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## GERMANS LOSE WAR WEAPONS AND PRISONERS

ENGLISH CAPTURE NINE MACHINE GUNS, TRENCH MORTAR AND PRISONERS

## GERMAN ATTACKS DRIVEN BACK

Boches Forced Out of Positions in Givenchy-Festubert Region in Southern Flanders

London, Apr. 20.—Nine machine guns, one trench mortar and prisoners were taken by the British south of the Scarpe in local operations. A German counter-attack was repulsed. The British ejected the Germans from advanced positions in Flanders in the region of Givenchy and Festubert. The British gained all objectives in a counter-attack in Flanders, advancing their defenses to Givenchy and Festubert and re-establishing their positions. They drove back German attackers southeast of Robecq.

## PARIS AGAIN BOMBARDED BY LONG RANGE GUNS

Paris, Apr. 20.—Yesterday's long-range bombardment consisted of three shots at wide intervals. There were no casualties.

## BOLSHEVIKI ORDER MUNITIONS SHIPPED

Harbin, Manchuria, Apr. 20.—On April 14 an order was received at Vladivostok from the Bolsheviki government to ship all shells, explosives, metals, machinery and tool concentrated there to European Russia. Freight and passenger traffic will be suspended for the purpose if necessary.

## BRITISH CASUALTIES LIGHT FOR PAST WEEK

London, Apr. 20.—British casualties during the week ending today totalled 12,383, divided as follows: Killed or died of wounds: Officers, 575; men, 1639. Wounded or missing: Officers, 2173; men, 7981.

The casualties reported for this week are approximately half as large again as those reported in the preceding week. Although heavy fighting has now been in progress a month, however, the lists have not begun to approach the size of those of last year in the months of active operations when the British were on the offensive. There is no means of determining how far the casualties now being reported represent losses in the fighting since the German offensive was started. In the several weeks preceding last week, when 8129 names were listed, the totals had been running no higher than between 3,000 and 4,000.

## REVISED ENEMY TRADING LISTS ARE ISSUED

Washington, Apr. 20.—The revised enemy trading list containing 5,000 names, including enemy firms in neutral countries in Europe, has been issued by the war trade board. It has been established in conjunction with England and France to unify the allies' efforts to keep products from reaching the enemy.

## SOME SECTIONS MAKE SHOWING

Analysis of War Stamp Returns Shows Several Towns Not Keeping Up to Quotas

A comparison of the records made by the various postoffices throughout the county in the sale of war savings stamps for the month of March is not particularly flattering in all cases. As sometimes happens, the little, sparsely populated places often make a better showing than more wealthy communities. This is the case in the instance of Josephine county.

Murphy heads the list of towns outside of Grants Pass with a total of \$681.25. Hugo makes a fine showing with \$335.11. Alameda, with \$317.01 makes a good showing, while Dryden heads the list of Illinois valley towns with \$217.59. Galice is keeping up about as well as could be expected, while Wilderville is doing well considering that rural routes from this city tap that district.

On the other hand, Waldo has fallen down in a manner to disappoint the most optimistic. Holland, Kerby, Selma, Williams and Taklima were all looked to for better results.

Postmaster Quinlan, who has had charge of the campaign in the county, looks for better results before the present month is up and hopes to see May take a big bound ahead.

Thrift stamps are nothing more than baby Liberty bonds. The money, the same as Liberty bond money, goes to buy guns, ammunition, food clothes, transport, and the innumerable other things that are necessary for the American boys to carry on the fight for democracy. But Uncle Sam has authorized the issuance of a loan of a large sum in small denominations—for the small investor.

If one has but a quarter to invest, he can buy a thrift stamp. Sixteen thrift stamps on a card, with 13 or 14 cents added, can be exchanged for a war savings stamp, which in 1923, will pay the holder \$5. One can buy as many W. S. S. as he chooses up to \$1,000, and can buy \$1,000 worth for every member of the family. They are for sale the year around and are as good as gold at any time. Uncle Sam will refund your money on war savings at any time and pay you three per cent interest if withdrawn before the date of maturity. At maturity they draw around four per cent.

W. S. S. are the best saving proposition ever invented and will be the means of many people getting started in the saving habit who never saved before.

