.

WALLA WALLA CROWD MAKES I. W. W. KISS AMERICAN FLAG

WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 12.—William A. Billman, a local photographer was forced to kiss the American flag here last night, following his refusal to remove his hat while the United States Naval Reserve band of Bremerton was playing "The Star-Spangled Banner" at the Bank of a big Liberty loan meeting.

WIFE CALLS THOMAS JUST FOOLISH BOY

CHICAGO, April 12.—Warrants charging disorderly conduct were issued today for the arrest of Professor William Thomas, 55, of the Chicago University, and Mrs. R. M. Granger, 24, wife of a soldier in France. The couple registered at a Chicago hotel Thursday as man and wife.

MASSED ENEMY DIVISIONS DRIVING TOWARD BAILLEUL RHEIMS BOMBARDED, AFIRE

Continuous Fighting on West Front With Fate Still in Balance; Allies Retake Some Ground From Foe; Allies Hold Everywhere South of La Basse. Enemy Tries to Widen Breach.

(Henry Wood.) WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES, April 13.—Of the 200 German divisions on the west front 115 have been engaged. Seventy five of these have been withdrawn because of losses. Probably the losses average 2500 to a division, and adding the estimated losses in divisions still engaged gives a total of German losses to be 300,000.

LONDON, April 13.—The British are today holding the line at all points on the Flanders front and they advanced slightly at one point, Haig announced.

"We advanced slightly, taking a few prisoners near Festubert. East of Locon the enemy in a strong attack entered our line at certain points, but was driven off, and a second attack also was beaten off.

"Heavy fighting, beginning yesterday around Neuve-Eglise and Wulverwhiem is continuing. An enemy attack west of Merville last night was repulsed.

"South of the Somme near Hangard-en-Santerre positions captured by the enemy were regained by Franco-British counter attacks. North of the Somme enemy artillery is active.

"The west front from the Ypres-Comines Canal to the Oise is now practically one continuous battleline, probably 150 miles long. The hardest fighting is still continuing in Flanders where the enemy is trying to capture Bailleul and Bethune. The Germans are again driving towards Amiens, however, and gaining slightly against the French.

Vimy Ridge is recognized as the key to important positions on a 16 mile front from La Basse to the Scarpe separating the two major battlefronts. There is continuous artillery here. Arras is the objective and Hindenburg will certainly strike here.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES, April 13.—The British front was withdrawn west of Merville early this morning following continuous fighting from La Basse to Messines Ridge yesterday. Massed German divisions exerted the greatest pressure toward Bailleul, determined to widen the breach to imperil the Passchendaele sector of Messines Ridge.

Repeated enemy attacks between Givenchy and Locon today failed. The Germans gained a footing in Neuve Eglise, but were held everywhere south of La Basse while the British stormed some enemy strongholds near Givenchy.

ALLIES RETAKE TOWNS. PARIS, April 13.—Allied troops today recaptured the entire village of Hangard-en-Santerre, 10 miles southeast of Amiens it is officially reported.

"Between Monte Didier and Noyon there is heavy bombardment. Two enemy surprises failed. Rheims is bombarded continually and is afire."

STILL HOLD BAILLEUL. LONDON, April 13.—It is learned that the British continue to hold Bailleul. The lines have been reinforced but the situation is critical.

WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS AT THE BRITISH FRONT. April 12.—From La Basse to Hottelshoko the German army did not cease its pressure for an instant yesterday. Abundantly reinforced, fresh troops were hurled into action from all directions, under uttering screams. Greatly outnumbered, the British showed prodigious valor in firing their guns until the heaviest artillery was blasting point blank into their own targets.

It is believed the Somme front is becoming feverish. Further fighting there is likely.

Heavy fighting in French Flanders is no guarantee against a re-announcement of the Amiens battle. Thursday and fashioned open fighting occurred on the first days.

The British blazed away from behind hedges and ditches. Mutually counter-attacking forces clashed on cultivated fields.

Germany has imposed its government upon Russia by corruption, about 1 per cent of the government.