

Half Million Germans Now Within Soissons-Rheims Pocket

FRENCH LINE MAKES FOUR MILE ADVANCE

CROWN PRINCE PLAYS INTO ALLIES' HANDS IN EFFORT TO HOLD LINE; 500,000 ARE ESTIMATED IN POCKET

FRENCH TAKE BOIS DE CHATELET AND BRECY; GERMANS MAKE DESPERATE RESISTANCE

French Take Bois de Chatelet and Brecy; Germans Making Desperate Resistance But Unable to Check Franco-Americans

Further indications are received that the crown prince is playing into Foch's hands and fighting to make a stand and fight instead of retreating from the Soissons-Rheims pocket as originally planned.

The allies are within five miles of Fere En Tardenois, a great traffic center, rendering it practically untenable by bombardment. More than half a million Boches are now within the pocket. It was recently thought they could extricate most of them, but they sacrificed their chance and are endangering this great force by making a stand.

The Germans are fighting desperately along the whole front, counter attacking at some points and making stiff rearguard actions elsewhere.

By LLOYD MELLET, U. P. STAFF CORRESPONDENT WITH THE FRENCH, July 25.—The allies continue their relentless pressure against the Soissons-Rheims pocket. Paixt after point is giving away. The seriousness of the German predicament has been increasing daily for the past five days.

Since morning the French advanced nearly four miles, completing the capture of Bois De Chatelet and taking Brecy, seven miles north of Chateau Thierry. At some points the Germans resist hotly. Elsewhere apparently only machinegun garrisons remain.

PARIS, July 25.—The Germans are heavily counter attacking north of the Marne in the Dormans region and last night occupied Chassins village and the wood north of Treloup. The French retook both positions this morning, said the communique.

AMSTERDAM, July 25.—The Kolnische Zeitung declares that the French used 800 tanks in the counter offensive. This probably means small "fly" tanks.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—U. P.—General Pershing announced 188 casualties, including 32 killed in action, six died of wounds and 123 wounded severely. Sixty-four marine casualties were also announced including 20 killed in action and 38 wounded severely.

COLLINS WILL CONTEST CASE IS DECIDED

Judge Bingham Reverses the Lower Court and Sustains Will of Man of 90 years

Judge Bingham today reversed the judgment of the lower court in the Collins will contest and sustained the contention of the Washington heir to the estate of Samuel Collins who left the greater portion of his \$10,000 estate to his daughter, Ada A. Long.

There were 12 heirs and in the complaint filed, undue influence was alleged. The deceased was 90 years of age at the time the will was made. The lower court set aside the will and the Washington heir appealed.

NEW CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE—1 milk goat, gives 2 quarts daily. Also 1 Billy Goat, 5 mo. old. Also grain sacks. Call at Rogoway's Store. 25j27*

FOR SALE—1916 Ford. Good condition; 3 new tires. Pacific aGrange, West Second St. 25j27*

SLABWOOD and old fir. Place or doors now. M. G. Reed, Bell 482 R. Home 4229. 25j27*

CAR BARGAINS—2 late model Ford touring cars in A-1 condition; 1 runabout Ford, delivery bed. At Waldo Anderson & Son. J25f

HARVEST HANDS—A good supply of comforters at 50c, 75c and \$1 each. Also excelsior Twin Automobile at a bargain. Albany Furniture Exchange, 415-417 W. 1st St. 25j29

FOR SALE—Shonts weighing from 80 to 100 lbs., at McKechnie Farm on R. F. D. 1. Home phone 8726. 25j27

FOR SALE—Lot on paved street. Will take Ford as part payment. Terms to suit on balance. Home 4546. 1f

MARE ISLAND YARD SMASHES RECORDS

Destroyer Completely Built in 17 and a Half Days; World Record Made

WASHINGTON, July 25.—U. P.—The Mare Island navyyard broke all world records, placing the destroyer Ward in commission 17 and one-half days after laying the keel. In pre-war times it required 20 months to build a destroyer of the same size. The new record made at Mare Island is regarded by naval experts as one of the greatest building achievements of the present war.

