

## GREAT GERMAN DRIVE HAS BEEN HALTED

### ALTHOUGH HUN FORCES HAVE CAPTURED MUCH TERRITORY THEY ARE AT SAND- STILL AND ARE EXHAUSTED

### TIDE SEEMS ABOUT TO TURN IN FAVOR OF ALLIED ARMIES—KAISER AND LUDENDORF IMPRESSED

### Allied Reserves Have Not Taken Part, But Immense Force Has Gathered for the Expected Great Counter Blow

By Ed L. Keene, U. P. Staff Correspondent

LONDON, March 27.—The German drive's seventh day finds no reason for pessimism. There is increasing reason for confidence. Although the Germans have regained most of the territory lost in 1916, they are four days behind the drive's schedule. Notwithstanding the greatest concentration on a small frontage, their objective wedge between the French and British armies cannot be accomplished.

The allied reserve army is not participating. The British retirement is orderly. There is no flight nor panic. The attackers' losses are quadruple the defenders' losses, Gen. Haig says. "There is local fighting north and northeast of Albert. The situation is unchanged. "We were forced back shortly near Bray. A heavy attack south of the Somme against our new line was repulsed."

LONDON, March 27.—Gen. Haig Saturday, in a general order to his troops in France and Flanders, said: "We are again at a war crisis. The enemy has collected on his front every available division, aiming to destroy the British. We have already inflicted the heaviest losses. The French are rushing supporting troops. I feel the army will do its utmost."

PARIS, March 27.—The war office says: "Enfeebled by losses, the enemy was checked everywhere last night."

PARIS, March 27.—Premier Clemenceau, returning from the front, declared: "Within 48 hours the allies will be master of the situation."

Clemenceau admitted the situation is serious. Amiens is well defended and it is improbable that the Germans will break through.

BERLIN, March 27.—The Lokal Anzeiger admits that the British have saved their entire complement of heavy artillery.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—(U. P.)—Senator Jones of Washington state scored President Wilson for his "isolation," demanding the "cold, hard war truths."

### NEW CLASSIFIED

WANTED—Middle aged woman to do housework for family of two, in country. Address A. Henshaw, Albany, R. R. 4. 27m29\*

FOR RENT—A 5-room flat in the Shea apartments. Bell phone 501-J. 27m29\*

FOR EXCHANGE—We list property everywhere and charge no commission for putting buyers and sellers together. Will be at Hotel Albany on Friday and Saturday of this week. Call and investigate our method. Oregon Realty Exchange 27m29\*

FOR SALE—Duroc Jersey boar, 1 year old next month, can be registered. Will take fat hog price for him. Bert Case, Home phone 7403. 27m28\*d,w

FOR SALE—A 3 weeks old Jersey heifer calf. Home phone X524. J. A. Humphreys. 27m29\*

FOR SALE—Two young, gentle work horses. Satisfaction guaranteed. Frank Newland, Shedd, Ore. Phone 1F515. 27m29\*

SIX-ROOM, modern house for rent. Completely furnished, all up-to-date appliances. On paved street close in. 421 E. 5th; Bell 510-J. 27m29\*

HAVE YOU a back-let? Uncle Sam expects you to produce your own eggs thereon. O.A.C.W. Leshorn, best eggmakers known; hatching eggs \$1 per 15. Home 4325. Bell 519-J. Edw. C. Viereck. 27m29\*

Wanted, CLEAN cotton rags at the Democrat office.

### COUNTY TO SUPPLY GUARDS' UNIFORMS

Lebanon and Albany Home Guard Companies to Be Fully Equipped

The county court this morning decided in favor of buying uniforms for the members of the Albany and Lebanon Home Guard companies. These are the only two companies in the county which are recruited to full strength. The court will furnish a natty, olive drab military uniform, similar to the regular army clothes, costing from \$7 to \$10 a suit. The outfit will consist of suit, hat and leggings. The members will furnish their own shoes and other parts of the equipment. Something like 200 uniforms will be ordered at present.

The court thought it advisable to make this provision for the companies at this time to stimulate patriotism as well as for the use of the guards. The members of the guard are practically volunteer militiamen, except that they are not under government or state control. But they are for the protection of life and property in their respective counties. Invading hordes of lawless bands will find a tough proposition in Linn county. With the Home Guard companies well-drilled and equipped, L. W. W.'s and others will strike a snag here. Halsey also has a small platoon and may be in line for equipment when their strength grows numerically sufficient to warrant their being recognized as a company.

