

GERMANS HIT A STONE WALL IN HAIG'S MEN

SECOND TREMENDOUS ASSAULT ON TEN MILE FRONT COMPLETELY REPULED

INTENSE HAND-TO-HAND FIGHT

Despite Violent Attempts by Tentons to Regain Their Recent Losses, British Are Not Moved

With British Army in France, Dec. 4.—The British have repulsed heavy German attacks on a 10-mile front between Maroing and Gonnelleu. The fighting was terribly violent. Field Marshal Haig's report tonight stated that "all assaults have been completely repulsed."

The Germans today were making their second great attempt to break through the British defenses in the Gonnelleu sector and pinch off the salient, which General Byng recently drove into the enemy territory a little farther to the north. The German assault was launched against La Vacquerie shortly before 9 o'clock in the morning and spread rapidly. Within two hours a heavy battle was in progress over a considerable front from La Vacquerie southward to Vauduette.

The Germans were employing great forces of infantry from a concentration of guns which they had perfected since the smashing of the Hindenburg line. By noon there were indications that the German assault might surpass in fierceness their drive which carried them through the British front south of Gonnelleu last Friday.

Intense fighting at close quarters followed and as the battle progressed the Germans developed an offensive farther down the line. By 11 o'clock their artillery was maintaining a drumfire against the whole front involved.

In their initial charge the enemy came up against a stone wall and he was forced to fall back. They kept coming in waves, however, and finally secured a footing in the town, but were later ejected.

BULGARIA NOW WANTS PEACE WITH RUSSIANS

London, Dec. 4.—It is rumored here that Bulgaria is prepared to negotiate with Russia for a cessation of hostilities.

HAT MAKERS CHARGED WITH GRAFT ATTEMPT

New York, Dec. 4.—A conspiracy to defraud the United States government of hundreds of thousands of dollars on contracts for a million service hats, was charged in indictments returned against members of the corporation, Thom and Bailey, Peckskill Hat Mfg. Co., and the firm of H. D. Parmlee and Cove. Two inspectors of the quartermaster's corps are named as co-conspirators.

INTERESTING FACTS CONCERNING THE COUNTY'S EARLY HISTORY RECALLED BY NEW COURTHOUSE

There were some interesting facts brought out in the splendid talk by Rev. L. Myron Hooper at the dedication of the new court house yesterday which brought up memories of the old days to some of the elder of his hearers.

Josephine county was created by an act of the legislature in 1856. The first county seat was at Waldo, but two or three years later it was moved to Kerbyville where it remained until the spring of 1880, when it was moved to Grants Pass.

ROUMANIA WANTS PEACE: IS RUMOR

Balkan Ally Reported to Be Sounding Berlin on Terms of Armistice for Peace Conference

Stockholm, Dec. 4.—A report comes from Berlin that Roumania is trying to make an armistice with the central powers.

Amsterdam, Dec. 4.—The Dusseldorf General Anzeiger's Berlin correspondent give current to rumor in the reichstag that the Roumanian government has sounded the Berlin and Vienna government regarding conditions for an armistice and peace pour parlers. The correspondent says the hurried closing of the reichstag main committee's session gives support to the rumor.

HOOVER PROMISES LOWER FOOD PRICE

New York, Dec. 4.—Lower prices in meat, milk and other commodities as a result of the enormous crop of corn which it is expected, will be distributed by January 15, was forecasted by Federal Food Administrator Hoover in a statement last night. He declared that this great crop is "the certain economic remedy for high prices."

ALLIED CONFERENCE AT PARIS IS ENDED

Paris, Dec. 4.—The inter-allied conference in Paris has ended. Colonel House, in the closing address, declared that there had been coordination and unity of purpose reached, which promised greater results for the future and that it was his deep conviction that "by this unity we shall be able to arrive at the goal which we have set out to reach."

GERMANS CLEARED FROM EAST AFRICA

London, Dec. 4.—"East Africa has been completely cleared of the enemy."

This official announcement was made tonight.

German East Africa which has a coast line of 620 miles and an estimated area of 384,000 square miles, was attacked by the British forces, including South African troops under General Jan Christian Smuts, from the north and by Belgian and Portuguese troops from the south and west. The campaign began early in 1915. Prior to this British East Africa had been invaded and General Smuts found that he had to contend with an army of about 50,000 native troops, aided by 3,000 Germans and possessing powerful artillery.

PEACE IS IMPOSSIBLE TILL VICTORY IS WON

President's Message Says German Government Must Be Crushed Before War Can End. Urges War Declaration on Austria, Not on Turkey or Bulgaria

Washington, Dec. 4.—Congress is ready to take up again its part in the prosecution of the war and to stay all the year if necessary.