CITY COUNCIL HELD MEETING LAST NIGHT

City Warrant Indebtedness Reduced to \$42,000, According to Reports

According to reports submitted by city officials at the regular meeting of council last night the warrant indebtedness of Albany has been reduced to \$42,000.

On April 1st the indebtedness was \$53,249 but this has been reduced during the last quarter to the sum given above. According to the estimate of City Recorder Lewelling the warrant indebtedness of the city is being paid off at the rate of approximately \$10,000 per quarter and should be completely wiped out during the next five years.

The application of Chas. Dow, member of the night police, for a two weeks' leave of absence, was read and allowed and Chief of Police Catlin was authorized to make a temporary appointment during the time Dow will be gone.

Councilman Wiles called attention to some defective paving on Ferry and First streets and the matter was referred to the committee on streets and public property.

The usual monthly bills were allowed and the meeting adjourned.

WILL BARRETT WILL ATTEND CONVENTION

Past State Deputy Knights of Columbus Leaves Tonight for New York City

Will Barrett, past state deputy of the Knights of Columbus of the state of Oregon, will leave tonight for New York City where he will be one of the two Oregon representatives at the three days' convention which convenes in that city early next week.

Mr. Barrett has been active in K. C. work for several years and has held several offices of high rank in the organization. The other representative will be the present state deputy, who is already enroute to New York.

Will Examine Streetcar Books

SEATTLE, July 25.—Before Seattle is going to examine the books of the streetcar company.

Outside accountants will be brought here to determine whether the company told the truth when it said its profits for the past five years have not exceeded two per cent.

The amount of investment, property valuation and gross income will be determined.

Brazil Winds Up German Banking Houses

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 25.—U. P.—Brazil struck at the financial end of German propaganda by ordering the liquidation of three German banks here today.

ARMY RELIGION MOTORIZED

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Fighting army parsons with the A. E. F. in France are dispensing cheer and mercy from automobiles and motorcycles. Many denominational commissions, it was stated today, are supplying their representatives with these means of getting about on the firing line.

AMERICANS PUSH LINE FORWARD

Positions Advance Yesterday Two Miles, Declares Gen. Pershing in Dispatch

NEW DRIVE NOW ON TEN-MILE FRONT

Yankees Clear Riz Forest of Huns; Advance Continues on Wide Front

WASHINGTON, July 25.—U. P.—General Pershing reported that the American troops had forced the Germans back from one to two miles northwest of Jaulgonne yesterday.

By Fred Ferguson, Staff Correspondent for United Press

WITH THE AMERICANS, July 25.—Fere-en-Tardenois is under fire from the Franco-American artillery and is being heavily bombed by allied aviators. The bombardment is seriously interfering with the movement of enemy troops and material.

This is the most important railway and highway center within the Soissons-Rheims sector. It is within five miles of the battle line.

Heavy fighting is progressing in Riz forest northwest of Jaulgonne. The bridgehead has been appreciably enlarged and the Franco-Americans are advancing there despite the sharp rearguard action.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Sec. Baker declared that the allies "continued to advance in certain territories," adding that while the gains were not extensive they were important.

PARIS, July 25.—The Americans are continuing to advance north and northeast of Chateau Thierry and are driving up on Fere en Tardenois on an unbroken ten-mile front. The Germans are blowing up the ammunition dumps apparently preparing to evacuate the city, but Oulchy has been outflanked, making retirement difficult.

The Franco-American infantry is also approaching Fere en Tardenois from the west, while a terrific bombardment from the west and east is making the city untenable. Many fires have been started.

Strategic enemy masses of 20 divisions is expected soon to start a counter maneuver.

Dance Given in Honor of Drafted Man

In honor of Herbert Skelton, who left for Camp Lewis Monday, July 22, a big farewell dance was given at Dever Saturday evening.

After the dance the guest of honor was taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brinson, where refreshments were served to the 36 guests. Mrs. Walter Brinson presided at the punch bowl.

