

UNENDING FIGHT RAGING ALONG GERMAN FRONT

Lull Overhangs Greater Portion of Line, But Other Spots Witness Continuous Battle—13th Assault by Germans on Bullecourt Fails—Haig Sniping Hindenburg Line.

(From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.)

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, May 15.—Though a lull overhangs the greater portion of the battle line so complete in places that larks singing and swallows' fussing make welcome breaks in the cases of silence, other spots are witnessing unending fighting. Bullecourt is one of these spots. Lens is another and the valley of the Scarpe another.

Here the Germans never cease counter attacking, throwing in fresh battalions after battalions, only to pull them out after three or four days as slashed remnants.

Cuts Away at Line.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, accepting the homely axiom that there are more ways of killing a dog than by choking him to death on butter, refuses to sacrifice his men in frontal attacks on such positions. Thus, day by day, sniping off a piece here and there, he is gradually cutting away the fabric known as the Hindenburg line and threatening positions farther back. He carefully nips the edges of the enemy's strong points, conserving his own force until at a given moment he closes in like a cat in capturing points, with their garrison and supplies.

The Bullecourt fighting is a typical example. Here what amounts to a hand-to-hand struggle has continued for two weeks, sometimes advancing and sometimes retreating, but always netting slow but sure gains for Haig's legions. The German wireless recently said: "This is the twelfth attack on the mass of craters which represent Bullecourt since April 11. If, however, the English are bent upon possession of this heap of ruins, they will have to repeat the attack for the thirteenth time."

Thirteenth Assault Fails.

In effect the village now is virtually all British, now needing the German admission that the thirteenth assault was complete in its conquest. The Germans twice have frenziedly counter attacked the British holdings in the Hindenburg line, through the edge of the village, leaving many dead as they staggered back defeated.

The British are almost imperceptible in closing about Lens in much the same manner, with almost continuous fighting reported. Southeast of Lens the Germans, attacking from trenches near Cite St. Laurent, are breaking up under the English artillery. In a snappy encounter around the Gillemont farm, the Germans drove out the British in a midnight attack, but the British counter attacked and recaptured the farm before dawn.

HEARS TALK OF REPUBLIC

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Kaiser is made responsible for pan-German madness and the outbreak of war and that he is continually being insulted.

"Peace by agreement would be good fortune for Europe. Ninety-nine percent of all the people look with hope and longing to Stockholm. If France and Great Britain renounce annexation and Germany insists thereon, we shall have a revolution in the country."

Wants Peace Concluded.

There were prolonged shouts of indignation at this and cries of "shame! stand down!" The president called Herr Scheidemann to order, but Scheidemann continued: "It has not gone so far as that yet; the enemy does not renounce annexation. A peace just to all parties should be concluded. I am firmly convinced that no peace can be concluded without an alteration of frontiers and that must be arranged by mutual understanding. I am bitterly opposed to the slaughter of another million men; principally because certain firmness desire peace that would follow conquests. Long live peace! Long live Europe!"

GOVERNMENT ASKED OF RAILROADS

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Broad presidential authority over transportation, including power to determine what commodities shall be given preference in the movement of freight, was asked of congress today by President Wilson with the plea that "the exercise of such authority has become imperatively necessary."

TRI-STATES GOOD ROADS MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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ton and Idaho. Shall Oregon stay in the mud many more years to come, or will her people wake up and say, 'Let's get out of the mud' by voting the \$6,000,000 bond issue on June 4th.

"Oregon, with her 35,000 miles of highway improved would soon take the lead of all Pacific coast states in population. Oregon is a state of raw material. Look at her vast areas



J. A. WESTERLUND, President of Tri-State Good Roads Association.

of fertile soil, yet undeveloped, her great lumber industry, her vast herds of sheep and cattle, and her great mineral deposits, all waiting for good roads.

No Increased Taxes.

"A vote for the \$6,000,000 bond issue does not mean an increase in taxes at all as claimed by the enemies of the issue. It means a saving of thousands of dollars to you and me in tires, gasoline, and machinery, and this means a tremendous saving to you in good, smooth, paved roads.

"A party of eastern tourists from Ohio who had traveled 4000 miles already, passed through our beautiful valley last week. In an interview with them, they declared the Cow Creek and Pass Creek Canyons in Douglas county were the only places they got stuck, and said that overland tourists should be warned not to attempt to enter Oregon, but should be turned back via the southern route. Now, we Oregonians do not want that kind of advice handed out to us by our eastern tourists or people who want to see our great state."