### RED CROSS BENEFIT NETS CHAPTER \$30

As a result of the presentation of "Draft 258" the Metro patriotic play starring Mabel Talaferro at the Rolfe theatre Monday and Tuesday, the Red Cross profited to the extent of \$30.55. The officers of the Red Cross keenly appreciated the efforts and liberality of Manager Everett Cummings in giving them part of the profits on this play. Extra music was provided, the lobby decorated in keeping with the play and other things done to make the affair a success. Several ladies of the Red Cross acted as usherettes and were dressed in Red Cross nurses' uniforms. The ticket seller at the box office was also clad in the nurses' uniform.

The play was all that was said of it in advance notices and was one of the best patriotic lessons presented on the screen this year.

### CITY NEWS

Weather Report—Yesterday's temperature ranges from 39 to 53 degrees. The rainfall was .08 inch and the river is 8.2 feet.

Former Albany Boy Here—Oswell S. Looney of Portland arrived in Albany 11 morning to visit his brother, Virgil Looney, and other Albany friends. He will leave on Monday for Fort Myers, Virginia, to join the 37th engineers. They expect to leave in 20 days for France.

Cooked Food Sale—The Edgewood Auxiliary of the Red Cross, at Pirtle Station, will hold a cooked food sale at the Red Cross store Thursday. Cakes, pies, bread and other good things to eat will be offered for sale.

North Albany Entertainment—The North Albany school will give an entertainment Friday evening for the benefit of the graduating class. Rev. D. Loyd Morgan and Miss Margaret Gibson will give the principal part of the program. An admission will be charged.

S. P. Man Here—F. G. Lewis, traveling passenger agent of the S. P. Co., was escorted about the city today by Local Agent A. J. Van Waning.

More Fords Received—W. W. Crawford yesterday received six touring and roadster Ford automobiles by boat from Salem. More are expected soon.

Visited Crawford—Guy Butler, a student at O. A. C., visited over Sunday at the home of his mother, Mrs. W. W. Crawford.

To See Edmund Tracey—Mrs. Ben Riders went to Portland this morning to see her brother, Edmund Tracey, who will go through Portland this evening en route to the officers' training camp at Fort Monroe, Virginia.

On Business Trip—O. D. Conn went to Portland this morning on business. He will be gone a couple of days.

Returns Home—Mrs. W. Groshong returned to her home at Dever this morning after a week's stay at the Healthatorium, receiving treatments.

Leaves for West Side—L. L. Monson left this morning on a trip to Newberg and other West Side towns.

Hilliards Go to Hoquiam—Ed Hilliard and Lucy Hilliard left yesterday for Hoquiam, Wash.

Hold Interesting Meeting—At the regular meeting of the Eastern Star last night the Chapter Degree was conferred on Mrs. Wayne Stuart. After the meeting a social time and feed was enjoyed by the large crowd present.

Clarence Wiles Enlists—Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Wiles will go to Portland tomorrow to see their son Clarence, who today enlisted in the service of the government. Clarence is at Vancouver at present.

### "SITUATION LESS CRITICAL"—MAURICE

### British General Says Enemy Is Definitely Checked on Wide Front

### OTHER CRISES STILL POSSIBLE, HOWEVER

### Fresh Attacks Are Expected South of Somme; Reserves Approach Roye, Noyon

LONDON, March 27.—(U. P.)—General Maurice, director of operations, in a summary, says the situation is less critical this afternoon than at any time during the past three days.

The enemy is definitely checked. His troops are exhausted, but they will recover and fresh attacks are expected south of the Somme.

The German and French reserves are both approaching Roye and Noyon.

"The battle is far from over. Other crises are possible. Time is on our side. The enemy is further from his communications and his railways are congested. Our reserves, especially the French, are coming nearer the battlefield. The enemy is in Albert."

"There have been two critical moments: Saturday when the enemy crossed the Tortille, seriously endangering our forces north of the Somme, and Monday when they broke through, taking Martinpuich. Both gaps have been filled."

### War's End Distant

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The war's end now appears "far distant," said Secretary Lane.

