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BRITISH IN CRUCIAL TEST BEFORE YPRES

BOCHES START GENERAL ATTACK ABOUT KIMMEL

HUNS TRYING TO STRIKE YPRES FROM REAR AND CUT OFF ORDERLY WITHDRAWAL.

HEAVY ATTACK ON IN FLANDERS

Tremendous Bombardment Heralds Enemy Attempt to Advance—British Recapture Posts

London, Apr. 29.—The Germans began today what seems to be a general assault on the British hill positions on the Kimmel front southwest of Ypres, opening a new phase of the Flanders drive. This is apparently the crucial test of the allies holding power in this area.

The enemy has evidently been trying to drive in behind Ypres and break up the orderly withdrawal of the British from their positions in the Ypres salient, which they have been evacuating.

London, Apr. 29.—German infantry is attacking this morning between Meteren and Voormezele, southwest of Ypres.

The Germans opened a heavy bombardment with high explosive shells and gas between Meteren and Voormezele before attacking British troops around Ypres several times after dawn this morning sent up "S. O. S." signals for artillery support, according to a Reuters' correspondent.

The heavy bombardments, tremendous in their intensity, point to a certainty of the German's attempt to advance. The enemy attack yesterday near Loere, west of Kimmel, was repulsed. The British last night recaptured a post near Festubert north of Ghenvich taken by the Germans last week.

With the British Army, Apr. 29.—The Fourth German army this morning heavily attacked the allied front in Flanders. Prisoners captured have admitted that it is Germany's intention to capture Ypres.

Severe fighting is reported in both the French and British areas. The attack extends over a front of about 15 miles. The Belgian front has also been attacked.

London, Apr. 29.—Intense bombardment is progressing from La-Bassee southward from Villy to Lens.

With the American Army in France, Apr. 29.—The American troops have taken up positions on the French battlefield facing the enemy on a line barring the Germans from Paris and Amiens. They have been there for several days under the high French command.

Paris, Apr. 29.—German attacks on Hangard Wood before Amiens have been checked by the French.

NO SUCCESSOR YET NAMED FOR SEN. STONE

Jefferson City, Mo., Apr. 29.—Judge W. W. Graves has declined the appointment to succeed United States Senator Stone tendered him by Governor Gardner. He states that he believes that his greater duty lay where he now is as chief justice of the district court.

MASSIE FAMILY HAS NARROW ESCAPE SUN.

AUTO TRUCK LOSES CHAIN—BACKS DOWN BANK

One Leg Broken and Minor Bruises Are Only Injuries Sustained After 20-foot Fall

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Masie and two children of Merlin, had a narrow escape from death yesterday when the motor truck in which they were riding lost a drive chain and backed down a hill and went over a 20-foot bank. It was with great luck that Mr. Masie escaped with a broken leg and bruises, and Mrs. Masie with only a few bruises. The children were not even scratched.

Mr. Masie and family were traveling along the Galice creek road 20 miles west of this city. They had just descended the Taylor creek hill and were in front of Hal Masie's place when the latter called to his brother to turn in and drive up the hill to the house. When part way up this hill the drive chain flew off of one of the drive gears and left the light truck without power. It immediately began to roll back down the hill, across the road and plunged down a 20-foot embankment on the other side. The truck overturned but threw its passengers clear of the wreckage. The accident happened at about 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Dr. J. S. Smith was called and after examining the injuries found Mr. Masie's right leg was broken below the knee, and the other injuries as stated. After viewing the wreck and the manner in which it happened, Dr. Smith stated that it was a miracle that all went through it and came out with the comparatively slight injuries sustained.

Mr. Masie owns the truck, which he operates in carrying the mail and passengers on his route in that section of the county.

BAKER DEMOCRATS ENDORSE HORNIBROOK FOR COMMITTEE

Baker, Ore., Apr. 29.—(Special to the Courier)—At a meeting of the democratic county central committee of Baker county, a resolution endorsing the candidacy of Will H. Hornibrook, of Albany, for democratic national committeeman was unanimously adopted. Similar action has heretofore been taken by the democratic organizations in Linn, Benton, Lane, Marion, Polk and Coos counties.

BACK BROKEN BY BOOM AT OLD SUGAR FACTORY

Oscar Wilkins, former sugar foreman of the Utah-Idaho Sugar factory, was seriously injured at 3:30 this afternoon when he was struck in the back by a boom which was being used in loading steel onto flat cars. Mr. Wilkins' back was broken. Mr. Wilkins, who has been acting as checking clerk during the dismantling of the sugar factory, was standing on the corner of a flat car this afternoon. He was not noticing what was going on around him just at that minute and the boom was lowered over him to pick up a piece of steel. The heavy steel bar struck him in the back, breaking the spinal column and inflicting other serious injuries, the seriousness of which cannot be determined as yet.

