



# YANKS DIG IN FOUR HUNDRED YARDS FORWARD

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### GAIN ALMOST ALL OF BELLEAU WOOD

### Enemy Attacks With Gas Near Chateau Thierry; Increases Defenses.

(LOWELL MELLET.)  
WITH THE AMERICANS ON THE MARNE, June 24.—The Americans in Belleau wood drove forward 400 yards today, despite fierce German resistance, inflicting severe losses on the enemy and capturing machine guns. Then they dug themselves securely into the line. Only a little fringe of the wood now remains in Boche hands. American losses were not disproportionate to the gain.

The Germans heavily gassed an American unit northward of Chateau Thierry. The enemy is constantly increasing their defenses here. Improving trenches and establishing wire entanglements and machine gun nests.

I visited the American units in Belleau wood yesterday. The rocky, uneven ground is covered with dense undergrowth and small trees. It is all mangled by shells. Hundreds of Boche dugouts are now occupied by the Americans. Occasionally graves are seen.

A captured German letter says "our canteens have not come up. The Americans are bombarding villages 10 miles behind the front. They rush us without warning so we must shut at every noise. We lie here day and night with no blankets and nearly freeze of nights. The food is miserable."

# SHOWERS, RAIN, CLOUD BURSTS IN UMATILLA CO

Saturday and Sunday local showers, rains and even cloudbursts occurred in different parts of Umatilla county. In many instances doing a great deal of good to farms and crop prospects.

In a few places the rain has come too late to be of much benefit. Showers were reported yesterday from Weston and Athena, while a little fell at Walla Walla. There was very little rain at Helix.

Cloud burst on McKay. Upper McKay creek was hit by a cloud burst that caused some damage to fences yesterday. The worst of the cloud burst seems to have been near the John Schmidt place on the south fork of McKay. Telephone warnings to people to get their stock out of danger were sent to farmers farther down the creek. As far as is known no stock losses occurred but some fences were washed out.

A hard rain occurred yesterday near Lehman springs. At Gibbon but little rain fell yesterday but west of Thorn Hollow the downpour was heavier. Saturday afternoon the heavy rain that fell in Pendleton did not strike at all on the upper Umatilla.

Saturday's shower in Pendleton. Fifty four hundred inches rain fell here in twenty five minutes late Saturday afternoon, which is the heaviest downpour this spring. This rain means literally thousands of dollars to the farmers of this section for rain was badly needed. However, no moisture was reported south of here in the Birch creek section which has suffered worst of all from the drought. Reports from north and east say the rain was heavier there than in Pendleton. Some of the rain fell so heavily for a few minutes that part of the water ran off and did not sink in the ground.

# Lack of Men Delays Extension of Water Main to New Spring

Unless more men can be secured for the construction work at Thorn Hollow there is grave danger that the extension of the water main to the Chaplin springs may not be completed before the peak of the hot season is upon us and the necessity for an increased water supply becomes imperative.

Frank Hays is now working a crew of 30 men at Thorn Hollow and says that he needs 20 more men in order to put on an extra crew making pipe. He is now working but one shift. With another crew he would work two shifts and thereby greatly hasten the work.

An order for 10 men to be rushed to the job at once was placed today by Y. Stroble, chairman of the board.

# CAVALRY, IN PURSUIT, DEALS ANNIHILATION AS ENEMIES FLEE; SUPPLIES AND ENTIRE PIAVE FRONT IS EVACUATED

### Infantry, Light Artillery, and Airplanes Join Deadly Chase; Thousands of Additional Prisoners are Captured and Lost Guns Regained; Nine Enemy Divisions are Completely Wiped Out and 15 Others Suffer Loss of Entire Regiments; Austrian Losses for Present Drive Out-number Italians by 160,000.

ROME, June 24.—Italian infantry and cavalry have crossed the Piave pursuing the fleeing Austrians. The river's western bank is practically cleared and Montello is entirely retaken. The Italians have taken thousands of additional prisoners and great quantities of abandoned materials. The Austrian retreat continues on the whole 40 mile front from Montello to the sea, and the Italians, closely pursuing are cutting the Austrians to pieces. Italian infantry, cavalry, light artillery and airplanes cooperated in defeating the Austrian rear guard actions. Great numbers of enemy are wiped out. The announcement of huge hauls of prisoners is expected.

### FOE LOSES 200,000

All the Italian guns lost on this front last week are reported recaptured. Nine Austrian divisions are completely annihilated. Fifteen others are worn out in the Sandona Di Piave region where entire regiments are destroyed. The total Austrian losses of this drive are estimated at 200,000. Italian losses are only 40,000.

### OCCUPY LARGE GAINS

"Numerous squadrons of our bombers have crossed the river where our artillery and aircraft is hammering the enemy. Considerable bodies of our troops have reached the old Piave lines in large numbers."