The German drive is the cause.

### ONE DELIVERY A DAY WILL BE DISCUSSED

A. M. Stanton of Portland, state director of deliveries, will meet with Albany businessmen at 7:30 o'clock this evening in the Commercial club. The local merchants are endeavoring to organize a one-delivery-a-day system and it is expected that the plans will be completed this evening.

All over the country this is being done. In some places all deliveries are abandoned. The plans here are for all stores to take off their wagons and cars and to turn the business over to Asa Eastburn's delivery company, which will put on autos and cover all sections of the city once a day.

### TWO ALBANY NURSES TO LEAVE FOR FRANCE SOON

Miss Bertha Leake and Miss Evelyn Marshall, two popular nurses, will leave on April first for some cantonment in this country where they will join a detachment of Red Cross nurses leaving soon for France. They volunteered some time ago and have just received word to hold themselves in readiness to leave upon receipt of notice.

Miss Leake has been head surgical nurse at the hospital for the past nine years. She has had previous experience at a hospital in Muskegon, Michigan. Miss Marshall is a graduate from the Good Samaritan Hospital at Portland and has had three years' experience.

### EGG SHOWER NETS R. C. AUXILIARY \$35.00

The egg shower is an innovation introduced by the Millersburg Auxiliary to the Red Cross. Last Saturday the members of the auxiliary in the neighborhood of Millersburg showered 100 dozen eggs upon that branch of the Red Cross. A market was sought, but 31 cents was the highest price offered. Finally Mrs. Albyn Esson got in touch with a Jefferson merchant who, when he learned that the proceeds were for the benefit of the Red Cross, offered 35 cents. He was given the lot and the chapter cleared \$35.00 from the sale.

Local headquarters suggest the same stunt for other auxiliaries.

### NEW PREMIUM LIST FOR SCIO FAIR OUT

Biggest and Best County Fair Ever Given in Linn Is Promised

The premium list of the 12th annual Linn county fair, which will be held at Scio Sept. 17, 18 and 19th, has just been issued. The list is the largest yet issued, containing about 70 pages and offering all kinds of prizes and premiums for the best livestock, poultry, farm products, ladies' textile, floral, art and cereal and school exhibits.

The Linn county fair this year will have a greater meaning than ever before. It should serve as an incentive to produce the best of products, not only for exhibition purposes, but for purposes of consumption. The government is doing all in its power to cause the greatest amount of production, and where two grains of wheat can be made to grow where one grew before, the farmer is serving his country in the best possible way. The fair promises to be the biggest and best this year that has ever been held in the county, and deserves the cooperation and support of the people of Albany, as well as the rest of the county.

The new officers of the fair are L. A. Munkers, president; J. L. Calavan, vice-president; Mrs. Jennie Shelton, secretary; Ed Myers, treasurer. The board of directors includes L. A. Munkers, J. L. Calavan, Fred Jones, Joe Boyanosky, S. F. Zyssett and D. W. Rumbaugh.

Among the committees are the following: campground, Calavan, Jones and Zyssett; finance, Boyanosky, Calavan and Rumbaugh; amusements and attractions, Jones, Calavan and Zyssett; buildings, improvements and grounds, Zyssett, Jones, Calavan, Boyanosky and Rumbaugh; amusement program committee, Fred Jones, chairman; Wayne Stuart, P. H. Macdonald, E. H. Hobson and Joe Boyanosky.

Following are the superintendents of the various departments: horse and cattle, Fred Mespell; sheep, goats and swine, S. E. Zyssett; poultry, E. C. Shelton; agriculture, horticulture and dairy, D. W. Rumbaugh; ladies' textile, Ollie MacDonald; art, floral and cereal, Audrey Hobson; school fair, Mrs. R. L. DeVaney.

### ARMENIAN RELIEF COMMITTEE TO GIVE BENEFIT

The Armenian relief committee will give a benefit concert at one of the local churches Friday night to raise funds for the suffering people of the Far East. The principal attractions will be Millicent and Jerrine Burrows, juvenile entertainers from Portland. Local talent will also take part.

The committee in charge of the drive for funds reports that returns from all parts of the county are encouraging. H. C. Jackson, chairman of school district No. 85, reports that 14 families in his district gave \$46.50. Their quota was \$20.

