

# HUN DRIVE IS CRISIS OF WAR

## Hindenburg Making Terrific Efforts to Crush French Before American Troops Arrive in Sufficient Force to Stem Tide

# LIVES WASTED WITH GREAT PRODIGALITY BY LEADERS

## Enemy Advance but Three miles in Day, but Reach Aronde River at Compeigne, within Mile of Oise near Ribecourt Last Night

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FRENCH FRONT, June 11.—The new German drive between Noyon and Montdidier has developed into the war's greatest battle, and apparently the crisis of the war has been reached.

The Germans appear to be determined to use their entire reserve in the supreme effort to separate the allied armies and reach Paris before the American army can participate in full and wrest the last hope of victory from the Kaiser.

It is considered certain that if the allies hold two months longer, the Americans at the present rate of arrival will soon give them an insupportable crushing blow.

Already the American, Italian and British reserves, coupled with the terrific German losses, have practically wiped out the former numerical superiority of the Germans, and this advantage in favor of the allies is increasing daily.

The Germans have used 30 divisions in the new drive up to midnight last night, feeding battalion after battalion into the fight with unequalled prodigality.

**French Defense Strong**  
The heroic French resistance, however, has completely changed the character of the offensive which insured the success of the offensive movements previously started by the Germans.

By counter attacks locally at every point on the entire Montdidier-Noyon front, repeatedly viciously after time, the French have kept the Hun first line troops constantly engaged, preventing them from being superceded by recurring waves of fresh troops.

Every counter attack has netted prisoners who unambiguously declare that the German losses in the last drive have been frightful. Hoops of Boche dead are found everywhere over the entire battlefront.

**Cavalrymen Escape**  
French cavalrymen, fighting on foot on the summit of the Leplemot plateau, have succeeded in escaping from the Germans after having been completely surrounded. They declared that they had repulsed 19 infantry assaults during the time they were surrounded.

One of the war's fiercest artillery battles accompanies the fight. The concentration secured by both the allies and the Germans exceeds anything yet achieved on the West Front.

Despite the incredible masses used by the commanders, the Germans have succeeded in averaging only three miles a day in the last drive.

### French Hold Air

The French airmen are maintaining an incontestable aerial superiority. The planes are constantly machine-gunning and bombing the advancing German columns.

The French were fully prepared for this attack and were expecting the blow to fall in this quarter. For this reason the surprise element which had helped the success of the other drives has been lacking.

The Germans are now at Rezonno Sur Matz, and from this position will be able to strike either toward Paris or toward the Oise, where they can cut off the French salient extending toward Noyon. This is apparently their intention, judging from the developments of the night.

The French defense, however, is extremely strong at this point, and while it is presumed that reserves have been brought up, their presence has not been officially announced. The advancing Germans were mowed down by the French artillery fire, and the enemy is accomplishing less for the number of men wasted than in any previous drive.

The number of the Germans attacking is believed to be around 400,000 men. The attack was made with about 200,000 men, and behind this force fresh reserves were ready to replace divisions which were shattered in the advance. On either wing the French resistance has been able to stop the Huns without material gain while in the center the gain has not been as extensive as the violence of the German drive warranted.

### Germans Gaining

PARIS, June 11.—The Germans last night penetrated to within a mile of the river Oise at Ribecourt, according to the official communique issued by the war office this morning.

The enemy also reached the Aronde river within four miles of Compeigne but the French hurled them back at this point. On the west wing the French retook Mery. The fighting at this point has been of a most violent character.

### British Advance

LONDON, June 11.—Attacking south of Albert, between the Ancre and the Somme, the British advanced a half-mile on a front of a mile and a half last night.

"We took 233 prisoners and 32 machine-guns," the official statement read. "We also successfully raided northwest of Morlancoeur, south of the Scarpe, and east of the Neippe forest, taking prisoners and machine-guns."

### London Press Is Praising Wilson

LONDON, June 11.—(U. P.)—The London Press unambiguously approves Wilson's address to the Mexican journalists. The News declared that Wilson "reveals himself as the architect of the world's future," and declared that the "United States' loyalty toward Russia was the war's redeeming feature. When history is written, Wilson will shine like a beaconlight in darkness."

### WILSON EXPLAINS PAN-AMERICANISM

#### Is Pact for Americans for Self Protection Purposes

WASHINGTON, June 11.—(U. P.)—President Wilson advocates pan-Americanism as a pact for Americans for self-protection purposes. This developed with the publication of his authorized version of the recent address before the Mexican editors here.

He declared that the Monroe doctrine was simply telling the smaller nations of America that "We're going to be your big brother whether you want it or not."