\$100,000,000 LOANED TO RUSSIA BY UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, May 16.—The government today made its first loan to Russia, \$100,000,000, bringing the amount thus far advanced to the allies up to \$625,000,000.

AGREEMENT ENDS CRISIS

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tions, regarding it as part of its task to realize such reforms. The executive committee of the duma has approved this decision of the government.

Radicals in Power.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Re-organization of the Russian cabinet was regarded here both as increasing the power of the radicals and as looking forward to a greater degree of unity. It is generally felt that the coming into power of the radical party is more desirable than a situation where the power was divided between radicals and moderates with both practically powerless to act.

The resignation of Foreign Minister Minskoff is regarded as the price demanded by the radicals for their active co-operation with the government. Minskoff incurred much enmity when he pledged Russia, without consulting the radicals, not to make a separate peace. He also has been unpopular in some quarters for his vigorous insistence that Russia be given Constantinople, which was regarded in conflict with the no-annexation pronouncement.

The resignation of many military officers is regarded as vastly more dangerous than the political shiftings of power as the whole discipline and morale of the army may be affected.

TYRONE—2 1/2 in. ARROW form-fit COLLAR 2 for 30¢ GUESS, PEABODY & CO. (MFG. MAKERS)

SENATE DISCUSSES BIG WAR BUDGET WITH CLOSED DOORS

WASHINGTON, May 16.—When the senate today took up the great \$3,390,000,000 war budget, it closed the doors and discussed it privately because, many senators said, it entailed disclosure of confidential information on prosecuting the war. The house passed the bill openly.

Senator Martin, democratic leader, assented to considering the bill in executive session upon suggestion of Senator Weeks, republican of Massachusetts. It was not decided whether the entire bill would be so debated or merely sections relating to war problems.

Senator Weeks said that the senate could not properly act upon such a great bill without confidential information. Secretary Baker of the war department had specifically requested that information be kept confidential.

The senate first took up the \$500,000,000 appropriation for the council of national defense and the \$400,000,000 appropriation to start construction and purchase of a fleet of merchant ships.

MISS RANKIN HITS SNAG, LOSES VOTE

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Miss Jeannette Rankin, congresswoman from Montana, struck her first parliamentary snag today in the house.

Miss Rankin was standing in front of the speaker's desk with other members who had not answered the roll call on the motion to recommend the army bill, when she attempted to cast her vote.

"Were you in the hall and listening when your name was called," asked Speaker Clark.

"No," replied Miss Rankin. "Then you cannot vote," said the speaker.

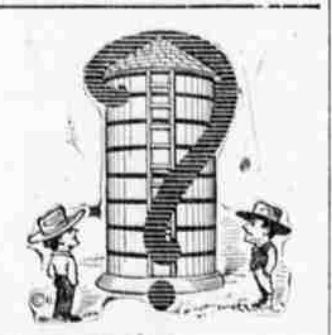
Miss Rankin retired to her seat. The speaker's decision was in accordance with the rules of the house.

THOSE AWFUL CRAMPS

Suggestions that may save Much Suffering

Marysville, Pa.—"For twelve years I suffered with terrible cramps. I would have to stay in bed several days every month. I tried all kinds of remedies and was treated by doctors, but my trouble continued until one day I read about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and what it had done for others. I tried it and now I am never troubled with cramps and feel like a different woman. I cannot praise Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound too highly and I am recommending it to my friends who suffer as I did." —Mrs. GEORGE R. NAYLOR, Box 72, Marysville, Pa.

Young women who are troubled with painful or irregular periods, backache, headache, dragging-down sensations, fainting spells or indigestion should take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Thousands have been restored to health by this root and herb remedy.



Write for free and helpful advice to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential), Lynn, Mass. Only women open and read such letters.

PRESIDENT URGES LEGISLATION ENDING FOOD SPECULATION

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Members of the senate and house agricultural committees today reported to their colleagues that President Wilson is unusually anxious for early passage of legislation to stop speculation in foods and regulate production and distribution. The food situation ranks second only to the army and navy in importance for the war, the president told the committee members at a white house conference last night.

It seemed probable today that all food legislation pending in congress will be rearranged in three administration bills—one providing for a food survey and stimulating production, already under consideration in the senate; another regulating distribution and prices, and the third authorizing a system of preferential shipments.

An amendment designed to relieve the freight car shortage was offered by Senator Smith of Georgia, proposing that of the appropriation for merchant ships, \$100,000,000 be used to construct or acquire freight cars and permit their use by railroads upon terms to be approved by the president.

