

BIG VICTORY IS SECURED BY ITALIANS

CITY OF NERVESSA IS RECAPTURED AND RIVER NEARLY REACHED

VIOLENT FIGHTING OCCURS IN STREETS OF CITY TODAY

AMERICAN AIRMEN DESTROYED BRIDGES OVER PIAVE RIVER IS REPORT TODAY FROM ROME; SITUATION IS STILL TENSE

LONDON, June 21.—(By United Press)—It is learned authoritatively that the Italians have smashed the city of Nervessa. Violent fighting is progressing in the streets of the city today.

The Italians are now striving desperately to consolidate their successes and to reach the river Piave. The bridges over the Piave were again bombed by airplanes with success.

The counter attack has now changed the Austrian drive into a big Italian offensive. Nervessa is an important railway station, and its capture by the Italians will aid much in the drive against the Austrians who have crossed the river.

The Italians have now regained more than half the ground they lost to the Austrians on the initial rush. On the lower Piave the invaders were again hurled back.

The Austrian drive has proved to be a complete failure, but it is probable that they will make another great effort to retain the ground won and to retrieve their recent reverses.

The enemy is reported to have considerable reserve power, and many reserve divisions are declared to be in the mountain regions.

ROME, June 21.—American aviators, in their first flight on the Italian front, yesterday destroyed Austrian bridges over the Piave river. This is the first report of American aviators on the Italian front.

Austrians Cornered WASHINGTON, June 21.—British official reports declare that a large portion of the Austrian army is cornered between the Piave river, now in flood, and the advancing Italians in the Montello sector. The Austrians have now lost 120,000 men.

ROME, June 21.—The official report of the Italian war office declares that the Italian armies were successful on all sectors of the battle front. Repeated enemy attempts to take Montecorno are reported as a failure.

W. E. Dodele Passes Away in Salem

News has been received of the death of W. E. Dodele, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Dodele of this city.

The deceased was 40 years of age and leaves a wife and one brother in addition to his parents.

The funeral will be held at the Fort-miller chapel on Monday at 2 p. m.

Gets Army Commission—

Rev. C. L. Schuster has just received word that his son, C. E. Schuster, has been awarded a commission as second lieutenant in the U. S. army at Camp Lee. He was first under training at Camp Lewis but was later transferred to Camp Lee.

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ROAD TO VICTORY IS NOW IN SIGHT

Hindenburg's Offensive Is Three Months' Old and Is Still Failure

By William Phillip Stims, United Press Staff Correspondent BRITISH FRONT, June 21.—Three months after the start of Hindenburg's colossal offensive, his promise of a speedy victory is still unachieved, and from now on his army must decrease in size and the allies' increase.

If the allies continue courageously, the beginning of the end is in sight and the road to victory stretches straight out ahead.

PARIS, June 21.—It is announced that the French have advanced slightly northwest of Chateau Thierry. The French also improved their positions north of Faverelles and at Mautes-vennes, taking 20 prisoners in the actions.

38 MILES OF LINE IN FRANCE IS HELD BY AMERICANS NOW

WASHINGTON, June 21.—(U.P.)—The house military committee learned today at the war department that the American soldiers now hold 38 miles of trenches in France.

The overseas movement has not slowed over because of the heavy shipment of supplies, because the ships are now running on better schedules than formerly.

The committee was informed that the production of small arms and machinegun ammunition was encouraging. One month's production of .30 calibre ammunition amounted to 205,000,000 rounds.

Price of Wheat May Be Increased Soon

WASHINGTON, June 21.—(U.P.)—It is learned today that the food administration is planning to increase the wheat price to meet the increase in the cost of freight. This increase would cause flour to jump from 30 to 50 cents a barrel.

Germany Agrees to Conference at Berne

WASHINGTON, June 21.—(U.P.)—The state department today announced that Germany had agreed in principle to the conference with American delegates over the exchange, maintenance, and welfare of prisoners of war.

War Savings Stamp Quotas Fixed for Coming Drive in Linn County

The list of quotas for the various school districts in Linn county in the coming W. S. S. drive has been finally arranged, and everything is now in readiness for the big day. It is hoped by Chairman P. A. Day that it will be the 28th, but this will require more work as there is nearly \$400,000 to be pledged.

Following is the list of chairmen and the quotas for the districts: John Merritt, Crabtree, \$1500. Geo. Leever, Crabtree, \$1500. Miss Mattie Swan, Crawfordville, \$2500.

