

VAIN EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN SYSTEM OF HUN DEFENSES

WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES IN FRANCE, Oct. 21.—Desperate efforts were made by the Germans to strengthen the Hindenburg line when they were driven back to it by Marshal Foch's great offensive this summer. More than nine miles in depth at various points, it had already been called the "greatest fortress the world has ever known." Despite this, information has reached the American intelligence officers from various sources that the Germans began to work upon it with renewed vigor soon after the Franco-American counter-offensive of July 18 which drove them back over the Marne, east of Chateau-Thierry and northwest across the Vesle.

One section of the Hindenburg line examined by British experts had a belt of wire eight yards deep, the wire being the size of a lead pencil and with barbs of an inch. About one hundred yards to the rear was the first German trench and behind the trench 100 yards apart were ferro-concrete positions built to hold from two to five machine guns. Behind these "pillboxes" were other machine gun emplacements.

Behind the first line were belts of wire arranged in a criss-cross geometrical pattern, and then, after an interval varying from several hundred yards to half a mile, was the second trench. With the object of preventing tanks from crossing it, the second trench was dug wide enough to act as a trap when the big crawlers came along.

To the rear of the second trench line was another belt of wire and after that the main or support line. The part of the line examined by the British officers had been dug by Russian prisoners and had running beneath it a continuous tunnel at a depth of about forty feet. Along this main or support line staircases led up from the tunnel every fifty yards. The tunnel had rooms opening out of it and was lighted by electricity. Above were a number of machine gun posts and trench mortar emplacements which are connected by hoists so that ammunition may be sent up quickly from below.

AIRMEN BUSY RAIDING GERMAN CITIES ON RHINE

LONDON, Oct. 21.—(By Associated Press).—A belt of the Rhine valley, roughly 250 miles long, from Cologne in the north to the Grand Ducey of Baden in the south, a region crowded with war industries and intersected by a railway system of vital strategic importance to the German army in France, is now a definite part of the most striking and significant developments of the allied campaign, and how big are its possibilities, may be gauged by the vast damage, both physical and moral, already inflicted upon the enemy. It is the achievement of the Royal Air Force.

Over that region in the last three months the airmen, operating day and night, have made 249 raids, dropping 267 tons of bombs upon enemy railway centers, munition works, poison gas factories, electrical and engineering plants, blast furnaces, aerodromes, and other important military objectives.

The effect of these raids have been of incalculable benefit to the allies. One of the first was the compulsory withdrawal by the Germans of a large number of their airplanes from the fighting front for the defense of the Rhine.

But a greater gain has been the profound and widespread depression caused to the German people, the "home front," to use the phrase of Ludendorff. Captured letters from places as widely separated as Mannheim and Cologne testify to the terror and panic inspired by the raids among the civil population. Well to do families, in increasing numbers, are seeking the temporary security of more distant inland towns. There are indications that the flight of the wealthy is causing intense resentment among the working population who, being for the most part engaged in war industries, are exposed to almost nightly danger from the raiders.

RAILROADERS BUY BONDS LIBERALLY

To the Editor: Please allow me to ask that you publish thru the columns of your paper the fact that fifty employees of the maintenance of way department, trackmen only, in the Rogue River valley subscribed \$4550 to the Fourth Liberty loan. I think you will agree with me that this is a fine showing, and speaks very highly for the patriotism and thrift of our men. I wish to say that many of our men have made the second subscription, most all of them are subscribers to the first, second and third loans. Want to also make special mention of the following names of men who are laborers on sections, Mr. J. H. E. Cramer, Merlin, Ore., \$300 subscription; L. C. Drake, Central Point, \$400 subscription; John Messino, Medford, \$250 subscription.

It must be understood that our men are 100 per cent Americans, and are ready to fight, donate or give to any authorized war work, and always willing to loan their money to Uncle Sam.

J. O. JOHNSON, Jr., Roadmaster, Glendale, Ore., Oct. 19.

INTERNED YANK FAILED IN ESCAPE

GENEVA, Sunday, Oct. 20.—Lieutenant Duncan, the American aviator who with a companion landed in the Jura Alps a month ago and was interned, made a bold but futile attempt to escape from the internment camp at Andermatt on Wednesday night. He made a rope with bed clothes and slid down the wall around the barracks, but when he was some distance from the ground the rope broke and Lieut. Duncan was badly injured. He continued his attempt to escape, however, and walked in the direction of Gosschenen. His escape was discovered almost immediately and the alarm was sent out. There is a long tunnel between Andermatt and Gosschenen and when the aviator emerged from it he was arrested. He was taken back to Andermatt and the guard at the camp was increased.