He was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital by Paul Kirker and an examination was made by Dr. Loughridge.

Mr. Wilkins is about 50 years old and is living here with his wife and three children.

BRITISH SHIP TORPEDOED BY UNSEEN U-BOAT

250 PASSENGERS, MOSTLY AMERICAN WAR WORKERS, ARE ALL SAVED

SHIP EXPLODES, SINKS QUICKLY

Oregon and Washington Men Are On Board—Attack Happened With Ship in Convoy and at Night

London, Apr. 29.—The British steamship Orissa was torpedoed Sunday morning and sunk within three minutes when her boilers blew up. Destroyers picked up life boats from the vessel within half an hour. There were about 250 passengers aboard, mostly war workers going to France. The Y. M. C. A. men were under Arthur E. Hungerford.

The Americans conducted themselves admirably, according to the ship's officers. The vessel was in a large convoy. It was moonlight when struck, but the submarine was not seen. The boilers blew up within three minutes after the torpedo struck, extinguishing all lights.

Among the war workers which traveled on the Orissa were Edward Kates, of Bellingham, Wash., and Donald Kaylor, of St. Helens, Ore. Kaylor was pastor of the Congregational church at St. Helens, en route to France to do war work.

London, Apr. 29.—Fifty-seven American army Y. M. C. A. workers arrived here last night. The ship they sailed on was torpedoed yesterday morning and sank in 12 minutes. All the passengers and all but three of the crew were saved.

AMERICAN TROOPS ARE OFFICIALLY REPORTED

Washington, Apr. 29.—The war department today formally announced that American troops have participated in the battle east of Amiens. They have acquitted themselves well.

The war department urges the necessity of providing more troops. It says that very large quotas will be required in the immediate future to fill the gaps which will occur in the lines.

Two More Casualty Lists

Washington, Apr. 29.—Two casualty lists published today contained a total of 156 names. The killed and missing numbered 22. Ten of floors are named.

MOONEY ASKS STRIKES FOR HIM BE CANCELLED

San Francisco, Apr. 29.—Thomas Mooney has telegraphed President Wilson that he has made every effort to stop the proposed general strikes planned on his behalf for May 1.

TRANSPORTS IN COLLISION RETURN TO ATLANTIC PORT

Washington, Apr. 29.—Two American transports which collided at sea several days ago returned safely to an Atlantic port. Neither was seriously damaged.

CLOSER TRADE RELATIONS IN S. A. IS URGED

REV. M. T. WIRE, SPEAKING BEFORE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE POINTS OUT NEED

GERMANY RECOGNIZED VALUE

War will bring Closer Relations Between Countries of North and South Hemisphere, He Said

Rev. Melville T. Wire, speaking before the Monday noon luncheon assembly at the Chamber of Commerce today, brought out some interesting observations on "Our Continental Neighbors After the War," delving into a discussion of this country's relations with South America after peace is declared. He stated that he desired to use a telescope instead of a microscope to look at the national and international problems and interests rather than at local problems.

He called attention to the amazing expansion of industry in the last four years. He said that Germany did not invade Belgium as a strategic move only, but for her wealth in minerals. Germany is fighting for more land, which means of course, that Germany fights potentially for what grows on the top of it and the mineral wealth underneath the surface. Germany fights for industrial supremacy through stealing the wealth of raw materials from her neighbors. Germany also looked beyond France and Belgium to South America where the most unprecedented wealth of raw materials in the world lie almost untouched.

"We do not appreciate South America," said Rev. Wire. "In the vastness of her resources. The North American business man has neglected this field of trade, which other nations, notably Germany, have long been aware of. Germany could not go in officially on account of the Monroe Doctrine, but she had established before the war important trade relations with countries of South America.

"In the plateau region of Brazil half a million Germans have settled on the very finest land, ready at the strategic time to 'hand it over' to Germany. So Brazil, in declaring war on Germany, has a problem at home to solve first.

"We do not realize the size of South America which has over 7,000,000 square miles of territory against 3,000,000 in North America. More than that, the greatest breadth of North America is in the Arctic circle, while the greatest breadth of South America is in the equatorial zone across Brazil. Brazil is larger than the United States and Germany combined. Brazil is rich in products of the tropics and temperate zone. Argentina's marvelous growth is due to cattle industries, refrigerator ships being able to carry frozen beef to Europe. Cattle in the old days worth from \$10 to \$20 a head now bring from \$75 to \$100.

"Canada in the last 12 years has increased her plowed area 75 per cent, while Argentina has increased hers by 278 per cent.

"The acuteness of the ship shortage is the only thing that keeps us at present from utilizing to its fullest extent the amazing products of Argentina in cattle and wheat.

