

YPRES NOW JEOPARDIZED THROUGH GAINS BY ENEMY AT KEMMEL SECTOR

LONG STRUGGLE PREDICTED BY FRENCH DEPUTY

Allies at Present Outnumber on West Front is Assured; Confidence Felt.

PRESENT FIGHTING MAY LAST MONTHS

French Major Has Highest Praise for Morale of Americans.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—America must expect a long and bitter struggle on the west front. It may be months before a decision is reached. Today the allies are outnumbered by the foe. The situation is serious. The duty of the American government, the laboring man and people at home is to make haste now. A successful outcome will then be assured.

This summarizes the remarkably frank discussion of the situation by M. Debilly, French deputy high commissioner to the United States who has just arrived with French officers who were in the thick of the German onslaughts in the west.

Talking with these men one is impressed by the tremendous earnestness with which they seek to drive home the vast effort necessary by America now, and at the same time, the complete confidence they have in the future. It is clearly concluded by the German failure to crack the morale of the French people or troops.

A French major added: "I have seen the American boys myself. They are as fine a band of fighting men as I ever saw. This country may be assured they will hold their own wherever they are placed."

8674 GARMENTS SENT IN LAST FOUR MONTHS

County Red Cross Has Made Over 1000 Sweaters Alone.

As an indication of the large amount of work being turned out by the auxiliaries of the Umatilla County Chapter of the Red Cross is a statement prepared this morning by Secretary Roosevelt showing the shipments of knitted and hospital garments during the four months of December, January, February and March.

During these four months the chapter shipped 1688 sweaters, 174 pairs of socks, 126 scarfs and 58 pairs of wristlets. In the same time the hospital garment department shipped a total of 8674 garments exclusive of 723 pairs of hospital socks. These shipments included 1256 pairs of pajamas, 1273 bed jackets, 504 plain bed shirts, 912 taped bed shirts, 1243 suits of convalescent underwear, 521 pairs of bed socks and 291 pairs of bandaged foot socks.

In addition to these supplies, the chapter has sent many shipments of surgical dressings.

WILL SERVE LUNCH AT MAY DAY AUCTION

Everything to eat and drink will be offered for sale during the Red Cross May Day Festival next Wednesday by the ladies of the Red Cross. The big auction will only be one feature of the big entertainment. Provisions are being made so that those who lend their presence to the success of the occasion will not have to go hungry or leave the grounds to satisfy their appetite.

The Red Cross ladies will have booths on the depot lawn opposite the Bowman hotel and will serve a 25 cent lunch besides offering for sale soda water, ice cream, cakes, doughnuts, sandwiches, preserves, canned fruits and many other delicacies. They are making big preparations for this part of the day's doings and expect to turn in a neat sum for the Red Cross.

Monut Stromboli Is In Eruption

ROME, April 26.—Mont Stromboli is in violent eruption. Falling lava is setting fire to vineyards. It is believed some lives have been lost.

DRAFT MEN WILL BE HONORED AT BIG CELEBRATION TONIGHT

Local men called by the draft and who are to leave Monday for the service are to be honored this evening at the grand Liberty Day program to be held on the streets and at Happy Canyon. There are many men to leave Monday to enter the national army. All those called are asked to parade with the marchers from the city hall to Happy Canyon and to occupy seats of honor on the platform during the program at the pavilion.

The first exercises this evening will occur at 7 o'clock at the city hall with the unfurling of the honor flag won by Pendleton in reaching its third liberty loan quota. The flag arrived this morning from Portland and is in the possession of George Hartman, Pendleton chairman. With appropriate ceremony the flag will be floated over the city hall tonight.

On the street music will be furnished by the Old Kentucky band, provided for the occasion by Manager Wright of the Oregon theater who announces that the curtain at the Oregon will not rise for the show until 9:15.

The program will be as announced last evening excepting that the program at Happy Canyon will start at 7:30 instead of 8 o'clock. The Alta orchestra under the direction of Professor Breuch will play during the early evening program. Other features will be a solo by Madame Gougeon and patriotic solos by Walter Iose and Eugene Molitor.

Dr. J. D. Plamondon will address the audience on the subject of his experiences in France while Rabbi Goldman will talk about Russia. Dr. Alfred Lockwood will be master of ceremonies.

EXPERTS GIVE ADVICE ON HOW TO AVOID DUST FIRES

Scientific advice to farmers and millmen on the subject of dust explosions and the avoidance of danger from smutty wheat was given this afternoon at a meeting at the Cozy theater by H. H. Brown, of the U. S. Bureau of chemistry and George L. Zundell of the state college at Pullman, Wash.

Mr. Zundell brought out the fact that during 1917 through plant disease, chiefly smut, the wheat damage in the United States was 64 million bushels.

