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HUNS AWAIT COMMAND TO START DRIVE

ALLIES ARE PREPARED FOR
LONG-EXPECTED ATTACK
ON THE WEST

3 AMERICAN PLANES DROPPED

Germans Have Large Concentrations
of Troops All the Way From
Ypres to Rheims

London, May 24.—It hardly seems possible that the present calm on the western front will be continued. German preparations for a resumption of the great offensive are reported to have been completed and the Teuton legions are awaiting the command once more to launch themselves at the lines from which they recoiled in the first two major operations of the drive. Allied leaders believe the German blow will be struck in a few days and are waiting with supreme confidence the trial of strength which may prove decisive. In the meantime, only the artillery and aerial forces of the contending armies are showing great activity.

The German official report mentions frequent French infantry attacks on the western bank of the Avre, but these probably were local operations for gaining better defensive positions or disturbing the enemy in his preparations for the great battle.

The enemy has large concentrations of troops from Ypres to Rheims.

In the air, however, the fighting has seemed to grow in intensity. From several sectors along the front aerial squadrons have been engaged in combats in which heavy losses have been inflicted.

American airmen have made their appearance on the Lys battle field, according to the German official report, which says that three American machines were brought down on Wednesday. This is the first time that American aviators have been reported on this part of the front, and it is probable that they are attached to the large body of men that reached positions on the British front recently.

The Germans have been on raiding forays behind the allied lines. On Wednesday night a determined effort was made by a German aerial squadron to reach Paris, but most of the machine were driven off and dripped their bombs in the suburbs. One or two German machines penetrated the Paris defenses, but the damage was negligible.

There has been some sharp fighting on the Italian front, but the combats have not been of significant character.

REAL WAR SERVICE

E. W. Hornung, the novelist, is working in a Y. M. C. A. hut close to the front line on the western front.

ALSEA POSTOFFICE IS ROBBED—NO CLEW

Corvallis, May 24.—A postoffice robbery last night at Alsea, which netted the robbers a little over \$250 in cash and thrift stamps sent Major Delch with a squad of 12 state police to the little mountain town about 22 miles southwest of here today in the belief that the trick had been turned by Jeff Baldwin.

Several hours spent in the locality, however, convinced Major Delch that the robbery was not the work of Baldwin. Deputy Sheriff Taylor, who also visited Alsea is of the same opinion.

EFFECT OF NEW RULES TO BE SEEN

Draft Age Will Not Be Raised As
Man Power of the U. S. Is
Sufficient

Washington, May 24.—The far reaching character of the "work or fight" regulations will not be fully realized until the effects appear in every community. It will be more stringent in its rules and more closely applied as the war goes on. The military authorities at Washington think that it will not be necessary to raise the draft age as the man power of the country is sufficient, if those now on the draft list are fully utilized.

In explaining the need for the new regulations, Crowder says, "This is not alone a war of military maneuver. It is a deadly contest of industries and mechanics. Germany must not be thought of as merely possessing an army; we must think of her as being an army—an army in which every factory and loom in the empire is a recognized part in a complete machine running night and day at terrific speed. We must make of ourselves the same sort of effective machine.

"It is not enough to ask what would happen if every man in the nation turned his hand to effective war work. We must make ourselves effective. We must organize for the future. We must make vast withdrawals for the army and immediately close up the ranks of industry behind the gap with an accelerating production of every useful thing in necessary measure. How is this to be done?

"The answer is plain. The first step toward the solution of the difficulty is to prohibit engagement by able bodied men in the field of hurtful employment, idleness or inefficient employment, and thus induce and persuade the vast wasted excesses into useful fields."

WIFE MURDERER DIES FACING FIRING SQUAD

Salt Lake City, May 24.—Howard DeWeese, convicted of the murder of his wife, was shot to death this morning in the prison yard. DeWeese, who was calm as he faced the firing squad, cautioned the marksmen to make their aim sure. Death was almost instantaneous.

DeWeese, self styled "king of jewel thieves," those to be shot for the murder of his wife, Mrs. Fanny Fisher DeWeese, of New York. Her body, terribly mutilated, was found in a Salt Lake City lodging house, September 25, 1916. The head had been so battered and the body so mutilated that every possible mark of identification had been destroyed.

PRINCE ARTHUR ARRIVES TODAY

An Atlantic Port, May 24.—Prince Arthur of Connaught, cousin to King George, arrived here today as head of the British mission to Japan. He left immediately for Washington, where he will call on the president.

HODGES COMMANDED U. S. ENGINEERS IN MARCH

Washington, May 24.—Colonel John Hodges commanded the 50th United States engineers with the British, against the Germans, during the month of March.

PROHIBITION APPROVED

Phoenix, May 24.—Both houses of the legislature ratified the prohibition amendment today.