Other places in the county have filled their allotments.

Display of Wheat Substitutes—H. J. Fitchau, proprietor of the Albany Bakery, has a good display in his windows of all kinds of wheat substitutes. Among them are: coarse Graham flour, corn meal, fine Graham flour, milo meal flour, calf barley, rolled oats, golden glow corn flour, purified bran, rye flour, Roman meal, Washington barley, grett, rice flour, potato flour and potatoes.

To Speak at Thomas—J. M. Hawkins and Prof. Lee will go to Thomas this evening to attend a meeting at the Thomas school. Mr. Hawkins will speak on the next big Liberty Loan drive and Prof. Lee will speak on the Armenian drive.

Crowfoot Young Lady Visits—Miss Verda McTimmonds, a popular young lady of Crowfoot community, near Lebanon, is visiting Albany friends this week.

### GEORGE WALSH IN SNAPPY PLAY TONIGHT

George Walsh's new William Fox picture, "The Pride of New York," opened a two-days' run at the Rolfe theatre today.

George, as the son of a laborer, does some mighty clever acting, both in his everyday work and in the ranks of the new army which he has joined to fight against Germany. He shows his capabilities and his worth and the contrast of this red-blooded American and the son of a rich man is very striking and has an interest for both rich and poor.

The judge of the worth of George and the rich man's son is a pretty girl who was originally the friend of the rich man who is doing something worth while and leaves the spendthrift son alone. However, this helps rather than hurts the rich man's son because he learns a lesson and become industrious himself.

The action of the picture is of the usual swiftness of George Walsh's pictures, and the stunts out-Walsh Walsh. The battle scenes are among the best ever staged by R. A. Walsh, who directed the picture.

Returned From Trip—Winn Royce and mother, who have been in California and at Newport for the past two months, returned home today. Mr. Royce will resume his work at the Western Union Telegraph office.

### NEW TIME WILL TAKE EFFECT EASTER

All Watches Will Be Set One Hour Ahead; New Arrangement Is Ideal

F. M. French, local weather observer and watch inspector for the S. P. Co., this afternoon stated that the new time standard set by the government will go into effect here Sunday morning. He is in favor of setting the clock in the courthouse Saturday noon so that farmers in the city that day may have the correct time before they go home.

The official time for starting the new schedule is 2 a. m. Sunday. At that time the railroad terminals all over the country will set their clocks ahead one hour and all trains arriving will come in one hour late. All trains starting out will be on time after that hour.

Few people know that for the past 25 years the watches in Albany have been 1 1/4 minutes fast. The 120th meridian runs through Central Oregon. Albany is just 1 1/4 minutes ahead of this.

Mr. French says that in adopting the new system, everybody should forget that their watch is set an hour fast. The new arrangement is ideal, the morning being the best time for work, and the longer evenings more favorable for recreation. The principal difference will be the longer evenings that will be noticed. Evenings will be four hours long, which may be used in gardening or joyriding as the individual sees fit. It is more practical all around, says Mr. French.

### WORTH'S STORE LOSES GOODS WHEN PIPE BURSTS

Between \$1,000 and \$1,500 worth of suits, underwear, shoes and other goods were destroyed during the night in Worth's Department Store when the packing around a pipe under the sink in the ladies' rest room on the mezzanine floor burst out about 10:30 last night.

The accident is thought to have been caused by the extra pressure of water turned into the mains when the fire alarm sounded last night. The packing was not able to stand the strain and the water shot out around the joint in a stream. The greater part of the spring stock of suits were under the east end of the mezzanine floor and only two suits in the house escaped a soaking. Shoes and other garments were also ruined.

Since no one can be held for the loss, Mr. Worth stands to lose considerable money. Besides the actual cash loss on the goods, he will have to pay higher prices at the present time to replace the damaged garments.

The fire which caused the trouble was in the manual training shop in the junior high school. The fire department arrived in time to put out the blaze with the chemical extinguisher before any great damage was done.

### GENERAL HAIG CABLES THANKS TO PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, March 27.—(U. P.)—Gen. Haig cabled President Wilson that the allies are determined to fight, not counting the cost, until the freedom of mankind is guaranteed.

He says: "Your message has greatly touched us all. Please accept our heartfelt thanks. One and all we believe in the cause of justice."

