

HUNS NOW BACK ON 1914 SOIL

British Front Pierced at New Point Opposite Arras; Montdidier Evacuated

HEAVY FIGHTING IN PROGRESS ON SOMME

Americans Take Over Wider Sector, Releasing French to Support British

LONDON, March 28.—(U. P.)—The war office this evening announced the present battle line following: From Hamel to Lamottent, Nanteuil to Colvure to Warville to Arville to Davescourt and Grailbus to Measil-St. Georges to Hainavillers.

LONDON, March 28.—(U. P.)—The British front was pierced at a new point, it was announced this evening. Opposite Arras the British forward zone was penetrated at the extreme right flank of the German advance.

"The enemy crossed the Somme near Chipilly. We retreated towards Hemel. Seven divisions attacked us opposite Arras. Fighting is severe and there are heavy enemy losses.

"North of the Somme conditions are unchanged. Counter-attacking French troops drove the enemy back three kilometers on a wide front near Hainvillers."

By Phil Simms, Staff Correspondent for the United Press

WITH THE BRITISH, March 28.—Heavy bombardment occurred this morning between Acheville and the Somme river. There was no infantry action there. West of Beaumont-Hamel the enemy is attacking in great strength.

The Germans last night launched successive attacks against Rosignol Wood, but were hurled back, the British taking prisoners near Sully-Laurette.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The allies have mobile reserves of 800,000 men ready to strike the faltering Germans. The time for the stroke is near, state high American army officers. It possibly includes 100,000 Americans.

PARIS, March 28.—The abandonment of Montdidier was admitted by the French official statement, after the bitterest fighting.

Dunkirk has been under long-range enemy bombardment for several days. There are a few victims and small damage.

VIENNA, March 28.—"Our attacks again won ground on the west front."

NEW CLASSIFIED

FOR RENT—Garage for one machine, 317 West Ninth. m29a1\*
FOR RENT—6-room house; bath, electric lights, basement, good garden spot, close in but not well located; \$50 per year; rented last year for \$120. Bell phone 684-J. 28m30
FOR SALE—A fine Wellington Oak piano in very good condition, at a remarkably low price. See J. A. Howard, 325 First street. 28m30
FOR SALE—489 acres Montana land all in cultivation but 40 acres timber. Two set buildings, 3-4 mile to town and R. R. Will take property in this vicinity as part payment, balance easy terms. Also Relinquishment, 320 acres 6 miles from town and R. R., 250 acres plow land, 40 acres in winter wheat, looking fine. Good reason for wanting to sell. J. J. Collins Land Co., Hotel Albany Bldg. 28m30
HAVE YOU a back-lot? Uncle Sam expects you to produce your own eggs thereon. O.A.C.W. Leghorns, best eggmakers known; hatching eggs \$8 per 15. Home 4546, Bell 519-J. Edw. C. Viereck. 27m29\*
Wanted, CLEAN cotton rags at the Democrat office.

ARMENIAN DRIVE SHOWS RESULTS

Many Districts Filling Quotas and Great Interest is Being Shown

The Armenian drive is proceeding satisfactorily in all parts of the county, according to reports made to the executive committee here today. No definite figures have been received from the leading communities, but everywhere the report is that people are contributing willingly for the relief of these starving people. Many people are contributing \$5 per month for one year for this purpose, which means that they are saving the life of one child for one year.

When J. M. Hawkins and Dr. W. H. Lee spoke last night in School District No. 10 near Thomas, they raised \$25. Meetings are being held in the interest of this drive every day now under the direction of Dr. W. P. White, chairman of the speakers' bureau of the drive.

Dr. G. H. Bennett spoke last night at the Greenback schoolhouse near Shedd. A meeting is being held this afternoon at Spicer, with Rev. Frank James, of Lebanon, as the speaker. A meeting will be held at Lacombe tomorrow, and the speaker will be Rev. Bean, the new pastor of the Christian church at Lebanon.