The talk by Dr. Brown was directed to millmen, warehouse men and thresher operators. In part he said:

From March, 1916, through the fall of 1917 there were five disastrous explosions resulting in the destruction of \$5,000,000 worth of property, a loss of 36 lives and injury to over 60 men. As a result of these explosions and fires there was a loss of over 2,000,000 bushels of grain and a considerable quantity of sugar. Under the present war conditions the country cannot afford to have any of its food supplies destroyed. In a recent explosion and fire there were between 800,000 and 900,000 bushels of grain destroyed, which would mean an equivalent of a sufficient amount of wheat for bread rations of 200,000 soldiers for an entire year. It is not only disasters of this kind but also smaller fires and explosions which also are a danger to the grain supply.

AMERICAN AVIATORS HAVE DOWNED 339 ENEMY AIRPLANES, FIRST YEAR

WASHINGTON, April 26.—American aviators in France downed 339 enemy aircraft from the time the United States entered the war to the time the ports from France this morning.

EFFORTS MADE TO CLEAR UP HOLLAND CASE

With Germany and Holland Apparently Near Break United States is Busy.

HOLLAND WANTS A GUARANTY ON SHIPS

Our Government Annoyed at Tone Taken by Holland Press.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—With Holland and Germany appearing close to the breaking point this government has continued its efforts to clear up the Dutch misunderstanding of the American position on supplies from Holland.

While the government is annoyed at the tone employed by some of the Dutch press in questioning American intentions, it is evident that negotiations are under way to clear away that feeling, and, if possible, to increase American aid to Holland. Holland insists she must have a written guarantee that the United States will not seize the ships she sends after supplies.

While awaiting such a statement three ships have been held up in the United States, supply ships, expecting that other ships would sail from Holland.

CARL PERINGER TO ENLIST IS STATED BY HIS ATTORNEY

That Carl C. Peringer, who last week was granted a deferred classification by the district board at La Grande upon his claim of being a farmer and assistant manager of his father's farm, intends to enlist in the aviation service as soon as he has completed his schooling at the Christopher School of Aviation at Redwood City, Calif., was the statement made today by Will M. Peterson, who has acted as his attorney in presenting and supporting his claim before the district board.

Mr. Peterson states that the younger Peringer has been in the private aviation school since last fall and entered with the intention of preparing himself for the aviation service. "From letters I have had from him," said Mr. Peterson, "I know that it is his intention to enlist just as soon as he has completed his course and he will have finished in six weeks."

HINDENBURG FACES STRATEGY SUCH AS DEFEATED NAPOLEON

NEW YORK, April 26.—Ven Hindenburg's renewed pressure on the front between Ypres and Hazebrouck, after the recently heavy German casualties is still another indication of the growing realization of Germany that the present situation in the west is not exerting the expected influence on the end of the war.

By securing a footing at Mont Kemmel the Germans have added difficulties to the British defense of the Ypres salient, but have not placed in any peril the British forces defending that point. The line continues intact. It is in

ALL HIGHEST HAD TO LAY LOWEST

AMSTERDAM, April 26.—British airmen bombarded Zebrugge while the Kaiser was inspecting the damage done by the recent raid, German newspaper declare. He remained on the moor until he completed the inspection, it is claimed.

ALL GRADE TEACHERS REELECTED

Selection of High School Faculty Has Been Deferred Until Next Week.

At a special meeting of the school board last evening, all of the teachers of the four grade schools in the city were re-elected for the next year. The election of high school teachers was deferred until early next week and also the board deferred action upon the matter of retaining the present

COMMERCIAL CLUB IS WELCOMED BY ELKS

All Club Members Now Have Full Privilege at Elks Club.

Members of the Commercial association were formally welcomed into their home in the Elks' building last evening when the Elks' lodge gave an open house in their honor. Many members of both organizations were present. L. D. Drake served as chairman.

In behalf of the lodge, Judge G. W. Pfeiffer, one of the trustees, impressed upon the members of the Commercial Association not members of the lodge that the privileges of the club rooms were just as much theirs as they are the Elks, under the formal agreement between the two organizations and that the Elks want every Commercial club member to feel that the club rooms are his home.

Cigars and punch were served, a five piece orchestra furnished music, the card and pool tables were kept busy and men mixed among men in good fellowship.

MOTHER OF R. M. SAWTELLE DIES IN LOS ANGELES

Mrs. Mariha Narcissa Sawtelle, a former well known resident of Pendleton and mother of Royal M. Sawtelle, died yesterday noon at Los Angeles, according to word received by her son who left on the night train for that city. She had not been in good health for some time past but her condition was not considered serious. She underwent an operation yesterday morning for stomach trouble that developed suddenly and did not survive the operation.

