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FRENCH SMASH AHEAD ON THE ENTIRE FRONT

BRITISH ALSO PUSH FIGHTING
AND NEAR BELGIAN BORDER
EAST OF VALENCIENNES

AMERICAN TROOPS REACH SEDAN

Germans Ask Belgians Not to Fire
Upon Ghent, as They Are Abandoning the Place

Paris, Nov. 7.—Pursuit of the retreating enemy has been taken up along the entire French front.

The British progressing along the Franco-Belgian line have reached Quivrain and Crespin, near the Belgian border northeast of Valenciennes.

The Germans wirelessly to the Belgians that they had decided to abandon Ghent and asked the Belgians not to fire on the suburbs of the town where the white flags were raised.

Southeast of the Morman forest the British have captured Monceau St. Vaast and Dompiere, the three northwest railway junctions of Avesnes.

With the American Troops on the Sedan Front, Nov. 7.—American troops today entered that part of Sedan lying on the west bank of the Meuse river. The Americans have taken 6,000 prisoners since November 1.

RED CROSS CHAPTER ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Josephine County Chapter, American Red Cross, the following officers were elected by acclamation, O. S. Blanchard, chairman; Dr. J. C. Smith, Mrs. W. W. Canby, vice chairmen; Mrs. Philip Helmer, secretary; R. W. Clarke, treasurer.

The motion to elect by acclamation was seconded by every director present, and expressions of the appreciation of the board for the high position held by the chapter in the northwestern division, and the wonderful work accomplished, were made.

The following chairmen have been named by the executive committee: Frank Mashburn, chairman military relief; R. W. Clarke, chairman civilian relief; Sam H. Baker, chairman financial committee; A. E. Voorhies, chairman publicity committee; Mrs. A. H. Gunnell, chairman membership committee; E. G. Harris, chairman canteen committee; Mrs. W. W. Canby, chairman chapter school committee; Theodore P. Cramer, chairman speakers committee; Melville T. Wire, organizer of branches and auxiliaries; C. H. Demaray, chairman salvage committee; Dr. J. O. Nibley, chairman first aid committee.

The chapter is organizing on a firm and substantial basis to handle all matters of allotment, insurance, reconstruction and rehabilitation. In this connection, Miss Van Wormer is here from the northwestern division office, and expects to lecture to the civilian relief committee and home service workers of Grants Pass and the local branches for a period of two weeks. The importance of maintaining the home life of the families in America cannot be overestimated, and to this end a secretary is to be appointed in a few days, who will go to Portland and take the six weeks' course prescribed by the national chapter. Upon her return, an office will be maintained where the families and dependents of soldiers can present their propositions and receive the attention that

BOYS OVER THERE WILL NEED MONEY

Whether War Ends or Not, Money
From United War Work Drive
Will Be Blessing to Them

If the war should end today to our satisfaction, some of us perhaps would wonder if the one hundred seventy odd million dollars asked of us by the United War Work fund were really necessary. In the first place, however encouraging the news, the kaiser is not properly licked yet and until he is we dare not relax one iota of our efforts, even if when he is licked we have a million men too many in France.

In the next place, if the war should come to a successful conclusion within a few days or weeks, it will take probably a year, perhaps longer, to bring all our boys safely home because we will have an army of two to four million and their equipment to transport and the borrowed transports in which most of them went over will be needed to take back Canadian, Australian and other armies.

Doctors will tell you that the greatest dangers in the lives of athletes come when they break training and the strain of preparation for games is over. So with our boys when the war ends and they are waiting through monotonous days for their turn to come home, the danger of moral breakdown will be greatest and the necessity for the safeguards, the cheer and comfort provided by the Y. M. C. A., the K. of C., the Jewish Welfare Board, the American Library Association, the Y. W. C. A., the Salvation Army, and the War Camp Community Service, the reminders of home and that somebody cares will be correspondingly great.

Even if the war ends, are we going to desert our boys who have given everything for us while they endure tedious days of waiting and wondering if anybody cares? Most certainly not. We are going to send one hundred and seventy million dollars and more across through the United War Work fund to let them know that everybody over here cares for them all "over there."

IN SPITE OF INDICTMENTS BERGER RIDES TO CONGRESS

Chicago, Nov. 7.—Former Representative Victor L. Berger, indicted in Chicago and Milwaukee for alleged violation of the espionage acts, upset the hopes of Wisconsin republicans for a clean congressional sweep by riding to congress over Representative Stafford by a 7,000 plurality. Berger has been an avowed opponent of the war. He made a campaign issue of the indictments voted against him, alleging their purpose was political.

BERLIN GOVERNMENT WANTS SELF-DISCIPLINE

Amsterdam, Nov. 7.—In appealing to the German people for support, the Berlin government declares it must have the confidence of the people and the reichstag in carrying out reforms. The government's manifesto, which was issued today, says Germany is being changed to a democratic state, but if the transformation is to be a success there must be self-discipline among the people.

WHITE HOUSE SILENT ON ELECTION RESULTS

Washington, Nov. 7.—There was no statement from the White House today on the congressional elections.