Members of the Mennonite church, residing near Albany, are showing great interest in the drive. M. E. Roth, captain of school district No. 86, in which nearly all of the people are members of this church, today turned in \$44.50. The quota for this district was \$25.

J. W. Chambers, captain of District No. 12 at Knott Butte, turned in \$35.75 today and C. Thissen, captain of District 119 near Jefferson, turned in \$18.

People generally are contributing largely to this campaign which, more than any other, appeals to the heart. Only a few have turned the solicitors away.

"If the people who are asked to contribute to the relief of these starving Armenians were in the position of the missionaries in that country who are trying to relieve the sufferings of these people, there would be no question about the success of this drive," said a member of the committee in charge of this campaign. "These missionaries are virtually assigned the task of sifting the death sentence of many children. For example, in one case there were 430 children with funds sufficient for only 70. The missionaries were forced to select the most deserving for only 70. The rest were more destitute 360."

There will be a benefit concert at the Methodist church Friday evening at 8 o'clock. A fine program will be given and an admission of 15 and 25 cents charged.

MAY 1 TO 15 SET AS WHEAT DATES

WASHINGTON, March 28.—(U. P.)—Following charges that German farmers here are holding wheat, the food administration sets May 1 and 15 as dates when the residue wheat should be marketed.

Northern states may sell by the 15th.

No general order requisitioning wheat has been made. It is merely an appeal. Loyal farmers are investigating disloyalists' stores. The German drive has accentuated the need for continuous shipments.

Difficulty is found in getting vast potato supplies to consuming centers. Twenty million bushels of potatoes lie idle.

PARTISANSHIP FIGHT MAY SPREAD TO HOUSE

WASHINGTON, March 28.—(U. P.)—The bitter partisan fight in the senate over the war's conduct has threatened to spread to the house. Republicans are making serious charges and are answered by the Democrats and war chiefs.

HAWK PLEADS NOT GUILTY OF KILLING DEER

Henry Hawk, who was arrested last week by Deputy State Game Warden E. S. Hawker, had his preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace L. L. Swan yesterday afternoon and pleaded not guilty.

His case was set for hearing April 5 at 10 o'clock.

In Venetia on the Italian front lively local artillerying occurred," said the war office announcement.

AMSTERDAM, March 28.—Hindenburg and Hertling decided to call all criminals of military age into military service.

BERLIN, March 28.—Official statement: Northwest of Bapaume we have driven the enemy towards Decquoy. South of the Somme at many points we have driven the English and French into many regions untouched since 1914.

PRESENT BATTLE MAY BE LOST

Conclusion of World's Greatest Struggle May Decide Fate of the War

BRITISH PRESSING FIGHT TO KNOCKOUT

London Warns Against Over Confidence; Result Depends on Reserves

War Summary

The British don't believe the present comparative lull means that the battle will die out. They believe it will get to a great decisive engagement concluding both the battle and probably the end of the war.

This is the most significant feature of today's news.

It shows the British are not content merely to stop the offensive. They desire to make this the final round of the war, pressing to a knockout which Lloyd-Greco declared must terminate the struggle.

The capture of Montdidier was admitted by the French as a surprise. The Germans were otherwise holed at practically all points.

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

LONDON, March 28.—We must guard against undue optimism regarding the checking of the Germans. The first crisis of the past battle is far from ended. Much depends upon whether the Germans are able to replace their wasted divisions before the allied reserve is prepared for the gigantic counter-attack.

Gen. Haig announced that the new attack is developing. "Repeated enemy attacks in the Somme Valley, also near Beaumont, Hamel, Peulicq and Moyenville were repulsed. We captured prisoners and machineguns. There is fierce fighting now on both banks of the Somme. There was heavy bombardment east of Arras this morning where an attack is developing."

LIBERTY LOAN DINNER NOT MONEY-MAKING AFFAIR

The impression has been given that the Liberty Loan dinner which is to be served Liberty Day, April 6, is to raise money with which to buy Liberty Bonds.

