

GERMANS TRY DESPERATELY TO REACH YPRES FROM NORTHWEST; FIGHT STILL ON

U.S. ARTILLERY LAYS GERMAN BATTERY LOW

Americans Daily Becoming More Proficient, Eliciting Praise From French.

UNIFICATION NOW THROUGH AT FRONT

Aerial Battles and Night Patrolling Frequent Occurrences.

(FRED FERGUSON.)

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN PICARDY, May 9.—American artillery continues pounding the German positions. One German battery has been destroyed, and another silenced.

Frenchmen highly commend the American work. Daily the Americans are in better shape to withstand attack.

When men arrive at the hospitals their uniforms are removed and cleaned. The Americans are short of extra uniforms and therefore one may often see lines of grinning Americans wearing French uniforms en route to evacuation stations.

Aerial battles are frequent as are also night patrol encounters. The Boches have established new machine gun emplacements.

STATE HOSPITAL TO USE COAL AS FUEL

Impossible to Get Oil as in Past; Laying in Supplies Now.

The Eastern Oregon State Hospital will use coal instead of oil as fuel during the coming winter, according to Dr. Wilson D. McNary, superintendent.

No new contracts were made. Dr. McNary said, for the oil companies cannot guarantee delivery, as the government has requisitioned all oil tankers.

Between 1900 and 2000 tons of coal will be put in at the hospital before winter. Large quantities are already being bought, and the superintendent states that before November 1, they will have enough stored to last six or seven months.

A hint of the immense amount of fuel necessary to keep the institution going during a season is given in the fact that between eight and nine tons of coal are burned each day, during the cold weather.

DRY WEATHER MAKES RANGE GRASS SHORT

The spring range for sheep is pretty short and is drying up fast, according to T. P. McKenzie, assistant district forester, who was here from Portland yesterday.

The Umatilla forest will open for sheep about June 15 this year if the drying weather continues.

PERSHING VETERANS ARRIVE IN NEW YORK



This photograph shows the 50 Pershing veterans who just came back from France to help in the closing days of the Liberty Loan drive, marching to the City Hall in New York.

SIGNS ALL POINT TO VICTORY FOR GEORGE AGAINST GEN. MAURICE

MAURICE'S ACTION DECLARED UNFAIR

Struggle Regarded as Effort to Make Military Superior.

(E. D. KEEN.)

LONDON, May 9.—Lloyd-George refuted every detail of Maurice's charges in the House of Commons this afternoon.

Declaring Maurice's action unprecedented and unfair, he said the government's army figures were taken from the war office records.

"I have ascertained since that these are accurate," he said. Lloyd-George quoted a document from Maurice's department issued after the premier's previous speech confirming the combatant strength of the British army to be greater in January, 1918, than in the preceding January.

He said the statement regarding the three British divisions in Egypt was not corrected by Maurice at the cabinet meeting and intimated that Asquith was responsible for the criticism.

"Maurice made a flagrant breach of discipline, Asquith should have deprecated it. If Asquith's motion carries he will again be responsible for the war's conduct."

"Maurice is as responsible as anyone for the war office figures," said Lloyd-George. "Haig and also the war cabinet reluctantly extended the British lines in France at very great pressure from France." The premier denied that the war cabinet had overruled Haig regarding the British front's extension.

"This controversy is paralyzing and

destructive. At this moment the emphasis is hanging in the balance, while the Germans are planning the war's biggest blow.

"I ask the Commons to judge. Since I undertook the vigorous prosecution of the war I've been drenched by cocoa-press soap." This is a reference to attacks from newspapers controlled by persons interested in the cocoa business.

The Asquith motion was defeated. LONDON, May 9.—The Evening News understands that Maurice will be court-martialed because of his charges.

(J. W. T. MASON.)

NEW YORK, May 9.—Indications all point to the Lloyd George ministry winning a democratic victory in the House of Commons today, defeating militaristic efforts to make the major general superior to disciplinary efforts imposed by civilian authorities. The government's overwhelming capitalization of \$25,000,000, proved that the premier and chancellor deliberately deceived the Commons concerning grave military matters.

(MURKIN.)

LONDON, May 9.—Opening the House of Commons debate on the Maurice charges, Asquith denied all responsibility and declared he did not censure the government.

"Neither myself nor my colleagues are connected with the publication of General Maurice's letter. It is absurd to describe my motion for Parliamentary investigation of charges against the premier and chancellor as a censure vote. If I felt it my duty to censure the government, I would have done so directly and unequivocally."

"It's Great Life If You Don't Weaken" Says Myrton Moore

"It's a great life if you don't weaken," writes Myrton Moore, Pendleton boy who has had his baptism of fire and gas while striding barbed wire along the front lines in France.

"I have transferred to Co. A, 1st U. S. Engineers and like it lots better than the 11th. We are striding barbed wire at the front now. It is alright as long as their artillery doesn't bother us, because the mud is usually ankle deep and to fall down on one's face in that soup isn't as heroic as it might be, and about the time you are as close to Mother Earth as she will let you, some German artillery will throw over some gas shells and then it's put on your gas mask and live in misery for the next 15 minutes.

Oh, it's a great life if you don't weaken."

He writes that he has looked all over France for Tom Murphy, brother of Miss Murphy, and has written him two letters but has not yet been able to get in touch with him.

ECHO HONOR GUARD WILL ADOPT ORPHAN

The Echo Honor Guard has made arrangements for the adopting of a French war orphan according to Miss Virginia Todd, county leader. Although this is the first organization to make such plans, each Honor Guard in the county is expected to do likewise.

