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ALLIED FORCES PRESSING ARMY OF CROWN PRINCE

Squeezing of Pocket Makes Position of German Forces Precarious One.

FIGHTING IS DESPERATE

Despite Heavy German Reinforcements, Allies' Advance Makes Progress at Many Points.

With the sides of the Soissons-Rheims sack coming steadily closer together the German crown prince's generals are driving their men mercilessly in an effort to hold them off long enough to extricate the armies threatened at the bottom, north of the Marne.

The American and French troops are never far behind the retreating forces and the vicious rear guard actions are not sufficiently resistant to enable the Germans to proceed in the orderly manner planned.

At Dormans and east of Chateau Thierry, the Germans counter attacked, taking the position, but were promptly driven out. They occupied Treloup, west of Dormans, and have held it.

Minor advances have been made by the allies in the woods in that part of the sector, while further to the east, south of Rheims, there were additional allied successes.

The Americans have occupied Courperl, on the road to Fere-en-Tardenois and the French positions have been advanced until Oulchy-Le Chateau is dominated by the guns.

Nearer Soissons the Germans failed to hold all their positions, notwithstanding reinforcements and their desperate need.

It would be no surprise if the battle between the Aisne and the Marne ends soon, or if the crown prince should force operations in a new phase by massing troops for a tremendous counter attack on a new part of the battle front, perhaps the flank south of Soissons, where the Germans already have offered such determined resistance.

Although outwitted by the strategy of General Foch and outfought by the Franco-American commanders, there is no disposition to underestimate the danger of the staggering German armies striking another terrible blow on either flank.

The losses of the Germans have been enormous. They are estimated to range between 150,000 and 225,000. But it is obvious to all except the most optimistic that the hard fighting German armies are no too crippled to attempt retaliation, once they are in positions chosen by the commanders.

What lines the Germans will select for a new stand is merely conjecture, but it is believed the logical place will be the long plateau southeast of Soissons, running toward the Ardre river and to the junction of the present line from Rheims. If the Ardre is not chosen, the crown prince has the choice of the valley of Vesle, or even the old line along the Aisne.

It is believed more probable that the crown prince will choose the Vesle region, where the forests and hills west of Rheims toward Soissons would make him relatively safe for the moment. That he intends abandoning the territory at the bottom of the pocket that rested on the Marne is evident. It is equally evident that he has been forced to such a course by the reduction of his number of lines of supply.

It is estimated that the Germans had mobilized here between half a million and 600,000 men. To maintain a supply for these men, even with all transport resources, was no simple task and the working out of General Foch's plans have made the positions untenable.

There has been a fierce battle in progress for the highways and railroad, with the hope on the part of the allies, perhaps, to close the mouth of the sack and smother the Germans. It is believed, however, that the Ger-

mans will be able to get out of their position with the greater part of their army.

Although the Germans have been frightfully punished on the line north of the Marne, the retreat to where they are now was not due to this punishment, but was made imperative by the slowly closing flanks, from which the big guns daily the reaching further toward the German munitions arteries.

BUYS \$1,000 WORTH W. S. S.

Another Man Becomes Member of Limit Club.

Felix A. Wesolowski, a baker of this city, purchased \$1,000 worth of War Savings Stamps last Monday and was presented with one of the beautiful buttons issued by the government to those buying the limit.

This is the first member from the city, and Mr. Wesolowski is No. 24 in the club.

It is necessary to raise the entire Lane county allotment for W. S. S. soon, as a big Liberty Bond drive will come again in October.

Anyone desiring to get into the club and help the government as well as themselves is requested to telephone Jerome Workman at Eugene 702, or Carl Washburne at Eugene 4. Appointments will be made at any time.

Marine Recruits in Eugene.

The marine office at Eugene has accepted 14 men for enlistment and transferred during the recruiting month just ended. Those who have gone are Carl E. Nelson, Eugene; Guy D. Mosler, Springfield; Lee A. Silver, Mabel Harold E. Sheppard, Cottage Grove; Lloyd W. Still, Eugene; Russel Bemis, Charles Cressey, Harve Hoselton, Eugene; Ralph Hooker, Gus Ryan, Mabel; Glend Williams, Cottage Grove; Hugh McCammon, Salem; Dauton Thomson, Vida; George Puckett, Myrtle Creek. They were sent to Mare Island, where they will train, except McCammon, Still and Nelson, who entered the aviation section of the Marine Corps and were transferred to the Boston Navy yard.

Local Boy Joins.