This is not the case. The dinner is primarily for the purpose of raising money to pay the expenses of carrying on the campaign to sell the bonds. It will also serve as a get-together meeting, a good-fellowship and a good American occasion. It will mark the opening of the Liberty Loan drive and will tend to give a good send-off to the entire campaign. All should plan on being there. Tickets are now on sale at 50 cents each.

PIONEERS HAVE INTERESTING BIRTHDAY PARTY TODAY

An interesting birthday dinner and party is in progress today, at the home of Mrs. J. W. McKechnie. Hamilton Mulkey 77 years old today. J. W. Propst was 77 on March 18 and J. M. McKechnie will be 80 on April 12. The three are celebrating together.

All were children together and attended the same school in Yamhill county in the 50's. They recently heard of each others' whereabouts and the combined party was arranged.

PASSION WEEK SERVICES CONTINUE AT GRACE CHURCH

The services of Passion Week continue at Grace church, to which all citizens of East Albany are invited. Tonight at 7:30, "A Day of Fellowship." Good Friday service will be held at the same hour, the text being "Father, forgive them; they know not what they do." Resurrection day services will begin at 7:30 a. m. (new time) and close with a twilight service of communion and reception of members.

The annual meeting of Grace church was held Monday evening after a 6 o'clock dinner to all members of the church at the community house. Reports showed the best year in the history of the church. D. M. Walters and N. D. Pratt were reelected elders and R. H. Gilliland elected to the same office. W. C. Mitchell was re-elected trustee. Finance board—G. I. Calavan, C. W. Vunk, C. M. Grigaby and Roy Worley, treasurer.

NEED IS URGENT FOR WOMEN WORKERS

Local Red Cross Headquarters Must Have Help to Fulfill Expectations

By Red Cross Reporter

Rev. Young met with about 25 women yesterday at the library to discuss the importance of increasing Red Cross work. He said:

"We have accepted the call from headquarters for 13 boxes per month of surgical dressings. This means ten times what we have been doing. In this day of overwhelming slaughter, no one knows what we may be up against. This is the most crucial stage of the war, and it is time for us to give up. We have not sacrificed as yet. We must take care of our boys. We must sacrifice ourselves and our money."

The Red Cross is the third arm of the government, the army and navy being the other two. Our people must realize the seriousness of the needs. We must shoulder the responsibility and plan to render the increased service demanded.

The Linn county work is satisfactory and efficient and the Linn county chapter stamp on goods means UP TO STANDARD. We will all do well if we come thru the war with half the money we have at present. Thousands of dollars are needed each month. The R. C. must have a stated income.

The work is inconceivably important. You are distinguished by the request to help. Let every woman in Albany feel honored by being asked to give and to help.

In the R. C. Christmas drive, Linn county went over the top with 8,000 members. With \$200,000 raised, we have between 14,000 and 15,000 members—and there is not a paid worker in the county. We asked for your interest, your help and your subscription.

The Belgian relief committee sent away 4,000 pounds of fine clothing yesterday. Much of it was practically new.

AMERICA MUST 'STRIP FOR ACTION'—MARCH

America's Influence in Lorraine May Prove Decisive Factor in Battle

By Carl D. Groatt, Staff Correspondent for the United Press

WASHINGTON, March 28.—(U. P.)—Chief of Staff Gen. March gives this official warning: "We must strip for action," following the pressing appeals for aid of Britain and France.

Explaining the order cutting down parcel shipments to the soldiers, Gen. March explained that they take 250 tons weekly.

Strong pressure is being brought on the government to hasten the sending of Americans.

The report of Ed Washburn, who recently headed the city's books, was presented and read. The treasurer and recorder were complimented on the manner in which they cared for the accounts, but little criticism being made. Several changes were suggested in the system, however.

CITY NEWS

Campfire Girls Busy—The Campfire girls are busy collecting books for the soldiers. Already they have turned into the library 35 volumes and are trying to raise 50 before Saturday.

Moving to Country—J. I. Livingston and family are moving to the McKechnie farm on Route One. Mrs. Livingston called at the office this morning and paid her subscription to the Democrat. She has been a subscriber to the paper since the first issue was published.

