

# GERMANY STRIKES ON WEST FRONT

## HERALDED OFFENSIVE IS BEGUN BY ENEMY

GENERAL SECTOR IS BEAT OF AT. TACE—THRUST MADE ON TWO MILE FRONT HELD SINCE GENERAL BYNG'S TANK ATTACK. FIGHTING STILL CONTINUES

CENTER OF LINE HOLDS FIRM. BUT RUNS ENTER TRENCHES AT EACH END—COUNTER ATTACKS HASTEN PORTION OF TRENCH—SUCCESS IN EAST

By Associated Press  
DATELESS—Germany has struck her first strong blow on the western front since the heralding of an offensive, and the British have held it in check.

The attack was on a short front on the southern end of the salient before Cambrai. The fighting still continues.

The attackers gained a foothold in the British trenches, but were later ejected in part by counter attacks.

The German thrust was on a front of over two miles between Maroing and Lavaquerie, about four miles south of Cambrai. The British have held these positions since the retirement following General Byng's successful advance.

The Germans failed to gain at the center, but at either end succeeded in entering the British front line. Counter attacks drove them from a part of these positions, resulting in the capture of some of the Germans.

Berlin claims to have captured the front line and some hundreds of prisoners.

The Germans were active at some other points, but were repulsed. The activity in Italy is confined to artillery. Airplanes have, again raided France.

The British have advanced along the Meuse road north of Jerusalem, and have captured Bireh, ancient Beeroth and three other towns.

In Petrograd the bolshevik followers have held two peace meeting celebrations. A fort at Kronstadt, a naval base near Petrograd, is reported blown up in an explosion.

### What Davidson Thinks of Women of America



Henry P. Davidson

This is what Henry P. Davidson, partner in J. P. Morgan & Co., one of the financial powers of America, and now chief executive of the Red Cross, told the people of Omaha about American women:

"If I had the choice of \$500,000,000 for Red Cross work or \$100,000,000 plus the aid of the women of America, I would turn down the \$500,000,000 and take the women and the \$100,000,000. That's what we of the Red Cross think of the aid of the women."

## UNION PRAYER SERVICE TONIGHT

PUBLIC IS CORDIALLY URGED TO ATTEND PRAYER MEETINGS DURING WEEK, IN RESPONSE TO CALL OF PRESIDENT

The general public is invited to the union prayer service to be held at the Presbyterian church this evening at 7:30 o'clock, under the auspices of the Ministerial Association of the city. Our president has urged us to prayer on behalf of the tremendous issues of the day, on behalf of the boys who are offering their lives, on behalf of the leaders of the nations and the suffering peoples, as well as many other causes. The World Evangelical Alliance has also asked the churches of the world to observe this week as a week of prayer, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America has issued the same call. Let us one and all enter into this spirit of prayer at home in private, and also in these public meetings Monday night and Friday night of this week. The service on Friday night will be in the Baptist church, and will be led by Rev. G. O. Oliver. The special subject for tonight will be thanksgiving and petition for these causes named. E. P. Lawrence, secretary Ministerial Association.

## WOULD SEND A LOCAL MAN TO WATER MEETING

BUSINESS MEN TO SEND OFFICIAL WHO ACCOMPLISHED MUCH AT IRRIGATION CONGRESS LAST YEAR

An amount is being raised by prominent business men of the city today to send R. E. Bradbury as a delegate from this district to attend the meeting of the Oregon Irrigation congress, which convenes at Portland January 2d, and continues until the 5th.

The Oregon Irrigation congress, which is composed of members from all the irrigated sections of the state, is a very efficient organization, which has done much for the state in general, and in view of Mr. Bradbury's position as second vice president and member of the legislative committee, it is believed he should be present.

It is understood that G. W. Ofield of Merrill will represent the newly formed Klamath Irrigation district at this convention.

## DELINQUENTS ARE REPORTED

THIRTY MEN HAVE FAILED TO ANSWER QUESTIONNAIRES IN TIME LIMIT—TO BE TAKEN BY POLICE

Thirty men have been found draft delinquents, reported to local police authority, and will be certified to the adjutant general within five days, if not located.

These men have failed to file their questionnaires within the accorded time. The police authority is asked to locate all such men, and bring them before the local board. If their whereabouts is not discovered within five days, they will be reported to the adjutant general.

