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Germans in Full Retreat on 25 Mile Front

HALF MILLION GERMANS ARE IN FULL RETREAT BEFORE ADVANCING ALLIED TROOPS; GREATEST VICTORY EXPECTED

Foch Strikes Mighty Blow on 50-Mile Front: Half of Line Gives Way and Allies Rush Through Gap; Belgian Border Neared

GERMANS IN WILD RETREAT ARE PURSUED BY ALLIED CAVALRY; MANY TOWNS TAKEN

British and Americans Now Within 2 Miles of Great Enemy Military Base; Allies Pour Into Open Country Back of Heinies Line

LONDON, Oct. 10.—The greatest victory in military history appears approaching. Attacking on nearly a 50-mile front from below St. Quentin to near Douai, the British, French and Americans are reported to have broken through completely along nearly half this front. Through this gap the allies are pouring in pursuit of nearly half a million of Germany's best soldiers, who are reported in utter rout.

WITH THE BRITISH, Oct. 10.—The Germans in the Cambrai-St. Quentin section are staggering under the impact of the combined British, French and American blows and seem on the verge of utter rout.

The allies have burst through the last of the organized German defenses along a 20-mile front, and are pouring into the open country beyond. The Germans are reported in wild retreat eastward, the allied cavalry slashing at their heels with the allied infantry following closely in column formation. Additional advances of six miles are reported since yesterday's renewed attack began. A tremendous explosion is reported to have wrecked Cambrai's center. The city was already fire-swept. Fifteen or twenty blocks in the city's heart are completely ruined.

LONDON, Oct. 10.—The allies are now within two miles of Lecateau, the great German base, Gen. Haig announced today.

The British have begun to advance eastward from Lens, capturing Sallaumines and Nomgelles. Lecateau is 15 miles from the Belgian border and 17 miles south of Valanciennes.

PARIS, Oct. 10.—The war office announced the renewal of attacks in the Laon region today. Progress was made there and also east of St. Quentin in the Champagne.

LONDON, Oct. 10.—It is learned the British cavalry is on the outskirts of Lecateau.

PARIS, Oct. 10.—The Germans are reported withdrawing on wide sectors along the whole 100-mile front between Cambrai and Rheims. The Jerries are employing countless machineguns to slow the allies.

EARLY MORNING FIRE DESTROYS BAKERY

Kenton's Store and Willard Station Also Threatened: Loss Is Considerable

A fire which broke out in the kitchen of the Albany Bakery at 5 o'clock this morning, completely gutted the bakery building and damaged the rear rooms of the Willard Service Station and Kenton's Grocery, both of which are located in the same building with the bakery.

A defective flue is believed to have been the cause of the fire. H. J. Firchau got up at 2:30 this morning, mixed the sponge for the bread and started the fire in the oven. He then went back to bed. The fire broke out at 5 o'clock and some of the fixtures and most of the flour in the bakery were saved.

The damage to the building is estimated at $2500. It is owned by Gustave Hess of Portland and the loss is covered by insurance.

The loss at Kenton's store is due mostly to water. It is believed that it will not be more than $100.

The loss at the Willard Service Station is estimated at $150.

Returned to Astoria—

I. M. Doughton returned to Astoria last night after a few days' visit here. Mrs. Doughton and son remained for a few days' longer visit.

NEW CLASSIFIED

PIANO LESSONS—For information call 202J. 10o16

FOR SALE—A good 1-year-old Collie dog. Bell phone 23F12. 10o12*

FOR RENT—2 furnished housekeeping rooms on ground floor—also 26 acres in North Albany, fruit and garden land. D. Bussard, 727 Ellsworth. 10o12

KIDDIE KLASS—Opening Oct. 15. Five mornings a week. Loyal Americans from 3 to 6 cheerfully accepted. For further information inquire of Mrs. C. H. Palmer; phone 586R. 10o12

Our Boys Garner Hun Hunds and Helmets

WITH THE AMERICANS, France, Oct. 10.—The American army is gradually being populated with boche dogs.

At the same time the United States soon will be thickly populated with boche helmets.

The fighting American is just as earnest in his souvenir hunting as the peaceful American. Practically every doughboy, therefore—whether from town or country—made it a point to pick up a boche helmet somewhere during his advance from the Marne to the Vesle. The Germans cast aside their heavy helmets in their retreat, and they were scattered broadcast over the Marne valley, on and across the Ourcq to the Vesle. By pasting the address on the hat together with 40 cents postage, the American can send his sweetheart or mother a souvenir direct from the battlefield. And all of them have done it or are doing it.