"We must wake up to the benefits of the South American trade. We can trade our manufactured articles for raw products. American corporations are already at work in the

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GERMANY AGAIN AT HER ONE-SIDED GAME

HUNS MAKE DEMANDS FOR UNFAIR PRISONER EXCHANGE

Demand That Good German Prisoners Be Exchanged for Crippled Russian Soldiers

Washington, Apr. 29.—Germany has demanded of Russia an exchange of prisoners and threatens to take Petrograd unless Russia agrees to their terms in advance, the state department has learned.

The terms call for the immediate release of all German prisoners in good health, while those ill shall remain in Russia under the care of neutral physicians.

The Germans will release only Russian prisoners who are ill or incapacitated.

REVOLT IN RUSSIA MAY BE FALSE ALARM

Petrograd, Apr. 29.—Moscow dispatches dated Tuesday give no indication of the reported revolution on behalf of the former Grand Duke Alexis Nikolalevich, reported yesterday.

BRITISH CASUALTIES LAST WEEK 18,360

London, Apr. 29.—British casualties reported last week totalled 18,369. The losses were divided as follows:

Killed or died of wounds, officers 408; men 2,661.

Wounded or missing, officers 2,071; men 13,229.

Despite the heavy fighting for more than a month past the British casualties reported are only now beginning to approach the higher figures for week after week last year, when the British were on the offensive on the western front. The increase recently has been on the average of 50 per cent each week over the preceding week. Last week the aggregate was 12,368 and the week previous 8,129.

ANOTHER GRANTS PASS MAN IS GIVEN COM.

According to a dispatch from Washington, James H. McFarland, of this city, has successfully completed the third officers training class at Camp Meade, Maryland, and is due for a commission as second lieutenant in the infantry.

Lieutenant McFarland is a son of Mr. and Mrs. D. McFarland, of North Tenth street. He was graduated from Grants Pass high school in 1914 and entered the University of Washington at Seattle in the fall of that year. Last spring he enlisted in the ambulance section of the U. S. army and was a sergeant in that branch when he was appointed to attend the officers training school at Camp Meade.

ENGLAND'S PENSIONS

London, Apr. 29.—The first account of the ministry of pensions for the year ending March, 1917, shows an expenditure of £1,179,270 of which £612,863 was for pensions and gratuities to warrant officers and men of the army and £320,002 paid to widows and children of those grades.

DR. M'LEAN IS SPEAKER HERE SUNDAY MORN.

GIVES INTERESTING TALK ON WAR AND TELLS OF RELATIONS WITH MEXICO

SO. COUNTRY HELD MENACE

Rev. Hooper Gives Interesting View of Trip Through Large Training Camp At Palo Alto

Grants Pass was yesterday favored with a visit from a former pastor and founder of Bethany church, Dr. Robert McLean, assistant secretary of the Presbyterian board of home missions, who has charge of the Spanish work of the board in California, Colorado, Texas, Arizona and New Mexico. Dr. McLean still owns property here and still looks upon Grants Pass as his home.

His address at the Bethany Presbyterian church was a patriotic effort and was received with the closest attention by the large audience. Dr. McLean is no pacifist. "Christ wasn't," he said. "Christ was ever ready to take up the battle for the weak and oppressed and to fight on the side of righteousness." He pointed to Germany as the most colossal sinner of all ages, and paid a splendid tribute to the American soldiers who are fighting with the allies to put down this curse upon the world.

He took occasion to go into a phase of the subject which he has been preaching from the Atlantic to the Pacific—a subject with which he has been familiar for many years—that of Mexico.

Some observations on this subject are made in an editorial comment in this issue, and ought to awaken the interest of the people in this side of the question. He pointed out the danger that this country faces through Mexico and suggested a remedy for removing that danger.

Dr. McLean came to Grants Pass from the Klamath Lake country in 1887 and on December 11 of that year organized the First Presbyterian church in this city. The organization took place in the old court house with the following five people present:

W. S. Barrie and mother, Mrs. Barrie, Mrs. J. K. Pigney, Mrs. Gillilan and Mrs. Rich.

Shortly after the organization of the church Mr. and Mrs. Dodge and Mr. and Mrs. Kinney, members of the Congregational church in Vermont before coming to Oregon, associated themselves with the new membership and aided in the work. The next year a church was built. Mr. Dodge stated that since the church which they belonged to in Vermont was called Bethany that it would please them to have this one so named. Out of respect for them;

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SEATTLE SHIP LOST IN COLLISION SUN.

New York, Apr. 29.—The American steamship "Westerly," one of the first new ships built by the Emergency Fleet Corporation, was sunk in a collision off the French coast yesterday. All on board were saved.

The Westerly was launched at the Seattle shipyards of the Ames Shipbuilding Corporation in February of this year. She was launched as a war brigade for the Cunard line, but was commandeered by the shipping board.