John Briggs, Crabtree, \$2500. Tom D. Leigh, Albany, \$3000. Irvin Cady, Albany, \$4000. Guy Lewelling, Albany, \$6000. P. D. Gilbert, Albany, \$11,000. J. M. Hawkins, Albany, \$11,000. L. M. Carl, Albany, \$8,000. W. A. Eastburn, Albany, \$4,000. D. C. McClure, Albany, \$2200. Jeff Wood, Albany, \$13,500. Henry Lyons, Albany, \$3,000. Roy Dowd, Albany, \$3,500. ALBANY TOTAL—\$60,000. Mike Keefe, Price, \$3,000. Thos. Hays, Tallman, \$3,500. D. T. Butler, Albany No. 2, \$2,000. M. P. Long, Crabtree, \$1500. John Beach, Corvallis, \$1500. G. A. Bates, Thomas, \$2,000. C. A. Kaley, Scio, \$2250. Miss Crystal Shank, Scio, \$2,000. Blaine Brown, Sodaville, \$2,000. A. R. McCall, Albany No. 1, \$4,000. J. E. Foster, Albany, \$3800. S. C. Stewart, Lebanon, \$20,000. Ward A. Marshall, Albany No. 6, \$3,000. Luella A. Marshall, Albany No. 6, \$3,500.

Mrs. Jerome Williams, Albany No. 6, \$3,500. Will Herfer, Albany No. 2, \$3,500. Martha E. Bowers, Gates, \$1,250. J. M. Calavan, Scio, \$1,500. Jas. Johnson, Jefferson, \$2,500.

KOLLOCK SCORES ALBANY HERALD

State Council of Defense Objects to Partisan Politics Injection Into War Issue

MILLER NOT SOURCE OF INSPIRATION

Executive Secretary Kollock Throws New Light on Charges Made Recently Against County School Superintendent Ida M. Cummings.

CITY NEWS

That Collector of Internal Revenue M. A. Miller was not the source of the inspiration of the charges recently made against County School Superintendent Ida M. Cummings and that the injection of partisan politics into the controversy by the Albany Herald is regrettable and unfortunate, is the gist of a letter sent this week by John K. Kollock, secretary of the state council of defense, to that publication. The letter was turned over to the editor a day or two ago but the Herald has thus far failed to give the same publicity.

The following are copies of letters sent by the state council of defense to Collector of Internal Revenue Miller and to the Albany Herald:

Portland, Oregon, July 17, 1918. Mr. Milton A. Miller, Collector Internal Revenue, Custom House, City.

My dear Mr. Miller: Enclosed please find copy of letter which I have this day written the Albany Herald, which very fully states my position in the Cummings matter.

Trusting this will be satisfactory, I remain,

Very truly yours, JOHN K. KOLLOCK, Executive Secretary, State Council of Defense.

June 17, 1918.

Albany Herald, Albany, Oregon.

Dear sir: I have before me a clipping from your issue of June 11th, 1918, headed "Democrat takes advantage of war feeling in move," which contains the statement that Mr. Miller "went back to Portland and made a charge against Mrs. Cummings before John K. Kollock, of the state council of defense. Any number of prominent Albany people who know Mrs. Cummings well are thoroughly convinced that the charge was nothing more than

Albany Herald, Albany, Oregon.

Monday Was Wool Day for Halsey

HALSEY, June 21.—(Special)—Monday was a busy day for Halsey wool gatherers, over \$13,000 worth being disposed of in the city. In all, 78 lots of wool were sold, totaling 22,563 pounds; and this is not believed to near exhaust the supply. The price paid was considered good.

A political trick. It seems to me very unfortunate that the question of partisan politics should be brought into this matter at all. I am, and always have been, a Republican, although I have been endeavoring to forget that fact in connection with my duties with respect to the state council of defense.

While in your city I first learned of the speech made by Mrs. Cummings at Rock Hill, and also that Mr. Miller was present. Immediately upon my return to Portland, I called upon Mr. Miller, introduced myself to him officially and asked for a statement as to what was said. In response to this request, he made a full statement of what was said, and which statement is entirely confirmed by the text of Mrs. Cummings' speech furnished me by herself. No publicity was given to this matter by myself or my office, except to report the facts to the proper authorities; namely, the superintendent of public instruction, the governor and the director of war savings stamps. So far as I know, Mr. Miller made no statement to any person other than myself.

