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TURKISH AND BULGARIAN ARMIES SHATTERED BY ALLIES

SERBIANS CUT GERMAN LINES IN THE SOUTH

HUNS FEEL LOSS OF THEIR MAIN COMMUNICATION LINE TO PRILEP

ADVANCE 25 MILES IN 1 DAY

Serbian Continue to Gather Prisoners and War Material and Advance 40 Miles

London, Sept. 23.—The Serbians have cut the main railway line between Uskub and Saloniki and are on the western bank of the Cardar river. West of Vardar the Serbians cut the railway line to Prilep, which is the main line of German communications in this region. The Serbian infantry units are now in the mountain regions and advanced 25 miles in one day. The number of prisoners and war material is increasing rapidly.

The neighboring German and Bulgarian sectors are now feeling the loss of their communication lines. The enemy reinforcements are being forced to retreat. Since September 15 the Serbians have advanced 40 miles.

London, Sept. 23.—The Serbians have captured between 9,000 and 10,000 prisoners and 120 guns, according to the Evening Standard.

LIGHT FINGERED GANG ARE BUSILY ENGAGED

Some local talent is pulling off some very clever robbing stunts, or else an organized gang of thieves is getting in its work right now in southern Oregon.

Several places of business have been broken into lately. The last of the week one drug store in this city, Wm. Hammett's plumbing shop, John Denison's office and the Golden Rule Store were "touched" for small amounts. At the Hammett place the thieves took a number of tools, Mr. Denison lost a new automobile tire and some tools, while last night the Golden Rule Store suffered the loss of some change and checks. The change was kept in a pasteboard shoebox in the store, and the robber, who made his entrance through a back window, evidently had the little cash box located the day previous, else he would not have been able to locate it so quickly.

It is stated that two small robberies were also committed at Medford within the past few days.

REGISTRANTS RECEIVE INSTRUCTION FRIDAY

Captain E. M. Burke, of Portland, is in the city today, arranging for the meeting next Friday night when military instruction will be given to all registrants between the ages of 18 and 45 years. The following order by Provost Marshal-General Crowder has been issued:

"All men of all classes subject to draft are hereby notified to receive instruction, reporting to Grants Pass at 8 p. m. Friday, September 27, 1918. This includes all men from 18 to 45.

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BIG DRIVE IS ON FOR \$159,000.00

Every Soliciting Team Hard at Work —Chairman Bramwell Urges Renewed Efforts

The Fourth Liberty loan drive is on in full blast. Teams soliciting applications are at work in the city and in every district within Josephine county. Many of the teams canvassed on Sunday and practically completed their work. The amounts subscribed up to this evening cannot be definitely determined; but it is apparent from verbal and untabulated reports to Chairman Bramwell, that many of the districts, and the city as well, are not subscribing in sufficient amounts to guarantee this county's quota.

"While the reports received from soliciting teams are incomplete," said Chairman Bramwell this afternoon, "it is very evident that our quota will not be subscribed by tomorrow night. This means renewed effort on the part of the solicitors in every part of the county. We must not stop tomorrow. This drive will continue until the people of this county have done their duty. Our quota was reduced to the extent of approximately \$56,000 and for us to fail after these concessions, would bring the people of Josephine county not only in dis-repute, but to a position of disgrace. We must remember, that when we received this concession of \$56,000, other counties in the state must shoulder that additional load. There is no use for people to believe they will be overlooked or evade this responsibility. We must subscribe our quota and the work will not cease until the full amount has been subscribed. We must enter the work tomorrow with renewed energy and determination.

"There is no excuse for this county to fall. Other counties have overcome their difficulties and we must do the same. Excuses will not pay the bills or support the Josephine county boys who are at the front. There is only one answer to the question and that answer will be for \$159,000."

—Buy Liberty Bonds—

U. S. CASUALTY LIST

The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces for Sunday and Monday:

Killed in action	241
Missing in action	218
Wounded severely	332
Died of wounds	151
Died of accident	21
Died of disease	44
Wounded, degree undetermined	20
Prisoners	1

Total 1028
Wounded severely—Clayton Sloan Pendleton; Joseph Woods, The Dalles; William Miller.

Marine Corps	
Killed in action	27
Wounded in action, severely	7
Missing in action	14
Died of wounds	7
In hands of enemy	3

Total 58
Killed in action—Robert N. Walpole, Portland; Walter J. Cox, Portland; Russel S. Hawk, Derby, Jackson county, Ore.

—Buy Liberty Bonds—

FULL RETURNS SHOW 106,986 REGISTERED

Washington, Sept. 23.—Complete returns show the draft registration in Oregon to be 106,986, against an estimate of 84,494.

