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YANKS TO MAKE WAR ON BOGHE ALL WINTER

WILL KEEP UP STEADY HAMMERING ON GREATER PART FRONT UNLESS WAR ENDS

NO BREATHING SPELL FOR HUNS

American Officers Say No Obstacle to Hinder Operations on 75 Per Cent of Front This Winter

With the Americans Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 23.—Unless saved by their plea for peace, the Germans will be subjected to steady hammering along the greater part of the western front throughout the winter. It is not intended to give them a breathing spell. The decreased activity would enable the Germans to recuperate and make certain the prolongation of the struggle.

The American officers say that there are two places on the front where winter activities will be impossible, but that 75 per cent of the front offers no real obstacle to the continuation of operation. The Americans will deliver short, smashing blows, forcing the enemy to keep masses of their troops there.

With the Americans Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 23.—The town of Brioules, on the western bank of the Meuse, which has been stubbornly defended by the Germans, has been given up by the enemy. This is the latest point where the Americans have driven a dent into the enemy defenses, despite strong resistance. The Germans have withdrawn and the town is burning.

TANKS REPLACE TROOPS IN DRIVE AGAINST HUNS

London, Oct. 14.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Thirty-six tanks—one battalion—have at least a thousand casualties every day they are in action.

The British war expert who made this statement while discussing the present allied offensive continued:

"We have used in the fighting to date only a fraction of the men the enemy have been accustomed to employ for similar offensives and we have made up the difference largely with tanks. Since the ultimate victory will fall to the side with the biggest reserves, the more tanks we have the more assured our victory.

"It has been commonly thought that a direct hit by a shell means destruction for the tank. Not always. A fortnight ago a tank received seven direct hits from a German '77' gun, but the tank finished the job and trundled back to its lines.

"Another in the Cambrai region went over a rise directly in front of a German howitzer. The howitzer fired from 50 yards away and a shell tore off part of the tank's side. But the tank went right on, driving right over the howitzer and putting it out of action."

"GERMANIC STATE OF AUSTRIA" ANNOUNCED

Basel, Oct. 23.—German-Austrian deputies in the Austrian reichsrath have formed an assembly for the purpose of conducting the affairs of the German people in Austria, and have issued a declaration announcing the creation of the "Germanic State of Austria."

BRAND EMPEROR VASSAL OF KAISER

Germany Strip Galicia of Wheat and Leave People to Starve—Emperor or Charles Blamed

Rome, Oct. 23.—A Galician prisoner of war in Italy has received a letter from a friend in Poland, who describes the famine and famine prices, and goes on to say:

"What is the cause of all this famine? The accused German, because he exports everything to his own country. Our emperor obeys him and it will be thus if we remain his ally. By now people understand how the German crusader dominates. He has shipped wheat home as long as possible, and when it was no longer possible he exported it in barrels, all being taken from northern Galicia, where our own people were left to starve and are still starving.

"What is to be expected, when our people do not awaken and do not understand? Several orators came here from Cracow and were invited to speak. More than 29,000 persons were present. The square was jammed. If you had only seen what the crowd did with the double eagles. They were thrown down and trampled, with the cry: 'Down with Emperor Charles; down with the assassins of the whole country!' They hung a picture of Charles on the bell tower, representing his coronation in Hungary, with this inscription: 'Assassin of the whole country; down with the king who apes Emperor William.'

"Beneath the inscription was written: 'Whoever removes this placard is a traitor.'

"The crowd laughed and sang denunciations of Germany. A picture of the kaiser was raised on a telegraph pole, head downward. Gendarmes and soldiers were called out. 'All this will not end soon. We must fight Germany to recover our rights and property. We are the biggest losers.'

PNEUMONIA VACCINE TESTED ON 10,000 SOLDIERS—IS O. K.

Camp Dix, N. J., Oct. 23.—Successful inoculation of 10,000 soldiers against pneumonia following influenza today caused camp authorities to offer the treatment to 10,000 more next week. Although not a man inoculated has contracted pneumonia, the treatment was said still to be in its experimental stage and not advocated as a cure but as a preventative.

HOW AMERICAN SNIPERS DISGUISE THEMSELVES

Behind the American Lines in France, Oct. 23.—The American sniper wears a fantastic suit of green burlap with tufts of raffia, or Madagascar grass, sewed thickly all over the coats and trousers. The coat has a headpiece with eye-holes so that the sniper's head is completely enveloped.

American troops in the Vosges have used these camouflage suits with great effect. The grass covered burlap is merged into the grass through which the sniper crawls and even when only 25 feet distant his presence cannot be detected.

These suits are made by French women in the American camouflage station behind the lines.

The "disappearing building" is one of the curious contrivances of the camouflage artists here. The building is the size of a two story frame cottage. Viewed close at hand it stands out plainly enough, and even at 100 feet the cottage is quite clear. But at the distance from which the enemy observations would be made, or from an airplane at 8,000 feet, the building does in fact "disappear." This is done by the painting in great wavy lines of green and brown, which at a distance, obliterate the straight lines of roof gable, windows and doors and transform the whole structure into a blur of green-brown color which blends into the grass and ground.