About the dogs. The boche left them behind, just as he did the helmets. When the Yanks entered Bouvards, Sergy, Cierges and various other towns, they found the dogs lurking about in the cellars and dugouts. A dog can't help being boche, so the doughboys don't hold against him the fact that he is one. The deserted dogs were fed. They quickly made friends. They are now just as good democrats as they were autocrats. Each bears some sort of German name. A chaplain has a little black daschund he calls "Minnie." The after part of her name is "Werfer."

Fruit Pits and Nutshells to Be Shipped this Week

The government urges everyone to save all fruit pits of any kind and all nut shells, and all those having any on hand should take them to the Red Cross store or to the Linn & Benton Fruit association right away.

W. R. Scott, of the Linn & Benton association, has charge of shipping them to headquarters, and he is planning on making a shipment this week and would like to have as large a shipment as possible.

YANKEES BREAK ENEMY LINES

German Defenses Crumble Before Smash by Pershing's Crusaders

GERMANS RETREAT AS YANKS ADVANCE

2,000 Prisoners Captured by Americans Yesterday: Advance Continues

By FRED S. FERGUSON, U. P. STAFF CORRESPONDENT WITH THE AMERICANS, Oct. 10.—**The Americans are through the Kriemhilde line on nearly a four-mile front. They have smashed the last organized German defenses in this region west of the Meuse and are advancing northward with only natural defenses between them and the Belgian border. The Argonne pocket has been entirely wiped out by the junction of the Americans and French at Lancon.**

The Americans are moving up through the forest with the engineers blazing a way through the woods and tangled wire masses.

Heavy fighting is under way in the Romagne region between the meuse and the Argonne, where the Germans are rushing reinforcements and concentrating artillery. The enemy is frantically reinforcing the sides of the remaining Argonne pocket, while withdrawing in the center.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—General Pershing today reported continued American advance east of the Meuse to Sivry's outskirts and the penetration of the German line west of the Meuse, with the capture of 2,000 additional prisoners yesterday.

Senator Lodge Criticizes President Wilson

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—U. P.—Discussing President Wilson's peace note response, Senators today read hundreds of tedegrams and letters from back home demanding that the United States stand firmly for unconditional surrender.

Senator Lodge said his one "great regret" was that Wilson should ask Prince Max questions, thus beginning a debate. "All over the United States Wilson's reply is being explained. It is crime for me to wish the President had sent a note needing no explanations, or interpretations?" asked Sen. Lodge. "I wanted a note like that sent Austria-Hungary. Nobody was puzzled by that note. It represented the American people's voice."

Enlistments Now Accepted for Navy Says Stewart

Postmaster Stewart has been informed by the officer in charge at the recruiting station at Portland, that enlistments can now be made in the navy by drafted men who have special qualifications, such as machinists or electricians, or, in fact, along any special lines. This is absolutely required, and it would be useless for persons who cannot meet these requirements to make application. These men are examined at Portland, and their names sent in to Washington, with the request that they be inducted into the navy. If approved by the provost marshal general at Washington, their local boards will be instructed to release the men for the navy, and they are then sent to the various training camps. No application for enlistment will be considered until the applicant has been both registered and classified and after the examination it will be from two to three weeks before he can enter the service. Hreafter applicants for enlistmnet will be required to pay their own expenses to and from Portland, but when they have been finally accepted, and notified to appear at headquarters, transportation will be furnished them.

Lieutenant Seth T. French

Lieutenant Seth T. French arrived on the 10:30 train last night from Call Field, Wichita Falls, Texas, to enjoy his first leave of absence since entering the aviation service of the army of Uncle Sam.

About 50 of his old friends assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. French last night to give Lieutenant French a little taste of what Albany will do when he flies back from Berlin with the scalp of the Kaiser; for this city is justly proud of her brilliant young birdman. Born in Albany, a product of Albany public schools and Albany college, he has always been a much-loved leader; on account of his sterling character, his clean, manly life and his willingness to serve others. Everybody loves "Seth Thomas," and hundreds have enjoyed his interesting letters concerning the progress and work of that most fascinating department of our army.

Lieut. French graduated from the officers' training school at San Francisco; then entered the aviation school at Brooks Field, San Antonio, Texas, from which he was graduated a few months ago. He is now instructor of aviation at Call Field, Wichita Falls, with an eager eye on the fields of France. W. P. WHITE.