TEDDY TO GO AS NEW YORK GENERAL

ALBANY, N. Y., May 16.—At the conclusion of a two hours' conference today with Governor Whitman, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt announced that he would accept Governor Whitman's offer of a major general's command in the state service if the federal army bill were passed without the provision to permit him to go to Europe with an expeditionary force.

Colonel Roosevelt said: "Governor Whitman has, as you know, offered me the commission of major general if the volunteer plan for sending troops abroad is not accepted in Washington. The commission would authorize me to raise one or more divisions in New York state, but the members would not necessarily come from this state."

Mrs. Gus Newbury returned Wednesday morning from a two weeks visit at Los Angeles.

HERPICIDE. The idea of a "tonic" for baldness that is chronic is manifestly quite absurd. But when your hair is falling in quantities appalling. There's hope in that reassuring word. HERPICIDE. Applications at the better barber shops. Guaranteed by The Herpicide Co. Sold Everywhere.

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MAIL ORDERS PROMPTLY FILLED MAIL OR EXPRESS PREPAID. NEW LACES Beautiful new Fillet, Oriental and Venice Laces. Just in by express; these are the latest ideas for trimming white dresses. Prices from a yard 10c up to \$1.48. Mann's The Woman's Store 14-22 NORTH CENTRAL MEDFORD, OREGON. NEW EMBROIDERIES 10 pieces beautiful new Organdie Flouncings; fine quality, 45 inches wide, suitable for graduation dresses; values up to \$2.00; very special, yard \$1.39.

First Showing of New Merchandise

The Very Latest Ideas from the World's Best Fashion Centers

Bloomer Dress Romper back, belt and pockets appropriate during house-cleaning time, also for garden wear. Easy to laundry; made of good gingham; fast colors; very special, each \$2.48. New White Tub Silk Petticoats With Double Panels—"FITRITE" Adjustable Band Top. New colors in all silk taffeta Petticoats; very special, each \$3.48. Extra fine quality of taffeta Petticoats; worth \$5.00; special, each \$3.98. Some extra heavy weight taffeta Petticoats; new colors; each \$4.98. Near silk Petticoats, with "Fitrite" tops; all colors; special, each \$1.75. New floral Petticoats; light shades; all sizes, special, each \$2.25. White Petticoats with new floral flounce, special, each \$1.25.

Beautiful New Silks 34-inch imported Pongee Silk, worth \$1.00; sale price, yard 89c. Fancy Pongee Silk in the new figures and stripes; 34 inches wide; special, yard \$1.39. Taffeta Silk in all colors, 36 in. wide, worth \$2; for this sale only, yard \$1.48. 1000 yards of Fancy Silks, stripes and plaids, values to \$2.50; this sale, yard \$1.69. 34-inch Tub Silks in fancy stripes for waists and dresses; yard \$1.25. Black Taffeta, 32 in. wide, worth \$1.25; in this sale, yard 98c.

Beautiful New Dresses Fresh from the factory—New Pongee Dresses in up-to-date styles, special at each, \$18.00 and \$22.50. 25 brand new Silk Dresses in blue, gold, green, brown and other colors; a good range of sizes; these are made by one of the best makers in the country; on sale from \$13.50 up to \$25.00. Some very chic models in White Dresses for the sweet girl graduate; from \$16.50 up. New Waists New "Wirthmore" Waists, the very best Waist in the world for \$1.00. New "Welworth" Waists, exclusive designs, made of fine voile, trimmed with new laces, all sizes; sold here only, each \$2.00. Two Big Specials in Crepe de Chine Waists. New Crepe de Chine Waists, good quality; come in white and flesh; good as most \$5.00 values, special \$3.98. Just received a few new models in Crepe de Chine Waists; a good range of colors; very special \$4.98 each. Specials Oriental Beads, the very latest novelty, from 50c up to \$2.00. Kayser's Fancy Silk Gloves, white and colors; from 75c up to \$1.98 a pair. Children's Socks In all sizes, white with fancy tops, 25 cent grade, very special, pair 19c. New Silk Skirts IN BLACK AND FANCIES. Very dressy Silk Skirts, like the one illustrated, \$7.98 up to \$15.00. Wool Skirts in plain and fancy, very new styles, \$5.48 to \$12. New Sport Skirts in plaids and stripes, \$10 up to \$16.50. New Wash Skirts, made of linen suiting, poplin and gabardine and pique, from \$2.48 up to \$6.98.