GREAT GERMAN ATTACK DEPENDS ON AMERICANS

Conditions Are Much Different Than on Eve of Last Drive
--German Confidence Gone and Allies Are Better
Prepared--Territorial Loss is Expected

Edinburg, Scotland, May 24.—"We are on the eve of a great German attack," said Lloyd George today. "Those who know best what the prospects are, feel the most confident about the result. For the Germans, as well as for us, the next few weeks will be a race between General von Hindenburg and President Wilson. The Germans are straining every muscle to reach their goal before American help becomes available for the allies. I honestly believe that the government has neglected no possible means for finding out if there is any possible outlet of this war."

Premier Lloyd George also said that in the month of April the output of shipping exceeded for the first time the losses by submarines, mines, etc. "Therefore it is necessary that the U. S. prepare for full participation in the war, for she does not have the equivalent of one-fifth of the fighting strength which the Germans received from the collapse of Russia alone."

On the French Front in France, May 24.—Uncertainty still exists as to when the Germans will renew their offensive, and where their blow will fall, but whenever the interrupted battle is reopened the enemy will find various disadvantageous conditions in the situation as compared with the first stage of the struggle that he began March 21.

For one thing, the German soldiers can hardly possess a degree of confidence equal to that which in-

AIRMEN GO THROUGH SEVERE TESTS BEFORE READY FOR ACTUAL FIGHTING

London, Apr. 24.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—How does the British air service pick out from its thousands of airmen the particular men who are destined to become the star "fighters" at the front? This question was put to an official of the air ministry here by the Associated Press correspondent in an interview. Here is his answer:

"The pilot who is destined to fly the single seater machines of the air force is 'discovered' almost as soon as he has been baptized in the air.

"To begin with, he must have passed certain physical tests with a hundred per cent result. Many wise men, doctors and organizers, sit in conclaves over these tests. They define certain factors that go to make up a 'perfect' airman,—perfect sight, age 24 or its equivalent in physical make-up, a total abstainer, good hands, quick brain, keenness, confidence. It is odd how much emphasis is placed on a man's hands by the examiners, who argue that there is as much difference between flying a scout and an ordinary machine as there is between riding a thorough-bred and a cart-horse.

"Some men show their destiny from the first moment of training. Men like Ball and Bishop promise well right from the start; they revel in finding new stunts and tricks of their own, long before their heavier-handed brethren begin to attempt the things that are safe on all modern machines.

"Other men begin slowly, and find themselves through sheer pluck and hard work. Having gone over the channel to pilot a placid artillery observation or photographic machine, they give a good account of them-

spired them at the opening of this year's great drive, now that they have seen the promises made them of a decisive fight which was to bring a rapid peace fall of fulfillment.

Many of their best troops have been destroyed without the armies attaining their objectives. This has depressed the spirits of the remainder, causing them to doubt whether further sacrifices may also be useless. A repetition of a powerful surprise attack has been rendered almost impossible, since the complete unity of the French, British and American troops enables the allied generalissimo to control the whole front.

The allies are better prepared than they were before, and are watchful for whatever may be coming. Thus, although the German masses may be thrown against the allied front in a heavy, smashing blow at some point, the allied unity of command is counted upon to make possible an efficient intervention of forces at a propitious moment, to prevent any part of the line being overwhelmed. Losses of territory may be expected in the first rush, but that is to be counted as unimportant while the armies are intact.

Washington, May 24.—It was learned today by a dispatch to the state department that a German division, which had been ordered to move from the eastern to the western front, refused, whereupon 50 of their number were executed and 1,000 others made prisoners.

themselves in the first scrap they get mixed up in, and thereafter they lock for, and seem to enjoy, fights. An observer in his official report casually remarks that Pilot So-and-so is 'always wanting to tackle the Huns instead of taking photographs or ranging guns,' and straightway his commanding officer sends the trouble hunter off to headquarters with a recommendation which lands him in a special post-graduate school or aerial gunnery for training in what the airmen call 'fire-eating.'

"Here he meets the men—aces they call them in France—who have been fighting in single seaters, and who are resting or have been sent back for use as instructors. The public knows little about these post-graduate schools for young eagles; the work is intensive and thorough; the science of air-fighting is taught by stages up to a degree of perfection almost unbelievable.

"To the airman who fights, such things as tactics and deflection, ranges and sights, must come by instinct. The good fighting man, it is generally believed, is born, not made. He must have the quick brain that will direct the hands with the judgment of experience. He must have keenness, and also luck. He must love 'the game,' although it is not necessary that he should have been a sportsman, or a yachtsman or a racing motorist in his pre-war days.

"It is the general opinion among pilots that a scout fighter who has completed a month on the western front has passed through his probation and will be good for a long time unless bad luck or the laws of chance bring him down."