Following are the names of the men:

- Manni Domenico, Pelican Bay Camp No. 2, Odessa.
- Lon Martin, Klamath Falls.
- Melindos Kongos, Dunsmuir, Shasta County, Calif.
- Robert Curtis, Klamath Falls.
- Samuel Christopher Bolanger, Klamath Falls.
- Theodore Huyias, Klamath Falls.
- James William Jones, Klamath Falls.
- Jim Barras, Klamath Falls.
- Luigi Purisello, Klamath Falls.
- Tom A. Geratomas, Odessa.
- John S. Poules, Odessa.
- George Got. Sovas, Odessa.
- Egino Melastesta, Odessa.
- Ruben Bruce Spackman, Adel.
- Thomas Wilson, Klamath Falls.
- Biagia Bellini, Algoma.
- Harry Markures, Algoma.
- Nick Grines, Algoma.
- Conrad Richardson, Dairy.
- Charles Edward Thompson, Algoma.
- Giuseppe Farretto, Algoma.
- Curtis W. Randle, Algoma.
- Edgar Allen Nelson, Algoma.
- Robert Tanser, Algoma.
- John Rath, Algoma.
- John Emmett Sisemore, Ft. Klamath.
- Earl Milton Jackson, Fort Klamath.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
We wish to express to the public our sincere appreciation of the kindness and sympathy of friends shown during our recent bereavement, also for the many floral tokens received.  
J. FRANK ADAMS AND FAMILY.

## City and County Makes Fine Record in Drive

### One Hundred and Nine Per Cent of Quota for Red Cross Membership Has Been Turned In. Klamath Once More Shows Undivided Allegiance

Klamath County has finished a splendid campaign for Red Cross memberships with a total of 3,842 members, according to the returns so far made to Chairman W. O. Smith. This is a trifle over 109 per cent of the quota asked of the county, and coming at a time of the year when the roads in many parts of the county were almost impassable, the results are believed unexpectedly good.

Klamath County has a population of about 12,000 people, including the Indians on the reservation. This population is scattered over an area five times as large as the state of Rhode Island. The returns show that almost every adult man and woman in the county must have taken out memberships, and when it is realized that this work was carried on by a comparatively small group, the tremendous effort made can be appreciated.

In some of the country districts those who had cars were obliged to abandon them, owing to road conditions, and continue their work on horseback. Every one, however, stayed with the task cheerfully, evidencing a spirit of patriotism that was good to see.

Following are the itemized returns by precincts:

- Precinct No. 1, 231; No. 2, 79; No. 3, 473; No. 4, 90; No. 5, 55; No. 6, 85; No. 7, 184; No. 8, 7; No. 9, 64; No. 10, 125; Big Basin, 29; Pelican City, 28; Chelsea Box, 24; Ewauna Box, 24; Special workers and headquarters, 230; Special fund, 510; Algoma, 21; Miller Hill, 23; Mt. Laki, 24; Henley-Mt. Laki, 66; Swan, 8; Worden, 41; Shasta View, 42; Poe Valley, 17; Bonanza, 160; Fort Klamath, 136; Merrill, 401; Chiloquin, 10; Kirk, 65; Midland, 21; Langell Valley, 9; Klamath Agency, 53; Keno, 13; Dairy, 4; Bly, 54; Pine Grove, 44; Malin, 70; Lorella, 43.

Merrill, Bonanza, Wood River and Worden precincts exceeded their quotas.

## Klamath Boy Sends "Inside Information"

### First City Boy to Reach Firing Line Tells Just How Those Big Shells Sound. Makes One Want to Draw In Their Head Like a Turtle

Following is a letter from Coleman O'Laughlin, who is in Battery F, Fifth Field Artillery, American Expeditionary Forces in France, to his mother, Mrs. Paul Bogardus, of this city. It is dated November 30th:

"I hope you have not given me up for dead. It's been over a month since I've written home, and just about the busiest month I've ever seen, with no possible chance to write. I am sorry I couldn't have written sooner, but don't want you to worry about me if you don't hear from me for so long a time. Since I wrote last we've been on the Lorraine front for about fifteen days, giving the boches a sample of what we intend to hand him in a full-sized dose next spring, with the road marching and billeting up and back. We just arrived at our winter quarters a few days ago, and are getting straightened out. I am writing this in a French school house; no Y. M. C. A. here. The French told us it was a very quiet sector. Well, so it was, after a few days, when we became accustomed to it, but the first few times the batteries around us opened up it certainly sounded anything but quiet.

"I started just after dark the night after we arrived there to go from our billet to the battery, and everything was lovely for a little while, when: Great Scott! I thought the whole German army had started to fire our way at once. I thought the shells were all coming, instead of going, until a couple really did come. I could hear them whining before they burst. Then I discovered it was French batteries that I had no idea were in the neighborhood firing, and I felt better. It's a queer sensation the first time a fellow hears them coming. Makes him want to draw in his neck like a turtle. But we soon discovered most of them were half a mile away, and stopped worrying."