LYONS MEN TAKE TROUBLES TO COURT

Theodore Nealon Asks Circuit Court for Injunction against Ring

Claiming that the defendant has wrongfully entered upon his land and is now engaged in cutting timber therefrom without legal right, Theodore Nealon today brought suit against Al Ring of Lyons and is asking the court for a temporary injunction restraining Ring from cutting timber from the premises.

In his complaint, Nealon alleges that he has on his land between three and four million feet of merchantable timber and that during the month of June, 1918, Ring entered the premises with machinery and logging equipment and commenced the work of converting the timber into sawlogs.

CITY COUNCIL MET LAST NIGHT

Committee Appointed to Draft Laws Against Influenza

TRAFFIC OFFICER BROWN RESIGNS

Albany Is Now without Speed Cop as Result of Resignation

The appointment of a committee on ordinances with instructions to draft any emergency laws that may be deemed necessary in the event that Spanish influenza should prove a menace to the health of the people of Albany was authorized at the regular meeting of the city council which was held last night. The police officers were also instructed by the council to enforce the anti-spitting ordinance.

Traffic Officer Brown sent in his resignation last night and it was accepted without comment. As a result of the resignation, Albany is now without a traffic officer, but the mayor and members of the council are in search of a man who can be depended upon to perform the duties of this office.

Councilman Leigh of the health and police committee reported that a barn on Washington street between Fourth and Fifth is in an unsanitary condition and the matter was referred to the street superintendent with power to act.

The committee on ways and means was instructed to confer with the city recorder and city attorney and prepare the tax levy for the ensuing year.

The city attorney was instructed to foreclose a paving lien on property located between Eighth and Ninth streets.

The usual bills were allowed and the meeting adjourned.

October 12th Will Be Legal Holiday

Saturday, October 12th, which has heretofore been observed as Columbus Day, has also been proclaimed as Liberty Day this year by President Wilson.

All banks, county and city offices will be closed on that date.

Columbus Day—

The Albany Banks will be closed Saturday, October 12th, Columbus Day.

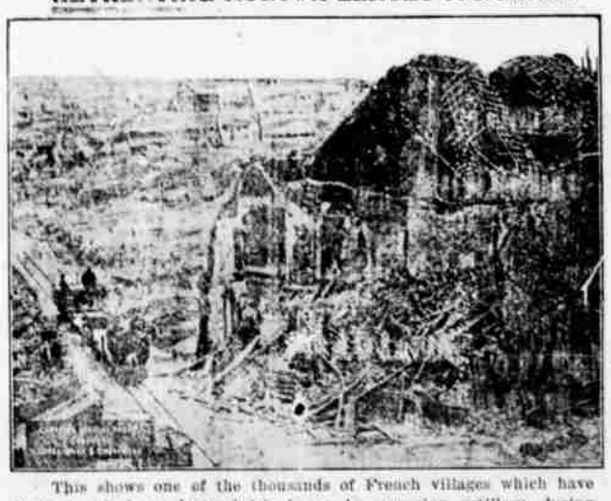
On Business Trip—

A. C. Schmitt went to Portland this morning on business.

Buys New Home—

Mr. and Mrs. John Kirkland have bought the home of Robert Torbett in Sunrise. They recently sold their place to Mr. and Mrs. Schoel of Granger. Robert Torbett and family will move to Albany.

RETREATING KULTUR LEAVES ITS MARK



This shows one of the thousands of French villages which have been smashed to dusty brick heaps by opposing artillery during German capture and occupation. Too often French gunners are under the necessity of sending shells into the homes where they have spent happy years with their wives and babies.

Your subscription to the Fourth Liberty Loan will help move the ruin back into Germany.

NO EPIDEMIC OF INFLUENZA HERE

No Cases of Suspicious Character Reported Since Yesterday, Says Curl

"There is no well-defined case of influenza in Albany. There are two cases which might be regarded as suspicious but there is no epidemic and no sign of any at this time."

The above statement was made this afternoon by Mayor Curl after getting in touch with local physicians and investigating the two alleged cases at St. Mary's hospital.

"We will take every precaution necessary to guard the health of the people and I will keep in daily touch with the local physicians. When my investigation leads me to the opinion that there is any danger we will at once close up the theaters and other public places. No suspicious cases have been reported during the last 24 hours and I therefore conclude that it is not necessary to issue a closing order at this time. As a precautionary measure, however, I am going to ask the picture shows to close all day Sunday and thus prevent the Corvallis crowds from coming to Albany for the Sunday shows. I have talked with Dr. Ellis and have been in communication with residents of Corvallis in regard to the situation over there, and am convinced that the epidemic in that place is either a mild form of grip or rather severe cold. The excitement there has already died down and I am of the opinion that the cases among the students were due to severe military training in damp weather."

