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ST. QUENTIN, CORNERSTONE OF HINDENBURG LINE, HAS FALLEN

ENTIRE COAST OF BELGIUM THREATENED

SHOULD BELGIANS AND BRITISH ADVANCE 10 MILES MORE FRITZ MUST "HIKE"

OSTEND PERHAPS NEXT IN LINE

Stormy Weather and Violent Counter Attacks Slow Down Allies, But Does Not Stop Advance

London, Oct. 2.—The French have taken 2,000 prisoners between the Voelle and Aisne rivers during the last two days. Bad weather and violent counter attacks have slowed down the allies on the Belgian front, but has not stopped their advance.

The Germans realize that if the allies advance even five miles further eastward Ostend will become untenable, while a ten mile advance would jeopardize the entire Belgian coast line.

Washington, Oct. 2.—The state department has received further evidence that the Germans are preparing to evacuate the Belgian sea coast.

With the British Army in Flanders, Oct. 2.—General Haig's forces captured Rollegem-cappelle and advanced 3,000 yards southeast of Roulers.

London, Oct. 2.—The French and Belgians progressed in the vicinity of Hooglede and Roulers, and the British have seized Ledegham, on the Roulers-Menin railway.

SHOE PRICES FIXED BY THE WAR BOARD

Washington, Oct. 2.—The maximum and minimum retail prices on shoes as agreed to by the war industry board and ranging from three to twelve dollars for men and women, has been announced by the war industries board.

KING BEGS THE ALLIES TO SAVE HIS THRONE

Paris, Oct. 2.—It was the fear of revolution at home and the failure of Germany and Austria to send him the military force he required that induced King Ferdinand of Bulgaria to turn to the entente for help, according to the American consul general at Sofia (Dominick Murphy), as contained in a dispatch to the Matin from Saloniki.

The consul general, the dispatch states, gave interesting details on his arrival at Saloniki from Sofia in company with the Bulgarian plenipotentiaries of the conditions in the Bulgarian capital leading up to the demand for an armistice. King Ferdinand assembled the grand council September 23 with the result that a formal demand was made on Berlin and Vienna for immediate assistance. Notwithstanding the urgent tone of the demand, Germany and Austria responded with evasive promises for the future.

That settled the determination of King Ferdinand to forsake the powers which had brought only desolation to Bulgaria and entrust her destinies to the entente.

KAISER TO BLEED HIS PEOPLE WHITE

Asks That They Shed Their Last Drop of Blood to Defend His Gory Throne

London, Oct. 2.—Emperor Wilhelm in a message to the fatherland party is quoted in an Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company as saying:

"I have the confident hope that the whole German people in these most serious times will resolutely gather round me and give their blood and wealth until the last breath for the defense of the fatherland against the shameful enemy plans.

"Such a unanimous resolve to exist will and must, with God's help, succeed in breaking the enemy's will to war and secure for the fatherland the peace it is worthy of among the people of the world."

COUNTY COURT GRANTS WATER CO. FRANCHISE

The county court in session today granted a franchise to the Gravity District Improvement company for the construction of the gravity ditch to irrigate the lands west of the city.

The directors of the Gravity Ditch Improvement company, which is organized under the laws of Oregon, are Dr. W. H. Flanagan, Karl Hammerbacher, A. G. Hood, Geo. S. Eaton and J. M. Branscombe, who are to serve until the annual meeting of the members of the company, set for the last Saturday in this month, at which time new directors will be elected. H. D. Norton is attorney for the company.

The company will dig the gravity ditch this fall and winter and have the water available for the 1919 irrigation season.

U. S. CASUALTY LIST

The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces for today:

Killed in action	187
Missing in action	73
Wounded severely	693
Died of wounds	76
Died of accident	14
Died of disease	33
Wounded, degree undetermined	1
Wounded slightly	5
Prisoners	8

Total 1,090
Killed in action—Lieutenant Newell C. Baber, Medford, Ore.

Missing in action—Willie Hobaugh, Whiteson, Ore.; Paul Praast, Dallas, Ore.; Roy Johnson, Monmouth, Ore.