The draft call for limited service men, issued today, includes every state except Maine, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Texas. Oregon's quota will be 353 men, and of this number, 53 have volunteered.

### RED CROSS WORK IS EXPLAINED BY LELAND GILBERT

"Somewhere in France," 28 April 1918. Dearest Little Sister: While it is yet Sunday and I've got the chance, will answer your most welcome letter which came about ten days ago. It was surely good to hear from you, Dorothy, and your letter, as usual, was very interesting. I hope that you will write to me whenever you can.

This has been another pretty day in this part of France and it is just now early evening and the sun has set. I only wish, Dorothy, that you could be over here and see some of the many things that would be of much interest to you. But some of these days I will tell you about many things which cannot be described in our letters home.

So Mr. and Mrs. Cronise have moved to Granta Pass? Guess Ralph will resume his newspaper work there, probably with the "Courier." It is about the size of the Albany papers and for several years has needed some live wire to make it look human.

Was glad that Grace enjoyed her visit home and had a chance to see Earl before he left. Both she and he have written me since I came to France. So you want to be a Red Cross nurse, do you, Dorothy? It is a good calling, all right, sister, but it requires much patience and hard work—especially over here in the war zone—and the girls have to go through some trying experiences.

But you've got lots of time to devote to nursing later if you want to go into training. But you must finish high school first and college, too, if possible, Dorothy. Get me? You may not realize fully yet just what a good education means to a girl, but you will if you complete your studies. So keep going while the going is good.

It also pleased me, Dorothy, to learn that you're doing your part of Red Cross work at home and as an officer at that. You would have to be here to appreciate fully what a great work the American Red Cross is doing for our soldiers and those of our allies, too. You girls at home should always remember that the bandages, dressings, etc., that you are making may be the ones that save one of your own brothers' arms or limbs—or his life even. So do your work well always and let your completed work be the very best.

I saw 50 American Red Cross ambulances pass through here last Friday and Saturday, bound for "somewhere in France." They were all fine machines and far ahead of anything in ambulances owned by other countries, which I've seen. I talked with many of the drivers of these cars while they were here. They give us some interesting bits of news of organizations located in other sectors. Also saw a fine American Red Cross train (hospital) recently.

We have an Edison field Victrola in our quarters which is playing much of the time, for we have nearly all of the latest American songs, marches and dances included in our records. Often the French soldiers camped near us come over and listen to the music, which makes a hit with them. The polkas are also kept about American smoking tobacco and cigarettes and their greeting generally is "Avez-vous tabac?" pronounced like "Avay-vo tabak" and meaning "Have you any tobacco?" Sometimes we give them a little tobacco and some of the fellows when they get hard up for money sell a part of their supply to them, though it is not permissible to sell anything, tobacco and clothing especially. Will send you folks at home some pictures of scenes in some of the

### THREE SUBMARINES ATTACKED BY LINER

#### British Vessel Probably Sunk Two U-Boats in Voyage

#### DISGUISED SUB APPROACHES LINER

#### Depth Bombs Dropped from Convoy Destroyer Two Subs

ATLANTIC PORT, June 11.—(U. P.)—Three submarines were attacked and two probably sunk by a British liner and its convoys which docked here today. The steamer left a British port a week ago with 175 passengers.

The first U-boat was probably destroyed by a depth bomb on the first of June. This occurred while the passengers were at dinner and but little was known of the affair.

The next morning a submarine approached the liner disguised as a fishing boat, and was permitted to get close to the ship. As the boat approached, however, the submarine's engines were heard.

The ship could not depress the guns sufficiently to hit the sub, and an effort was made to ram, but the U-boat was missed by a scant six feet. When farther apart, the liner started firing, the conning tower of the sub being ripped away, and the vessel vanished. Later in the voyage a destroyer dropped a depth bomb which probably destroyed a submarine preparing to attack the liner.

### ELKS TO HOLD FLAG DAY CELEBRATION

#### Rev. Father Kane Will Be Orator; Special Program Is Being Prepared

Rev. Father Kane will be the orator at the Flag Day celebration which will be held under the auspices of the Elks Lodge on June 14th, according to a statement given out by the committee this morning.

The celebration will be held in the Elks' temple and will be open to a general public. The Home Guards, G. A. R. and Spanish War Veterans will attend in a body and a special musical program will be an added attraction.

The committee in charge of the preparations consists of Jack Barrett, H. E. Hecker and A. W. Bowersox.

### Circus Is Due Here Tomorrow Morning

Sells-Floto circus is due in Albany tomorrow morning and will show the other side of the Southern Pacific car tracks.