BRITISH TROOPS FIGHT FURIOUS ON WEST FRONT

New Attack Will Menace German Lines Clear to Holland, and Disconcert Enemy in Front of Valenciennes—Valenciennes Object of British, Who Meet Heavy Fire

London, Oct. 23.—The British are fighting their way into the center of Valenciennes. Today the fighting is strong and there is a heavy enemy machine gun fire from the east bank of the Scheldt canal.

London, Oct. 23.—The British began a new attack today on the front between Le Cateau and Solesmes. British forces have also captured Bruay, two and a half miles north of Valenciennes, and have reached the west bank of the Scheldt.

London, Oct. 23.—The British attack south of Valenciennes today is of vital strategic importance. The allied salient will menace the German lines clear to Holland, and if it is widened will have a tremendous effect on the enemy front to the south.

British Headquarters in France, Oct. 23.—The British in their new attack today are reported to have captured Romeris, a mile and a half northeast of Solesmes. A good many prisoners are coming in. The Germans are fighting doggedly.

VILLA AND HIS BAND OUTWIT THE FEDERALS

Chihuahua City, Mex., Oct. 22.—Francisco Villa and his band again have been on the warpath and have left a trail of death, destruction and desolation in their wake. With the departure of General Francisco Murguia, the northeastern zone commander, for Mexico City, Villa resumed his guerrilla warfare on the town and small settlements in Chihuahua state. Making a feint on Chihuahua City to draw in federal troops from outlying garrisons he then dashed at Parral, was driven off, and attacked Jimenez Junction.

He held Jimenez for 12 hours during which his men looted stores, killed soldiers and civilians, poisoned one family and hanged another including an eight year old girl. Driven out by General Joaquin Amaro, the Durango Indian, with his cavalry, Villa attacked Jimenez the second time. Before he could reenter the plaza General Murguia arrived from the south with reinforcements and drove Villa into the hills.

One of Villa's typical tricks was executed against a federal force garrisoning Parral. The garrison commander received a letter written on official government stationery and signed with the name of General Pedro Favela ordering him to proceed to Pilar de Concho to form a junction with Favela's force in pursuit of Villa. A signal fire on the pillar of the Conchos river was to be the signal for the junction of the two forces. The federals marched to the appointed place, the signal fire appeared on the limestone pillar and the Parral command advanced without advance guards or flankers. They were ambushed and almost annihilated.

Villa had written the letter on captured federal stationery, had copied Favela's signature from an old order taken from a prisoner and had set the trap for the government force.

3,000 KILLED IN RIOTS IN CITY OF SOFIA

London, Oct. 23.—Three thousand persons have been killed in riots in Sofia, Bulgaria, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to a new agency. Bolshevik agitators are declared to be responsible.

Paris, Oct. 23.—The British are again storming the German defenses west of Maubeuge in a new attack. When the Scheldt river is crossed at Valenciennes, the British will seriously threaten both Mons and Maubeuge.

Prince Max has told the reichstag that Germany will carry on a decisive warfare if his government "fails to secure peace with justice." He said the Germans want to know what President Wilson's 14 points mean to the future of Germany.

London, Oct. 23.—New British attacks south of Valenciennes is on a front of five or six miles and the Germans have been driven back about a mile along the entire front. The enemy resistance is stiffening.

London, Oct. 23.—British troops have entered the western suburbs of Valenciennes, Field Marshal Haig reported from headquarters late last night.

London, Oct. 23.—Northwest of Laon the French have reached the Serre river, advancing two or three miles on an eight mile front.

PITS AND NUT SHELLS WANTED AT ONCE

A copy of the following telegram sent out by the government, has been received by Ruth L. Corbett, home demonstration agent of Josephine county:

"The war department must have 500 tons of pits and nut shells each day in order to meet the demand for gas masks. Get every one busy." This is truly an S. O. S. call and must be answered to the limit of our ability. The Red Cross has several sackfuls on hand but a shipment from this district cannot be made until a larger supply is received. If you have collected any pits or shells, turn them in as soon as possible. If you have thoughtlessly burned your nut shells or pits, put a sign on your stove lid so it won't occur again. Shells and pits may be left at Demaray's Drug store or Harry H. Allyn's residence, 818 Lawnridge Ave.

THE ITALIAN CAVALRY CHASES AUSTRIANS

Rome, Oct. 23.—The Austrian rear guards in Albania are hard pressed by the Italian cavalry and the Albanian detachments have retired to north of the Matia river, 30 miles north of El Bassani.

WOUNDED AND SICK YANKS RETURNED TO AMERICA

Washington, Oct. 23.—Sick and wounded landed in the United States from the American expeditionary forces during the week ended October 18, numbered 637, the war department announced today.

