

GERMANS DRIVE DEEPER INTO BRITISH LINE

WESTERN UNION TO MOVE OFFICE FROM ASHLAND

GRANTS PASS GETS REPEATING STATION FROM ASHLAND—WORK TO START NOW

WILL INCREASE CITY'S PAYROLL

Better Service Will Result—Rumor of S. P. Division Change Is Doubtful Here

That the Western Union repeating station at Ashland will be moved to Grants Pass was made known here today when I. N. Miller, superintendent, E. L. Ritter, plant superintendent and C. W. Schwandt, traffic manager of the company, all of Seattle, closed a deal for a lease on the building formerly occupied by Mike Clemens Drug store just north of the First National Bank.

The removal of the repeating plant to this city will bring five additional employees of the company and will mean much to Grants Pass in a business way in other respects.

With the closing of the lease orders were given for the remodeling of the building to meet the requirements of the office, and extensive alterations will be made on the property. A larger place with a basement was desired, but it was impossible to secure such a location.

F. E. Stewart, local manager of the Western Union, stated that the removal of the plant will involve bringing a vast amount of equipment to Grants Pass. The Ashland plant is said to be a fine one, but even more modern appliances will be brought here.

Along with the transfer of the Ashland office will come another move in California, making Redding a repeating point, thus giving direct connections from Portland to Redding. This will give the company better service, for Grants Pass is more centrally located between Portland and Redding.

For many months there has been talk of moving the Southern Pacific division point from Ashland to Grants Pass, and with the announcement that the Western Union had decided to make the change, the rumor was current that this move was about to take place also.

However, J. M. Isham, local agent for the S. P. Co., states that he is not aware of any such intentions and doubts the correctness of the report.

The work on the new office of the Western Union will start immediately and the process of installing the equipment will take place as rapidly as possible.

PROMINENT STOCKMAN DIES NEAR ALBANY

Former President of Jersey Cattle Association and Active Worker Passes Away

Albany, Ore., Apr. 10.—J. M. Dickson, prominent Oregon stockman, died at his home 13 miles south of this city this morning. He was about 70 years old.

Mr. Dickson, who was a former president and secretary of the Oregon Jersey Cattle Breeders' association, perhaps did more to promote the breeding of high grade dairy cattle than any other man in the state in the past few years. He was active in all such work of the association and kept a fine herd on his ranch near Shedd. He represented Oregon at many meetings of the national association.

LARGE AMERICAN CASUALTY LIST

288 Names Mentioned—American Engineers Sicken While Mowing Down Advancing Germans

Washington, Apr. 10.—The largest casualty list for any day since the United States entered the war was received here today. Of the 288 names, five were killed in action, three died of wounds, 11 from disease, and seven accidents. Ten were severely wounded, and 245 slightly wounded. Two were missing in action. There were 13 lieutenants among the wounded.

With the American Army in France, Apr. 10.—The American railway engineers who helped stem the tide of the onrushing Germans during the opening days of the battle now in progress fought shoulder to shoulder with Canadian engineers in carrying out their task. They held their ground stubbornly and only retreated to previously prepared positions when forced to do so, and inflicted casualties by the thousands upon the Germans who advanced in close formation, in one place in as many as seven waves, each wave ten men deep and 100 yards apart. The Americans with the Canadians had all the ammunition they needed and although they were unsupported by the artillery and armed only with rifles and with a few machine guns, they poured acetylene-like streams of bullets into the enemy at several different times until the weapons were so hot as to be useless.

This handful of American soldiers who were not hardened to such terrible slaughter, was sickened by the shambles it created, but fought furiously for several days, helping to hold the enemy all the way from St. Quentin to the vicinity of Noyon. These were the Americans mentioned at the time in the official communiqués, but these details of their exploits it has only now been possible to secure.

When the German attack began, the Americans were working in the rear lines with the Canadians, under Canadian command. They quickly threw down their tools and seized the weapons with which they had been armed for several months and formed themselves into a fighting unit. The Germans came on and finally reached the positions where the Americans were waiting.

The exact number of the engineers cannot be given, but they were comparatively small. As the first gray enemy advanced, the American force let them come until they were within a certain range of their fire, then letting go a storm of bullets. Then came a larger, where the machine guns had chewed through. Still the German waves came on, with out firing a single shot—just advancing.

The Americans were unable to understand these tactics, but nevertheless they were certain it was a question of slaughtering the enemy or being themselves slaughtered under the advance. By this time their

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MEXICANS KILLED; FEDERALERS ENTRENCH

El Paso, Apr. 10.—Three Mexican raiders were killed today when American troops fired on a band who crossed the line near Fort Hancock. Others were run down.

El Paso, Apr. 10.—A large body of Mexican troops believed to be federalers, have commenced entrenching operations on the Mexican side of the river near San Ignacio fort.

