

WORLD HAPPENINGS OF CURRENT WEEK

Brief Resume Most Important
Daily News Items.

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Events of Noted People, Governments
and Pacific Northwest and Other
Things Worth Knowing.

The ways and means committee has tentatively agreed on a bill to give Secretary McAdoo power to issue \$8,000,000,000 in certificates of indebtedness, double the sum now authorized.

General Pershing cabled the War department Tuesday that two regiments of American railroad engineers are attached to the British forces on the front attacked by the Germans.

German tanks, reinforced by captured British tanks, says a Berlin semi-official statement Tuesday on Sunday's fighting in the West, "took a leading part in breaking the brave enemy resistance."

The war correspondent of the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger reports that Field Marshal von Hindenburg remarked after the opening battle: "The thing is over. We have begun to move. The first act is ended."

An extraordinary demand for Liberty bonds, particularly the second four, at an advance of 1/2 to 1 per cent to 97 1/2, was the striking feature of Tuesday's early dealings on the New York stock exchange. Transactions in these bonds in the first half hour approximated \$5,000,000 par value.

The long range guns bombarding Paris, according to a Vienna dispatch, are of Austrian manufacture, having been built at the Skoda factory. The gun itself is not new, but its novelty comes from a new type of shell and the explosive gases used in the gun. There are said to be only two or three of the guns.

Information received in Washington Tuesday by the British military attaché, Major General James D. McLaughlin, is that the situation at the battle front decidedly improved during Monday. The advances are based on the repulse of the Germans to the East bank of the Somme between Peronne and Morschain.

Most night trains technically will be one hour late next Sunday morning, as a result of the new daylight saving bill. Director-General McAdoo ordered the railroads to move their clocks ahead one hour at 2 o'clock Sunday morning in conformity with the law. Trains will leave for destinations Saturday night at the old time.

A dispatch from Plymouth, Mass., says: A government scout patrol boat struck a rock off the Gurnet, between Plymouth harbor and Brant Rock early Tuesday and went to the bottom three-quarters of an hour later. Life-saving crews from two stations which responded to signals of distress took off the crew. First reports were that all were saved.

Five business men of Delphos, near Lima, O., a German settlement in Western Allen county, accused of pro-Germanism, were hunted out by a volunteer vigilance committee of 400 men and 50 women of that town, taken into a brilliant downtown street, forced to salute publicly and kiss the American flag, under pain of being hanged from nearby telephone poles.

Emperor William at German main headquarters on Sunday, according to an official announcement at Berlin, conferred the iron cross with gold rays on Field Marshal von Hindenburg, and the grand cross of the order of the iron cross on General von Ludendorff. The emperor also gave various decorations to the departmental chiefs, along with a signed photograph with the date of the battle, March 21-23.

It has been learned through official sources at Berne, that the steamer Sterling with a large cargo of grain for Switzerland, has just been sunk as the result of a collision.

Trapped in an upper corridor, one man lost his life early Friday in Butte, Mont., when fire destroyed the Wolfstone Block lodging house. Fifty other guests dazed by the smoke were led or carried out of the building.

A call for a general strike beginning Monday morning in sympathy with the strike of laundry workers and drivers was issued in Kansas City Tuesday by local labor leaders. Labor leaders claimed more than 25,000 persons would obey the call.

Final articles of agreement for the world's championship fight between Jess Willard and Fred Fulton July 4 will be signed in Chicago next week, according to an announcement made after a conference between the Willard and Fulton representatives.

So long as the exigencies of the service permit, Jewish battalions in the British army are definitely intended for employment in Palestine. This announcement was made in the house of commons by J. I. MacPherson, parliamentary under-secretary of the War office.

THE COMING OF THE 3rd LIBERTY LOAN



By R. E. O'Neill and W. S. Kirkpatrick.

Of supreme moment is the issue of the war. The price of wheat and the turn of politics are serious matters—but—the Third Liberty Loan means more than all. It means—

Backing up the boys who have been sent to the overseas battlefields.

Prompt and abundant loans of spare cash to the war treasury, in local trade terms, is the translation of money into airplanes, guns, ammunition, provisions,

BRITISH COUNTER ATTACK IMPENDS

Reserves, Long Ready, Expected
to Turn Tide for Allies.

HUN LOSS ENORMOUS

German Advance Checked — Situation
Optimistically Viewed — Events
Show Withdrawal Planned.