After full examination of the facts, the state superintendent of public instruction wrote Mrs. Cummings on June 7th that she had been very foolish in using many of the expressions which she did in her speech. Very truly yours, JOHN K. KOLLOCK, Executive Secretary.

ANOTHER CALL FOR GRAMMAR SCHOOL MEN

Work or Fight Rule Goes Into Effect on July First

WASHINGTON, June 21.—(U.P.)—General Crowder today issued a call for 8,976 draft men with grammar school education. This is a call similar to those of the past few weeks, which resulted in over 30,000 draft men being placed in training schools. The department ruled today that all men of draft age engaged in games of any sort, those working as domestic servants, elevator men, bellboys, waiters and similar occupations, must seek other employment by July 1st. Professional baseball players are apparently not affected until a specific case is called to the attention of the authorities.

CITY NEWS

Married Today— Ira A. Young and Miss Sylvia Powell, both of Crabtree, were married today by Rev. D. Lloyd Morgan at the Christian parsonage at 11 in the morning. After a wedding trip to Portland they will make their home on a farm near Griggs station. Mr. Young is being groomed by his father, and Miss Powell the daughter of W. M. Powell.

Honor Guard Dance— The Albany Honor Guard is advertising another of their jitney dances for the armory tomorrow night, and expect the usual big crowd and good time. Jazz music will be furnished, and the proceeds go to the treasury of the organization and are used for war work.

Attend Shoot— Lloyd Templeton, Gus Dodelle and M. A. Rickert left today for Seattle where they will take part in the Northwest trapshooting tournament which is to be held there Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Trapshooters from all over the Northwest are to take part.

Here on Business— Lloyd Hauser and Paul Hauser of Eugene were in Albany on business.

Inventory Filed— The inventory of the estate of Arthur H. Goodman, deceased, was filed today, showing property to the extent of \$657.06.

In Portland— N. S. Clark and family of Albany are spending the week in Portland.

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Sinking of Transport "Lincoln" Is Witnessed by Albany Man

Big Vessel Sank in 31 Minutes After Being Torpedoed

The sinking of the United States transport Lincoln was witnessed by Fritz Mickelson of Albany, and in an interesting letter to his mother he tells the details of the disaster. Following is the letter:

Dear Mother: Will begin my lengthy epistle home, since I have made my last liberty in France, for the trip. Have made a little longer stay than usual, which afforded opportunities for more sight seeing. The one place of special interest was the old castle, known as the chateau, a stately old edifice built by the Gothic, Celtic and Roman conquerors. Some of the walls that are still standing were built 45 years before Christ and are still in good condition. We hired an old French guide who took us all through the inside of the dungeons, boneyards and places of punishing prisoners. The dungeons are surely dismal dumps without a doubt. When they put a victim in the coop they plaster up the floor, which only leaves a small hole in the roof for air and letting down bread and water. When the prisoner failed to come after the eats, he was taken for dead and then thrown down into the boneyard, where the high tide washed them away.

The style of architecture and facilities for battle were identical to those described in ancient history, and to see such old historical relics was a treat. The portholes were equipped with big iron rings on either side, which Caesar had installed for the purpose of fastening slingshots to hurt stones down on the enemy. It was all very interesting, but was glad to get out into the fresh air again. The old guide was very conscientious and went into every detail. The only drawback was that he spoke in French, but fortunately there were several fellows in the party who could interpret the lingo, so we got along famously.

Now for the trip, which is the most important part. I imagine the U. S. newspapers have soon broadcast the details of the case, but being an eyewitness, will relate my version of the sinking of the transport President Lincoln. Along in the early part of the forenoon on the return trip about 24 hours out, with the convoy steaming along in formation. The sea was extraordinarily calm, for that part, and the sun had cleared away the early morning fog, and was burning down on the decks of the several transports, who were leisurely rolling and lolling and plowing their ways westward. I was standing at the posthole of (Continued on Page Three)

COMMERCIAL CLUB TO MEET TONIGHT

Far West Manufacturing Co Matter Will Be Considered

COMMITTEE REPORTS MATTER FAVORABLY

Committee Finds Concern Is in Operation, and Money Loaned Will Be Fully Secured by Plant and by Orders Awaiting Filing.

CITY NEWS

There will be a meeting of the directors and members of the commercial club this evening to consider the Far West manufacturing proposition, and a full attendance is urgently asked by the officials as the matter should be taken care of at once.