M'ADOO WANTS REVENUE BILL

Republican Leaders Indicate Their
Cooperation With Legislation If
It Is Necessary

Washington, May 24.—Following a conference between the president and Director-General McAdoo, it was announced that the administration will insist on a new revenue legislation before the adjournment of congress. Wilson left the decision to McAdoo, who told the congressional leaders that it was imperative. The republican leaders indicated that if the revenue bill was necessary, they would cooperate.

BANNER MONTH FOR BUILDING STEEL SHIPS

Washington, May 24.—Steel ships completed so far in May, exceed any previous month in the history of the shipping board. Twenty-nine have been launched up to May 23.

F. A. WILLIAMS LEADS BY LARGE MAJORITY

Portland, May 24.—2 p. m.—Complete unofficial returns show that Thomas F. Ryan, of Clackamas county, is the republican nominee for state treasurer, having defeated O. P. Hoff, of Multnomah county, his nearest rival in the race by a majority of 252.

Charles A. Johns, of Multnomah county, is the republican nominee for justice of the supreme court, victor in a three-cornered contest in which he leads John S. Coke, of Coos county, with a majority of 1,393.

Fred A. Williams, of Josephine county, is the republican nominee for public service commissioner, having defeated Frank J. Miller, of Linn county, incumbent, by a majority of 849.

These figures are as nearly accurate as possible until the completion of the canvass of returns from the various counties at Salem. There may have been some errors in transmission, but the totals are made up from official returns from almost every county in the state, the official count being incomplete in only two or three counties, and in those only minor changes may be made that will not affect the result.

A telegram received last night, shows that Fred A. Williams, candidate for nomination for public service commissioner, is sure of his victory over Frank J. Miller. At that time Mr. Williams was 1,057 votes in the lead. The only county not heard from was Harney, which would have, at the most, only 300 votes.

AVIATRIX ARRIVES SAFELY IN NEW YORK

Binghamton, N. Y., May 24.—Katherine Stinson, the aviatrix, who left Chicago yesterday to fly to New York, carrying government mail, damaged her airplane while attempting a landing two miles north of this city at 6:40 this evening. The machine overturned, just as it reached the ground, smashing the propeller and damaging one of the wings. Miss Stinson was uninjured. Having covered 782 miles from Chicago to this city in 10 hours, Miss Stinson battered by about nine miles the distance made by Ruth Law in her record-breaking flight in the fall of 1916.

Hundreds of automobiles were raced to the landing place and help was soon at hand after the plane came to a stop. Miss Stinson, apparently none the worse for her mishap, directed the work of righting the machine.

OREGON LEADS NATION WITH QUOTA RAISED

JOSEPHINE COUNTY LEADS ALL
COUNTIES OF STATE IN RED
CROSS DRIVE

PORTLAND RAISES \$715,000

Outside Districts Report Nearly
\$400,000 Already Raised and
More to Come

Portland, May 24.—Again Oregon stands foremost among the sisterhood states, having first attained more than a complete quota for the second war fund of the Red Cross. Just before dawn yesterday the wire to Washington carried the message that this state had winged the shaft of patriotic purpose straight to the target, scoring far more than her allotted quota of \$600,000.

For Oregon and Portland last night the Red Cross total stood at \$715,888, with many reports yet awaited. Outer state districts reported \$285,466, with more to come. The city alone, for example, with yesterday's noonday total of \$220,521.95, as contrasted with the original quota of \$250,000, may yet reach the height of \$400,000 without occasioning surprise to local leaders, who know the impetus of the organization they unleashed.

Josephine county with a quota of \$5,000 was the first county in the state to report having the amount subscribed. Josephine's total subscription will amount to nearly \$7,000.

TODAY'S CASUALTY LIST CONTAINS 48 NAMES

Washington May 24.—The casualty list for today numbers 44. Of these 10 died from disease, and four were killed in action.

GERMAN ZEPPELIN BROUGHT DOWN IN SEA

London, May 24.—Fishermen, who have arrived at Asbjerg, on the Danish coast, say that a German Zeppelin was brought down in the North sea, the crew being rescued by a British destroyer.

AMERICAN TROOPS MISSING

London, May 24.—British admiralty announced today that 54 American troops which were on the steamer Moldavia, are still unaccounted for.

Washington, May 24.—No information has been received previously concerning any mishap to the Moldavia.

BABES BORN IN CELLARS

Refugees from the Somme are, Amiens, Compeigne and Soissons pour into Paris, according to a letter from a Y. M. C. A. war work secretary who says that he saw one family of eleven, two women and nine children of all ages. The night before, two babies were born in the cellar of the station where he worked. One family brought with them a baby goat, a rabbit, two dogs and two chickens.

GAME WARDEN FINED \$50 FOR DYNAMITING

Portland, May 23.—State Game Warden Carl D. Shoemaker was fined \$50 for contempt of court for dynamiting a fishway through the coffer dams at the Ament dam yesterday by Judge Wolverson. The dam was in custody of the court through receivership and the warden failed to secure the consent of the court.