Buy a stamp tomorrow. Following are the W. S. S. stamp sales at the various postoffices of the county:

Alameda, \$317.01; Dryden, \$217.59; Galice, \$99.35; Golden, \$10.53; Holland, \$218.36; Hugo, \$335.11; Kerby, \$162.64; Leland, \$84.34; Merlin, \$65.60; Murphy, \$681.25; Placer, \$63.99; Selma, \$92.40; Speaker, \$73.54; Taklima, \$376.10; Three Pines, \$25; Waldo, \$59.13; Wilderville, \$119.19; Williams, \$255.81; Wolf Creek, \$210.20; Wonder, \$36.81; total, \$3,499.20.

## AMERICAN STEAMER SUNK BY EXPLOSION

New York, Apr. 20.—The American steamer "Florence" has been sunk with a loss of life near a foreign port. It is reported.

Washington, Apr. 20.—The American steamer Florence H. was blown up in a French port by an internal explosion. The cause is unknown, according to a report to the navy crew and 75 others were rescued, the crew of an American destroyer making most of the rescues.

## BRITISH HOLD ADVANTAGE OVER WILHELM'S FORCES

Haig Takes Aggressive and Compels Hun to Give Up Small Portions of Ground Which Places Line in Best Position Since Opening of Present Drive

Haig's troops took the aggressive last night on the southern side of the Lys front. With quick and decisive results and compelled the Germans to give up small bits of ground. On the Givenchy-Festubert sector the British line has been completely re-established as it existed before the attack Thursday.

Active operations are halted while both sides prepare for the onslaught of the Germans. They may attack in Picardy or Flanders or Artois while the menace of the Allied counter-offensive impends. Unfavorable weather prevails on the northern battle front, but the Germans have selected cold and misty periods as opportune for striking. The lull is probably due to appalling losses and the awaiting of the arrival of new troops.

The British are bombarding troops

## PERSHING WANTS 12,000 ARTISANS

MEN IN NEARLY EVERY TRADE ARE WANTED

Call Is Urgent for Service in France at Once and Offers Great Opportunities to Patriots

Portland, Apr. 20.—The United States army must have immediately, for service in France under General Pershing, 12,000 men skilled in special lines of work.

So great is the emergency, declares a message from the war department, that there is no time to select the men through the occupational card system recently put into effect, but not as yet completed in all the states.

The men are needed so greatly and so quickly that the war department calls for volunteers from among those qualified in Oregon.

They are urged by the war department to present themselves voluntarily, and at the earliest moment, to their local draft boards to be listed as available, preparatory to being voluntarily inducted later into the military service.

This call is described by the war department as being "urgent." With the allied armies engaged in a death grapple in France, the American troops over there must be kept supplied with the skilled men needed in various lines.

"Please give the widest publicity to this urgent call," asks the war department. "Qualified registrants should be urged to present themselves to their local boards.

"This office is without an appropriation to pay for this advertising, but the patriotism of the American press is relied upon to aid in every way in their power.

"The military duty and training of these skilled men will be interesting, and the men who succeed in securing induction into the branches of the service to be filled, will receive material personal benefits which will aid them in advancement both in their army career and in after life." Men are needed in 65 skilled occupations.

## U. S. TAKES OVER HOLLAND-AMERICAN PIERS

New York, Apr. 20.—The Holland-American line piers in Hoboken were today taken over by the government for the duration of the war, through an arrangement by the war department and Captain A. C. Larsen, president of the ship company.

## SLACKERS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED

Josephine Council of Defense Issues Edict to All Non-Productive Citizens

In another part of this paper, appearing in advertising form, is a statement or set of resolutions which all non-industrious individuals will do well to read carefully if they care to remain in the city. The Josephine County Council of Defense is after the slacker and loafer and it will not be healthy for him if he remains in this balliwick in a half-hearted manner.

Nothing but 100 per cent, unadulterated, red-blooded Americanism will be tolerated. If any man or woman in the community is not making himself useful in these strenuous war times, measures will be taken to see that they give their best efforts or move to some other part.

The committee omitted one clause which could have been added, and this is that any man accepting money for performing work, and doing it in a half-hearted way, or hindering the progress of work in any manner, will be treated in the same manner as the common slacker. This will no doubt be attended to whether stated in the resolutions or not. Read the resolutions on page 4.