With the British Army in France—The British and French who co-operate at the junction of the two armies, are viewing the trend of the German offensive with optimistic eyes. Hard fighting was in progress, but the latest reports showed little or no change in the situation in favor of the enemy since Sunday, while on the other hand the defenders had pushed the attacking forces back after a bitter struggle and were holding strongly along the whole new front to which they had withdrawn.

Fighting of a most desperate nature has been continuous since the initial attack, but so far the British have used few troops other than those which were holding the front lines. These shock troops have been making as gallant a defense as was ever recorded in the annals of the British army, and as a result they have enabled the main body of the forces to fall back deliberately and without confusion and occupy positions which had been prepared long before the German offensive began.

The Germans, on the other hand, operating under the eyes of the emperor and the crown prince, have been hurling vast hordes into the fray with utter disregard for lives and have followed into the abandoned positions, getting farther and farther away from their supplies and finding their communications increasingly difficult.

More than 50 German divisions already have been identified by actual contact, and many of these men were simply given two days' rations and sent over the top into the frightful maelstrom made by the allied artillery.

United States Holds Key.
London—The Daily News says of the new military situation:

"Although the allied strength will reach its maximum only as the full force of America's contribution to the war is felt, the opening of the greatest battle the world has known is received with something like relief. The salient fact in the offensive is that its authors can not afford to fail. They cannot afford to face a country left, after another summer of battle, to count its gains and find them no more than a myriad of nameless graves."

ships and every device of modern war for the American. War expenditures reach every avenue of business in the Northwest.

Prepare for the Third Loan which open Saturday, April 6, with Victory celebrations everywhere.

The governor and mayors will proclaim the significance and urgency of participation in the raising of our local share of his defense fund. Rallies,

open air gatherings, speeches, parades, illuminations, the Ring-it-Again Liberty Bell on the door of every household, and by every means, the citizens of our community are urged to forsake all other activities and join in the spirit and the work of the day.

Begin buying a bond the first day! This is the first of a series of cartoons and slogans by well known illustrators and writers which will be published in this paper.

lery, machine guns and rifles. The slaughter of the enemy infantry as it advanced in close formation over the open has been appalling.

The British losses have been within the bounds expected, due to the tactics of the commanders. The allies have lost a considerable number of men in prisoners and a certain number of guns. But very few pieces of artillery have been taken by the Germans since the first day. In fact, the whole withdrawal has been executed in a masterly manner, showing how thoroughly the British had planned for the very events which have occurred.

It is permitted to say now what some have known for a long time, namely, that the British never intended to try to hold the forward positions in this region if the Germans attacked in the force expected.

There is every reason to believe that harder fighting than has yet taken place will develop shortly. The Germans, in the British view, cannot now hesitate in carrying on their attack, and it is a case of break through or admit defeat.

HUNS DRIVEN BACK

Fresh Attacks Fail and Foe is Forced
to Recross Somme — American
Engineers Aid in Battle.

British Army Headquarters in France—A further advance late Sunday by the Germans at some points along the battlefield is reported. American engineers have again been in the throes of fierce conflict in which they have done excellent work in transportation.

London—Fresh attacks by the Germans have developed northward and southward of Bapaume, the war office announces.

The British repulsed powerful attacks Sunday afternoon northward of Bapaume. The British drove back to the eastward bank of the Somme bodies of German troops which had crossed the river between Licourt and Brie, south of Peronne.

The statement follows: "The battle continues with great violence on the whole front. Powerful attempts delivered by the enemy Sunday afternoon and evening north of Bapaume were heavily repulsed. Only at one point did the German infantry reach our trenches, whence they were immediately thrown out. Elsewhere the enemy's attacks were stopped by rifle, machine gun and artillery fire in

Chicago Purse is Flat.

Chicago.—The city of Chicago is broke. City Controller Pike so informed members of the city council Saturday. He told them in a communication that outside of the payroll the city could not pay any bills after April 1, until the 1919 budget is passed. The aldermen received the news in stunned surprise. Members of the finance committee to which the communication was finally referred were even more surprised. "This will give the city an awful black eye," declared Alderman Richert, "if the word gets out that we have no money to meet our bills."

Paris Shelled by Long Range Guns

PARIS SHELLED BY LONG RANGE GUNS

Berlin, via London—Paris has been bombarded by German long-distance guns, according to the German official communication issued Sunday night.

Paris—The German "monster cannon," which has been bombarding Paris, has been located in the forest of St. Gobain, west of Laon and exactly 122 kilometers (approximately 76 miles) from the Paris city hall.

The gun bombarded Paris during the greater part of Sunday. The day was ushered in by loud explosions from the 10-inch shells, and immediately the alarm to take cover was sounded.

front of our positions and his troops were driven back with great loss.