Marine Corps
Killed in action 7
Wounded in action, severely 17
Missing in action 1
Died of wounds 2
Wounded slightly 1

Total 28

Summary of marine corps casualties, including the above:

Officers
Deaths 40
Wounded 67
Missing 1

Subtotal 108

Enlisted Men
Deaths 1,038
Wounded 2,009

In hands of enemy 20
Missing 162

Sub total 3,227

Total 3,337

BRITISH RIP WIDE GAPS IN THE GERMAN LINES

Haig's Troops Still Engaged in Long, Bitter Battle—Americans and Boche in Hot Contest—Turkey Puts Out More "Feelers" Which Are Being Considered

London, Oct. 2.—St. Quentin is taken and the cornerstone of the Hindenburg line has fallen. The French have passed beyond St. Quentin.

Wide gaps have been torn in the German lines between St. Quentin and LeCateau, by the British. Sequelhart, two and a half miles south of Bellcourt has been captured, as has also Presselles, just to the north. The British and Scottish troops occupied Crevecoeur and Rumilly, south of Cambrai.

London, Oct. 2.—Damascus has fallen. According to the Evening News the Turkish commander had previously asked for terms surrender.

London, Oct. 1.—Damascus is the Turkish base in Syria and Palestine and its fall probably means the end of all Turkish resistance to the British in Palestine and Syria. General Allenby advanced 130 miles since September 20, took 50,000 prisoners, and destroyed three armies.

London, Oct. 2.—Turkey has made further indirect approaches to the allies through financial channels, which are being considered by the British war cabinet. Important developments are expected soon.

Paris, Oct. 2.—The Germans are moving their heavy artillery away from the Belgian coast.

With the American Army in France, Oct. 2.—It is reported that the American troops between the Meuse and the Argonne forest have again moved forward over one of the most hotly contested sections north and west of Montfaucou.

With the Americans Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 2.—Many Germans straggled in today and gave themselves up.

LIBERTY LOAN HITS STRIDE FOR THE TOP

Washington, Oct. 2.—Telegrams received at the treasury department indicate that the Liberty loan has hit a stride which will put it over the \$6,000,000,000 minimum by the end of the allotted period, according to announcement.

ASIATIC CHOLERA HAS APPEARED IN VIENNA

Madrid, Oct. 2.—Several cases of Asiatic cholera have been discovered in Vienna and deaths from the disease have occurred there.

A new type of slacker has been discovered, according to Sheriff Hurlburt, says the Oregonian. He is M. G. Beslin, former Portland policeman, who, says the sheriff, committed a series of petty thefts in order to receive a county jail sentence and thus escape the army draft.

CHROMITE PRICES MAY HOLD GOOD

Users of Ore Will Need as Much Tonnage in 1919 as During the Present Year

In reply to an inquiry regarding the chrome ore situation, and especially concerning prices for next year's output, Van H. Manning of the bureau of mines at Washington, sends the following statement to the editor of the Rogue River Courier, today:

"There is a limit to the amount of chromite that the market can absorb, but conferences with the users have been held and they are prepared to purchase for 1919 a tonnage equal to the 1918 production.

"A statement on the chromite situation is expected from the war industries board on these lines in a few days.

"It would be inadvisable to make any statements that might seriously interfere with the present production, nor is it advisable to urge new producers to enter the field and spend their time and money, believing the market can absorb much larger tonnages than those of the present year."

While Mr. Manning's statement does not hold out flattering inducements to miners who are now developing their properties, yet it does not throw gloom over the chrome ore situation. The tonnage of chromite used during the present year is of huge proportions and if the same amount is used next year it means brisk activity in the mines of southern Oregon.

GOLD SAVING DEVICES INSTALLED AT LAYTON

Austin Wilson, of the Pacific Placer company, was in the city today on business. Mr. Wilson states that N. L. Reber is installing two Reber gold saving machines for the saving of values which are ordinarily lost in the tailings. With the use of these devices it is possible to save nearly 100 per cent of the values in the ground. It is proposed to run through the Layton mine, has been shut down since spring in order to allow the farmers of the Williams valley the use of the water for irrigation of crops. As the need for irrigation water was urgent the mining was discontinued without even making a clean-up.