BRITISH AND FRENCH STAND AGAINST HUNS

MAJOR GENERAL MAURICE REPORTS THAT NO HIGH GROUND HAS BEEN LOST

FEW IMPORTANT GAINS MADE

Two French Regiments Captured When Cut Off in Withdrawal on The Allette Line

London, Apr. 10.—The Germans yesterday pushed back the center of the allied line on an eleven mile front to a depth of a mile in some places. Then only entered the foremost positions at several points.

Should they drive through to beyond Bethune, which is located northwest of Lens, they would endanger the British positions at Arras and Ypres.

London, Apr. 10.—In their new attack north of the Somme the Germans yesterday forced their way into Givenchy, but the British re-captured the town. Fierce fighting continued north of LaBasse canal last night.

The British are standing on the line of the rivers Lawe and Lys, fighting heavily at Estaires and Bac St. Mar.

The German front of the attack is extending today. The bombardment extends as far north as the Yser-Comines canal. On the southern portion of the front the fighting has also begun.

Twice yesterday the Germans gained ground at Givenchy, but the British fiercely threw them back. The last time the Germans left over 800 prisoners behind them.

The enemy has brought a tremendous concentration of artillery into action and is throwing in the infantry in dense masses. They are plainly trying to break through again.

Americans in Battle

London, Apr. 10.—American reinforcements have appeared in the British zone of battle, according to British headquarters dispatches. It says their presence in the fighting line will soon be felt.

With the British Army, Apr. 10.—The Germans in an extended attack northward are launching a drive against the British between Armentieres and Messines.

Paris, Apr. 10.—The Germans attacked the French near Hangard-Ea-Santerre. The French counter-attacked, preventing the Germans from gaining any advantage.

West of Castel and west of Noyon the German efforts to advance failed.

CHAMBERLAIN PLAYS AIRCRAFT PROGRAM

Oregon Senator Charges Government officials With Misrepresenting and Misleading the Public

Washington, Apr. 10.—Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, today presented a report to the military affairs committee declaring that the government's aircraft program has been "gravely disappointing" and recommending a "drastic reorganization of the production machinery." He charged the government officials with "misrepresenting the situation and misleading the public with procrustination and indecision."

HUNS ADVANCE OVER 4 MILES IN BRITISH LINE

TAKING HEAVY TOLL OF LIFE FOR ALL GAINS MADE BY WAVES OF KAISER'S MEN

THE LINE GENERALLY IS HELD

Gains on Eleven Mile Front Endanger Ypres and Arras—Advance in South Falls

London, Apr. 10.—Major General Maurice announced that the enemy's attack has been repulsed on the Messines front today. The enemy obtained no footing on high ground anywhere.

German infantry entered British front line trenches between the rivers Lys and Dube. The gains placed Armentieres in an awkward salient.

The British and Portuguese lost some guns and prisoners. Yesterday two French regiments were cut off in their retirement to the line of the Allette river and the Germans took 2,000 prisoners.

The maximum depth of the German penetration in the newest attack is four and one-half miles.

With the British Army in France, Apr. 10.—Another sector of the British theater suddenly developed intense fighting last night and today, when the Germans delivered a heavy attack over approximately an eleven-mile front between Givenchy, LaBasse and a point east of Fleurbaix just below Armentieres. A Portuguese sector is included in the line involved.

East of Le Platina and East of Pediton, the enemy appeared to have gained a footing in advanced defenses according to the latest reports, and a fierce battle was raging all along the sector. Le Platina is northwest of Givenchy and Pediton lies to the east of Laventie.

At Givenchy, and on the left of the front attacked, the allies apparently are holding their ground in the very heavy fighting which was reported to be especially bitter east of Festubert.

The Portuguese were being supported by British troops.

The attack was preceded by a violent bombardment, which began in the early morning and extended all along the front affected. Bethune, Estaires and other towns behind the British lines have been heavily shelled.

It is too early to say what relation this new German move has with the main German offensive farther to the south. Only time will tell whether it was undertaken as a diversion, or whether the enemy has a serious idea of pushing forward here.

MUTINY AMONG HUN TROOPS IN PRUSSIA

Amsterdam, Apr. 10.—Mutiny occurred among German troops at Beverloo camp in Lindenburg, Prussia, before they were to start for the fighting line in France, according to a telegram. Three officers were shot and several were wounded.

THOUSANDS FAIL TO FILE INCOME STATEMENTS

Washington, Apr. 10.—Thousands of cases of failure to file income tax returns have been uncovered by government agents of the treasury department.

TWO SUITS FILED IN CIRCUIT COURT

Plaintiffs Allege Conspiracy to Defraud on Part of F. P. Kuntz and G. S. Hollister—Ask Injunction

Elmo Throckmorton and 17 other plaintiffs have begun suit in the circuit court against F. P. Kuntz and G. S. Hollister for an injunction and to recover money to the amount of \$300.00.