Returned to Portland—Mrs. Park Stalaker returned to Portland today after visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hulbert.

Now in Radio Service—Harry Brookhardt, husband of Mrs. Adeline Brookhardt, who enlisted in the naval service soon after his marriage, and who was an instructor in the Albany schools, is now in the radio service on the S. S. Seattle and when last heard of was at San Diego, Calif. Mrs. Brookhardt is a teacher in the local public schools.—McMinnville News.

Capt. Denny Dead—Word has been received here of the death of Capt. M. J. Denny, an officer in the medical reserve corps, at Camp Lewis last night. He was born near Lebanon. His mother, Mrs. Sarah Denny, resides in this city.

Returned Home—Mrs. Morgan Van Duser returned home yesterday after a few days' visit in Portland with friends.

Weather Report—Yesterday's temperature ranged from 42 to 54 degrees. The rainfall was .03 inches and the river fell to 7.4 feet.

On Way to Lebanon—Miss Blanche Hammel of Corvallis was in Albany this morning on her way to Lebanon.

Benefit Show on Tuesday Night—A benefit show will be given Tuesday night, April 2, at the Globe Theatre, for the Saccawewa Campfire girls. The play will be "The Little Soldier Girl," by Anne Pennington. Admission to the show will be 25 cents.

Don't forget Peebler's Sale—Lasselle Place, April 2. m28a1

G. A. R. IS GIVEN \$200 BY THE CITY

State Encampment to Be Helped by City's Contribution to Fund

WILES WOULD SELL WATER-WAGON MULES

Salary of Fire Truck Driver Is Raised to \$90; Auditor Makes Report

That the G. A. R. encampment which meets here May 13-15 will have the support of the city was shown last evening when the city council appropriated \$200 for the purpose of assisting in the entertainment of the visiting veterans and ladies. After the passage of the bill appropriating the money, Mayor Carl stated that he was pleased that the council had taken this action, the grand army veterans deserving every courtesy that can be shown them.

Councilman Wiles stated that he thought that the mules now used on the city street sprinkler should be sold before they are worn out and while a market is available. Several offers have been received for the animals and good prices could be obtained at present. But the constant work on the pavement is hard on the animals and in time will wear them out. Street commissioner Wood wants to replace the mules with an auto sprinkler, which would cover the city quicker and keep the streets in better condition. The matter was referred to the committee on fire and water to confer with the street superintendent and report later.

Mr. Wiles also brought up the matter of a driver for the auto fire truck. There is no chance of getting a reliable man at \$75 a month and the committee on fire and water was empowered to meet with Chief Eastburn and get a man at \$90 if possible.

Street Supt. Wood called attention to the rotting condition of many of the wooden covers to catch basins over the city, especially on Calapooia street—and recommended that iron tops be placed on them to save the loss of life or limb and save the city from probable damage suits later.

Councilman McElmurry brought up the matter of repairing the switch leading into the old woodyard from street. The city attorney was instructed to write to S. Washburn, at Lebanon, regarding the matter.

Residents of the East End, represented by Mr. Mills, asked the council to have recorded the road work they have done between the Salem and Santiam roads. The street superintendent was ordered to keep a record of such improvements.

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By Fred Ferguson, U. P. Staff Correspondent

AMERICAN FRONT, March 28.—The Americans are taking over more French positions, releasing the French to assist Haig. The Toul front continues unchanged with artillery exchanges and gas shells nightly. Both sides are harrying and there is a general high tension.

By J. W. T. Mason, War Expert for the United Press

NEW YORK, March 28.—By restraining further movements of German reserves behind the lines, America's increasing strength along the Alsace-Lorraine sector is exerting what may prove a decisive influence. The situation's key now is reserves.

MRS. YOUNG IS GRADUALLY IMPROVING

The physicians in charge of Mrs. G. H. Young, who was seriously burned seven weeks ago, stated today that she was gradually improving. But the burns would not be entirely cleared for a week or ten days yet.