President Wilson received belated returns during the day and early evening, but later went to a theater.

is required. A card index of all families of soldiers will be maintained, and every effort will be made to see that the morale at home, as well as in the field, is supported by the efforts of the Josephine county chapter. Other chapters all over the United States are obliged to conform to these rules and regulations.

RUMOR THAT HUNS QUIT STIRS UNITED STATES

In Spite of Report, Lansing Says German Delegation Will
Not be Received Until 5 o'Clock This Afternoon—Washington Celebrates For Two Hours—Wilson Surprised

Washington, Nov. 7.—Navy cable censors received unofficial message from abroad announcing Germans signed armistice terms. There is no authority for the rumor and officials say nothing but the official dispatch could be believed.

Neither the American government nor any allied missions have been advised.

It is assumed that the German envoys have been conducted through the French lines sometime today.

Washington, Nov. 7.—At 5 p. m. the government and allied embassies were without information indicating that the armistice had been signed.

Paris, Nov. 7.—At 6 p. m. the Temps says the German delegation must have arrived at the front by this time and must soon present itself at General Foch's headquarters.

Washington, Nov. 7, 12:50 p. m.—Secretary Lansing authorized the statement that the German armistice delegates would not be received by General Foch until 5 o'clock this afternoon. The secretary's announcement came after Washington had been celebrating for two hours on the strength of the unofficial report that armistice terms have been accepted. Despite the fact that officials did not accept the report as true, the demonstrations persisted. President Wilson left his lunch table to see from the veranda what was going on outside and waved his napkin to the crowd before the White House gates.

Secretary Lansing's reply was based on the message of inquiry rushed to Paris when the rumor originated.

Paris, Nov. 7.—A considerable crowd gathered around the war office, awaiting the news of the result of the German application under a

flag of truce for an armistice, although it is generally believed that several days will pass before a truce can be arranged.

Washington, Nov. 7, 11:41 a. m.—The state department officially announced that at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon, that the Germans have not signed the armistice.

Paris, Nov. 7.—It is officially announced that four German officers, bearing white flags, will probably arrive at the headquarters of General Foch tonight.

London, Nov. 7.—General Foch has notified the German high command that if the German armistice delegation wishes to meet him it shall advance to the French lines along the Chimaty, Fourmies, La Capelle and Guise roads. From the French outposts plenipotentiaries will be conducted to the place decided upon for the interview.

Washington, Nov. 7, 2:12 p. m.—At 3:30 o'clock this afternoon it was said officially that the United States government had not been advised of the signing of an armistice. This is approximately 8:30 p. m. in Paris.

Captain Pratt, chief of naval operations, denied that the navy had received any official information whatever of the signing of the armistice.

New York, Nov. 7.—The city went wild on the unconfirmed report that Germany had signed the terms. The Associated Press did not carry the report. Its correspondents continued to file dispatches definitely contradicting the rumor.

Portland, Nov. 7.—Here and in many Oregon towns celebrations were held upon receipt of the rumor that Germany had signed the armistice.

REPUBLICANS HAVE MAJORITY IN THE HOUSE—FIGHT UNSETTLED FOR SENATE

Washington, Nov. 7.—Republicans are assured of at least half of the senate and a decisive majority in the house. They may win two more senatorships, Michigan and Idaho.

The democrats on the face of these returns had 195 seats, and if the five missing districts were to be conceded to them they still would lack 18 votes of the number necessary to control the House.

Incomplete returns show Olson leading Coke by 1,559, Bennett is third. McNary is 16,000 ahead, and Withycombe almost as much.

Incomplete returns on all measures on the state-wide ballot, but representative of a large proportion of the vote, indicate that the following measures have failed:

The bill to establish normal schools in southern and eastern Oregon.

The bill to establish a home for delinquent, dependent and defective children in Multnomah county.

The bill prohibiting the use of seines and set-nets on the Rogue river.

The emergency state tax of \$940,000.

Portland, Nov. 7.—With 72,000 votes counted, outside of Multnomah county, Senator McNary leads Oswald West by 15,958. The complete count will probably give McNary a majority of between 20,000 and 25,000.

The vote as far as counted gives McNary 44,414, and West 28,456.

The majority of Governor Withycombe over his democratic opponent, Walter M. Pierce, will range from 15,000 to 20,000. The vote now stands: Withycombe, 38,637; Pierce, 23,218. This county shows the result of the incomplete count from 29 counties and the complete unofficial returns from Clackamas, Hood River and Marion counties.

The Oregon Journal's spite measure, doing away with the publication of the delinquent tax lists in the state, carried by a big majority, probably by 10,000. This will be a hard blow to country publishers.

Latest reports show that California and Florida have turned down the "bone dry" measures.

Louisiana defeated woman suffrage.

No woman candidates to congress were elected.

Albuquerque, N. M., Nov. 7.—Albert B. Fall, republican, has been elected United States senator.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 7.—Truman Newberry, republican, is leading Ford by about 5,000 votes for senator, and he is believed to be elected.