Dairy Sales Are Falling Off

PORTLAND, July 25.—This is dairy products week in Portland.

Dairymen, worried because their sales are falling off, have called in experts to conduct propaganda for them. Edward B. Fitts, specialist in the dairy extension service of the Oregon Agricultural college has charge of the attempt this week to educate the people to drink milk and buttermilk and eat cottage cheese.

Statisticians have uncovered the curious fact that the average milk consumption in Portland is .45 of a pint a day per capita.

The dairies claim they are in a bad way because of the high prices of feed and that unless they can persuade the people to increase the use of dairy products they will fail. Several dairies have gone out of business in the past few weeks.

Fined Five Dollars and Liked It

A tourist was picked up this afternoon by Speed Cop Brown and hailed before City Recorder Lewelling on the charge of speeding. He was driving at the rate of 30 miles an hour and was assessed a fine of \$5.

"That's fair enough," said the defendant as he paid his fine and offered the judge and speed cop some clear Havanas.

Draftees Leaving

OLYMPIA, July 25.—Washington will send 4,000 drafted men to Camp Lewis beginning today.

P. D. Gilbert Tells of Old Civil War Landmark in Village of Eola

Because values dropped from 65 to five cents per yard and other goods in proportion, the proprietor of a general merchandise store at Eola, Oregon, turned the key in the door at the close of the Civil War and never entered the building or permitted anyone else to enter it for more than 60 years. The above statement was made this morning by P. D. Gilbert, chairman of the Linn county council of defense, who says he has been in Eola and looked through the windows of the old store building and himself seen the time-worn stock of goods which is one of the landmarks of the Civil War days still left in Oregon.

Eola is located in Polk county and is little more than a hamlet at the present time but prior to the Civil War was once the choice of a large element in Oregon as the site for the state capital.

The proprietor of the store in question located in Eola in the 50s and is said to have conducted a flourishing business during the war period. He was rather an eccentric old bachelor and the sudden drop in prices when peace was declared, leaving him with a stock which had been purchased at what at that time was a fabulous sum, soured him against the mercantile business. He promptly closed the store and devoted his time and attention to the care of a small orchard which adjoined his mercantile business.

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WEATHERFORD, BILYEU WIN COURT'S VERDICT

In Suit to Quiet Title to Land Owned by Lawyers, Chester Crouch Loses

J. K. Weatherford and W. R. Bilyeu have been awarded a verdict by Circuit Judge Bingham in a suit to quiet title to lands owned by the plaintiff where-in Chester Crouch claimed an interest as heir to Frank Ingram.

Some years ago J. K. Weatherford and W. R. Bilyeu were employed as attorneys for Frank Ingram who was charged with murdering his brother. In consideration for their services as attorneys 160 acres of land located five miles south of Albany was deeded to them by Ingram. Ingram escaped the gallows but was sentenced to life imprisonment. He was afterwards pardoned and died in California. The 160-acre farm was left to Ingram by will which gave him, it was claimed by Crouch, only a conditional interest which should properly revert to the heirs after the death of Ingram.

As soon as plaintiffs learned that Crouch proposed to make such a claim they at once brought suit to quiet title and in the decision handed down by Judge Bingham are sustained.

200,000 BRITISH OUT ON STRIKE

Munition Works Idle as Result of Walkout; Advisory Committee Opposes

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Japan's Note Reaches Wilson Today

WASHINGTON, July 25.—U. P.—It is learned authoritatively that Japan's reply to Wilson's proposal regarding Russia has arrived. It is undetermined whether further negotiations are necessary. Wilson is engaged today in a long conference with the state department, Sec. Baker and British Ambassador Reading.