The famous salt solution that is being used by the English and French armies in France very successfully for septic wounds, is being used on Mrs. Young. This system is recognized the world over by the best physicians as the best treatment for wounds of this character.

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BIG LIBERTY LOAN MEETING IS STAGED

Albany Men Take Part in Meeting in Greenback Schoolhouse Last Evening

A number of Albany people attended the Liberty Loan meeting at Greenback schoolhouse last evening. The hall was packed and enthusiasm was intense. Stirring addresses were made by several speakers and several interesting entertaining numbers were given.

Prof. C. W. Boettcher spoke on Germany as to the general situation and as to German democracy and liberty. He gave an impressive expose of the so-called liberty enjoyed by the German people and showed what a large part the military plays in that country.

C. J. Shedd of Shedd gave an instructive talk on the Third Liberty Loan and War Savings Stamps.

Rev. G. H. Bennett spoke on a higher patriotism and paid a great tribute to the flag. He also spoke about the Armenian sufferers and made a plea for the liberal support of the campaign now on to raise funds.

LEGAL ADVISORY BOARD WILL GIVE FREE SERVICE

Drafted men entering the service will be given the benefit of the services of the legal advisory board in closing up their business affairs. Any business matters which require attention, will be made out or other things of a business nature looked after, will be attended to by members of the board without cost. They will also give advice regarding war risk insurance and other matters requiring legal assistance.

This information was sent to all men subject to the draft today by the local board.

The advisory board consists of W. R. Bilyeu, Willard L. Marks and C. E. Sox, all Albany attorneys.

SHEDD NOTES

SHEDD, March 27.—(Special)—E. A. Lytle's new butcher shop and ice plant will soon be ready for business.

Elisha Wilsey of the navy arrived home Friday for a short visit with his parents and friends.

The S. P. watertank is about ready for use. The top is being put on. It will hold about 50,000 gallons of water.

The Tom Thumb wedding was held in the W. O. W. hall Friday evening, the primary school children doing the acting. Twenty-five dollars was raised, a part of which will be used in the primary grades.

A moving picture show was held in the opera house Saturday night consisting of birds, animals and fish. It was given by State Biologist William L. Finley. A good crowd attended.

A number of pupils of Greenback school are sick with the measles.

Mrs. J. B. Cornett went to Eugene Sunday to have her tonsils removed. She is reported to be recovering from the operation rapidly and is expected home soon.

J. M. Dixon is still quite low. No visitors are allowed to talk with him as he is very weak.

George Dannan went to Eugene Saturday on important business.

The following went to Albany Saturday: Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Mears and son, H. S. Ackerman, Geo. Cornett, Misses Edith Croft, Janet Arnold, Mrs. Kate Croft, and C. C. Arnold.

The DeMoss Family will entertain in the Shedd opera house Thursday evening, March 28.

The Albany high school orchestra will visit Shedd Saturday evening under their rousing pieces of music under the direction of their instructor, E. A. Mears. Everybody is going to have the chance to hear them.

John Halverson returned to Shedd for a visit Saturday evening.

C. C. Arnold of Shedd and Arthur Robinett of Halsey motored to Brownsville Sunday evening in the interest of the Linn County Christian Endeavor Union.

BYRON PEEBLER TO SELL OUT AND MOVE TO CANADA

Byron Peebler has decided to sell out his dairy interests and move to Canada. Next Tuesday he will hold a public sale at the Lasselle place near Lebanon. South of Albany on the Lehigh road and dispose of all his livestock, farm implements and household goods. Mr. Peebler expects to engage in the wheat-raising business. He will leave for Canada April 5 and after getting located will return to Albany for his family.

HEN SHOWER HELD AT CONNER R. C. AUXILIARY

The same day that the Millersburg auxiliary to the Red Cross held its egg shower, last Tuesday, the Conner auxiliary held a hen shower. A crate of fine chickens was brought in by various neighbors and the lot sent to Portland. The Conner auxiliary yesterday brought to local headquarters \$34.80, the proceeds of a dance given recently.