Naval Ordnance Fund Increased \$200,000,000

WASHINGTON, May 9.—At Secretary Daniels' urgent request the senate naval committee increased the naval ordnance appropriation by \$200,000,000.

2 MILLION BY END OF YEAR IS HOPED

FAST WORK MADE IN SENDING MEN ACROSS

Allies Pleased With Showing Which Exceeds All Promises.

(CARL D. GROOT.) WASHINGTON, May 9.—The American army in France will approach the two million mark before the year's end. Additions are rapidly being made to the half million which Secretary Baker announced are there now.

Draft calls continue to come steady with British aid, been able to exceed ordnance, signalers, veterinarians and quartermasters corps men.

British representatives are greatly pleased with the manner the government has from its own resources and throw can result only if it can be its original promises.

Some military men think the German drive now starting is possibly next to their final effort. It is doubted whether the Germans will continue their major thrusts much longer, except against Italy. But it is warned that the cessation of such smashes will not mean the end of serious battling.

Queen Marie of Rumania Will Have No Part in Peace

AMSTERDAM, May 9.—Rumania's Queen Marie announced she would not recognize a peace pact signed with the central powers, said German papers today. The queen is quoted as declaring she would rather abdicate. This is her children's attitude also.

WAR BREAD SAMPLES WILL BE SHOWN AT EXHIBIT MAY 10-11

An interesting school exhibit will be made on the coming Friday and Saturday, when pupils of the local high and grade schools will display work in domestic science and art, which will include war bread and war cakes, in normal training in the art and industrial work of the schools, and in the Red Cross work done by the students. The exhibit will be held in the Umatilla County Library and Auditorium and club rooms on Friday afternoon from 3 until 5, all day Saturday from 10 until 5, and Saturday evening from 7 until 9.

BRITISH TAKE GROUND BY COUNTER ATTACK; FORCED TO RELINQUISH SOME OF GAIN

Enemy Has Great Troop Concentration Before Arras and Amiens; Still Question Where New Strike Will be Made by Hindenburg.

MANY SHIFTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN PERSONNEL GERMAN COMMANDERS

LONDON, May 9.—The Germans are again striving desperately to reach Ypres from the northwest. Fighting beginning early yesterday is continuing with various successes. Although it was on a narrow three mile front between Voormezele and Laelyt, all dispatches indicate it to have been extremely desperate.

(William Phillip Simms)

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES, May 9.—Counter-attacking stubbornly last night the British recaptured the original line southwest of Dickebush Lake, but were compelled to retire today at the extreme right of this small battlefield because of heavy machine gunning. The fighting continues.

One of the hugest troop concentrations ever assembled awaits before Arras, Amiens and Monte Didier to attack the allies. Facing Hazebrouck is a secondary concentration. The question is whether Hindenburg will strike in Flanders or at Amiens, or at an entirely new point.

Apparently the German command has shifted. Crown Prince Rupprecht is now commanding only the fourth and sixth armies near Arras. General Mackensen is reported opposite the British right flank. All are plentifully supplied with cannon fodder. General Von Arnim has 19 divisions, 228,000 men, between Ypres and Bailleul on an eight mile front. General Von Quast has 30 divisions between Bailleul and Lens, 25 miles. General Von Beulow has 15 divisions between Lens and Bapume, which is 20 miles. General Von Der Marwitz has 30 divisions between Bapume and the Avre river, 25 miles, and General Von Hutier has 35 divisions from the Avre to the Noyon region on a front of 35 miles. The total is 65 divisions, 780,000 men in line, and about 60 divisions reserved.

HAIG'S REPORT.

LONDON, May 9.—Haig announced that the British counter attacking, last night drove the Germans from the portions of the allied front captured yesterday between Laelytte and Voormezele.

He admitted that a German attack this morning north of Kemmel pressed the line back slightly at one point.

"Yesterday's Flanders attack was made by 24,000 Germans. They suffered heavy casualties."

"Hostile raids were repulsed last night near Lens and Merris. We took prisoners yesterday in local fighting between Arras and Albert. Enemy artillery developed to considerable activity last night in the Albert sector."

FRENCH STAND ATTACK.

The French withstood the German attack, almost completely stopping the storm troops on the Vyverbeek's left bank, which the enemy was unable to cross because of field gun fire. The latest reports show the French line intact, the Germans failing to renew the struggle. At 3 o'clock this morning the Germans laid down a barrage northeast of Amiens. The sector quieted an hour later without any attack. The Germans are ceaselessly pounding the remainder of the front. Near Bucquoy the British were slightly pressed back from the positions they won yesterday.

CEMETERY WILL BE KEPT UP THIS YEAR

An item of interest in City Recorder Fitz Gerald's monthly report which was submitted to the city council last night, is that the sum of \$440 was paid in for cemetery maintenance. This is the greatest amount ever paid in in one season. Judge Fitz Gerald states and shows that people are taking an interest in keeping the cemetery lot green and free from weeds.

There were 14 cases in the recorder's court for the month; 238 fines were paid; 129 licenses granted; 19 burial permits given, and 12 sidewalk permits providing for the construction of 1260 linear feet of sidewalk, issued. Fifteen building permits were granted providing for \$1200 worth of construction and improvements.

Guns Were Busy On River Avre Yesterday

PARIS, May 9.—Artillery north and south of the Avre river continued last night. It is officially announced today. A German raid was crushed at Lachapelle Salgues.