Mrs. Sawtelle was born in Corvallis, Ore., July 3, 1855, and was married in that city January 19, 1872, to Frederick Henry Sawtelle. They came to Pendleton in 1882 and this city had been her home until four or five years ago when she moved to Los Angeles. She is survived by five children, Edward N. Sawtelle of Okotoks, Alta., Walter H. Sawtelle and Mrs. Ralph B. Wade of Los Angeles, Royal M. Sawtelle of this city and Miss Elizabeth Sawtelle of Los Angeles.

Funeral arrangements have not been made but the body will probably be brought to Pendleton.

Our idea of a fool man is one who waits for the bartender to tell him when he has had enough.

NORRIS GRAHAM HAS SOLD OVER \$1000 IN STAMPS

Norris J. Graham, 11 year old son of Horton N. Graham of Bentley & Graham, isn't old enough to serve his Uncle Sam in the army or navy but he is proving that even a small boy can play a real part in winning the war. In the Thrift Stamp campaign he enlisted early as a private and by virtue of achievement he bids fair to rise in the ranks to a commanding position. Young Graham was the first boy in Pendleton to purchase a Thrift Stamp. However, he didn't stop his support with merely investing his own money in the stickers. He started out to get others to buy and in doing so he has sold \$1,122.22 worth of the stamps, undoubtedly the best record made by any boy in Pendleton. He has ambitions to lead the state and is working all his spare time to induce people to spend their quarters for stamps. He has not reached his big goal by a few big sales. He has sold to a large number of people. During the noon hour, he chases about on his "bike" and often takes orders for \$25 worth of stamps. He attends the Lincoln school.

FRENCH TROOPS SURROUNDED ON MOUNT KEMMEL

After Eight Hours Fighting Germans Wedge Between English and French.

NIGHT FIGHTING AT MONT DES CATS

Germans Made to Pay Great Toll for All Their Advantages.

LONDON, April 26.—The Germans have advanced 2,000 yards on a 1,200 yard front in the Kemmel sector, capturing very important ground on Kemmel hill, Major General Radcliffe, director of military operations, announced this afternoon. "It is possible to hold Ypres even with the enemy on Mont Kemmel, but it will be inconvenient and we hope to get him off."

"In the Lys sector net result of the engagement has been highly satisfactory. As usual the Germans used a lot of troops with very heavy losses and gained absolutely nothing."

HARD FIGHT ON SOMME. PARIS, April 26.—There was violent cannonading south of the Somme last night, the French war office reports today. On various fronts, particularly in the regions east of Laon and between Mirette and the Aisne, and in the neighborhood of Bohain and Esparges, the French made numerous surprise attacks. Prisoners were taken at Lorraine, and Vosges. IN 400 FEET HIGH. Kemmel is a steep hill 400 feet high and four miles and a half south and west of Ypres. Its comparatively flat top is oval, being nearly half a mile from the southwest to northeast and half that distance from the southeast to northwest limits.

The little village of Kemmel lies just at the northern edge of the height. Just southeast of Mont Kemmel is the hamlet of Helve and south of the hill is the village of Lindenhoek.

FRENCH TROOPS SURROUNDED. (WILLIAM PHILLIP SIMMS.) WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FLANDERS, April 26.—French troops are entirely surrounded on Mont Kemmel. They are still fighting. After eight hours of fighting German storm troops finally wedged their way between the French and British flanks and crossed the Kemmel-Ypres road where a terrific allied fire held them up for two hours. Then they turned southward, poured down the valley to the west of Kemmel hill, surrounding the French who are still fighting atop the height. The French also hold the village.

In night fighting at Mont des Cats, five miles west the French raked the slopes with machine guns and held out against terrible odds, preferring death to capture. Today the German lines apparently lie west of Kemmel but the ultimate winner is still in doubt. Similar fighting surged around Villers-Brethonneux, the British fighting like lions, retaking the town on top of the ridge in much the same fashion as the Germans got Kemmel, working around the site until it was surrounded.

As the French held out in Flanders the Germans held out in the town east of Arras. In the Kemmel fighting, the Anglo-French made a savage counter attack, both sides flanks enfolding Von Eberhardt's Alpiners, turning the green and flowered fields of the valley into a smoking hell. The Germans paid dearly for their gains.

107 Million Has Been Loaned To Belgium

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Further credit of \$2,228,000 was extended to Belgium today, bringing the total to that government \$107,850,000 and the grand total to the allies \$5,228,850,000 the treasury department has announced.

FIRST U. S. WAR TANK BUILT IN AMERICA



America's first war tank built in this country was completed a few days ago at Cambridge, Mass. It was designed by Professor E. F. Miller of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Note the projections on the front for running. The new U. S. tanks will carry machine guns and two 75s. The first appearance of the above tank was in a Third Liberty Loan parade in Boston.