The second session of the 65th congress began yesterday at noon with brief routine sessions marked by the receipt of appropriation estimates for next year's war and ordinary expenses aggregating the vast sum of \$13,500,000,000.

Washington, Dec. 4.—In his address to congress today, the president recommended that a declaration of war be made against Austria at once. He did not recommend such a declaration against Turkey or Bulgaria now.

The president said that war with Austria was necessary to meet the anomalous situation the United States faces in its war with Germany even though Austria was not her own mistress but merely the vassal of Germany. He also said that the same logic would lead to war against Turkey and Bulgaria but they had not yet stood in the path of the United States in the war against Prussian autocracy.

In ringing and most definite terms he said that nothing shall turn the United States aside until the war was won and Germany beaten. All talk of peace was out of the question. Peace can only come when the German people make it through rulers that the world can trust and when they have made reparation for the destruction the present rulers have wrought and when Germany has receded from all the territory they have taken by armed force.

The president said that the Rus-

sian people had been poisoned by the same dark falsehoods which had kept the German people in the dark the only antidote to which was the simple truth.

The president recommended further legislation to control profiteering through war industries. He also asked congress to devote its entire energies to war legislation.

Before the president's address, a joint resolution declaring that a state of war exists between the United States, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey, was introduced in the senate by Senator Pittman for Senator King of Utah.

The state department will draw a resolution asked by the president.

A wild demonstration greeted the president's recommendation for a declaration of war on Austria. Members rose and cheered lustily. Senators Gore and LaFollette did not take part in the demonstration.

The president's address was interrupted throughout, particularly when he proposed a penitentiary confinement for alien offenders and the inclusion of women in that class.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The president's address has been placed for simultaneous publication in practically every capital of the world although it was not entrusted in advance to the news associations of America. It was placed in the London office of Reuters for distribution throughout Europe.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Majority leader Martin said today that the senate would be ready to pass a resolution Friday, declaring war on Austria.

RUNAWAY BALLOON BROUGHT TO EARTH

Kansas City, Dec. 4.—Two United States army observation balloons that were unleashed by accident and shot unguided into the air, were brought to the ground early last night. One of them, a huge bag of the new French type, escaped from students at Fort Omaha, Neb., late yesterday, and trailing 5,000 feet of steel tethering cable, traveled a spectacular course through Nebraska, Oklahoma, Kansas and thence back into Nebraska, where it was captured.

MEDIATION BOARD WORKS IN SEATTLE

Seattle, Dec. 4.—Investigation of the Pacific northwest timber labor situation was begun behind closed doors here today by Secretary of Labor W. B. Wilson and members of a federal mediation commission of which he is chairman. The investigation was expected to last several days.

TROOPS ARRIVE FOR SPRUCE FOREST WORK

Portland, Dec. 4.—Colonel Bruce P. Disque, U. S. A., director of spruce production in the northwest, announced tonight that the first contingent of troops for service in getting out airplane stock arrived at Vancouver barracks, coming from Fort Custer, Utah.

MONTANA AEROPLANE MAY HAVE BEEN MYTH

Missoula, Mont., Dec. 4.—Montana residents who have been reporting a mysterious airplane flying about the country at night are wondering now if they really did see a machine, or were they victims of a hallucination. Dr. F. C. Smith, professor of psychology at the University of Montana here, is responsible for raising the doubts.

"If a person really believes he sees a thing that doesn't exist he is the victim of a hallucination," was Dr. Smith's explanation of the "airplane scare." "It is the power of suggestion, and it is brought on by the war and the martial thoughts that are uppermost in the minds of the American people."

Boise, Ida., Dec. 4.—Some kinds of food hoarding are all right, according to R. F. Bicknell, federal food commissioner for Idaho, and H. W. Hochbaum, state leader of county farm agents. They have started a movement to introduce the people of this state to buy and store apples and potatoes against the winter's needs.

10-YEAR SENTENCE FOR WOMAN ANARCHIST

Seattle, Dec. 3.—Miss Louise Olive, self-declared anarchist convicted last week on six counts of an indictment charging violation of the espionage laws, today was sentenced to 10 years in the state prison in Canon City, Colo., by Judge Neterer in the federal court. She accepted sentence without comment.

SPY PLOT IS SEEN IN DOCK BURNING

Brooklyn Dock Burned With Loss of a Million. Government Contracts Seriously Hindered

New York, Dec. 4.—Federal authorities are trying to determine whether enemy plotters are responsible for the fire which destroyed several acres of buildings on the Brooklyn water front with a loss of over half a million dollars. The fire seriously affected government contracts.