RED CROSS NOTES

If our boys in the trenches and our nurses in the field are to be provided with the best gas masks procurable, the nationwide campaign to save fruit pits and nut shells must be speeded up to the limit. An emergency now exists and Governor Withycombe has felt the matter of sufficient importance to issue the following call to the citizens of this state:

State of Oregon, Executive Department, Salem, October 7, 1918.

I most earnestly commend the work of the Red Cross chapters in their campaign for the collection of fruit pits and nutshells from which carbon is extracted for manufacture into protectives against German poison gas; and I feel certain that all loyal Americans can be depended upon to cooperate wholeheartedly with the R. C. officials in this worthy movement. When we consider the superlative sacrifices which are being made by our Liberty Boys in France it seems unthinkable that there could be the slightest hesitance on the part of the people when the government calls upon its citizens for assistance in an emergency of this kind.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) JAMES WITHYCOMBE.
Governor of Oregon.

Housewives are asked to put a pail in the corner of the kitchen "just for the government," and as it is filled turn the contents over to the Red Cross. Two hundred peach pits, or seven pounds of nutshells, will produce enough carbon for one gas mask. They should, however, be sound and perfectly dry. Cooked pits should be saved. Pits of cherries imported in brine from Italy should not be included nor any other materials not included in this list: peachstones, apricot pits, prune, plum and olive pits, date seeds, cherry pits, butternut, brazilnut, walnut and hickorynut shells.

The committee for handling Christmas parcels for the boys in France has been appointed and consists of Mrs. Joseph Ralston, Mrs. Logan, Mrs. Harry Cusick, Mrs. Stark and Mrs. W. H. Davis.

At the executive board meeting last evening bills amounting to $1,131.11 were allowed. This does not include the last shipments of yarn, which came to $1,237.51.

An appeal has just been received for 60 volunteers for canteen and hut service. Similar requests will be coming from day to day, because the need of the Red Cross service is great. Applicants for both foreign and domestic service in equal numbers, men and women, should make inquiries at the R. C. headquarters.

Nine thousand of the first request for nurses have not been secured and more are needed. The appeal for motor drivers has not had the response that was hoped for. Many women have expressed themselves as eager to go to France. Every opportunity is being given, yet the calls are unheeded. It is the patriotic duty of those, whose health and home duties permit to respond to these calls. If you cannot go away from Albany there is work at the R. C. surgical rooms that should have been done and packed before this. The women must carry on whether at home or abroad. The boys over there are watching the workers at home.

Mrs. Leigh, inspector of the gauze pads, reports that they have been made very neatly but of the whole allotment of about 700, less than 12 had to be changed.

TURKEY IS WILLING TO HAVE PEACE

Representatives of new Turkish Government are Negotiating With the Entente

WILSON WILL NOT PARLEY WITH THE HUN, IT IS KNOWN

Rumor that Kaiser Has Abdicated Not Credited in Washington Circles Today

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—U. P.—Representatives of the new Turkish government are negotiating with the allies regarding terms for withdrawal from the war, the United Press learns today from an authoritative source.

The new grand vizier has his representatives now in touch with the allied governments.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—U. P.—It can be stated on the highest authority that there will be no extended note-writing between the President and Germany. Germany must answer his recent inquiry frankly and to the point or the discussions will stop. On this point, Americans may rest absolutely assured.

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 10.—It is persistently rumored that the Kaiser has abdicated.

(Note—Reports of the overthrow of the Hohenzollerns were expected to be circulated at the time the German peace offensive was launched.)

Many Volunteer to Help Exemption Board

The following ladies helped the local exemption board yesterday in compiling registration cards:

Mrs. R. M. Russell, Mrs. Frank S. Mownson, Frank Mownson, Miss Leila Mitchell, Miss Louise Dannals, Miss Nora Ashton, Miss Mildred Cole, Miss Fannie Brenner, Miss Francis Haas, Mrs. M. H. Crandle, Mrs. R. S. Richardson, Miss Rena Richardson, Mrs. Alice Cockerline, Mrs. Earl Day, Miss Minnie McCourt, Miss Zella Burkhart, Mrs. L. Giddings, Miss Volena Smith, Mrs. W. C. Tweedale.

Five Times Rating—

Mr. and Mrs. John McNeill of Syracuse came to Liberty Loan headquarters for the third time today and took five time stheir original rating.

Visiting Senders—

Mrs. S. A. Cohen of Portland arrived in Albany last night and while here is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Senders.