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## GERMAN MONEY TO INFLUENCE CONGRESS

### HAIG REPORTS LAST BATTLE REAL VICTORY

MOST IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENT OF YEAR ON WESTERN FRONT YESTERDAY

### AUSTRALIANS CARRY THE DAY

Artillery Barrage Fire Precedes Infantry Advance as British Troops Sweep Across Ground

British Front in France and Belgium, Sept. 21.—During the night the British forces, with comparatively little opposition, consolidated and improved the new positions which they won yesterday in the offensive east of Ypres.

The new line marks an advance of over a mile.

Today, from the newly won trenches, known as "Anzac," the Australian flag flutters as the symbol of the greatest victory on the western front during the past year, not excepting the great battle of Messines. The positions captured yesterday were considered among the strongest on the German front.

Field Marshal Haig's official report of yesterday's battle says that "North country and Australian battalions penetrated the German positions in the center to a depth of over a mile and captured the whole of their objectives. These include Hamlet, Veldhoek and western portion of Polygon wood.

Farther north, Zevenkote was captured and also a few guns.

Heavy artillery preparation for days had been going on and extensive raids in anticipation of a tremendous infantry assault and when the British left their trenches they were preceded by row upon row of barrage fire, reaching into the German lines to a greater depth than on any previous occasion.

Concrete redoubts, hundreds of machine guns, barbed wire entanglements and marshy ground faced the British in their storming operations, but the heavy guns had cut down many of the barriers and the British went forward steadily, gaining all their objectives and penetrating the German lines in places for a mile or more.

### EXHIBIT FOR STATE FAIR LEAVES TONIGHT

Josephine county's exhibit at the state fair is being assembled today and the car will probably leave tonight or in the morning. A J. Green has had charge of the car and has done most of it personally, traveling between 250 and 300 miles over the county within the last few days collecting specimens.

The fruit exhibit is satisfactory. Generally speaking, the exhibit of farm products is below an average and poorer than was shown last year. An exception must be made in the case of corn. Many good exhibits are being secured of this crop. The county also raised some good potatoes, but the best have not yet been harvested.

### CHINA PLANS TO SEND TROOPS TO FRANCE

Tokio, Sept. 21.—China, according to the correspondent of the newspaper Nichi Nichi, will send 20,000 volunteer troops to France. The force will be the first detachment of a Chinese expeditionary army to aid the allies.

### DOUGLAS GETS LARGEST TAX

Land Grant Tax Payment to Bring Josephine County One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars

Portland, Sept. 21.—Josephine county is to receive approximately \$130,000 in back taxes on grant lands, and Klamath county, \$38,000 according to Oswald West who has checked the government's lists.

Washington, Sept. 21.—Secretary Lane recommended to congress today the payment of taxes on lands aggregating \$1,504,841 to one Washington and 18 Oregon land grant counties.

Douglas county receives the highest amount, \$300,132.

Portland, Sept. 21.—Word was received here this morning that the payment of the taxes due on the Oregon & California Railroad grant lands by the government may be delayed temporarily because of a suit brought by S. W. Williams, special assistant to the United States attorney general, for an accounting of the sums received from the sale of the grant lands.

The Ferris-Chamberlain bill authorized a suit to determine what amount shall be paid by the government for its \$2.50 an acre equity in the 2,300,000 acres of the land grant forfeited.

From this equity there is to be deducted under the bill, money for back taxes due the counties, and money which the railroad company has received for the sale of its lands in excess of \$2.50 an acre. Just how much has been so received, and accordingly how much to deduct, will be determined in the suit for an accounting.

### LATE BAVARIAN KING'S HEART IN IRON URN

London, Sept. 21.—(By mail)—With solemn ceremonies the heart of the late King Otto of Bavaria was recently removed from the Chapel Royal of Munich, where the remains are buried, to the Church of Altsttinger near Passau, where the hearts of all Bavarian kings are kept in gold urns.

Owing to the war the urn of Otto is iron.

### HOMING PIGEONS TO AID TROOPS ABROAD

Cleveland, O., Sept. 21.—The United States is mobilizing its birds of war. Two hundred homing pigeons, bled to Fort Wood, N. J., left here during the night as the first unit of an army of 2,500 birds to be transported to France.

They are going to be used as messengers on the fighting line where barrage fire wipes out the use of motorcyclists, telephones and wireless.