New York, Dec. 4.—Four large buildings of the Morse Dry Dock and Repair company on the South Brooklyn water front, were destroyed by fire last night with an estimated loss of \$1,000,000. The origin of the fire is unknown. United States soldiers on duty at the plant declare the fire started suddenly in the carpenter shops, where hundreds of men were working and then quickly spread to other buildings.

ITALIAN INVASION IS BAKER'S THEME

Washington, Dec. 4.—In the week-war statement of the war department on the war situation, the effort of the central powers to invade Italy, a concentration of troops made possible by the Russian situation, is explained.

"The outstanding situation," says the review, "is to be found in the ever-increasing mobility of action of the forces engaged. Static warfare is giving way to activity of more violence. It seems that a decision is being sought by the enemy, who realizes that he cannot endure for a much longer period the strain of trench warfare imposed by the allies in the west."

"The enemy is constantly dispatching large contingents from the Russian theater. All good troops which can be spared are being dispatched to other zones of operations. "On the other hand the allies will give the enemy no respite and any offensive undertaken by the Germans will be promptly met by a counter strike of great severity."

ESCAPED CONVICTS STEAL STREET CAR

Joliet, Ill., Dec. 4.—The 13 convicts who escaped from the state penitentiary here yesterday, late last night stopped a Chicago, Ottawa & Peoria interurban car, robbed the passengers and crew and drove the car to Morris, Ill., where they abandoned it. New posse immediately were organized and are in pursuit of the bandits.

EDITOR OF TELEGRAM DIES AT PORTLAND

Portland, Dec. 4.—John F. Carroll, editor of the Portland Telegram died here today after an illness of several months. He was 59 years of age and leaves a widow and eight children.

GRANTS PASS BANKS SHOW HEALTHY INCREASE IN DEPOSITS, REFLECTING BUSINESS GROWTH

If those who are going about the streets of Grants Pass bewailing the times and with a general pessimistic story, would study the bank statements of the city a moment he will learn that this community is making a very satisfactory and constantly forward financial growth, which reflect the general business conditions. The total deposits in the three banks of the city, November 20, was \$1,082,817.56. This shows a gain of \$487,787.74 over the statements

ARMISTICE ON RUSSIAN LINE IS ARRANGED

GERMANS AND AUSTRIANS QUITE READY FOR CESSATION OF FIGHTING

FRATERNIZING IS ON INCREASE

Bolsheviki Determined on Peace—Internal Conditions Acute—General Dukhonia Is Lynched

Petrograd, Dec. 4.—General Dukhonia, commander in chief after Kerensky's overthrow, was thrown from a train and killed as a result of lynch law, after Ensign Krylenko, the Bolshevik commander in chief had captured Mohilev, it was today announced.

A battle between the Petrograd garrison commanded by Krylenko and the Cossacks is impending.

London, Dec. 4.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch says that an armistice has been signed between Germany and Russia at the headquarters of Prince Leopold of Bavaria. It is valid for a period of 48 hours.

Vienna, Dec. 4.—The following official communication was issued today:

"During the last few days an armistice has been announced on many sectors of the Russian front, from division to division, and from corps to corps. In the Pripet region the Russian army concluded an official armistice with the opposing commander of the allied (Teuton) forces."

"A Russian deputation crossed our lines yesterday in order to prepare the way with the central allied armies for an armistice on the whole of the Russian front."

"In the Italian theater and in Albania there is nothing new to report."

Amsterdam, Dec. 4.—An armistice was agreed to Saturday with the Russian army, according to Berlin dispatch. It was to begin at 10 p. m. Sunday.

London, Dec. 4.—Russian general headquarters, it is officially announced, has reported on Friday fraternization had increased especially on the northern and western (Russian) fronts, increasing with the armistice negotiations entered into with the Bolsheviks.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The internal situation in Russia remains acute. Infantry and machine gun detachments have been sent against the general staff headquarters at the front, where refusal met the Bolshevik demand that arrangements be made for an armistice.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Attorney General Gregory has recommended an amendment to the alien enemy law to include women over 14 years of age. The enforcement of the law has been seriously hampered by the exemption of women.

of June 23, 1915. The gain for the year 1915-1916 was about \$150,000, and for the year 1916-1917 (counting May 1st as the end of the fiscal year) was about \$213,000. Since May of this year, the gain has been \$112,000 or at a still greater rate of progress than for the previous periods. The gains have been about equally divided among the three banks, the figures for each being, (since June 23, 1915) \$151,365.67; \$177,348.63 and \$159,073.44 respectively.