"During the night and morning, fresh hostile attacks have again developed in this neighborhood and also to the south of Bapaume.

"South of Peronne bodies of German troops who crossed the river between Licourt and Brie were driven back to the east bank by our counter attacks."

Persistent attacks with strong forces of infantry and lavish use of artillery have not enabled the Germans to break through the British defense, and, after four days, the great offensive blow in Northern France has not yet brought a decision for the attackers. Heavy fighting is in progress around Bapaume, near Peronne and where the British and French fronts join.

U. S. ARTILLERY HURTS HUNS

Destroy Communication Lines, Ammunition Dumps and Billets.

With the American Army in France—On the Toul front there was considerable artillery activity during Sunday night. American guns heavily shelled the German front line positions. Enemy batteries replied, using many gas shells. Later photographs were taken from airplanes of the damage inflicted by the Americans. American artillery on the Toul sector continued to shell effectively enemy first-line and communication trenches, the town of St. Baussant and the billets and dumps north of Boquetteau. Many of the American shells have fallen in the German trenches and the first two lines in at least one place have been virtually abandoned.

Resistance is Gallant.

London—The Berlin Vossische Zeitung's war correspondent telegraphing Sunday from the neighborhood of the Oise, is quoted by the Central News correspondent at Amsterdam as saying: "All our movements have taken place with miraculous exactitude, according to the plans of the master who organized the attack. The English are defending themselves bravely, but the British command was not equal to the attack, which, although doubtless foreseen, probably was not expected so early."

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

The senate Wednesday adopted the provision of the Indian bill allowing the Klamath Indians \$500,000 to buy livestock. Every effort will be used to get the house to concur.

Roads in and around Wasco are to be placed in splendid condition for summer travel, and nothing will be left undone to maintain the reputation this part of Oregon has gained during the past few years.

Arthur M. Decker, member of the 16th Company, Coast Artillery corps, died at the post hospital in Fort Stevens Sunday after a short illness. The deceased was 22 years of age and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Decker, of Ashland.

That the annual meeting of the Oregon Retail Jewelers' association to be held at Salem in June will be the largest convention this association has ever held is the statement of F. M. French, of Albany, secretary-treasurer of the association.

Hides of seven bobcats and 13 coyotes have been brought into Klamath Falls and presented for bounty at the county clerk's office, according to the records. The total for the bounties paid is \$48. The hides were brought in from all sections of the county.

The overall and jumper part of the Liberty Loan campaign in Klamath county will be done first with the parades and sheers left until after the desired results are accomplished, according to Captain Charles J. Ferguson, who is in charge of the coming campaign.

Ontario's municipal water system bonds to the amount of \$100,000 were sold Tuesday to Keeler Brothers, of Denver, after a spirited auction for par plus a premium of \$607.50. The bidding was started with the opening of a sealed bid from a Toledo, O., firm for a discount of \$4875.

The game department of the state of Ohio has ordered 3000 pheasant eggs from Charles D. Alexander, who conducts a pheasant farm at Albany. This same state secured a large shipment of eggs last year and evidently is continuing the work of trying to get these birds started in Ohio.

Plans for the state encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, which will be held in Albany, May 13 to 15, inclusive, were made Wednesday when J. G. Chambers, of Portland, department commander, and C. A. Williams, of Portland, department adjutant, met with officers and members of the Albany post.

"Hog" Woodward, forger who served in 15 different penitentiaries, who it was thought died in Pocatello, Idaho, last October, has suddenly appeared at Reno, Nev., with a number of charges against him. Woodward was brought to the Oregon prison in 1914 from Umatilla county for forgery and was paroled in September last year.

Crews have begun work preparatory to sinking caissons for the piers of the new concrete bridge to be built across Hood River jointly by the state and Hood River county. Three arched spans will be required, each 95 feet in length, and an approach over the tracks of the Mount Hood Railroad on the West Side, approximately 200 feet long.

William Pollman, president, and S. O. Correll, secretary of the Cattle and Horse Raisers' association of Oregon, has issued the call of the association, which will be held at Ontario April 23 and 24. A number of speakers have been secured from different sections, some as far East as Missouri river points, and many subjects of interest to livestock growers will be discussed and considered.

Percy R. Sullivan, who lives a short distance south of Brownsville, Monday received a telegram asserting that his 20-year-old son, Glen Samuel Sullivan, had fallen on the field of battle somewhere in France.