Bill Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hill of this city, left last Sunday for Vancouver, Wash., having enlisted last Thursday in the field artillery. He was accompanied as far as Portland by two of his friends, Ray Alexander and Jerry Van Valzah. Mr. Hill was very popular among the young people here, having been a graduate in the June class. He was student body president and was on both the football and baseball team. He had won the greatest popularity in the high school for the past year, and was the general favorite of all the students and the ideal of all the frosh boys.

Receives Card of Thanks.

When the books were gathered this spring for the children, Miss Mary Roberts of this city put her name in one of them and has received a card from the boy in the service who got the book thanking her and telling her how much it was appreciated by him. Some of the people had the idea that the books that they gathered never reached the boys at all, but more than one boy has been gladdened with a book to read that has made him feel that he is appreciated and made him glad that he had given himself to the nation.

Red Cross Has Secretary.

The Red Cross has a new secretary who began her duties this week. Mrs. J. C. Dimm, who was the secretary of this chapter, resigned her office some time ago owing to the fact that she will move to Oregon City in a short time, where Mr. Dimm is manager of a paper. Mrs. L. K. Page has received the office now and has taken full charge of the duties of her office. Mrs. Page will be at the Public Library on Saturday and Wednesday afternoons to see those who wish to transact Red Cross business.

Will Raffle Quilt.

The ladies of the G. A. R. have made two quilts, which they are going to donate to the Red Cross and which will be raffled at the City Park next Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. The band has consented to furnish music for the affair for the help of the Red Cross. The quilts were made by the ladies especially for the Red Cross, and they hope that they will bring a good sum to swell the Springfield donation sum.

Springfield Creamery Buys Lane County Creamery Plant

The Springfield Creamery has purchased the Lane County Creamery of Eugene, the sale being largely necessitated through the illness of Mr. Coppock, proprietor of the Eugene plant, and who died on Wednesday evening. Mr. E. F. Herbst, one of the stockholders in the Springfield company, will manage the Eugene plant for the present. The old employees of the plant will be retained.

The average output of the Lane County Creamery runs considerably over 300 pounds daily. This, coupled with the output of the Springfield

plant, will average close to 1000 pounds of butter per day, and the peak load in the summer months will represent a total output from the two plants of over 1500 pounds.

In an interview with a News reporter, Mr. Cyra, of the Springfield Creamery, stated that the same standard of excellence that has characterized the product of both creameries would be rigidly maintained.

With a sterling product and a reputation for fair dealing with the public, a bright future for the company seems assured.

JOHN ASHWORTH LISTED MISSING

Telegram Sent to Mrs. Nancy Ashworth Received Here Saturday Morning.

A telegram announcing the supposed death of Corporal John D. Ashworth was received here last Saturday by his mother, Mrs. Nancy Ashworth. A cablegram from the major-general was sent June 24 from the scene of action, but the word was just received here.

John D. Ashworth was born at Jewel City, Jewell county, Kansas, February 20, 1889. The family moved to Oklahoma shortly afterwards, where he went to his first school. They then moved to Missouri, where they lived until he left to attend Kingfisher College in Oklahoma. After he had received his education there he went to the old family home in Iowa, where he stayed until he came to Springfield four years ago to join his mother, who had come here several years before. While he was here he was employed at the Booth-Kelly mill. He enlisted in the marine corps a year ago last June and was sent immediately to Mare Island to train. After he had received some training there he was sent to Quantico, Virginia, November 7, 1917, and he sailed for France the latter part of last February. The word received stated that he was among the missing June 24 and had not been at the front line.

Mr. Ashworth was not married. He leaves his mother, Mrs. Nancy Ashworth, of Springfield; one sister, Mrs. Showalter, of Kingfisher, Okla.; three brothers, Harry Ashworth, Witchatan, Kansas; Sergeant Roy Ashworth, Co. C, 7th Battalion 20th Engineers, A. E. F., who is also at the front, and William Ashworth of Springfield.

He was well known here and his many friends are very sorry to learn that he has been one of those who had to lose his life in the great fight for the sake of humanity against that low race of people, the Germans.

FISHING SEASON OPENED

Good Salmon Catch is Reported on Siuslaw.

The salmon fishing season on the Siuslaw river opened a week ago yesterday and the run is fair, according to I. B. Cushman of Cushman station. There are not so many fishermen on the river as in former years owing to the fact that most of the young men engaged in that work have gone to war.

The fish are sold to shippers who send them out by the car load to valley and eastern points.

Mrs. Pollard Leaves.

