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BRITISH ENTER OLD DEFENSE LINE

Haig's Troops Take 19,000 Prisoners During First Week of September.

London.—Advanced British troops have entered their old defense system on the southern battle line held prior to the German offensive last March, according to the war office announcement.

The British have gained ground along the Verdun-Epehy line. More than 19,000 prisoners were taken by the British in France in the first week of September.

The British in an advance over a four-mile front between the Havrincourt wood and Peziere have captured all the German positions on the high ground between these two points and won their old trench positions overlooking Gouzeaucourt.

The advance on the St. Quentin front progressed in spite of the prevalence of heavy rain, over ground deep in mud. A fresh German division has arrived in this sector and the enemy resistance as the rearward movement goes on seems likely to be stiffened somewhat before the Hindenburg line is finally reached.

Heavy artillery duels were reported at many places along the line. The thrust launched by the British just to the north of the Arras-Cambrai road seems to have made some progress, according to reports.

In Flanders the British have gained another 1500 yards to the west of Wytshaele and from reliable sources it is learned that the Germans have removed virtually all their artillery to the east of the river Lys to cover the lines they held prior to their April offensive.

GERMANS KEPT ON RUN BY ALLIES

Paris.—Allied troops are keeping the Germans on the run and have pushed them back to the positions they occupied March 21, when the first big enemy offensive of the year was launched. The Germans still enjoy a little leeway in the Verdun region and before St. Quentin, but elsewhere they are extremely close to, if not actually in, their old lines.

With the allies immediately before or approaching the Hindenburg line, the enemy is beginning to react more violently with his artillery. Nevertheless the French are pushing ahead in the region where the line has not yet been attained.

The Germans evidently intend to defend St. Quentin energetically and are fighting in the approaches to the town besides regrouping their forces and concentrating numerous divisions in its plain.

The Germans are likewise hurriedly strengthening their defense around Laon. The entire region north of the Ailette from the vicinity of the Laon-Soissons railway is a mass of guns, which the enemy has emplaced, the reports declare, while north of Craonne numerous batteries of 150 and 170 millimeter pieces are concentrated.

YANKES RAID IN ALSACE

Successfully Pierce German Lines After Heavy Artillery Fire.

With the American Army in France.—The American troops in Alsace penetrated deeply into the German trenches and inflicted severe casualties. The raid was made after heavy artillery preparation of 20 minutes.

The Germans attempted a raid in force in the Woivre region, sending over a contingent of 100 men at Flirey and Limey, but they were driven off after one had been killed and several wounded.

One American, who had been dragged off a prisoner, later freed himself from the enemy and returned to the American line. At another point a patrol had a lively skirmish with the enemy.

Rumors Put Under Ban in Berlin.

Basle, Switzerland.—An evidence of the growing despair in Germany is depicted in a general warning just issued by the military governors at Berlin, threatening severe punishment for anyone circulating rumors of German defeats in the present battles on the western front.

This warning, considered with the general tone of official utterances, seems to indicate that the internal conditions in Germany are more unsettled than at any time since the war started.

Dry Zones Voted By Congress.

Washington.—Without a dissenting vote the house passed the senate resolution empowering the president to establish prohibition zones around munition factories, mines, shipyards and other war production plants.

GIGANTIC ARMY OF AMERICANS FORMED

General Pershing Now Has 90 Per Cent of U. S. Troops Under His Direct Command.

Washington.—Concentration of American troops in the American sector in France is proceeding rapidly, and General Pershing now has under his direct command more than 90 per cent of the troops who have reached the other side, according to a statement by General March, chief of staff.

General March made no comment as to the purpose of this concentration and said nothing that might indicate the probability of an all-American drive.

He did say the custom of brigading new divisions with the French or British forces to hasten their preparation for front line duty had not been abandoned.

"But as our men go over there now pretty well instructed," he added, "the time they stay in the training camps there is very much less."

In his review of the battle situation General March pointed out that the Germans are retreating along a 100 mile front from the Arras-Cambrai sector to Rheims, with French, British and Americans in close pursuit.

"The pressure which forced this retreat," General March said, "came at two points, the British front between Arras and Peronne, and the Franco-American sector on the plateau of Soissons."

35 KILLED WHEN TRANSPORT IS HIT

Washington.—Thirty-five members of the crew of the American army transport Mount Vernon, formerly the North German Lloyd liner Kronprinzessin Cecilie, were killed by the explosion of a torpedo which struck the vessel when she was 200 miles from the French coast, homeward bound. The passengers included Senator Lewis, of Illinois, who was among those safely landed after the transport returned to a French port under her own steam.

Vice Admiral Sims reported the torpedo struck on the starboard side, flooding a fire room. Navy officials assume, since the vessel was able to reach port under her own power, she was not badly damaged. The men killed were firemen, engineers and water tenders. The names of the western men include:

- F. Hancock, Renton, Wash.; H. C. Flew, Malaga, Chelan county, Wash.; I. E. Tracy, Canyon City, Oregon.

Senator Lewis was returning home on the transport after a visit to Great Britain and France and the western front.

20,000 SLIGHTLY WOUNDED

List to Be Brought From France By Courier Hereafter.

Washington.—Under a new policy of reporting casualties in the American expeditionary forces adopted by the war department, the names of the men wounded will be sent to the United States by courier twice a week and only the names of the dead and missing will be cabled by General Pershing when the system is fully in effect.