## GOMPERS BRANDS SOCIALISM PRO-GERMAN

Cleveland, Apr. 20.—Socialism in America was branded as poisonous German propaganda by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in a speech in behalf of the liberty loan at the City club here last evening. While the labor chief was excoriating socialism and calling on labor and capital in Cleveland to join hands in speeding up the city's subscription race, Douglas Fairbanks, moving picture actor, was making a loan appeal before a crowd that jammed the largest theatre in town.

"There is no such thing as an American socialist party," Mr. Gompers said. "The American socialist organization is merely a branch of the one in Germany—it is part of German propaganda."

Mr. Gompers declared he had been changed from "the most active pacifist in America to a good fighter."

## 2,000,000 MEN ARE PLACED IN CLASS ONE

Washington, Apr. 20.—Provost Marshal General Crowder today told the senate military affairs committee that approximately 2,000,000 men will be placed in Class one under the classification of the draft. Probably 90 per cent of those reaching 21 will be placed in Class one. It is improbable that future calls will necessitate going outside of Class one.

## GERMAN SOLDIERS DEMAND EQUALITY

London, Apr. 20.—A Russian dispatch says that German prisoners are demanding equality between officers and men and are organizing to prevent being sent home. Germany demands that the Russian authorities disarm the prisoners and take charge of the situation until the Germans can deal with them.

Flint, Mich., Apr. 20.—As a result of a round-up of suspected draft slackers held during the last 24 hours, 154 men are being held in jail here.

## U. S. NAVY WILL RECRUIT HERE NEXT TUESDAY

PARTY OF SIX FROM STATION AT SEATTLE WILL TAKE ENLISTMENTS FOR SERVICE

## TWO WOMEN YEOMEN IN PARTY

10,000 Men To Be Recruited From 13th Naval District—Ashland and Medford Help

A recruiting party of six, of the U. S. naval reserve force from Seattle, is due to arrive in Grants Pass on Tuesday, for a three day campaign here. The party consists of three U. S. naval officers, Ensign F. B. Upshaw, N. N. V., a resident of Oregon for over 11 years and the former assistant manager of the Ladd Estate Company of Portland, Pymaster W. W. Usher, former manager of the telephone company of southern Oregon and a resident of Ashland for five years and has resided in Medford for a period of two years. Mr. Usher is well known about this district.

Assistant Surgeon Charles B. Wade, who has lived five years in Roseburg and attended the University of Oregon is another member of the party. Mr. Wade practiced medicine for two and a half years in the Perkins building of that city.

Besides the naval officers, is Charles Graham, pharmacist mate and two Oregon yeomanettes, Miss Pauline Graves a former resident of Medford and employed as a telephone operator there and who entered the navy about six months ago as a third class electrician, is one of the yeomanettes. The other yeomanette of the party is Miss Amorette G. Crossley, first class yeoman, who has been in the service six months. She is stationed at the Bremerton navy yard. Miss Crossley has been a resident of Portland for over ten years and was formerly the employment manager for the Underwood Typewriter company of that city, before entering the service. The recruiting party is in charge of Ensign F. B. Upshaw, of the naval training station at Seattle.

The recruiting party, which is one of three in the 13th naval district, including Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Alaska, and who are on a tour of western Oregon only, started their campaign of this state in Ashland with the purpose of working north, winding up the campaign at Portland where they propose to hold forth for seven days.

The commandant of this district has sent out word that 10,000 naval

## NEARLY HALF OF 1917 TAXES COLLECTED

Sheriff Geo. W. Lewis, tax collector for Josephine county, today turned over to County Treasurer Geo. C. Calhoun the sum of \$92,387.54 collected on the 1917 tax roll. Of this amount \$57,674.48 goes into the state and county fund, \$8,303.16 into the general road fund, \$720.15 to the forest patrol fund, \$952 to the Grants Pass Irrigation district fund and \$15,125.90 to the city of Grants Pass.

The first turn-over of 1917 funds collected amounted to \$21,379.29. The assessor had collected \$15,413.43 on personal property, which, in all, makes a total of \$129,180.26 gathered in on the 1917 assessment. The total amount to be collected amounts to \$297,712.92. With less than half of the money collected, the office of Sheriff Lewis faces a busy season before the last half of the taxes are gathered on October 5.