AMERICAN CARGO SHIP FOUNDERS ON ROCK

Washington, Oct. 23.—The navy department announces the sinking of the American cargo steamship, Lake Borgne, off the coast of France, without loss of life. The ship struck a rock and foundered.

GERMANY'S NOTE RECEIVED TODAY

Contains Nothing to Alter Wilson's Decision—Huns Must Evacuate All Occupied Territory

London, Oct. 23.—Foreign Secretary Balfour said today that it is not consistent with the safety, security and unity of the British Empire that Germany's colonies be returned to her.

Washington, Oct. 23.—Germany's note was delivered today to Secretary Lansing, by the Swiss legation. It may be stated that there is nothing in the communication to alter the decision of President Wilson in that he will not propose an armistice to the allies before the Germans evacuate all occupied territory.

It is intimated that the only question for immediate consideration is whether there shall be a discussion of "terms" of evacuation while the allied and American armies continue the work of clearing Belgium and northern France of the enemy.

London, Oct. 23.—The opinion of London newspapers on Prince Maximilian's speech before the reichstag is summed up in the comment of the Evening Standard: "There is much vague talk, but nothing else."

CASUALTY LIST

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

Killed in action	125
Missing in action	92
Wounded severely	177
Died of wounds	80
Died of accident	13
Died of disease	101
Wounded, degree undetermined	440
Wounded slightly	176
Prisoners	1

Total 1,295

Wounded severely—Lieutenant William F. Feustel, Portland. Died from accident—Corporal Wm. L. Harman, Jr., Portland. Died of disease—Pvt. Raymond W. Barnes, Harrisburg. Wounded, degree undetermined—Pvt. Buehler, Jr., Portland.

M'CLOUD IN CLUTCH OF SPANISH INFLUENZA

In writing Monday night from Dunsuir, Cal., to which city he went Sunday to help out in caring for influenza epidemic patients, Dr. T. G. Helne, of Medford, said that at the hour of writing the plague conditions had improved. There had been two deaths Sunday night and another was expected Monday night from among those he had seen. He wrote that there was no further need of medical help from Medford unless conditions became worse, but said he would remain for a day or so.

However, conditions at McCloud Cal., near Dunsuir, were deplorable, the doctor wrote, and outside help is badly needed there. There were six deaths from influenza there Sunday night, and conditions are growing worse. Of the 1,600 men in this mill town half are ill with influenza, and there are only two doctors to care for the 800 patients.—Medford Tribune.

AMERICAN DEAD WILL BE RETURNED TO U. S.

With the American Army Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 23.—All the American dead in France will be taken home after the war, according to orders received by the army chaplains.

PRODUCERS OF CHROME FORM ORGANIZATION

WILL AFFILIATE WITH CALIFORNIA PRODUCERS WHO FORMED ASSOCIATION

DELEGATE SENT TO WASHINGTON

One Grants Pass Mining Man May Lose Over \$60,000 Unless Government Takes a Hand

The chrome producers of southern Oregon and northern California met in the Chamber of Commerce rooms last night and organized the Oregon Chrome Producers' Association, which is expected to affiliate with the Pacific Coast Chrome Producers' Association organized in San Francisco last week. This meeting was brought about by the fact that there is no market for the sale of chrome. People have been induced to develop bodies of chrome upon the theory that the product would be paid for at prices prevailing this past summer, and owing to the fact that there is no market, hundreds of patriotic producers have been unable to get back the money invested. One producer near Grants Pass stands to lose upwards of \$60,000 because of present conditions. It appears that importations from other countries has had considerable to do with the slump in the price, and yet the producers of chrome in this country were not advised that importations were to be allowed.

There were present at this meeting the large producers from Shastacounty, California, Mr. Gazzam, Mr. Seagraves, Mr. Hawks, Mr. Spencer and Mr. Olsstead were among those owning or controlling large properties. There was also present a gentleman who stands high in the mining world, and who has been selected by the California association to present the Pacific coast chrome interests to the authorities in Washington. This gentleman is now en route to Washington and expects to stay there until he secures fair treatment for the chrome industry on the Pacific coast.

This association is not endeavoring to protect people who open up new prospects, but only those who are already developing. Permanent officers were elected, consisting of Frank S. Bramwell, president, and O. S. Blanchard, secretary. Questionnaires are being sent out to the chrome producers, as to location of their mines, the quantity and quality of ore and the money invested. These will be sent to Washington in order to enable the delegate to intelligently present the chrome situation. Chrome producers are invited to become members of this association, the dues being \$5 in advance.

HAND ADMINISTRATION OVER TO THE POLISH

Amsterdam, Oct. 23.—Austrian authorities in those parts of Poland occupied by Austrian arms have formerly handed over the administration to Polish authorities, according to a Vienna dispatch.

REICHSTAG LIABLE FOR WAR AND PEACE

Copenhagen, Oct. 23.—The chancellor has announced a bill making the reichstag responsible for war and peace. The measure is to be effective when the project of the league of nations shall become operative.