EAGLE POINT EAGLETS

Sunday morning was another one of our lovely bright October days, warm and pleasant and when I returned from Sunday school found that the eaglets had already commenced to arrive for dinner. The first that I have on my list of visitors, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Burdick and Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Butler of Ashland.

J. N. Homer and wife of Central Point, C. L. Upden, wife and daughter, H. L. Whited, Mrs. Marjorie Whited, Miss Alma Ross and Miss Eleanor Norton of Ashland, the two last named are two of the Ashland teachers. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mann and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Heath of Medford. Mr. Mann is the manager of the Mann Department store in Medford and Mr. Heath is proprietor of one of the drug stores of that city.

Our postmaster and principal owner in the telephone company here started Thursday for Fort Pike, Ark. to enter in the charge of the postoffice and Miss Hazel Brown is the chief clerk, and A. C. Middlesteadt has charge of the telephone work as lineman. Mr. Clements will be greatly missed as he has been one of our most prominent citizens and a thorough-going business man as well as a prominent character in social life.

I don't think that there is any danger of us being short of wood this winter for I see that Gan, Brown and Sons have laid in an abundant supply; enough for themselves and a good part of the town.

Mrs. David Cline made a business trip to Medford Thursday. Mrs. N. E. Watkins and her daughter, Miss Anna, went to Medford the first of the week and remained until Thursday.

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Pete Stowell, Harry Von der Helten, Mrs. "Dek" Diemen, Pete Betz and Mrs. Mary Blawen were also among the business callers Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin were guests of Mrs. Martin's uncle, W. G. Knighton Friday.

W. G. Knighton, who has been confined to his room for several weeks, was on the streets Friday for the first time. He went out in his car to one of the stores to be weighed. His many friends were rejoicing to see him looking so well, although folks there was but faint hope for his recovery.

Jerry Lewis, who came in Friday on a four days furlow from Camp Aberdeen, Wash., to visit his parents in and Mrs. Frank Lewis, expecting to start back today. Saturday in trying to jump onto Rudolph Peck's truck loaded with spuds he slipped and fell under the hind wheel of the truck it running over his ankle. He was brought to town from the rancher, just above town, and he was not being put into his brother's job as I came along. It was no known how badly he was hurt. They took him on to Medford for treatment. His many friends were glad to see him, but sorry to have him go with such an accident.

I notice several hundred rods of wire fencing at the depot for Bresson Bros. of Climax.

Friday Roy Stanley, one of our leading stockmen, was in town and while here gave me his subscription to the Daily Mail Tribune, and Mrs. Charles Pointer gave me her subscription for her husband in Camas, Wash., for the Weekly Mail Tribune.

W. B. Penniston of Ashland spent Monday night at the Sunnyside and so did Mrs. R. E. Putnam and Mrs. George Leidman and the two ladies remained until Wednesday morning. Mr. Putnam and George Leidman were already here, they and Manuel Leidman have the contract for packing the apples on the Lawson orchard, but owing to the rain went to their homes in Medford until the weather settles.

Henry Meyer of Lake creek, John Foster of Butte Falls and Clifford Henson were among the guests at the Sunnyside Tuesday.

Since my last report W. P. Holey, Eagle Point, has renewed his subscription to the Weekly Mail Tribune.