Mrs. Garrett, superintendent of the Red Cross work rooms, states that it is not true that the sewing will not be carried on at headquarters. It depends upon how well the present order for 13 boxes of surgical dressings progresses. If it is absolutely necessary, all sewing will stop for the present and every member take up the work of making the dressings.

MERCHANTS MAY CUT OUT DELIVERY

Committee Recommends Doing Away With All Deliveries to Homes

MATTER THOUGHT A WAR NECESSITY

Meeting of Storekeepers this Evening Will Decide Proposal's Fate

If the recommendations of the committee composed of L. E. Hamilton, P. D. Gilbert and D. S. Holloway are adopted by the merchants of the city there will soon be no more deliveries in Albany. The committee met this morning with State Director of Deliveries A. N. Stanton and, instead of adopting the expected recommendation of cutting down to one delivery a day, voted to cut them all out entirely. This will come as a surprise and a blow to many a housewife but, with every effort being made to release every available man for war service and to economize on every hand, it becomes a patriotic duty to accept the verdict, if the merchants so say.

"Think of the people in Belgium and France," said P. D. Gilbert, president of the Council of Defense. "They are lucky to get any food at all. Let alone get it delivered. The acceptance of this verdict will test the people's patriotism, and the manner in which they accept it will attest to their Americanism."

A. N. Stanton, state director of deliveries representing the Council of National Defense, is in town organizing the businessmen in an effort to reduce the waste in retail deliveries. The government is making a strenuous effort to conserve men and materials for war use and is trying to get what is necessary to carry on the war from waste motion, both human and material.

At a meeting of the businessmen held last night at the Commercial club a committee, composed of Messrs. Gilbert, Hamilton and Holloway, was appointed to work out a solution of the problem with Mr. Stanton. This committee is working hard to foster the government's interests, knowing that the public will loyally support any move necessary to help win the war. There will be another meeting of the businessmen at the Commercial club tonight at 7:30 o'clock to act upon the committee's recommendations, and a full attendance of those interested is requested. Mr. Stanton acts for the government without pay and is doing this work as a part of his contribution toward winning the war and in that spirit of patriotism that is universal among the loyal citizens of Albany and the state.

TANGENT NEWS

TANGENT, March 26.—(Special)—M. F. Wood and wife of Corvallis were in Tangent Saturday. They were accompanied by Professor J. B. Horner of O. A. C., who came to exhibit his views of Oregon and explain much of the early history of Linn county.

Archie Miller of Riverside was a Tangent visitor Saturday.

Mrs. M. J. Scott visited at the home of her son, J. F. Scott, and daughter, Mrs. M. F. Wood, of Corvallis, lately.

Miss LeVelle Wood made a short visit in Tangent Sunday.

J. E. Jenks Jr. has bought the property in which his store is located, of L. B. Marsters, and has built an addition to the building in which he will use for a residence.

L. B. Marsters has sold the lot on which the Tangent Garage is located to John Needham, who has installed quite a large addition to the building which is now occupied by Faulkner & Wobbold, who will look after and repair all broken cars which may need attention.

David Shearer has just bought a Ford, which he expects to use on R. F. D. No. 2, for delivery of mail.

John Slate, who had a severe attack of pneumonia, has so far recovered that he is able to be out on the street again.

Out in the country the farmers are busy plowing whenever the weather will admit and the condition of the ground will do to work. Fall grain is looking fine and is making quite a rapid growth.

Buds on early fruit trees are beginning to show and a few more warm days will cause them to bloom.

Grass in the pastures is very short, having made little or no growth so far this spring.

All kinds of stock but sheep still have to be fed, as the ground in the pastures is very soft and stock running on it would destroy what little vegetation is left.

The roads are still quite muddy and will need quite a bit of sunshine before they should be used. Possibly after turned one hour ahead, the extra daylight may dry up the mud. Many people are wondering what, if any, difference the change of time will make. So far most of them are not very favorable to the change, but will likely submit as far as the new conditions will allow.