BRITISH TAKE 25,000 TURKS AND TRAP 40,000

French, British, Serbs and Arabs Make Swift Advance on 50 Mile Front—Enemies' Forces Paralyzed and—Turks and Bulgars May Retire From War

London, Sept. 23.—Twenty-five thousand Turkish prisoners and 200 guns have been counted by the British. The 7th and 8th Turkish armies have virtually ceased to exist, and the British have captured the entire transport of these armies. Reports from Palestine today indicated that none of the Turkish force of at least 40,000 men trapped by the British through the seizure of the last of the passages on the Jordan river can possibly get away.

London, Sept. 23.—The Serbians and allies in central Macedonia have dealt the enemy communication lines such blows that are expected to bring about the complete re-adjustment of the enemy positions in that theatre of war.

On the western front the allies are progressing successfully in their encirclement of St. Quentin.

In Macedonia the salient driven into the Bulgarian lines at Sokol has been widened until the allies are advancing on a front of nearly 50 miles, from east of Monastir to Vardar.

In Palestine the allies are moving northward with surprising speed

and power and seem to have dealt the Turks a blow that may shatter their power. The Turks appear completely defeated and the march of the British, French and Arabs toward the sea of Tiberias is virtually unopposed.

The allies have passed Nazareth and are approaching Tyre. The capture of Damascus and Beyrut would mean the complete disorganization of the Turkish machinery of war on a wide area.

Operations in Macedonia and Palestine may have political results far outweighing the military objectives, and there may be truth in the persistent reports that Turkey and Bulgaria are ready to retire from the war. Sensational results are expected in Bulgaria at any time.

London, Sept. 23.—British cavalry units operating between the Jordan and Mediterranean. In Palestine, have advanced some 60 miles from their original positions and have occupied the Biblically renowned town of Nazareth, also Afule and Beisan, according to a British war office announcement.

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MOTHERS' DAY PARADE BIG SUCCESS 2000 PEOPLE HEAR PATRIOTIC TALKS

Both sides of Sixth street were well lined with people Saturday night to witness the Mothers Day parade, which was a very impressive sight. The parade started from the courthouse, marched down Sixth to the Oxford and returned on the same street to the starting point, where the speaking was made. First came the city band, then about fifty or seventy-five mothers who have sons in the service. These were followed by the wives of men at the front, then came the sisters of our soldiers and a large number of children, the mothers and wives all carrying service flags.

Following the parade there was a short musical program at the courthouse preceding the speaking. After the vast audience, numbering perhaps 1,500 or 2,000 people, joined in singing "America," Mrs. J. O. Nibley sang "Keep the Home Fires Burning," and Mrs. Harry Clark favored the audience with "The Long Long Trail," the crowd joining in the chorus on both songs, after which "The Star Spangled Banner" was sung.

Chairman Fred A. Williams then introduced Major Hamilton. The major did not mince words. His description of the proper way to pull a bayonet from a Hun's solar plexus, by putting one foot on the Boche's neck, the other foot on the fellow's "belly" and whirling around, brought cheers from the crowd, as did also his account of the elusive "cooty." Then suddenly he brought the audience from a mood of elation to thoughts of vengeance—and some of them to tears—by his vivid description of the German cruelties inflicted upon helpless girls and children, aged men and women. The speaker assured his hearers that stories of Hun atrocities were not exaggerated.

After paying a glowing tribute

to the mothers who marched in the parade the major closed his address and Chairman Williams introduced L. J. Simpson of "Shore Acres." "Louie" Simpson rang true to form Saturday night—he never disappoints his audience.

Emphasizing the importance of quickly raising the Fourth Liberty loan to furnish our boys with plenty of guns and ammunition to blast their way through the hordes of murderous Huns, Mr. Simpson dwelt upon the significant part being taken by the mothers and wives of our boys at the front. It was "Mothers Day" and Mr. Simpson was lavish in his praise of those who are fighting the silent battle. A very noticeable feature of his speech was that when Major Hamilton finished his interesting talk and Mr. Simpson was introduced, a number of people—who perhaps thought they would be compelled to listen to a long, tiresome discourse—began to file away from the crowd.

Then the charm fell. The slight commotion ceased and those who were restless suddenly found themselves squarely facing the speaker and giving him their closest attention. The slightest noises were hushed and had the crowd been standing on a floor instead of the blue grass lawn of the court house, the ring of the proverbial pin could have been heard as it fell. It is not "Louie" Simpson's flowery speaking that catches and grips your attention, but the magnetic force of his delivery. The emphasis placed upon his well chosen words and the fact that they come straight from his heart grip one like the story of the old mariner and you cannot choose but listen.

The Mothers Day parade in Grants Pass Saturday night was a perfect success and one which will long be remembered.

