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VERDUN FRONT PROVES HARD JOB FOR YANKS

FERRISH REPORTS THAT GERMAN ARMS RESISTING FIERCELY ON THAT FRONT

AMERICANS FORCED TO RETREAT

Hold Their Ground West of the Meuse in Face of Violent Opposition—British Make Gains

Washington, Oct. 26.—General Pershing announces heavy fighting on the Verdun front. Strong German attacks were repulsed everywhere, except in Bellus wood, where four successive assaults forced a partial withdrawal of the Americans. West of the Meuse the American lines advanced.

With the Americans Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 26.—The gain made on Friday by the Americans east and west of the Meuse was maintained today, despite the violent enemy opposition.

London, Oct. 26.—The British have captured Odomes and Maulde, north of Valenciennes, and Englefontaine, to the southward.

GERMAN WATCH WORD—'DON'T BUY FROM U. S.'

Amsterdam, Oct. 26.—"No buying from America if it can possibly be avoided," must be the German watch-word after the war, is the assertion of the Rheinisch Westphalian Gazette, an important German industrial organ. The reason given by the paper is that, before the war, the balance of trade between the United States and Germany was against Germany to the extent of nearly 1,000,000,000 marks a year. Germany imported from the United States goods to the value of 1,711,000,000 marks while German exports to the United States amounted to 713,000,000 marks. Dividends on German holdings of American securities, in addition, helped to pay the bill for goods bought in America.

"How could we possibly meet a still further increased debit balance," asks the paper in despair. "We had to realize our American securities to pay for raw materials while the United States was still neutral, to meet demurrage on our ships held in American ports."

The conclusion seems inevitable to the Gazette that Germany must so curtail her cotton and copper imports from the United States that they do not exceed, or only slightly exceed, her own exports of fertilizers, dyes, chemicals, etc. The rest of Germany's erstwhile imports from America, it says, can and must, be stricken off the list.

"Our imports of American agricultural machinery must cease," says the writer. The openings offered in Russia, Rumania and the Balkans are so great that we must push our own machinery there with all our might."

JOSEPHINE SOLDIER BURIED AT MERLIN

The remains of Roy Kitchen, the third Josephine county soldier to be brought home for burial within a week, were laid to rest at Merlin on Friday. Private Kitchen died at Camp Dodge, Des Moines, Ia., from pneumonia, following Spanish influenza.

GIRLS SAID TO BE STATE PROPERTY

Bolsheviki Wants Them to Register at Bureau of "Free Love" When 18 Years Old

London, Oct. 26.—Rumanian maidens under the jurisdiction of certain provincial Bolsheviki soviets become the "property of the state" when they reach the age of 18 years and are compelled to register at a government "bureau of free love," according to the official Gazette of the Vladimir Soviet of workers and soldiers' deputies, which recently published that soviet's decree on the subject.

Under the decree, a woman having registered, "has the right to choose from among men between 19 and 50 a cohabitant husband."

The consent of the man chosen is not necessary, the decree adds, the man chosen having no right to make any protest.

A similar privilege of choosing from among the registered women is given every man between 19 and 50 "without the consent of the woman." This provision is described as "in the interest of the state."

Opportunities for choosing husbands and wives are to be presented once each month, the decree stated. Children born of such marriages are to become the "property of the state." Stringent rules and penalties are laid down for the protection of girls under 18.

SHIP WITH 300 ABOARD IS REPORTED AGROUND

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 26.—Private advices state that the steamer, Princess Sophia, has foundered near Skagway with 300 passengers aboard. The report has not been confirmed.

Victoria wireless dispatches which were sent out at 3:40 p. m., seem to confirm the sinking of the Princess Sophia, with a loss of 350 lives.

PRINCE AND BARON ON A SECRET MISSION

Zurich, Oct. 26.—Prince Frederick Lonkowitz and Baron Naderhny, who represent the strongest anti-German tendencies at Vienna, have left Vienna for Switzerland, charged with a mission about which no details are given, according to the Neuste Journal of Vienna.