Elmarion Smith, a resident of Linn County since the early '70s, died at his home in Halsey this week, aged 81 years. He was a native of Illinois and a prominent figure in the early development of this section.

A drainage demonstration on the farm of Francis Chalmers at Roy, Washington county, will be held Saturday by Professor W. L. Powers, of Oregon Agricultural College, and scientific drainage of white land will be conducted along the most approved lines. As many of the farmers of the county have problems with this class of soils, County Agent Jamison expects a large attendance.

The old Klamath County Courthouse difficulty, which has been hurried for the last four years, was revived Friday with all its former intensity, when County Judge Marion Hanks and Commissioner Frank McCornack signed a contract for the construction of a new building to be erected on the site of the present structure at a cost of \$131,775. Commissioner Burrell Short refused to sign the papers.

Miss Ellen Grady, nurse, and Mrs. Ethel Gilling, clerk, have been notified to hold themselves in readiness for immediate departure with the University of Oregon Base Hospital for France. Both are daughters of La Grande railroad men and are well known in Portland.

Washington County Friday gave answer to charges that it has not measured up with other counties in loyalty, when packed houses at Hillsboro cheered speakers representing different war activities and invitations to apply for membership in the County Patriotic League brought a practically unanimous response.

BRITISH HAVE FIRM GRIP ON ONE LINE

Situation Reported
Improvement on Sunday

NOYON FRONT SHAKY

German Continues
Sector With Firm
Main Offensive

London — Wednesday night food from the battle front continues to give a hopeful impression formed early in the day that the British now appear on a line they are able to hold at least on the Somme and the rivers.

Further south in the Roye-Noyon region the situation is less well defined, but it is stated that both the French and British are bringing up reserves there.

The correspondents also are showing greater confidence that the enemy will be held on this terrain.

The German official communication was significantly brief and reserved. It reports the crossing of the Ancre, but only refers to Tuesday, while the British war office shows that the German advance Wednesday in counterattacks.

The news from the Somme front is distinctly encouraging, the British having recaptured Morlancoeur and Chipilly and advanced to Proyart.

The infantry fighting along the major portion of the British front in the new battle zone showed a marked slowing down, indicating that the first phase of the German offensive here has been finished.

The enemy has paused in the northern sector, probably to reorganize and bring forward much needed artillery before beginning the second round against the stiffened opposition of the British.

Hard local battles were still in progress, but the first fury of the German onslaught had spent itself. Several attacks which the Germans essayed were smashed, and at Sully-Le-Sec, where the Germans Tuesday night gained a footing, the British Wednesday morning delivered a smashing counter attack, which pushed the invaders back.

The spirit of optimism is higher along the front.

HUN HOSPITALS OVERFLOW

Thousands of Wounded Pouring Back
Through France and Belgium.

Amsterdam — Enormously long ambulance trains are passing through Liege and Namur, Belgium, on their way to Aix la Chapelle and other parts of Germany, with wounded Germans from the French battle front, according to the Telegraf frontier correspondent. Many of the wounded have been detained at Namur, says the correspondent, who adds that the hospitals in Northern France have not sufficient accommodations for the great stream of sufferers.

The Telegraf's Zevenaar correspondent says the first transports with wounded have arrived at frontier towns. Commenting on this fact the Telegraf says that while the German communications speak of the slight German losses, it is significant that even the most out of the way places in Germany wounded are arriving.

London — The German casualties since the beginning of the offensive are estimated at the front at 300,000, according to the Daily Mail's correspondent.

Two Yanks Hold 15.

With the American Army in France—Two men of an American, patrol while inspecting enemy trenches in the Toul sector early Wednesday, encountered 15 of the enemy and immediately opened fire with their rifles. They also used grenades and, after a few minutes, managed to get away safely, taking turns at covering each other's retreat. They got back without a scratch, but it is known that three Germans were killed. Two encounters are reported between Americans reconnoitering patrols and new listening posts.

France Holding Lines Firmly.

Paris — The French, co-operating with the British south of St. Quentin, have taken up strong positions on the left bank of the Oise before Noyon where they are holding the Germans, according to the war office announcement. The statement reads: "Our troops are holding solidly to their positions on the left bank of the Oise before Noyon. The fighting continues along the front comprising Bray-sur-Somme, Chaules, Roye and Noyon."

Greek Uprising Planned.

Athens — The purpose of former King Constantine is sending two Greek officers who were arrested recently, after being landed on the coast by a German submarine, was to lay the foundation for an uprising against the government, according to depositions made by the officers and read in the chamber of deputies Wednesday by Premier Venizelos. The officers were disguised as beggars when arrested.