Amos Ayres, the man who has been acting as agent at the depot here, has been called off and the depot is left without an agent, and he has moved to Medford. The depot looks like a forsaken habitation sure enough for when we made our daily trip to gather items of interest for the readers of the Mail Tribune we generally met Mr. Ayres or his charming wife and little baby boy to help make life cheerful, but now everything is changed and it is simply the dry routine of business and our conductor, Charley Bacon is so busy that he only has time to give a passing "Hello" and is off looking after the freight, collecting bills, weighing out the freight that is to go out, etc., and the passengers that travel on the cars look as tho they had lost their last friend. But we can't consistently censure the railroad company, for they have been running at a loss almost all the time since they started, and the litany business and the fact that it seems that a majority of the farmers and many of the citizens of the towns of Eagle Point, Brownsboro and Trail own autos themselves and when they want to go to Medford jump into their car and go and if a neighbor happens to want to go they cheerfully take them along. And another thing that has helped to put the railway company out of business is the auto trucks, as they are used to haul the wheat and other grain to the mill and to haul the produce to the market and the orchardists use them to haul their boxes to the orchards and take a load of fruit back, and the farmers use them to haul their spuds and corn to market so that the railroad company does not have near the amount of business to do that they might if business was carried on in the old-fashioned style. It is predicted that as soon as the logging industry stops that the railroad cars will run only enough to hold their franchise. But looking at the subject from the different viewpoints there seems to be nobody to blame, but simply a change in business methods.

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She expects to start up there in a short time herself and mother, Mrs. Jennie Curtis.

Saturday morning Chris Bergman and wife were transacting business at the Eagle Point State bank and while there renewed his subscription to the Weekly Mail Tribune with me. Mrs. M. D. Kokoles of Lake creek, was also transacting business with the bank.

Gus and Frank Ditsworth of Prospect, were early callers for breakfast Saturday morning. They brought out two loads of hogs for Geo. Brown and Sons in the night, which was the reason for their being so early.

John Simon has taken a room at the Sunnyside.

I notice that Mrs. Chauncey Florey, wife of our county recorder was on the street Saturday morning. She is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis and Chauncey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Florey.

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JACKSONVILLE

Mrs. F. E. Butler arrived from New Mexico one day last week and will spend the winter with her father, C. H. Hoff. Dr. Butler is with the medical corps doing duty over sea.

Mrs. Jiles Cantrell arrived home from Portland, where she has been receiving medical attention. She was accompanied by her brother, John Devlin.

Ralph Jennings, formerly sheriff of Jackson county, left for Camp Pike, Ark., Wednesday evening, where he will enter a training camp.

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Advertisement for 'BULL' DURHAM tobacco. Features a central illustration of a bull with the text 'Roll Your Own' and 'SHORKING TOBACCO'. The main headline reads 'Home Again' and the sub-headline says 'Increased Output Assures Ample "BULL" DURHAM Tobacco for Soldiers and Sailors and Limited Quantity for Civilians at Home'. The ad includes several bullet points about the benefits of the tobacco and a testimonial from 'The American Tobacco Co. NEW YORK'. At the bottom, it says 'The "Makings" of a Nation'.

TURK CABINET NOW COMPLETED

BASEL, Sunday, Oct. 20.—Turkey's new ministry has been completed. The members of the cabinet follow: Grand vizier, Tewfik Pasha; minister of foreign affairs, Refaat Pasha; minister of justice, Hayri Effendi; minister of public instructions, Said Bey; minister of public works, Zela Pasha; minister of supply, Djalal Mukhtar Bey; president of the council of state, Rachid Aki Pasha; Shekh Ul-Islam, Houloussi Effendi.

SPOKANE BARRACKS DESTROYED BY FIRE

SPOKANE, Wash., Oct. 21.—One hundred and forty-one national army men, most of them from California, were driven from their barracks here this morning by fire which destroyed the barracks, causing a loss of approximately \$15,000. Twenty-one men suffering from colds and influenza were taken to the hospital at Fort George Wright. Others were housed in the state armory.

HELPFUL WORDS

From a Medford Citizen. Is your back lame and painful? Does it ache especially after exertion? Is there a soreness in the kidney region? These symptoms suggest weak kidneys. If so there is danger in delay. Weak kidneys get fast weaker. Give your trouble prompt attention. Doan's Kidney Pills are for weak kidneys. Your neighbors use and recommend. Head this Medford testimony. J. H. Atwell, painter and paper-hanger, 129 West Eleventh street, says: "Doan's kidney pills are all they are claimed to be and I am always glad to recommend anything I believe will be of benefit to others. I have taken Doan's Kidney Pills on different occasions when I have had any trouble with my back or kidneys and they have always done the work. A few doses now and then keep my kidneys in good working order." Price 60c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Atwell had. Foster-Liburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y. Adv.