### U. S. AIRMEN HELP

The Italian cavalry has crossed the middle Piave in addition to bridging the lower river and is chasing the fleeing Austrians along the east bank. It is officially stated. Two thousand Austrians were captured at Montello last night. American airmen are cooperating with the Italians. They are highly commended for bravery in the initial action.

### POSITION WORSE THAN BEFORE

Reports indicate that General Diaz seized the psychological moment for his renewal of vigorous counter attacks along the whole river line when the Austrians had only two bridges. The others were swept away by floods. The retreat leaves the Austrians in a worse position both militarily and politically than before the offensive. If they yield ground they must face enormous manpower losses without having obtained a concrete objective. This will have a serious effect on the morale of the army and civilians.

# LATE PLOWING AND WEEDS ARE CAUSE OF MOST FAILURES

"Some very interesting facts were brought out during our recent tour of the wheat country," says County Agent M. S. Shrock, who returned here Saturday night. "Nearly every farmer does some experimenting, either consciously or unconsciously. The results of his experiments are interesting whether they be positive or negative. It was for the purpose of seeing the results and studying the methods employed on a few of the most prominent of these experiments that the trip was planned."

"In almost every community visited we saw some fields that will make almost a total failure. The methods of farming in the good fields were very similar all the way through. Early plowing and thorough weed control were the outstanding essential factors. Late plowing and weeds are found the very close companions of the poor crop in every case. "We saw men plowing summer fallow on June 22 on three different farms, but we saw no good crops on these farms. Next year, regardless of the weather, the drought will be blamed for a poor crop on these fields now being plowed. "We saw some splendid demonstrations of the superiority of certain varieties of wheat and barley over other varieties under the same conditions. "At the Moro experiment station where we spent a day, we found the most interesting work on all. Here various testing, crop rotation systems, and tillage methods have been carried on for 4 years. It is well worth any farmer's time to visit this station and study results."

### GERMANY RUSHES AID

WASHINGTON, June 24.—Army men have learned that Germany is rushing reinforcements to Italy trying to prevent an Austrian disaster.

# COUNTESS HELPS KEEP PLOW IN FURROW



When somebody was needed to keep the plow in the furrow, the Countess of Drogheda, County Kildare, Ireland, didn't stop to get some natty knickers fitted. She stepped right out in her gay little house gown and did her bit.

# ITALIAN TROOPS NEAR RHEIMS VICTORIOUS

PARIS, June 24.—Italian troops, holding positions on the Rigny mountains, eight miles southwest of Rheims, today repulsed another attack with sharp fighting and heavy German losses, also taking prisoners. It is officially announced. "German attempts in the Anthuel region were repulsed between the Marne and Rheims and the Germans again attacked the Italian positions. After sharp fighting the Germans were repulsed with heavy losses, losing prisoners. Active artillery action occurs in the Woivre region."

# Police Court Busy; 10 Arrests in 3 Days

The police court has been a pretty busy place for the past three days for there have been 10 arrests made since Friday night, with fines imposed amounting to \$225. The most lucrative sources of income for the city seem to be "Bitters" and the speed mania, although one man arrested for disorderly conduct was held on the unusual charge of wife-beating.

# HEAVY CLOUD BURST ON MEACHAM CREEK

(East Oregonian Special.)  
MEACHAM, June 24.—A heavy cloud burst Sunday afternoon between Huron and Duncan on Meacham creek did considerable damage to the O.-W. R. & N. track, washing it out in several places. Train No. 255 going west had a very narrow escape from a serious wreck. The engineer succeeded in stopping the train just in time to avoid an accident. As it was the caboose was thrown off the track.

# ALL CLASS 1 MEN IN UMATILLA CO. CALLED

Ninety-two more men were called late Saturday evening from Umatilla county to leave Pendleton July 21. This number will take all of the Class 1 men in the county. The names for the list have not been made up yet by the draft board, but Clerk E. O. Draper says that it can be stated it will require all the Class 1 men in the county to fill the call.

# Fire Destroys Small Naval Cargo Carrier

WASHINGTON, June 24.—The navy department announced that the small naval cargo carrier *Pennimore* burned to the water's edge this morning. There was no loss of life.

# FIRE BELL WILL SIGNAL START OF PARADE FOR DRAFT MEN AT 9 A.M. TOMORROW; CHEER THEM

What gives promise of being the greatest street demonstration Pendleton has ever seen will take place here tomorrow morning in honor of the local men leaving for the national army. The details of the parade and other entertainment are being handled directly by Prof. C. O. Breach. The program in full is as follows:

- Meet at Alta Theater, 7 p. m.
- Patriotic picture, Mable Normand in "Joan of Plattsburg."
- Alta screen telegrams, latest war views.
- Vaudeville, Lloyd and Emerald, comedy magic; De Mar Sisters, singing.
- After first show national service men will proceed to the stage.
- Community sing, "Star Spangled Banner" entire audience, led by Prof. C. O. Breach.
- Four minute talk by R. E. Chloupek.
- Community sing, "Over There," chorus by entire audience, solo by Mr. Walter Rose.
- Four minute talk, C. P. Strain.
- Community sing, "America," entire congregation.
- The men will then proceed to the Commercial club rooms where they will partake of a "strawberry feed," after which they will be addressed by: Roy Hales, on the legal status of the soldier.
- Dr. McNary, on hygiene as related to the soldier's welfare.
- At 10:30, the Alta orchestra will be there, led by Prof. Breach for "high jinks"—something doing.
- Tuesday Morning, June 25th, 8:45 A. M., Grand Parade and Demonstration.
- Tillman D. Taylor, grand marshal.
- Section 1, military—Meet on Court Street, east from College, at 8:45 prompt. Claude Penland, marshal.
- Police force.
- "Our Flag."
- Pendleton band.

# WOMEN'S DIVISION PATRIOTIC SERVICE LEAGUE ORGANIZED

Saturday afternoon in the Commercial association rooms permanent organization of the Women's division of the Umatilla County Patriotic Service League was perfected. There were representatives from all but a few of the districts of the county. Mrs. W. D. McNary presided at the meeting. The purpose of the woman's division, of course, is co-ordination of all branches of women's war work, and the organization becomes a part of the general organization for the conduct of Umatilla county war work. The organization and work being done by the patriotic service league was thoroughly explained to the meeting by M. R. Chasman, secretary of the league. The following were elected as the executive committee: Mrs. W. D. McNary, chairman; Women's Council of Defense; Mrs. T. R. Hampton, city chairman; Women's Council of Defense; Mrs. M. C. Bennett, of Parent-Teachers' association; Mrs. Lina H. Sturgis, chairman executive committee.

# Convinced That Germany Will Offer to Surrender Belgium, North France.

# MOVE PLANNED AT RUSSIA'S EXPENSE

### Retention of Russia Would be Serious for Franco-British Governments.

WASHINGTON, June 24.—Germany is preparing for vigorous peace move at Russia's expense, government authorities are convinced. To meet this, a tremendous effort is being made to bring about unity of purpose between America, Great Britain and France. The need of an agreed policy is admitted. The German peace offensive is to surrender Belgium and northern France and make a satisfactory settlement with Italy, but retaining Russia would mean a serious problem for the Franco-British government. The time has come for the President to suggest an alternate if he will not sanction the Japanese intervention of Siberia, say allied diplomats. If he expects to save Russia, the Russian embassy said any commercial concessions given Germany by Russia in return for loans will be promptly repudiated when the present Russian government is overthrown.

# ALLEGED BOOTLEGGERS TAKEN AT UMATILLA

Deputy Sheriff Olaf Aahrus at Umatilla Saturday afternoon rounded up what seems to be a well organized party of bootleggers. There are three in the party, Ben Wilson, and wife and Frank Reed, being the names given the officer.

The party had a seven passenger Studebaker car in which they had two suit cases filled with whiskey. They also had ten empty five gallon kegs, hid in the sage brush. They were brought to Pendleton Saturday night by Deputy Sheriff Joe Blakely and Jake Martin and were released on \$100 bail each, putting up that amount of cash and diamonds. They gave Seattle as their home. The party was in Pendleton a couple of days before going to Umatilla and while here attracted the attention of officers. They were buying kegs at different places and what use they might have for them aroused the suspicions of the officers, who were keeping track of them. When arrested at Umatilla the kegs were found hidden in the sage brush near that place. In addition to convicting the arrested party of bootleggers, the county will also attempt to confiscate the car in which they were traveling. Will M. Peterson and a Portland attorney have been hired to defend them. Their preliminary hearing will be before Justice J. H. Parker.

# SAYS GERMAN PUBLIC OPINION EXASPERATED

Nothing to Delay Hindenburg's Next Thrust and Objectives are Unattained

(WILLIAM PHILLIP SIMMS)  
AT THE BRITISH FRONT, June 24.—Ideal fighting weather, that is almost unprecedented, continues on the west front, yet the armies merely jostling for position. There is nothing to delay Hindenburg's next thrust. While in Paris a Swisslander told me that German public opinion is exasperated by Hindenburg's delay. Plain spoken Germans are calling the campaign a failure, because the army has not reached any vital points. Desperate attempt to redeem the failure. Germany's fall is expected shortly. German soldiers formerly held prisoner in Russia are arriving on the west front.

# HAIL AS BIG AS WALNUTS FELL ON STANLEY CREEK

Hailstones as large as walnuts and as much as four inches deep on the ground, fell on Stanley creek, eight miles from Pilot Rock yesterday afternoon, according to Charles Johnson, well known sheepman who is here today. So heavy was the downpour of hail, says Mr. Johnson, that it was necessary to get the horses into shelter. On California Gulch, a very heavy rain occurred.