The attraction this year is said to be good and will doubtless draw a large number of people from out of town points.

towns and cities I've visited over here but that is not allowed and we can't describe a place too closely, either. But I've visited a castle that is 1025 years of age and filled with wonderful sights, dark passages, dungeons, etc., from which a splendid view of this city and surrounding country is obtained. One could spend weeks exploring its nooks and crannies and see something new and interesting every time. Will tell you of it some day.

You would be amazed to see the loaves of bread which are sold in the French shops over here. Some of them are shaped like buoy life preservers and are nearly as large, while other loaves are five or six inches wide and a good 24 inches long. I don't know yet whether bread is sold by the loaf, pound or yard. Bread in French is called "Le Pain" and pronounced "leh pain." To ask in French for bread and be polite in doing it one says: "Donnez moi du pain s'il vous plait" which in English is "Give me some bread if you please."  
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### CIRCUIT COURT IS TO CONVENE FRIDAY

#### Seven Cases Will Be Heard by Judge Bingham This Week

Judge Bingham will hold court on Thursday and Friday of this week and possibly will be forced to stay over until Saturday, if any of the cases set are more protracted than is expected. There are seven cases set and at least three of them will probably require at least a half-day to hear.

The Collins will case, appealed from the county court, the case of the First National bank versus C. Meyers, and the case of Schneider versus Keefe et al, have been developing in the courts, and it is believed that the attorneys will be ready to have the cases heard this time. All are of considerable importance. Following is the docket as now set:

Thursday, June 13  
Klamer versus Klamer, divorce.  
Harris versus Harris, divorce.  
Collins will contest, appealed from decision of Judge D. B. McKnight in county court.

First National bank versus C. Meyers et al, to recover money on note.  
Schneider versus M. Keefe and D. H. Bodine, damages.

Friday, June 14  
Lisle A. Smith, administrator of the estate of Lee A. Smith, vs. Margaret A. Johnson, a suit to set aside a transfer of real property.  
Rathburn versus Rathburn, divorce.

### DRESSING ROOMS FOR BATHERS ARE BEING AGITATED

A movement which may produce action at the meeting of the city council tomorrow night, has been started for dressing rooms in Bryant's Park for the benefit of the bathers. This has been agitated for some years, but this year will be more necessary on account of the numbers bathing.

Ordinarily there are few who venture into the water before July, but this year from 50 to 75 are decorating the banks of the river every evening. Most of the boys swim from the Benton county side, but the majority of the girls, and many of the boys, start from the Bryant Park side of the stream.

The idea at present is to persuade the city council to equip dressing rooms of some sort in order that the congestion in the "brush" may be relieved. While the underbrush along the river is quite extensive, it falls down badly when 15 or 20 boys and as many girls attempt to dress at the same time, and it is believed by the bathers that some sort of a shelter should be provided.

It is planned at present to secure enough money to build a canvas shelter, equipped with benches and clothes racks, for both the boys and girls. This would cost but little and would be an improvement on the wooden sheds which might be washed down stream at high water.

Placing the dressing rooms would have a tendency to attract swimmers to this side of the river where it is considered less dangerous. Those who are unable to swim usually patronize the Linn county side, and the good swimmers appear to have but little difficulty in getting across.

**Returned Home—**  
Mrs. H. G. Hawtin returned to her home in Albany yesterday after visiting for the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Earl, at Mill City.

**Visited in Albany—**  
Mrs. W. E. Gwynn and family, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Torbett, returned to their home at Puyallup yesterday.

**To Drill With Home Guards—**  
C. J. Lawson of Fayetteville spent last night in Albany, returning home this morning. He came down to drill with the home guards last evening.

**Returned to St. Helens—**  
Mrs. I. Taper and son and I. Tucker returned to their home at St. Helens this morning after a visit at the home of Mrs. Taper's mother, Mrs. S. E. Frum.

**Weather Report—**  
Yesterday's temperature ranged from 53 to 83 degrees. The river is at 2.5 feet.

**Returns to Albany—**  
Fred Ward has resigned his position in Marshfield and returned to Albany, and has again accepted his old position at the Aggrery.

### RED X INSTITUTE WAS SUCCESSFUL

#### Many Delegates Attended Session Held in City Today

#### PROF. DYAR MADE PRINCIPAL TALK

#### Program Was Given at First Presbyterian Church

The Red Cross institute held today attracted more than the expected number of visitors, and the delegates turned out better than was expected. About 300 in all attended the various sessions held at the Red Cross work rooms and at the meeting held at the First Presbyterian church in the afternoon.

The program in the afternoon was of exceptional interest. Professor Guy Dyar, field representative of the Northwest division of the Red Cross, was the principal speaker, and his talk was of great interest to those who attended.

In addition the ten-minute talks made were better than is usual. These talks were made by S. M. Garland, Willard Marks and Dr. G. E. Riggs. In addition talks were made on various Red Cross matters.