TURKEY'S OFFER IS VIRTUALLY SURRENDER

London, Oct. 26.—The Turkish minister to Switzerland has handed the British and French ministers to that country an offer of peace, virtually amounting to surrender, according to a Daily Mail dispatch.

ELLA FLAGG YOUNG VICTIM OF PNEUMONIA

Washington, Oct. 26.—Ella Flagg Young, chairman of the National Woman's Loan Committee, died here of pneumonia, following influenza.

LATEST FLAG IS OF THE NEW SIBERIAN REPUBLIC

Amsterdam, Oct. 26.—The latest addition to the flags of nations is the standard of the new Siberian republic. It is plain white and green, symbolizing the country's snowfields and its virgin forests.

SOLE SAYS BOCHE WILL FULFILL PEACE TERMS

Accept Wilson's Program As a Basis, But Contemplates No Further Note to President—'Peace At Any Price' Reported to be Popular in Vienna

Amsterdam, Oct. 26.—Foreign Secretary Solf, speaking in the reichstag Thursday, said: "As for Alsace-Lorraine, it is clear, as they were expressly mentioned among the president's 14 points. We agree to the regulations on these questions, having accepted Wilson's program as a basis for peace. We will loyally fulfill the program in all directions."

London, Oct. 26.—The German government is not contemplating at present any further note to the president, says a Copenhagen dispatch. It is probable that the German government will make a declaration in the reichstag to the effect that Germany is awaiting peace conditions of the allies.

London, Oct. 26.—German submarine activities are almost negligible this week. It is believed a part of the "peace offensive." If Germany elects to fight to the end of

WILL CONSTRUCT 15 SHIPS VALUED AT SIXTEEN MILLION

Several thousand additional men, says the Portland Telegram, have been placed on the payrolls of the G. M. Standifer Construction corporation the last few days in preparation

Economy Cry Hides Single Tax Voters of State Warned to Look Out For Camouflage in Measure

The "economy" slogan is a splendid idea, and the American public has taken to it as a duck takes to water. Its practical application as a win-the-war idea is a fine thing and as a developer of national thrift it can't be beaten. There is such a thing, however, as working the idea overtime, and there is such a thing as using it, under the guise of patriotic ardor, to carry out the most diabolical schemes of designing spite-workers.

Thus we find Sam Jackson and the Portland Journal waging a bitter campaign against the country editors of the state of Oregon, in advocating the delinquent tax law amendment and a new legal rate law. "Economy" shouts the Journal and its wealthy editor, and of course to bring about a real era of economy, the voting public is urged to support the two bills bearing the earmarks of Samuel Jackson.

Economy is a fine quality for the state, as well as the individual, and were Mr. Jackson's motives actuated purely from the economy viewpoint, his daily editorials might ring with sincerity.

Look out for these laws. Editor Jackson has supported freak legislation before—most notably when the single tax idea was smothered by the voters of the state. The present statutes which Mr. Jackson would place on the Oregon law books, would have no more to do with an era of economy throughout the state of Oregon than would a bill to cut down the price of a shave. The thinking voter will give both measures a close analysis, and the thinking voter of the state will come to a conclusion on the worth of the measures about as follows:

Both measures should be vigorously swatted by the voters, for the very sane and simple reason that the present laws, passed by the Oregon state legislature, are fulfilling their mission, by protecting the public from the wiles of the title grabber. Any law that is protective and

BIG GUNS OF HUNS ARE OUTCLASSED

16-inch Naval Guns of Americans Said to Be Incomparable in Destructive Force

Washington, Oct. 26.—Details of the achievement of the navy department in making available for use on the western front of great 16-inch naval guns, which press dispatches have reported to be hammering the German railway centers back of the Oise-Serre front, were made public today by Secretary Daniels.

The naval guns which have been in operation since September 16, originally were intended for new battle cruisers but a change in the design in the vessels left the guns unavailable for that use. Rear Admiral Earle, chief of the navy bureau of ordnance, then recommended that the guns be sent to the western front and he was directed to proceed with the design and construction.