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"—killing two and wounding several badly. One of the men killed was from Eastern Oregon, Baker County. He came from Fort Worden in the same bunch I was with.  
"Here we had our first experience with the camouflage. It's a great thing. One could pass within a few feet of guns; concealed by it without knowing they were near. I was lucky enough, while on the front, to get to go several times to an observation

## Resigns Today



REP. JOHN J. FITZGERALD

Representative Fitzgerald, as chairman of the committee on appropriations of the house, has had charge of all the immense appropriations for carrying on the war. He has declared that he will return to New York and practice law. He has served in the house for nineteen years. It is reported that Mr. Fitzgerald will be appointed to an important position in the New York City government.

post just back of the French front line trenches, from which I could look across No man's Land to the German trenches. It looked quiet enough—

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"We're quartered for the winter in a little village, just like every other village I have seen in France. One main street that turns half a dozen corners, running thru the town, with little narrow side streets running off either way. Buildings right against the street and against each other. No lots or open spaces. Every house is both a house and a barn; the people live in one part and oxen, horses, chickens, geese, ducks and sheep, etc., in the other part, with the hay above. From a distance the villages look very pretty, old stone houses with red tile roofs, standing out against the green of the country, for it seems to be always green here, with a stone church standing out in each one. But when actually in them, they are not at all beautiful—chances are there is a pile of refuse every place there is room to put one. It's really a very pretty country. The thing that always strikes me is the way it is built up—stone buildings, stone fences, stone roads, with magnificent old trees on either side, with a little village every other mile, and no houses between. Guess I rode thru mud and ran barbed wire fences, with a house every three or four miles, too long for this ever to look natural to me.

"We had whole stacks of mail waiting for us when we got here—books, papers and boxes. It was almost like Christmas. If Christmas is only half as good we'll be happy. Believe me, I sure was glad to get everything in those boxes, even the pencils. That

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## TERRIBLE DISASTER IN CITY OF GUATEMALA

CONTINUED EARTHQUAKE SINCE LAST WEDNESDAY REPORTED TO HAVE DEMOLISHED ENTIRE CITY—TEN THOUSAND REPORTED DEAD

125,000 PEOPLE HOMELESS IN STREETS—AMERICAN NAVAL VESSELS ORDERED TO RENDER ASSISTANCE—PRESIDENT EX-TENDS SYMPATHY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—Another earthquake at Guatemala City Saturday destroyed the city, according to a report received at the naval headquarters.

The report said that everything was in ruins and that 125,000 people were in the streets.

American naval vessels have been ordered to render assistance. Eighty per cent of the city was destroyed by quakes, which commenced on December 26th. A fearful condition has arisen as a result of the devastation.

President Wilson has sent the president of Guatemala a message of condolence.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Reports which at first estimated the loss from the earthquake comparatively slight, have now placed the number dead at 10,000.

## POSTOFFICE CLOSED TOMORROW

The local postoffice will be closed all day tomorrow. It is usual on holidays for the office to be open for certain hours when the general mail delivery mail may be called for, but as the employees have been obliged to put in a great deal of overtime during the past three weeks, and had no time off Christmas, the entire day will be given them tomorrow.

## EMPLOYEES PAY MAY YET BE RAISED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—Plans for the raising the pay of the rank and file of the railroad workers and reducing the very high salaries paid to executive officials are being discussed at a conference today between Secretary McAdoo and the federal board of mediation and conciliation.

## French Strike Hard On Italian Front

ROME, Dec. 31.—In the Monte Tombe region, the French have captured many positions between Ostria and Marankine, and have also captured 1,400 men, sixty machine guns and seven cannons.

force in Northern Italy took the offensive yesterday. The infantry penetrated positions of the Austro-Germans on Monte Tomba.

VIENNA, Dec. 31.—Counter measures against the French are in the course of preparedness in the Monte Tombe region.

## Oregon to Lead U.S. In Membership Drive

Outside of Portland, Oregon has unquestionably made its 140,000 Red Cross quota. Whether Portland will make up the 21,000 necessary to fill its quota depends on the result of the Elks spectacular campaign tonight. Coos, Lake and Tillamook counties have gone "over the top." Grant has increased its amount to 125 per cent. At noon, Portland's total was 76,823, and the state outside 127,829. By afternoon the state outside will have raised its figure to 140,000. Indications are now that Oregon will reach a total of 260,000, in which event she will probably head the entire nation.