SNIPERS KILL RED CROSS WORKERS

When Cornered the Germans Come
Out of Machine Gun Nests and
Plead for Mercy

With the American Army in France, Nov. 7.—Compared to the German soldier of today who before the war was supposed to be civilized, the American Indian of frontier days is declared by an American medical officer to have been highly civilized.

The Indian never pretended to be anything but a savage," said the medical officer, "while the Germans have been pretending to be peace loving and human for the past century."

Deliberate killing by German troops of Red Cross workers engaged in their work of mercy on the battlefields has aroused the wrath of American army officers. It is asserted that all during the Marne battle, the German aviators swept low over field dressing stations, pouring machine gun bullets into the medical units as they tended the wounded and dropping bombs on hospitals, although the Red Cross insignia was in plain view. The Hun snipers picked off Red Cross stretcher bearers as quickly as combatant soldiers.

"They acted just like cornered rats," declared an American infantry officer, "except that most of them did not have the courage to fight to the death. When they were surrounded and had no chance, they would come out of their machine gun nests with tears in their eyes and cries of 'Kamerad.' The German soldier in a pleading attitude is the most loathsome and despicable imaginable."

WARREN URGES LOYALTY TO WAR WORK DRIVE

Fearing that the rumor that Germany has signed the armistice and that the war is over will greatly hamper the work of the United War Work campaign, those in charge of the drive are urging the people to rally to the campaign and give it their utmost support.

The campaign starts next Monday, and even in the event that the war is over, the money will be greatly needed to assist in caring for the soldiers during the next year, as in all probability the majority of them will remain abroad for a few months yet.

The following telegram was received at the Courier office this afternoon from the United War Work headquarters in Portland:

"Glorious news—the armistice has been signed by Germany. Impress immediately the fact that State Director Davidson and every official of the drive urge all possible publicity that the people must now give more liberally than ever as the heaviest warfare work is yet to be done, probably covering years. Use every means at your command to impress the people in regard to this at once."

CONVOY SYSTEM REDUCES RAVAGES OF THE U-BOATS

London, Nov. 7.—Since the convoy system was adopted, some 26,000,000 tons of food and 35,000,000 tons of munitions have been brought in convoy to this country and the food ships lost have been reduced from nearly 10 per cent to 1 per cent.

The grand total of merchant ships convoyed was 85,772 and the losses were only 433.

CZECHS REPUBLIC HAS ELECTED FIRST PRESIDENT

Geneva, Nov. 7.—A new republic came into being when the conference here of Czech-Slovak leaders ended yesterday. The constitution of the new government is modeled after that of the United States.

ENTIRE GERMAN NAVY IN HANDS OF REVOLTERS

RIOT BREAKS OUT IN HAMBURG
AND RESULTS IN VIOLENT
ARTILLERY FIRING

KAISER'S EMPIRE IS CRUMBLING

Max Appeals to Population, Saying
Negotiations Will Be Hampered
By Disturbances

London, Nov. 7.—The entire German navy and a great part of Schleswig is in the hands of the revolutionists, according to reports received in Copenhagen from Kiel.

Copenhagen, Nov. 7.—A revolt has broken out in Hamburg, according to a dispatch from Vamrup. Violent artillery firing is progressing in the streets of that city.

Amsterdam, Nov. 7.—Maximilian has appealed to the German people saying:

"In order to make an end to the bloodshed a deputation has left for the front and negotiations will be seriously endangered by disturbances and lack of discipline."

Berne, Nov. 7.—Complete chaos is reported in Austria and the demobilized troops are plundering.

London, Nov. 7, 2:12 p. m.—Altona, across the river from Hamburg, and the city of Flensburg, are reported to be within the power of revolutionary soldiers.

London, Nov. 7.—The Wolff Bureau of Berlin announces that all work has stopped at Hamburg owing to the strike and undisciplined acts and outrages which have taken place. There have been similar occurrences at Luebeck.

London, Nov. 7.—Kiel is governed by Marines soldiers and a workmen's council. All workshops have been occupied by Red troops. No disturbances.

Stockholm, Nov. 7.—Continuous demonstrations are taking place in Berlin, according to the Social Demokraten. Twenty thousand deserters from the army are marching through the streets of the capital.

COURTNEY, WOUNDED, IN FRENCH HOSPITAL

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Courtney on Tuesday received a letter from their son, Cuthbert W. Courtney, a member of the signal corps, headquarters Co., 364th Inf., A. P. O. 776, written while in a field hospital somewhere in France. It contained but a few lines to let the home folks know "that I am alive and could be worse."

A postscript by the chaplain stating that the boy was doing nicely but that it was hard to write while lying in bed with his bandages. The chaplain says: "There are few men as brave as he. You may all feel proud of him and of his record. We are sending him back to a base hospital for a deserved rest and to get him back into good health. Write to him as often as you can. Tell him the home news and fill your letters with cheer. May God bless you and all the people who have sent their men to help bring justice and righteousness to the world."

SPANISH CABINET RESIGNS

Madrid, Nov. 7.—Premier Maura has submitted the resignation of the entire cabinet to King Alfonso.