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GERMAN RETREAT ON BELGIAN COAST TURNS INTO WILD ROUT

THE GERMANS CAN'T CHANGE THEIR SPOTS

COME FROM HIDING WITH HANDS IN AIR AND WORK "KAMER-AD" STUNT

SLAY YANKS WITH GRENADES

New York Troops, Reinforced, Return With Flame Throwers and Annihilate the Boche

With the Americans Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 4.—Today the Germans came from their hiding places with hands held high in the air after the New York troops had captured the village of Abris-St. Louis. As the Americans approached, the Germans suddenly seized hand grenades and killed a number of the Yanks. The New Yorkers retreated, told their story, and more New York troops advanced with flame throwers. Not a single German escaped.

With the American Army in France, Oct. 4.—American troops went into action yesterday on the Champagne front. A report from the French states that they advanced a considerable distance and have taken Blanc Mont and Nedah Farm.

WORTH \$60,000 BUT HAS BOUGHT NO BONDS

The Liberty loan campaign committee at Salem is evidently making a clean sweep this time in the fourth Liberty loan drive, says the Roseburg News. Every individual is being sought out and required to "come through" if financially able. Among others wanted was B. F. Ramp, a former resident of Roseburg. Inquiry showed that he had come to his big ranch just east of Roseburg. At their request a local delegation of four men went out there yesterday afternoon to interview him. The result is shown in the following telegram which they sent to Salem last night:

"Dr. R. E. Steiner, Liberty Loan Committee, Salem, Oregon.

"Committee called on Ramp today. He refused to buy bonds, saying he was not able, and had to borrow money, so he had none he could lend the government. When asked if he owned any bonds, replied 'no.' (Signed) "COMMITTEE."

It was learned here today that a meeting of about 100 citizens was held in Salem last night to consider this and other cases, but the result is not yet known here. A local citizen who is in a position to have some knowledge of the matter expresses the belief that Mr. Ramp is the owner of property in this state to the approximate value of \$60,000. Hence he should be a heavy purchaser of Liberty bonds. The Salem committee is evidently determined to round up all slackers in this line.

Salem, Oct. 4.—The name of B. F. Ramp, socialist candidate for governor, has been made public here as one who has refused to buy Liberty bonds. Ramp was investigated by the newly-organized "Court of Loyalty."

Ramp has a son in the federal penitentiary at McNeil's Island where he was sentenced for seditious utterances.

CITIZENS TO VOTE ON RIGHT OF WAY

Irrigation Franchise Will Appear on Ballot—Work Starts January 1, to Be Finished in 1919

The city council met in regular session last night, all members being present except Councilman Burkhalter.

After allowing the usual monthly bills, the council passed an ordinance authorizing the placing of the franchise of the Gravity District Improvement company on the ballot to be voted on by the citizens of Grants Pass, Tuesday, November 5. This franchise calls for a right of way through the city for the irrigation ditch, which will follow mainly along the south side of M street, but will deviate somewhat to follow the proper grade. The ditch is to be from six to eight feet wide at the bottom and from 12 to 14 feet wide at the top. Proper crossings will be built over the ditch at all streets, especially at Sixth street which will have a bridge substantial enough for heavy hauling and constant traffic.

The franchise calls for work to start by January 1, 1919, and it must be finished by January 1, 1920.

Messrs. Sprout and Sorenson, representing the irrigation company, and A. G. Hood, of the landowners, were present at the meeting.

KAISER IS TRYING TO HOODWINK THE ALLIES

Washington, Oct. 4.—Observers here see a desperate effort by the Kaiser to hoodwink the allies and German people into democratization of Germany in the appointment of Prince Maximilian and making Sheidman, a socialist, a member of the cabinet. It is expected that he will make a peace proposal disguised under democratic program.

MACADAM ROAD TO BE REPAIRED THIS WINTER

Considerable road improvement work will be done in Josephine county this fall and winter. At present a half-mile stretch of road at Jeff's hill is receiving the attention of gravelers, while a number of other places are being touched up with gravel and other kind of repair work. Judge Gillette, of the county court, states that the highway from the old sugar factory site to the Jackson county line will be graveled in spots where it is most needed, and that later, probably sometime in January, the six mile stretch of macadam road leading from the Rogue River bridge south will be ripped up and re-surfaced.

Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 4.—Twenty munition workers were killed and 20 others injured when a fast Pennsylvania train plowed through them as they left a work train in a heavy fog.

CROWDER CALLS FOR 29,999 YOUNG MEN

Washington, Oct. 4.—General Crowder has called for 29,999 grammar school graduates from 42 states, for technical schooling, to entrain October 15.

Oregon will send 200 men in the new draft to the Benson Polytechnic Institute at Portland.

TURKS TO BE BANISHED FOREVER FROM EUROPE

Allies Holding Firm in South—Italians Shatter Austrian Lines—British With Cavalry and Tanks, Break Hindenburg Defense Near Fresnoy—Open Fighting

London, Oct. 4.—The Belgians and allies are advancing swiftly in Flanders. There are no signs of fresh German retreat anywhere and there is every indication of disorganization among the enemy forces. Riots are reported to have occurred among the German units and British officers say nothing would surprise them. German retreat is turning into a rout now.

Saloniki, Oct. 4.—"We will soon direct our blow at Constantinople and the vanquished Turk will be thrown once and for all into Asia," declared General D'Esperay, the allied commander in chief, replying to a demonstration.

Rome, Oct. 4.—After the capture of Berat by the Italians, the cavalry joined in the pursuit of the retreating Austrians and made a considerable advance.

Rome, Oct. 4.—On a front 50 miles in length the Italians in Albania continued their advance yesterday, and are now going in the direction of Elbasan.