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT ST. MARY'S TONIGHT

Special services in observance of Holy Week will begin at St. Mary's church at 7:30 tonight and will continue until Easter Sunday.

Today is known as Spy Wednesday because of the secret plotting against the life of Christ which marked this day. The service tonight will consist of the matins of the Roman breviary and the singing of the lamentations of the prophet Jeremiah by the clergy. The fall of Jerusalem into infidel hands is the subject of the lamentations.

As the service progresses, the lights on the altar will be gradually extinguished and the darkness which follows, symbolizes the shroud of mourning which covered the earth at Christ's death.

The text of the sermon will be "Jerusalem Hath Remembered the Days of Her Affliction."

The solemn services of Holy Thursday will begin at 9 o'clock in the morning and will commemorate the blessing of the Eucharist at the last supper. Following communion the Eucharist will be carried in procession to an altar richly decorated, called the Repository. The other altars will then be entirely stripped to represent the betrayal of Christ into the hands of his enemies, and the organ and bells will thereafter be silent for three days to express the deep sorrow of the church at this time.

The evening service will begin at 7:30. A series of scriptural readings will be given bearing on the closing events of Christ's life. The public is welcome to attend these services.

### RUSSIA TOO MAY BATTLE GERMANY

### Bolsheviki Issue Call to Arms and Officials Respond En Masse

### ODESSA CAPTURED BY BOLSHEVIKI

### Trotsky Organizing Army to Combat Kaiser When Offensive Fails

By U. P. Staff Correspondent Joseph Shaplen.

PETROGRAD, March 27.—The Bolsheviki declare that the German offensive is Russia's opportunity to reorganize and declare war against Germany when the offensive fails. Trotsky proclaims universal military training. The highest grades have been ordered to report immediately. Old officers are reporting en masse.

MOSCOW, March 27.—Ukrainia Bolsheviki have recaptured Odessa from the Germans after a bloody battle, the Black Sea fleet cooperating.

### DE MOSS FAMILY WILL GIVE CONCERT

The famous DeMoss musical family will render the sacred Easter music at the Baptist church Sunday night. They are composers of religious songs and will render their own selections as well as the overtures of the masters.

For 45 years this Oregon family has been before the public in revivals and religious entertainments. They hold an international reputation, having toured Europe several times, appearing before the courts and large popular audiences.

Their program will consist of sacred songs, anthems, trios and orchestral overtures; and the pastor will preach on the "Glory of Easter." There will be no charge, the usual offering only being taken. Many people will avail themselves of hearing this famous family.

### ALBANY MEN SPEAK TO CROWD AT DIXIE SCHOOL

A large crowd attended the patriotic meeting held last night at the Dixie schoolhouse, two miles this side of Corvallis.

Following an interesting program given by the people of that district, talks were made by a number of Albany men on the next big Liberty Loan drive. Heike Ohling has been appointed chairman for this district to be in charge of the next drive. The following Albany men were present and gave talks: C. E. Sox, P. D. Gilbert, J. R. Hulbert and R. E. Bristow. Fred Yates of Corvallis was also present and gave an interesting talk.

### DR. WALLACE RECOVERS STOLEN CAR IN TAGOMA

Dr. J. P. Wallace has received word from his son, Dr. B. R. Wallace, whose car was stolen in Tagoma from in front of the Tagoma Hotel Friday night, that the machine was found Monday morning in a ditch in South Tacoma. The fine, big Marmor was deep in a mudhole and was not damaged, with the exception of one of the fenders being bent a little. The thieves evidently took a good joyride, got stuck and abandoned the car.

Dr. Wallace was very much pleased upon recovering his auto.

### MARGUERITE CLARK STARS IN "BAB'S BURGLAR"

Winsome Marguerite Clark is now appearing in one of the most talked-of stories of the year—"Bab's Burglar" which originally appeared in the Saturday Evening Post and which was written by Mary Robert Rinehart.

Younger sister of an attractive girl of 24, and even more romantic than the average boarding-school girl, Bab's efforts to marry off her older sister are screamingly funny and her experiences with her thousand-dollar allowance—which she spends in two weeks—still funnier.

Director J. Searle Dawley, who has directed many of Miss Clark's biggest productions, was responsible for "Bab's Burglar," which will be shown at the Globe Theatre today and Thursday.