### RUSS WOMEN FIGHTERS ATTACK COMMANDER

Petrograd, Sept. 21.—A small riot occurred yesterday in the ranks of the woman's "Battalion of Death" at Moscow. The riot took the form of an attack by some of the girls upon Vera Butchkareff, the regiment's twice-wounded commander. Infantrymen rescued the commander. The cause of the attack is unknown.

### BERNSTORFF HAD FUNDS FOR PARTICULAR USE

Department of State Makes Public Intercepted Message From Former Ambassador to Home Government Asking for Allowance to Influence Congressmen

Washington, Sept. 21.—Secretary of State Lansing today made public an astounding addition to the series of disclosures showing German intrigue in America and elsewhere.

A message from Count Bernstorff, formerly German ambassador here, sent January 22 of this year to the German foreign office, Berlin, requested authority to pay \$50,000 to influence members of congress through an un-named organization, apparently known in Berlin. Bernstorff indicated that money had theretofore been paid in this organization to perform similar work.

"I request authority to pay up to \$50,000 in order, as on former occasions, to influence congress through the organization you know of, which can perhaps prevent a declaration of war.

"Am beginning meantime to act accordingly. In the above circumstances, a public, official declaration by Germany in favor of Ireland is highly desirable in order to gain the support of Irish influence here."

It is not assumed in any quarters here that the money which Bernstorff indicated he wanted, was to

be used in bribing members of congress. It was pointed out that such a sum would go but a very short way indeed in actually buying congressional support.

But the money might do much in the way of paying the agents of the propaganda machine Bernstorff built up here, to promote peace talk, throw interference in the way of the administration's plans and for espionage purposes.

Some local publicists think that Bernstorff was referring to peace societies when mentioning "organizations" in his communication.

His reference to "avoiding war" indicates that Bernstorff knew in advance of Germany's intention to proclaim, on January 23, her merciless submarine warfare, although at the time he emphatically denied having any such knowledge.

Representative Heflin, of Alabama, said on the floor of the house late this afternoon that if permitted, he could name 13 or 14 congressmen who "acted suspiciously" and "who ought to be investigated as a result of the disclosures made in Bernstorff's letter."

### ST. PAUL AUDIENCE HISSES LAFOLLETTE

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 21.—Senator LaFollette was repeatedly interrupted by cries of "yellow" and "put him out," during the course of a speech made here last night.

"I have just come from Washington, where, with a little handful of men, I have been waging a fight demanding that taxation should be paid according to the ability to pay. I was not in favor of beginning this war. We had no grievance. The German government had interfered with our rights to travel on the high seas—as passengers on the munition ships of England.

"On these grievances, which were insignificant, considering the rights and consequences involved, we went to war. We had a right to ship munitions, but I was not in favor of riding."

Cries of "Yellow" stopped the senator.

He hard hardly got started again when some one called:

"What of the Lusitania" and the din was on again. Governor Frazier of North Dakota, chairman of the meeting, assisted in quelling the disturbance.

### MENAB REPRESENTS U. S. IN STRIKE CONFERENCE

Washington, Sept. 21.—Gavin McNab, a San Francisco attorney has been named special representative of the federal shipping board in negotiations looking toward the settlement of the strike of 25,000 workers in the San Francisco bay shipyards.

### BEST SUGAR EMPLOYEES RECEIVE WAGE INCREASE

Chino, Cal., Sept. 21.—A five cents an hour increase today was given all southern California employees of the American Beet Sugar company. To many field laborers working 12 hours daily the increase means \$4.20 a week additional.

### HOUSE STANDS OUT FOR HIGHER TAXES

Washington, Sept. 21.—The house conferees on the war tax bill late yesterday insisted upon increasing the provisions of the bill respecting war profit taxes and by so doing have delayed and somewhat complicated the passage of the measure.

Coincident with the adjournment of the conference, a meeting of the house ways and means committee, which drew the original bill, was called for today to discuss the situation.

It was explained that the ways and means committee would try to induce the house conferees to accept the larger figure, but should this fail, high tax advocates declared they would carry the contest to the floor of the house. They said that recent announcements that approximately \$2,500,000,000 more money would be needed this year than already provided makes it certain that unless a start is made now to further increase taxes, the country will be swamped with bonds.

### APPLE BOX SHORTAGE NO LONGER BOTHERS

Portland, Sept. 21.—J. B. Knapp, representing Food Administrator Herbert Hoover, believes that the shortage of apple boxes for the northwest crop has been solved. Only the co-operation of the individual apple growers is needed to put the plan in operation. Agreements have been made with mills, whereby the production will be kept up to full capacity if advance orders are received. Mr. Knapp said this morning that if the individual grower will place their orders promptly the boxes will be forthcoming when wanted.