The morning was given up to conferences and demonstrations at the work rooms. All the different departments held conferences for the delegates who reached Albany in time. At noon a lunch was served for the delegates at the First Presbyterian church. Following is the program:

10:30 to 12—Conferences and demonstration of work in the different departments, Red Cross headquarters, First National bank building, fifth floor.

12 m.—Lunch for delegates in dining room of First Presbyterian church.

1 p. m.—Organ solo—Hubert Fortmiller.

Address of welcome—Chairman, Dr. G. H. Young.

Roll call of branches and auxiliaries. Report of county work—Mrs. J. D. Summers.

Solo—Mrs. H. B. Cusick.

Ten-minute talks: First Aid, Dr. G. E. Riggs; Council of Defense, P. D. Gilbert; Home Guards, Mr. Ballack; Honor Guards, Miss Madeline Rawlings; finance promotion plans, Mrs. J. J. Lindgren.

Solo, Mrs. Worley.

Home Service Work, Miss Elizabeth Cooper.

Address, Prof. Guy A. Dyar, field representative of Red Cross work in Oregon.

Food conservation work, committee. Adjournment.

Junior Red Cross received \$231.25 Paid out for supplies:

Albany Planning Mtl 4.55  
Mr. O. L. Fox 1.15  
Hubert-Oehling Hdw. Co. 4.60  
Worth's Department Store 45.16  
Hamilton's 19.41  
Miss Mayne 40  
Linn County Chapter for supplies 25.17  
For surgical dressings 100.00  
Dawson's 1.85  
Flood's 15.00  
Miss Nimmo 90

TOTAL disbursements \$218.19  
On hand 18.06  
\$231.25

Committee:  
EDITH McCOURT,  
LULU HEIST  
OLIVE ROBB,  
LOUISE NIMMO, Sec.-Treas.  
LITTLE MORGAN, chairman.

**Returns From Ohio—**  
Mrs. Joseph Myers returned last night from a three weeks' visit with relatives in Ohio. She found the heat of the middle west very oppressive.

**Veteran Is Active—**  
Commander Claus Lawson of the local G. A. R. turned up last night at the Home Guard drill and says that he proposes to drill every evening with the company.

### NEW CLASSIFIED

WANTED—A girl or woman to assist with housework. Good wages. Apply 729 W. 7th or Bell phone 330-R. 1112dw

WANTED—Girl for housework, at 140 E. 5th, 1359 Home, 11113

WANTED—Chambermaid and pantry woman at Albany Hotel. 11113

FOR RENT—A suite of furnished housekeeping rooms, porch and comfortable, with screened porch, 128 North Fourth. 11113

### CHARGE AGAINST TRAFFIC OFFICER BROWN WITHDRAWN

The police force of the city of Albany have managed to quell what started out to be a decidedly nasty charge made against certain members. It was alleged that Traffic Officer Brown had taken \$25 in bail money from a couple of Albany young men and failed to turn this in to the city recorder.

The report was alleged to have been started by M. I. Wood, of Albany, who is employed in a local garage. He is said to have declared this to be true, and yesterday the newspaper offices were called on and they were asked to write a story about the matter.

This morning the affair came to the attention of Chief Catlin, Recorder Lewelling and Traffic Officer Brown. They at once brought Wood before the city recorder and a little matter of law was explained to him.

Wood confessed to having made the statement and at once retracted it. As a result the peace and equilibrium of the peace department is again undisturbed and another effort to get the traffic cop in bad is nipped in the bud.

It appears that Officer Brown took \$5 from the two boys, Wood and a young man named Swank from Lebanon, each digging up \$2.50, and the next morning turned it in. The money was given to the recorder as soon as Brown reported for duty. So far as the police officials can discover, Brown is not in the habit of keeping bail money, and has no intention of starting.

### Russian Party Would Welcome Allied Help

WASHINGTON, June 11.—(U. P.)—The Russian embassy today published dispatches from the Russian cabinet party saying that it never recognized the Brest-Litovsk treaty and that it would welcome allied resistance.

### Former Leader of Russians at Seattle

SEATTLE, June 11.—(U. P.)—Former Russian Vice Premier Konovloff, Kerensky's right hand man, arrived here today. He will try to stir the allies to action, restoring the Kerensky regime, and save the Russians from the Bolsheviks. His arrival is to combat the eastern aggressions of Germany.

### MEN ARE CALLED FOR SPRUCE WORK

WASHINGTON, June 11.—(U. P.)—General Crowder has called 9,000 limited service men in order to cut the spruce in the Northwest states.

The quota for the limited service call in Linn county has been set at 15 men.