Mrs. W. H. Pollard and children, William, Jule and Ruth, left last Sunday for Camp Lewis, where they will join Lieut. Pollard, who is a first lieutenant in the medical corps. They expect to stay there until the opening of school in the fall, when they will return to Springfield. They were driven in their car as far as Portland by Prof. R. L. Kirk, who returned here that evening.

Paddock Farm is Sold.

Mrs. Bertha Paddock sold her farm near Marcola last Saturday to Mrs. Flora Hartley of Portland. Mrs. Paddock has purchased a resident property in Eugene and will reside there

ARMY HEIGHT AND WEIGHT TO BE LESS

New Ruling for Standard is 60 Inches in Height and 110 Pounds in Weight.

The Lane county draft board has received notice that the army standard for weight and height has been lowered. The new ruling provided 60 inches as the minimum in height and 110 pounds as the minimum in weight.

One result of the change may be to recall the men examined during the last few days in connection with the quota for July 24, who were found to be short in height and weight. The examinations of some of these registrants were made under the old standards placing the minimum at 63 inches for height and 116 pounds for weight.

The examinations are being conducted by Dr. T. W. Harris at the armory. Practically 100 men have so far been examined. W. B. Martin is acting as clerk for the examining physician.

TAKES AN ALASKAN TRIP

Springfield Girl Enjoys Trip to Far North.

Miss Florence Coffin, book-keeper of the First National Bank of Springfield, returned yesterday from a two weeks' outing in Alaska. She was accompanied by Miss Lindsay, a teacher in the Springfield high school, who joined her at Portland.

The young ladies made the trip from Vancouver, B. C., to Skagway on the excursion boat "Prince Alice," in eleven days. Five short stops were made on the way to Skagway in order that the pleasure seekers, of whom there were eighty, might explore and view the wonderful scenery. At one time the boat was within a quarter of a mile from Lake Bennett. On this the old "Trail of '98" was followed nearly all of the way. The evenings on the boat were most delightful, as it was daylight until nearly 11 o'clock. During one evening on the return trip, just after hearing of the victories of the allies, a patriotic program was given on the boat. The net proceeds, which amounted to \$98, were given to the Red Cross.

One day the party was surprised to see a large iceberg tip over in the water. The climate was surprising in its warmth at Juneau. Beautiful gardens of cultivated flowers similar to our own were seen in the city.

Miss Coffin especially spoke of the splendid spirit prevalent among the Canadian people, in regard to the war. In Victoria, B. C., wounded soldiers are seen everywhere.

Plenty of Good Music Soon.

The stillness of the night was broken at 11 p. m. Tuesday when the Springfield band turned loose on the street and whizzed through a lively march under the light in front of the Elite hotel. The boys of the band—old boys and young boys—made the air ring with a melody that made us think of old times and furnished proof that Springfield once more has a band that is worthy of mention. It was late enough for most of the people to be in bed, but the boys were only half through the march when the street was full of good natured listeners, both men and women. Go to it boys and keep the good work alive for the

town needs music and lots of it. This paper will aid the band in every way possible, for a good band is indispensable in any community. The band will play at the Park Saturday evening. If there are any old time players who have not yet joined the band, or young fellows or ladies who want to take up band playing, see the boys and get into musical swim and we will have entertainment to be proud of this winter. Let her go, boys. Page in the green book.

RAIN HELPS VEGETABLES

Corn, Cabbage, Potatoes and Beans Benefitted.

Eugene, July 24.—The present rain if it continues will benefit the bean crop, the cabbage crop, the corn crop and all late vegetable crops, says J. O. Holt, manager of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association, which cans large quantities of vegetables. The potato crop will also be benefited, but he says the beets have attained their growth and it is not probable that they will be affected by the showers.

"The general farmer will be benefited," said Mr. Holt, "as nearly all grain has attained its growth and much of it is already cut. The vegetable farmer, however, will be much better off if the showers continue."

Mr. Holt said yesterday that he thought the rain would be a great help to the Evergreen blackberries, which would have been quite small owing to the drouth. He says there has been considerable inquiry lately as to the price to be paid for these berries. He is not yet certain, but thinks it will be about five cents a pound.

Ice-Melting Contest Held.

The contest on the ice melting which was at Ketel's drug store is ended and the prizes awarded to the lucky winners. The guessing was to see how long it would take a 400-pound cake of ice to melt. The cake was placed in the window at the drug store and it has roses frozen in it. Every one who made a purchase at the store was entitled to one guess, and there were several hundred guesses. The correct time of seventy-five hours and three minutes was guessed most correctly by Jack Bentley, and he was awarded a \$5.00 box of chocolates. The second prize was awarded to Mrs. Ida Knickerbocker, and was a \$3.00 box of chocolates.