### RECRUITS GO IN FOR ATHLETICS

Commandant of Cantonment Requires All Men to Participate in Games As Part of Training

Camp Lewis, Sept. 21.—Troops, parts of the second increment of the new national army, are arriving hourly at the American Lake camp. Today's arrivals are to be 3,750 men.

Moo Wing, a Chinaman from Vancouver, Wash., one of the new men and the only Chinaman, said today that Americans think he cannot cook well enough for them so he will fight in the trenches.

Eighty-five athletic teams have already been organized. Major General Greene says that all the men must participate in athletics.

One of the regimental football teams has already arranged a game with the Washington State college team to be played in the Tacoma stadium on October 13.

### PORTLAND ENGLISH BULL-DOG HATES GERMAN DACHSHUND

Portland, Sept. 21.—The tendency of an English bull-dog to jump on a dachshund belong to Mrs. H. Kersting was brought to the notice of the police here today.

Mrs. Kersting complained that the bulldog makes frequent trips to her back yard and administers pro-ally chewings to the dog from kaiserland.

The police asked the owners of the bulldog to put him in the proposed dog division if they wanted him to fight.

### SHIPYARD STRIKE NOT ABANDONED

Seattle, Sept. 21.—The committee representing the striking lumber yard employes in the Washington mills, announced today that the strike had not been called off despite the statement made yesterday at Aberdeen that timber workers could return to work if they thought it necessary.

### LIME BOARD MEETS TO SELECT QUARRY

Corvallis, Sept. 21.—A meeting of the state lime board will be held in Salem, Thursday, September 27. The board has been making a careful survey of all available lime rock with a view of establishing a quarry in that location where the rock can be shipped at the least possible expense. Dean Cordley of O. A. C. said today: "As stated in the call for this board meeting, I think the information now available is sufficient to enable us to select the most favorable location."

### OREGON CITY INITIATES FISH PROHIBITIVE LAW

Salem, Sept. 21.—Attorney General Brown has prepared the ballot title for the proposed initiative bill prohibiting fishing in Oregon streams with fishwheels, traps or seines. The bill is being initiated by Charles C. Babcock of Oregon City. Under a new law the official ballot title must be prepared and be printed on an initiative petition before the petition is circulated.

### MORE HUNGRY RECRUITS ARE WELL PLEASED

LOCAL COMMITTEES THANKED FOR MANNER TROOPS ARE HANDLED

### SECOND BUNCH GETS BREAKFAST

This Morning's Contingent Was Larger and Better Handled, Third Allotment Tuesday

The second contingent of hungry California recruits to be served breakfast by the local Red Cross chapter, reached Grants Pass at 6:20 this morning and ten minutes later were seated at well-laden tables scattered through the city.

The party numbered 479 and were from Los Angeles, Riverside and vicinity. Unlike the contingent yesterday morning, they were organized in companies with temporary company officers in charge and were marched to and from the dining halls in military formation, rather than straggling back and forth, each man for himself. In this way those in charge of the party saw to it that none were missing. At Redding, Cal., yesterday, a train had to be stopped and held while an automobile brought four recruits seven miles up the line, because of their having missed the train.

The boys seemed to be well pleased with the treatment accorded them and suggested a football excursion from a large college more than a military expedition against a powerful enemy.

The Courier is in receipt of the following letter dated at Roseburg yesterday:

"The boys of the Oakland division wish to express their appreciation of the hospitality shown them while in your midst this morning. The breakfast certainly hit the spot and everyone of us is a warm booster for Grants Pass.

J. C. TORMEY,  
"For the bunch."

The Roseburg Review quotes L. W. Sweetland of the Oakland division as saying: "We have been treated royally ever since we left Oakland. The receptions given us have been surprises and entirely unexpected."

The next contingent to be fed here arrives next Tuesday morning and will be handled as were the first two.

### EXPLOSION IN GERMAN MUNITION FACTORY FATAL

Amsterdam, Sept. 21.—At least 34 persons were killed and more than a score injured in an explosion in a German munitions factory near Cologne, said a dispatch received here today.

### RUSSIA PLEDGES AID TILL FIGHT IS WON

Washington, Sept. 21.—The formal pledge of the new Russian republic to remain in the war until German autocracy is crushed, was laid before Secretary of State Lansing this afternoon by the Russian ambassador, Boris Bakhmetieff. Details of the momentous meeting were not divulged but it is known that the envoy, in most vigorous fashion, denied any possibility of Russia concluding a separate peace with Germany and her allies.