ST. QUENTIN MAIN OBJECT OF FRENCH

Cling to Their Encircling Movement Around That City With Bulldog Tenacity

Paris, Sept. 23.—The French yesterday and last night made notable gains in their drive for the encirclement of St. Quentin. They pushed in far in their advance from the south and captured the village and fort of Vendeuil, close to the Oise river, nine miles southeast of St. Quentin. From Vendeuil the French pushed on to the river. North of Lefontaine they penetrated the wood in the direction of Hanacourt.

—Buy Liberty Bonds—

F. R. STEEL PURCHASES FINE AYRSHIRE HERD

The largest shipment of registered dairy cattle ever made at one time in the United States was sent out this week from the Ayrshire herd of J. W. Clise, Seattle, Wash., probably the greatest breeder of that kind of cattle in the United States. The shipment was purchased by F. R. Steel, whose home is at Grants Pass, for the Gossard Breeding Estates of Chicago, Ill., of which Mr. Steel is general manager. The cattle take eight full freight cars to transport them; and have six men along as caretakers. There are 100 head in all, 85 being milking cows. Among them are many world's record milk and butter animals. This shipment goes to the Indiana section of the Gossard Breeding Estates, Martinsville, Ind. The Gossard people intend putting in herds of Ayrshires totaling 1,000 head of milking cows ultimately.

Mr. Steel spent several days at the Winona ranch, where he has been a successful breeder of Berkshire hogs for some years. He left for San Francisco Saturday night.

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THE SALVATION ARMY HARVEST FESTIVAL

The annual Harvest Festival of the Salvation Army will take place Saturday, Sunday and Monday, September 28, 29 and 30. Any donations of fruit or vegetables, etc., will be very much appreciated. This is an effort the Salvation Army makes every year throughout the United States and many other countries for the support of the slum and rescue work. The proceeds go to support rescue homes, and hospitals for unfortunate women and children and the men's industrial homes of which there are 145 throughout the United States.

Donations can be left at the hall, 413 G street, or will be called for by Lieutenant Alfred Jury, or some of the comrades.

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BOLSHEVIKI CONTINUE REIGN OF TERROR

Amsterdam, Sept. 23.—Rioting against entente nationals has taken place in Vologda province and some Americans and Frenchmen have been murdered, according to the Petrograd correspondent of the Hamburger Nachrichten.

The Russian people's commissary at Vologda has urged upon the population of the entire Vologda province the most ruthless persecution of British subjects and French and American citizens.

BITTER FIGHT FOR CAMBRAI STILL GOES ON

BRITISH CONTINUE TO LAUNCH SPIRITED ATTACKS ON WESTERN FRONT

STEADY GAINS ARE MADE DAILY

German Try Counter Attack to Save City But Suffer Heavy Losses

London, Sept. 23.—The British last night attacked the German lines between St. Quentin and Cambrai, opposite LeCatelet, making progress in the vicinity of Tombolis farm and capturing a group of trenches and strong points on the ridge northwest of Vendheulle. Another strong position, near the Ronsoy road, just to the southwest, was also taken by the British. Successful local attacks were made south of Villers-Guislain.

The Germans yesterday counter-attacked near the Gilemony Farm, west of LeCatelet, but were repulsed with heavy losses.

Northwest of St. Quentin the Germans penetrated the British line on one point, but were thrown out by a counter-attack.

London, Sept. 23.—British airmen yesterday dropped 16 tons of bombs on the German airbases and blast furnaces in the Metz region.

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GERMAN WAR BOOTY ATTRACTS BIG CROWD

The train bearing German war booty arrived in this city on schedule time today and buglers from the train went through the city announcing the arrival of the relics. Hardly had the train slowed down before people began gathering and soon the crowd became so dense that one could hardly squeeze alongside the cars. The many kinds of death-dealing instruments and ammunition were a great curiosity to the people and the by the time the train left at 1 o'clock fully 2,000 interested spectators had given the articles on display the once over. One large German gun was captured by Americans who accounted for the last internal Hun operating it. The shield on the gun was perforated until it looked like a sieve. The piece was finally put out of service by a monster shell which burst on it.

For a time the exhibit put a quietus on the soliciting of Liberty bonds for the reason that most everyone was at the train, but it gave us an idea of what our boys are going against on the western front and was worth going miles to see.

—Buy Liberty Bonds—

ITALIANS ARE HITTING ENEMY HARD IN SOUTH

Rome, Sept. 23.—The Italians in Macedonia have advanced an average of over seven miles, pursuing the Germans and Bulgarians, and have taken 16 villages. On the Italian mountain front the French in a local attack damaged and destroyed the Austrian defense systems east of Mont Sisemol and captured 100 prisoners and five machine guns.