London, Oct. 4.—The Austro-Hungarians in Albania are retiring in disorder before the Italians, and are blowing up their depots of supplies.

Washington, Oct. 4.—The Italian army in Albania has launched an offensive against the Austrians there, cables to the Italian embassy stated today.

The purpose of the offensive is to demoralize and destroy the Austrian armies in Albania with a view to facilitating the expected surrender of Turkey, the cable explained. General Serrero, operating three columns is advancing victoriously with the object of affecting a junction with the left wing under General Esperi. The village of Fresnoy was taken.

"TANKS," THE TERROR OF INFANTRY, PLAY IMPORTANT PART IN GREAT WAR

Behind the British Lines in France, Oct. 4.—Tanks, cavalry and armored motor cars have had a larger part in the recent fighting on the western front than ever before in the war. They have added greatly to driving weight and speed of assault of the modern intensive attack, and their use has been developed tremendously by the British command since last year.

The modern tank has twice the speed of the earlier type, and more than twice the radius of action. Infantry is practically powerless against them. If infantry attempts to rush an oncoming tank, they are machine-gunned in the open. If they stay in their trenches, the tank straddles the line and enfilades them with direct short-range fire; if they retreat to the shellholes or dugouts, the tank lumbers along right over them, crushing them into the ground and caving in the dugouts.

The light high-speed tanks known as "whippets" are a development of

AMERICAN SHIPS IN A COLLISION

One Sinks Seven Minutes Later, While Other Stands by to Pick Up Survivors

Washington, Oct. 4.—The American steamer Herman Frasch sank seven minutes after her collision with the American steamer George M. Henry several hundred miles off the American coast. The Henry stood by all night to pick up survivors. Forty-one are accounted for. The Henry had her bow crushed, but resumed the voyage.

The steamer Frasch was a small cargo carrier manned by a navy crew in the supply service. Probably 50 lives were lost.

U. S. CASUALTY LIST

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

Killed in action	102
Missing in action	172
Wounded severely	574
Died of wounds	67
Died of accident	7
Died of disease	14
Wounded, degree undetermined	12
Wounded slightly	2
Prisoners	1

Total 957
Wounded severely—Ruel P. Churchill, Portland, Ore.

Marine Corps	
Killed in action	1
Wounded in action, severely	9
Died of wounds	1
Total	11

RECEIVES CHROME NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

A. G. Churchwood of this city has received the following reply from the United States geological survey at Washington, in reply to a letter inquiring into the chrome situation:

"The government has not been buying chrome ore nor is it at the present time contemplating doing so. The production of chrome ore in this country has become large and the market somewhat unstable. The principal consumers report that they have considerable stocks on hand and the demand for chrome ore is not so strong. However, it is hoped that the production may be kept up to near what it is at present and that the action by the administration under the mineral control bill, which is expected to be passed by congress soon, may stabilize prices.

"The prices of chrome ore vary with the place and conditions of sale and the geological survey is able to quote only general prices, published in the mining journals. The latest price published in the Mining and Scientific Press, of San Francisco, September 14, is \$1.25 to \$1.50 for 38 to 48 per cent ore, f. o. b. on mainline cars. Late news by wire and letter indicate a slight decline in the price of ore and low grades are not desired. Expensive new projects to open up prospects are not encouraged under present conditions."

MUCH MATERIAL DESTROYED FOR THE AUSTRIAN ARMY

London, Oct. 4.—In leveling the fortifications and depots at Durazzo, the entente squadron destroyed much material for the Austrian army in Albania, according to a Rome dispatch.

TURKS WAVER BETWEEN PEACE AND FIGHTING

WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE THE BATTLE IF KAISER WOULD SEND TROOPS

ENVER PASHA PRO-GERMAN

Reports That Central Powers Have Sent Mackensen With Extra Divisions Is Discredited

London, Oct. 4.—The outlook for a surrender by Turkey was regarded today in diplomatic circles as improving. The belief was expressed that peace proposals from Turkey, as from Bulgaria, would follow failure to obtain military assistance from Germany.

There is every indication, diplomats say, that instead of Germany threatening Turkey, as was reported a fortnight ago when Bulgaria was wavering, Turkey is now threatening Germany. This has resulted in an effort by Germany to get some troops to Turkey.

Reports that the central powers have sent a large force to Sofia, the Bulgarian capital, are discredited.

A diplomat familiar with Turkey points out that it will take the greatest pressure on Enver Pasha, a strong pro-German, to make peace proposals.

Reports that Turkey took up with Germany the question of Turkey's requesting peace are characterized as "intelligent anticipation," and evidently emanated from the demands Turkey made for military help.

Failure to get this help, which Germany, it seems, will not be able to give, and further Teuton reverses on the western front, are sure to bring proposals from Turkey. This is the belief in the best informed circles.

Paris, Oct. 4.—Occupation of Bulgaria by allied troops is progressing normally, according to Marcel Hutin, of the Echo de Paris.

German troops appear to be organizing a defensive line along the Danube. It appears communication between Sofia and Constantinople has been cut.

TOO HOT FOR TURK MINISTER, WHO RESIGNS

Amsterdam, Oct. 4.—The Turkish minister of the interior has resigned, according to Constantinople messages.

TROOPS ABROAD NOW NUMBER 1,800,000

Washington, Oct. 4.—The war department has announced that the American troops abroad now number 1,800,000. Influenza will retard shipments in the immediate future, as men who have been exposed or show symptoms will not be sent.

OREGON IS SECOND STATE TO GO OVER THE TOP

Word from Portland says that Oregon is the second state to go over the top in the Fourth Liberty loan drive, Iowa being first.