Everything is now in readiness for operations as soon as the fall rains commence.

AMERICANS BAG 100 HUN PLANES IN 3 DAYS

Washington, Oct. 1.—Further advances by the American forces along the Meuse river and into the Argonne forest were reported in General Pershing's communique for today received at the war department. American patrols have passed beyond Clerges and are maintaining contact with the enemy. More than 100 hostile planes and 21 balloons have been shot down by American aviators in the past three days, General Pershing said.

"CHARITY" FUND TURNS OUT TO BE BIG FRAUD

San Francisco, Oct. 2.—J. J. Worthington kept eight telephone girls constantly employed soliciting funds in his alleged \$100,000 charity swindle, according to testimony adduced in his trial here today for using the mails in a scheme to defraud.

GERARD SAYS WAR WILL BE OVER IN A YEAR

San Francisco, Oct. 2.—"The war will be over within a year," declared James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany, when told that Bulgaria had surrendered.

"This means the end of Turkey in the war, and with Bulgaria and Turkey out the end is not far off," he continued. "With these allies in the fighting the enemy might have held on for two years. He cannot do it now. The end may come even sooner than I predict, but within a year the allies will have won."

Gerard predicted a German naval offensive this winter. Unable to win on land, he believes that Germany will seek to do what damage she can with her fleet. That the fleet will be stopped by the allies he has little doubt, but he believes Germany will attempt to reach the Atlantic Ocean, and may try an attack on New York.

Seward, Alaska, Oct. 2.—Thomas Riggs Jr., governor of Alaska, was aboard the first passenger train operated over the recently completed Seward-Anchorage link of the railroad the government is building between Seward and Fairbanks.

RUSSIA STILL GROANS UNDER FIRE AND RIOT

GERMANS MEET WITH RESISTANCE AND LOSE 1,500 MEN IN BATTLE WITH SLAVS

ANARCHY RAMPANT AT BAKU

Turks Continue to Rob and Murder Citizens, While Grim Cholera Stalks in the Streets

Washington, Oct. 2.—The Germans are meeting with increasing opposition in their efforts to establish control in Russia.

Swedish press reports received at the state department today from Stockholm said that in a recent battle with the Ukrainians the Germans lost 1,500 men.

German forces which have been centralized at Pskoff since the German ambassador was forced to flee from Moscow have found their position untenable and are leaving the city. They also are evacuating Biegorod.

Food conditions in Petrograd are growing continually worse and living conditions are utterly hopeless.

Passengers who arrived in Stockholm from Petrograd September 29 said foreigners were starving, restaurants and hotels were closed. Butter costs \$12 a pound. By a recent decree civilians were limited to one suit of clothes and two pairs of boots. Cholera is raging.

A Stockholm newspaper of date of September 19 said the Turks were robbing and burning Baku. The oil reserves in that city have been fired and a state of chaos exists.

DRAFT LOTTERY FIXES ORDER FOR SERVICE

The draft lottery on Monday at Washington fixed the order in which the 106,000 men of draft age in Oregon, as well as the draft men in every other state, will be called upon to serve the nation. Only the first 100 numbers were sent by wire the balance being sent by mail and will not be available for another week.

Fifteen Josephine county men are affected by the first 100 numbers called, but only five of them coming within the ages to be first called. The following are the Josephine county men first drawn, those marked with a * coming within the ages to be first called:

- 322 Samuel Clinton Neas.
- 438 Conrad Schaefer.
- 904 Joseph Beatty Scott.
- 20 Howard Lester Bailey.
- 739 Walter Clark Patterson.
- 535 William Bruce Morrison.
- 219 *William Prestol Graham.
- 625 James Adolphus Spicer.
- 72 James Madison Powers.
- 832 *Anton Varga.
- 348 *Charles Elionel Glazier.
- 4 Winfred Alvin Savage.
- 134 *Thomas Walter Beagle.
- 395 *Edward Gale Ament.
- 657 Charles Edward Tucker.

350 PERSONS KILLED IN RAILWAY ACCIDENT

London, Oct. 3.—Three hundred and fifty persons, including 50 children, are believed to have been killed in a railway accident at Malmo, Sweden.