The guns are manned and operated by the officers and men of the United States navy, under the command of Rear Admiral Plunkett, ex-director of the office of gunnery, exercises and engineering performance. The first party of officers and men to handle the guns arrived in France June 9; the first shipment of material left this country June 20 and the entire organization was completed and ready to move to the battlefield in France late in August.

The guns are of 50 caliber, 66 feet long, weigh about 100 tons without their carriage and are said to throw a heavier projectile and have a greater muzzle velocity than any weapon ever placed on a mobile land mounting. The weight of the explosive used with each projectile is many times greater than that used in the freak German long range guns, and in point of their destructive force they are incomparable.

The organization to man one gun requires an entire train, including the gun car itself, ammunition cars, a crane car, and construction, sand, timber, kitchen, fuel, workshop, berthing and staff radio cars.

VIOLENT FIGHTING REPORTED IN ITALY

Washington, Oct. 26.—A Rome dispatch says that violent fighting is still in progress in Italy. The allies frustrated all enemy attempts, and enlarged their own gains.

Rome, Oct. 26, 3:40 p. m.—The Italians have captured over 2,000 prisoners within the last 24 hours.

ALL TRAINS WILL STOP SERVICE FOR ONE HOUR

Washington, Oct. 26.—At 2 o'clock tomorrow morning the United States will complete the test of the daylight saving. Clocks will be stopped one hour, and trains on all the railways will remain motionless for one full hour.

MOONEY'S ATTORNEYS WANT CASE REVIEWED

Washington, Oct. 26.—Thomas J. Mooney's attorneys have asked the United States supreme court to review his case.

New York, Oct. 26.—Gas shells prepared in America are more deadly than any made in Germany and their fumes can penetrate even the most modern gas masks, Major H. W. Duffy, of the British-American gas service, declared here today in a lecture before the Society of Chemical Industry.

FRENCH PRESS THE FIGHTING ON TWO FRONTS

GERMAN TROOPS RALLY DEPERATELY TO SAVE ZULTE, BUT IN VAIN

BRITISH ADVANCE ON SCHELDT

French Penetrate Hun Positions on Front of Four Miles Between Sisonne and Chateau Porcien

Paris, Oct. 26.—On the Serre front the French have captured Mortiers. After violent fighting the French carried their lines forward on a front four and half miles, to a depth of two miles to certain points through the German positions between the German positions between Sisonne and Chateau Porcien.

London, Oct. 26.—Operations in Belgium continue to develop favorably for the allies. The French have carried Zulte, despite desperate resistance, while the British have occupied the village of Ingoyheim, and captured Ooteghem, and are advancing toward the Scheldt river.

CASUALTY LIST

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

Killed in action	5
Missing in action	6
Wounded severely	31
Died of accident	2
Died of disease	12
Wounded, degree undetermined	13
Wounded slightly	27
Total	214

Slightly wounded—Private Albert E. Thomas, Portland.

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

Killed in action	88
Missing in action	85
Wounded severely	121
Died of wounds	51
Died of disease	12
Died of accident	92
Wounded, degree undetermined	271
Wounded slightly	228
Prisoners	2
Total	950

Wounded, degree undetermined—John Goska, Portland.

Total number casualties to date, including those reported above:

Killed in action (including 293 at sea)	10,574
Died of wounds	3,787
Died of disease	3,220
Died of accidents and other causes	1,150
Wounded in action	32,105
Missing in action, including prisoners	6,040
Total	56,876

Marine Corps

Killed in action	1
Wounded in action, severely	3
Missing in action	15
Died of wounds	4
Died of disease	17
Total	40

Wounded severely—Private Nathan H. Hiatt, Portland.

In hospital, previously reported died of wounds—Private Seth C. Cadman, Portland.

GARDINER MAN LOSES LIFE IN HEAVY SEA

Newport, Ore., Oct. 26.—The tug Gleaner has arrived with barges. The tug also brought the body of First Mate Peter Nelson, of Gardiner, Ore., who was accidentally killed yesterday while oiling the towing machine in a heavy sea.