WEST-SIDE ITEMS.

Mrs. J. T. Lee of Powers, Oregon, who has been visiting at the home of Mrs. H. E. Lee for several days, left for Powers Tuesday.

Rev. Mary E. Buckbee and Oren Buckbee have returned home from a ten-days' camp meeting trip at Sutherlin, Oregon. We all had a good time with the friends of the Southern Oregon conference. Everything went off just fine. The crop are short, although that is a very pretty country. When we came home there were eight boys left for camp from that neighborhood and joined the many other boys on their way to Camp Lewis. They sure did give us a merry time coming home. Everybody was enjoying themselves.

Walter Ellison is home, called by a special telegram stating that his mother was very ill. She is slowly improving.

Everybody is smiling over the little rain which has come at last, and we are looking for more rain soon.

Rev. D. D. Dodge, presiding elder of the Free Methodist church, is in the city today.

Rev. L. M. Phillips of Wendling was at the West-side church Sunday and returned Sunday evening.

E. J. Crawford and wife of Eugene were visiting at the home of Mrs. E. M. Crawford Monday evening.

John Servens of Salem died this morning at 7:35 a. m.

T. E. Wilmott left for Salem this morning. Mrs. Wilmott will go later.

Julius Servens of Lebanon, Oregon, is visiting her sister, Mrs. F. E. Wilmont.

L. B. Severns of Cushman, Oregon, is on his way to attend the funeral of his father.

Going Overseas.

Bankers, brokers, lawyers, business men, physicians, surgeons, actors and other professional men, are undergoing intensive training at Columbia University to fit themselves for Y. M. C. A. war service overseas.

LANE COUNTY TO FURNISH MORE MEN IN AUGUST

200 or 250 Are Expected to Be Called Soon in the Draft for August.

SOME CALLS ANNOUNCED

Oregon Will Be Called On to Furnish 2200 More Men Next Month to Fill Vacancies.

Lane County will be called upon to furnish between 200 and 250 men in the Army draft next month. A letter has been received in Lane County from Adjutant-General Williams in which it is stated that Oregon will be called upon to furnish 2200 more men during next month.

The Provost Marshal-General advises by telegram that August calls upon this state will be as large as the July calls and that approximately 2200 men will be called. Some of the August calls have already been announced, but allotments have not been made upon all boards on account of local agricultural conditions.

"Local boards are hereby directed to refuse increases to the Navy, Marine Corps or on the emergency fleets to all registrants of the 1917 and 1918 classes who have been or will be classified in class one until a sufficient number of class one registrants, physically qualified for general military service are in sight to fill promptly and properly all calls up to August 31 with generous allowance for physical rejections at camp. This applies whether or not registrants have been finally classified or examined physically."

"Reports reaching this office indicate that the 1918 class has not been finally classified and examined physically, although boards are directed on July 8 circular 242 and by telegram on July 14 to proceed to classification of new registrants and to calling those finally classified in class one for physical examination. Local, district and medical advisory boards are urgently requested to exert every effort to make a sufficient number of men available to fill August calls. Medical advisory boards are especially requested to speed up examinations of registrants as yet unexamined. The needs of the Army are imperative and there must not be further delay in making the class of 1918 registrants available for service under August calls."

SPRINGFIELD BOYS MOVED

Lamberty Brothers Transferred to Various Camps.

Mrs. N. A. Rowe has received word from her sons as to their change in training camps and promotion. Private Nicholas Lamberty has been transferred from the quartermaster corps from Augusta arsenal, Augusta, Georgia, to the field artillery at Camp Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina. Private Francis Lamberty has also been transferred from Fort Warden to Fort Flagler, Washington. He has full charge of the dispensary at the hospital. He is very glad to get back to the drug department and says, "Once a druggist, always a druggist."

Springfield Pictures Shown.

J. K. Ketels, local pharmacist, has an interesting window display this week of the Springfields in the United States. He wrote the various towns and cities by that name and received many beautiful pictures taken in places by that name. Local Springfield pennants are in the window to further boost the Oregon Springfield. One small village with the name in the south, in reply to Mr. Ketels' letter asking for views of the town, answered that there were no pictures of the place in existence. It is a very small place and very likely a typical Southern village where pictures do not interest the inhabitants.