Staple Food Products Prices Are Announced

the prices on foods between this week and last week quotations. Cornmeal

There is no material difference in and last week quotations. Cornmeal

Fresh Eggs	38 to 39c	39 to 41c
Fresh Creamery Butter	45 to 50c	50 to 57 1/2c
New Potatoes	3 1/2 to 4c	4 1/2 to 5c
Full Cream Cheese	25c	30c
Cornmeal, yellow, 100 pounds	5 1/2c per pound	7 to 8c
Cornmeal, white, 100 pounds	6 to 6 1/2c per pound	7 to 8c
Cornmeal, yellow, 10 pounds	6 1/2 to 7c per pound	8c
Cornmeal, white, 10 pounds	6 1/2 to 7c per pound	8 1/2c
Cornflour, bulk	6 1/2c per pound	8c
Cornflour, 10 pounds	7 1/2c per pound	9c
Eyeflour, bulk	6 to 6 1/2c per pound	8c
Eyeflour, 9 pounds	6c	10c
Barleyflour, bulk	6c	8c
Riceflour, bulk	10c	12 1/2c
Oatflour, bulk	7c	8 to 8 1/2c
Hominy, 10 pounds	7 1/2c	9c
Headrice	10 to 12c	12 to 16c
Cornstarch	10 1/2c	12 1/2c
Beans, white	10 to 12c	12 1/2c
Sugar, granulated	8.05 to 8.3c	9 to 10c
Raisins, seeded, 15 oz.	10 1/2c	15c
Lard, bulk	27c	32c
Lard, 5-pound pails	\$1.39	\$1.50
Lard, compound, bulk	23c	27c
Lard, compound, 5-pound pails	97c	\$1.25
Bacon	38 to 44c	46 to 50c
Milk, per quart, delivered	10 1/2c	12c
Wheat Flour, 49-pound sacks	\$2.40 to \$2.65	\$2.75 to \$3.05

ALBANY COLLEGE WINS SYNOD FIGHT

Following Strong Address by Rev. James Russell, College Obtains Good Backing

U. P. CHURCHES ARE URGED TO COOPERATE

Committee Appointed to Confer With Local Trustees; Long Fight Ended

Following a stirring appeal for support by Rev. James L. Russell, representative of the college board of New York, the Presbyterian Synod this morning passed strong resolutions moving a most hearty endorsement to the college and authorizing the appointment of two committees to work out plans for cooperation on the part of the Presbyterian churches of the state.

The above is the substance of a telegram sent by President Wallace Howe Lee to his wife this morning and perhaps marks the turning point in the history of the local school.

One of the committees appointed is instructed to cooperate with the board of trustees in securing new buildings and to advise with the board as to the best means obtainable for increasing the membership, and the other is to confer with the United Presbyterian church with the idea of obtaining the solid backing and support of both the First Presbyterian and United Presbyterian denominations.

National Labor Board Holds Hearings

WASHINGTON, July 25.—The national war labor board today began a hearing of the labor difficulties of the Crown-Willamette Pulp and Paper company and the Hawley Pulp and Paper company of Oregon City. Officials of the companies were heard, having been called by the board.

The hearing is the result of a request for one made both by the Oregon Federation of Labor and the American Federation of Labor. The federal mediation board in a recent report declared these companies had adopted un-American policies in that they had refused to deal collectively with their employees.

The plants of the Crown-Willamette Pulp & Paper Co. and the Hawley plants were organized by the Paper Makers' Union in May a year ago. The companies at first objected to this but later allowed it to proceed although they did not agree to deal with the union. Later, the companies began discharging employees who were officials of the union. The direct break came when the union men asked an increase of 25 cents a day and additional pay for overtime. The companies would not recognize the union and when the union asked the federal mediation board to mediate, the companies took the stand there was nothing to mediate.

The Willamette company has plants at Oregon City, Camas, and Lebanon. The labor trouble has caused bad blood and there was a near riot recently at Oregon City.

Union officials including President O. R. Hartwig of the Oregon Federation of labor charge that the Willamette company has gone to the farms to employ men. The union men expect as a result of the war labor board's intervention that the companies will be forced to take them back at the same pay they are now offering nonunion labor.

Lebanon Telephone Company Has Hearing

PORTLAND, July 25.—The rate increase petition of the Lebanon Mutual Telephone company was given a hearing here today by the public service commission.