The complaint states that prior to November 15 plaintiff and others had claims against E. F. Hallier, and others, and that he joined with Kuntz, who also held claims, to expedite collection. Kuntz was appointed trustee and J. N. Johnston, a local attorney, was retained to represent the creditors in the suit.

Johnston began suit in December and a judgment was entered. Early this month Johnston had an execution issued on considerable personal property and was prepared to complete the proceedings.

The complaint states that Kuntz and Hollister then conspired to deprive the plaintiffs of their share. To prevent the property belonging to Hollister from being levied upon Johnston was discharged and suits were withdrawn.

The plaintiffs in the case ask that Kuntz and Hollister be restrained from removing the property out of the state and that they be reimbursed for the amount of their suit.

At the same time another suit was filed by attorney Johnston against Kuntz to recover \$1300 alleged to be due him for attorney's fees from November 1, 1917, to April 4, 1918. The complaint sets forth that during that time his services were valued at \$221.50 and that but \$95 of this amount has been paid, he prays for relief for the balance.

Eastern Theatre, Apr. 10.—West of the Vardar a Hellenic reconnaissance dispersed a Bulgarian detachment. At the Cerna head one of our detachments penetrated the enemy organizations, where shelters were destroyed. British airplanes bombed a depot at Kakora, nine kilometers southeast of Seres.

GREATEST PATRIOTIC MEETING THURSDAY

What promises to be the greatest patriotic meeting of the year takes place in the opera house Thursday night at 8 o'clock. Every citizen of Grants Pass will want to hear Lieutenant MacQuarrie, who from press reports, is an inspiring speaker. The Saturday Oregonian says this of Lieutenant MacQuarrie's speech:

"The talk by Lieutenant MacQuarrie was in many respects most unusual. One instant he had his audience on the verge of tears, only a minute later to find them convulsed with laughter following his recital of a clever joke, in which he made the Britisher the victim. Speaking seriously, he said the conclusion of the war would find the people of England and the United States more closely united to the mutual advantage of each. He spoke in highest praise of the patriotism of the English people and the share they are taking in the world conflict by announcing that 60 of every 100 of England's population are today actively participating in the war."

Lieutenant Leslie O. Tooze, 364th Infantry, will accompany Lieutenant MacQuarrie and will also speak.

Country Districts Tuesday

The Liberty loan committee announces that the campaign for selling of bonds in all country districts

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LIBERTY LOAN IN OREGON IS WELL OVER TOP

GRANTS PASS PASSES HALF WAY MARK ON QUOTA BY VOLUNTARY SUBSCRIPTION

DRIVE TO START NEXT TUESDAY

Astoria Minister Renowned by Portland Presbytery—Other Towns Make Showings

The total Liberty bond subscription in Josephine county up to 8 o'clock this afternoon amounted to \$54,200. The quota is \$100,000. Next Tuesday morning the collectors will start out to round up this county's quota, and active work will continue from this time on. All of the subscriptions received thus far have been voluntary and the showing is creditable. Word has been received here that the supply of buttons has been exhausted, but Chairman Bramwell expects some in a few days.

Asked to Subscribe Now
The local committee asks that intending subscribers do not wait for other organizations, such as the Boy Scouts, to visit them, but to make their subscriptions of ones. In order to put Oregon over the top in the best shape every subscription should be made early. Credit can be given to any organization desired on a blank line on the subscription card, so there should be no hesitancy on this point.

State Passes Quota
Portland, Apr. 10.—The state has passed the minimum quota of \$12,495,000 on the Liberty loan, and Portland will have topped its quota tonight. The clearing house association will subscribe \$2,000,000 for Portland.

Minister Is Renowned
Portland, Apr. 10.—Rev. C. G. Blackburn, pastor of the Astoria Presbyterian church, has been removed by the Portland Presbytery because of failure to support American loyalty in the war. He refused to answer the questions in the Liberty loan questionnaire. He is a British subject and may be deported.

Washington, Apr. 10.—Over 600 communities have over-subscribed the Liberty loan and claimed honor flags.

HONOR GUARD GIRLS BUY LIBERTY BOND

The Honor Guard girls are boosting the sale of Liberty bonds. At a meeting last night it was announced that a first prize of \$10, given by Mr. Olding, would be awarded to the girl selling the most bonds during the remainder of this week and until Wednesday of next week.

At noon today the contest was opened and already many of the members have made several sales. It is expected that in the week's time several thousand dollars worth of bonds will have been sold by the girls.

To show their enthusiasm as an organization the Honor Guard authorized the purchase of a \$100 bond to be used later in war relief work. In order to complete payment on the bond, a dance is to be given on Friday evening, the proceeds to be used for this purpose.