The Far West company is asking that their plant be partly financed by the people of Albany, \$5,000 being asked in all, and this is to be secured by the plant. A committee of citizens was appointed to look into the matter, and their report will be made this evening.

J. J. Collins, a member of the committee, stated today that the committee will report favorably this evening. He stated that it was found that the plant was built and partially equipped and lacked but little of being ready for operation.

Orders have been received which, when filled, will put the plant entirely on its feet; and Mr. Collins believes the city should get behind the affair promptly. Should war work has drained the town people of their surplus change to some extent, Mr. Collins believes it will be possible to raise the amount asked.

"This is not a new concern," Mr. Collins stated, "and the people are not asked for a bonus or a gift of any sort. The plant is ready to operate, and will give the city an industry which will be needed now and after the war."

"Albany has depended too long on the farm district surrounding the city, and future development is possible only with an increase in manufacturing business. The ease with which lumber can be secured makes the wood industries particularly fitted for the city, and they should be encouraged."

"One of the things needed in Albany is a payroll, and the only way to secure it is to go out after it. The commercial club expects to go after the manufacturers but, in order to achieve success, it will be necessary for the city to line squarely up behind the movement."

WOMEN WERE SPIES IN WAR OF 1861-65

The presence of Greta Glum in the Wm. Fox special, "The Spy," which is showing at the Rolfe today and Saturday, recalls the fact that scores of women of the highest intelligence were employed by the Confederacy as spies. Most of these lived in Washington, and got their information from cabinet officers and departmental heads, who made frequent visits among the social lights of the capital.

LONGEST DAY OF YEAR

Today, June 21st, is the longest day of the year, which is nothing to exult over at that, except that it's a juice-saver. It's an annual occurrence in Albany.

A WORD TO THE WISE

As there are some "Camouflage" Service Flags being displayed that look like the real Service Flag, meaning that the person displaying it has a son in uniform in the army or navy, but which on close inspection has white letters thereon saying that this flag represents a man in the employ of a shipbuilding company.

The Council of Defense and especially for Linn county advises against this practice, and suggests that all so-called service flags that represent a man working for shipbuilding companies at big wages, be put away as souvenirs, and that parties displaying them wait until such time to put out a service flag when they are entitled to one, or until the shipbuilding companies adopt a different flag from the Service Flag.

P. D. GILBERT, Linn County Chairman, Council of National Defense.

WARNING ISSUED AGAINST OPTIMISM

No Infirmation in Regard to Austria's Troubles Is Received

By Carl D. Groat, U. P. Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON, June 21.—(U.P.)—Government authorities today warned against over-optimism regarding the internal troubles of Austria, and in regard to the food riots. The state department today announced that it had received accurate information in regard to the Austrian situation, and did not consider it advisable to place too much importance to such reports. The failure of the Austrian drive, however, is believed to be causing a strong anti-war reaction in Austria, and this may result in developments favorable to the allies.

PARIS, June 21.—Zurich dispatches received here today declare that 50,000 demonstrators who marched down the streets of Vienna last Thursday night shouting for peace and bread, and pillaging the shops, were charged by the police with drawn sabers. Many were said to have been wounded in the riots.

JULY 5TH DRAFT IS TO TAKE 41 MEN FROM COUNTY

PORTLAND, June 21.—(U. P.)—Linn county's quota for the draft of July 5th is set at 41. Oregon will be required to furnish 1350 men in all.

The Linn county exemption board has not received notice of the new draft call, but this is expected tomorrow. There are now 144 names on the list, and it is probable that all but about 90 will have been called when the new list is prepared.

Linn County Mechanics Go to Frisco on July 1

Five more Linn county men were selected today to go to San Francisco to the army training school for mechanics. The date for enlistment has not been set, but this will be around July 1st. Following are the men selected: Eugene Shea, Albany; Walter M. Kimmell, Lebanon; Everett E. McClun, Crawfordville; Willie F. Price, Halsey; Earl P. Phillips, Jordan.

Congress Wants to Have Russian Policy

WASHINGTON, June 21.—(U.P.)—Congress is preparing to demand a new statement from the administration as to the policy to be followed with Russia. Members favoring the American-Japanese cooperation in Siberia will introduce into the senate a resolution trying to force President Wilson to expose his policy. The sentiment in favor of intervention is growing.

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