In making this announcement, General March, chief of staff, said General Pershing had not heretofore sent in the names of men slightly wounded because generally the men are returned to duty before the names reach the United States. In reply to an inquiry from the department, General March said, that there were 20,000 such casualties up to August 20.

All Brewing Must End December 1.

Washington.—Manufacture of beer in the United States will be prohibited after December 1 next as a war measure, according to an announcement made by the food administration, which said the decision had been reached at conferences between President Wilson and representatives of the fuel, food and railroad administrations and the war industries board.

Younger Men to Be Called First.

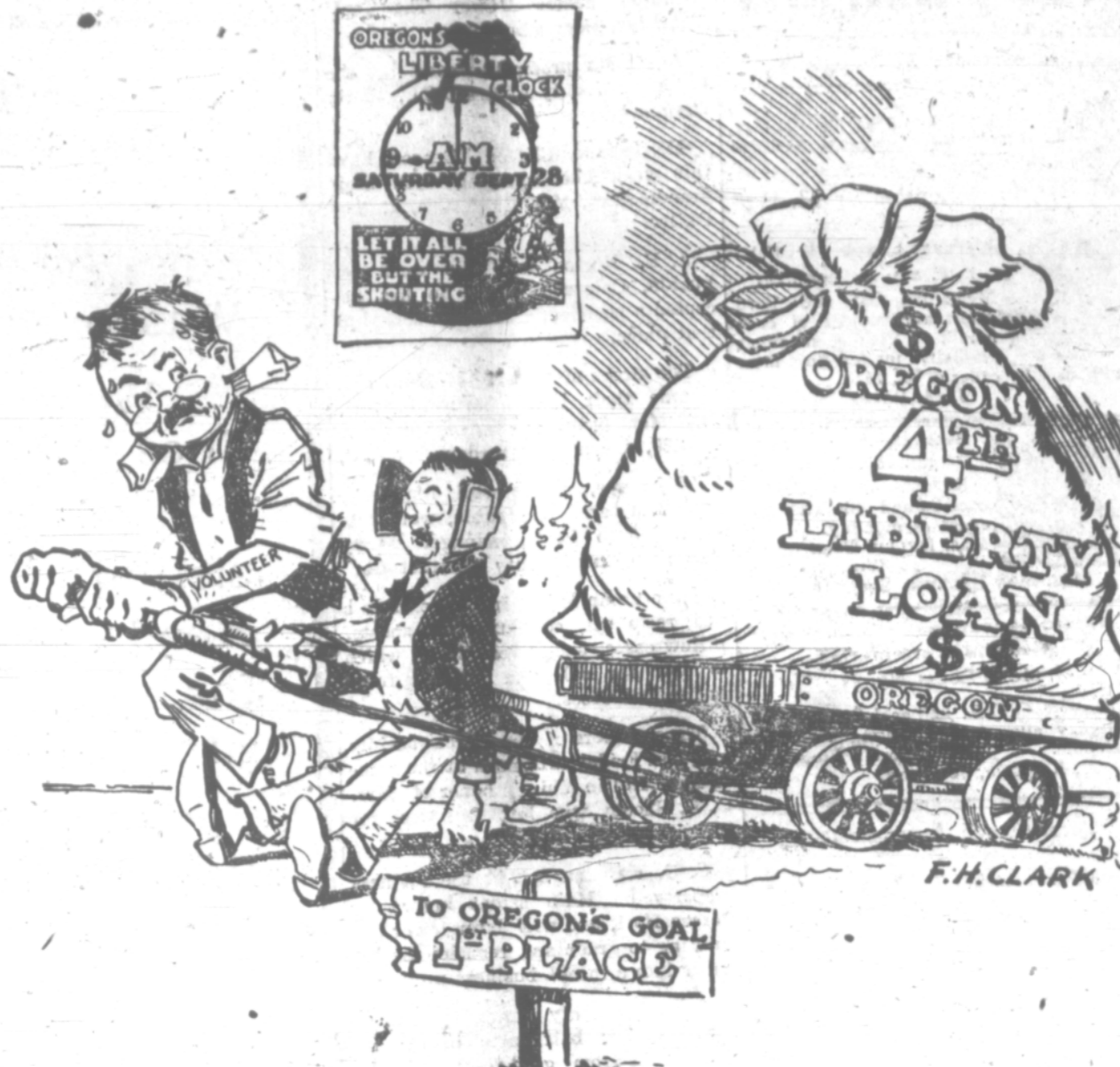
Washington.—Youths of 19 and 20 years and men between the ages of 32 and 36, inclusive, who registered on Thursday will be the first called to the colors, Provost Marshal-General Crowder announced, and until the supply of available fighting material in their ranks has been exhausted older men will not be inducted into service. Questionnaires will go to these registrants first and boards have been ordered to proceed so that some may be called in October.

Republicans Carry Election in Maine.

Portland, Me.—The republicans won a general victory in the biennial state election.

German Regiment Mutinies.

Amsterdam.—A German regiment, the 25th, mutinied at Cologne August 31, according to the Telegraaf. An eye-witness of the incident said that the soldiers on being ordered for the western front refused to board a train. Another regiment was then ordered to force the refractory troops to enter the cars but they refused to fire on their comrades.



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