

AMERICANS SPOIL ATTACK OF HUNS

U. S. BOYS OCCUPYING FRONT LINE POSITIONS

GERMAN PREPARATIONS FOR A RAID YESTERDAY MORNING ARE DISCOVERED, AND HEAVY FIRE IS DIRECTED AT THE RENDEVOUS

FOREIGN MINISTERS OF CENTRAL POWERS RETURN FROM BREIT LITOVSK, INDICATING THAT SEPARATE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS ARE OFF

By Associated Press
DATELESS—The American troops are now holding a sector of the western front to the northwest of Toul, and early Monday morning the artillery with barrage checked the German plans to raid the American trenches.

It was learned that the enemy intended making a raid just fifteen minutes before the attack was commenced. The American artillery fire was centered on the spot where the Germans had gathered preparatory to the charge, and it is believed the enemy suffered heavy casualties from its effects.

The length of the American sector and the number of men in the front line trenches are not permitted to be disclosed. To the northwest of Toul the battle line runs almost due east and west from St. Michel toward the German border.

The meager information received concerning the German strike situation has failed to state whether the workmen have returned to their places or not.

German circles believe that the return to Berlin of von Kuehlmann and Cserain forecasts the breaking off of negotiations at Brest-Litovsk.

The Russians and Roumanians are now reported to be fighting in Bessarabia.

Teuton airmen have bombed Venice Padua, Treviso and Mestre. The Italians have done considerable damage bombing the rear lines of the enemy.

RETURN FROM MOTOR TRIP

Dr. and Mrs. Clayton E. Wheeler have returned from an extended motor trip over Southern California.

U. S. DAILY WAR EXPENSES \$24,000,000

Bolshevik Ambassador Ex-Officio in England



Maxim Litvinoff has not been officially accepted as ambassador from Russia to Great Britain. But he has been accepted as an ex-officio representative of his government. There is no hint if this will lead to closer relations between the British government and the bolsheviks, now in control in Russia.

MORE CHARGES AGAINST WAR DEPARTMENT

REPUBLICAN MEMBER OF MILITARY COMMITTEE ROUNDLY SCORNED ALLEGED INEFFICIENCY—PLEADS FOR CABINET

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 5.—American war making machinery was pictured as a "conglomeration of ambition and scattered agencies," and the men behind the manufacture incapable of team work, by Senator Wadsworth, republican member of the military committee.

He argued strongly for a war cabinet and the munitions director bills.

They covered over 3,000 miles, going across the Mexican border.

Dr. Wheeler reports that the weather conditions there were ideal for tourists, but that the dry weather is proving disastrous to farmers and stockmen, and that cattle in some districts are dying by thousands.

Huns Hope to Win War By Big Blow In West

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 5.—German newspapers predict that the next six months will be the deciding period of the war, as the central powers are to strike a deciding blow on the western front before the American military

MILL TO BE MOVED FROM GRANTS PASS

WILL BE INSTALLED SOON ON BRYANT MOUNTAIN WHERE LARGE TRACTS OF TIMBER HAVE BEEN SECURED

A saw mill of 60,000 foot capacity has recently been purchased by Clark Hamaker at Grants Pass, and will be moved in the near future to the timber tracts recently secured on the north side of Bryant mountain, according to J. O. Hamaker, who is in the city for a short time from Bonanza. Mark Hamaker will be identified with his father in the new enterprise.

The new mill will be greatly appreciated by Langell Valley residents, who have hitherto been obliged to go a long distance over dangerous roads to the nearest mill.

GIFT BOXES FOR BOYS IN FRANCE

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS PLANS TO MAKE PRACTICAL PRESENTS TO ALL KLAMATH BOYS WHO HAVE CROSSED OCEAN

Members of the Woman's Relief Corps of this city are now laying plans to send a gift box to every soldier now in France who left from Klamath County. To this end it is desired that the names and addresses of all the men there be sent to Mrs. C. K. Brandenburg, who is chairman of this committee, as soon as possible. It has not yet been decided what the gift boxes will contain, but the practical things needed in daily life, which are not furnished in the regular equipment are to be included.

MT. LAKE ENTERTAINMENT PROVES BIG SUCCESS

The entertainment at the school house Friday evening proved an all-around success, and added \$52 to the school fund for Red Cross work.

The recitations by the children were timely and well rendered, and their singing showed excellent training given by their teacher, Mrs. Hanson. Mr. Grizzle gave a rousing Red Cross talk. The auctioning of a large cake brought much merriment and money.

It is declared that the teacher, Mrs. R. K. Hanson, and the pupils of the school deserve great credit for the way in which the entertainment was conducted.

Pershing Criticises Inefficient Officers

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 5.—Insistent recommendations that general officers, colonels and other line officers of high rank be held directly responsible for the training of officers under them are contained in extracts of reports from General Pershing published here.

There is unflinching criticism of the lack of military knowledge on several vital points displayed by such officers, presumably of the regular army, on their arrival in France. General Pershing notes an "almost total failure to give instructions in principles of minor tactics and their practicable application to war conditions. Officers from colonels down and including some general officers are found ignorant of the handling of units in open warfare, including principles of reconnaissance, outposts, advance guard, solution of practical problems and formation of attack. No training whatever has been given in musketry efficiency as distinguished from individual target practice on the range."

American Officers On Daredevil Stunt

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMIES IN FRANCE, Feb. 5.—How three young American officers recently strode up to the boche trenches in daytime and dared the whole German army to come out and fight, has just come to light.

That the movement of the Americans was partially shrouded by a fog fails to detract from the daredevilry of the act.

The three officers—a Dallas, Texas, captain; a Marlin, Texas, lieutenant, and a Lincoln, Maine, second lieutenant—with a little squad of enlisted men, were patrolling No Man's Land

BIG MEETING PLANNED BY CITY PASTORS

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION PLANS FAREWELL SERVICES AT OPERA HOUSE FOR RETIRING PRESIDENT

At the meeting of the Ministerial Association, held at the home of Rev. G. O. Oliver Monday afternoon, Rev. W. H. Cox was chosen to act as president in the place of Rev. W. E. Rambo. Mr. Rambo tendered his resignation in view of the fact of his having resigned his work here and plans to leave the last of February. The association agreed to hold a union farewell service in honor of Mr. Rambo, as a manifestation of his work in our city. The union service will be held in the opera house on Sunday evening, February 24th, at which Mr. Rambo will preach the sermon.

A joint service of the four churches represented in the association will also be held on March 31st, Easter Sunday, in the interests of the anti-saloon drive in the state. We are to have the privilege of the presence that day of one of America's greatest preachers, Rev. Louis Albert Bank, noted Methodist minister of New York City, author and writer, who has been secured by the anti-saloon league workers to tour this state as well as other Western states. We are asking him to give us an Easter message in the morning, at which time the joint choir will furnish special Easter music, and in the evening bring his message on the national prohibition movement. We are looking forward to a great day, and hope to see a packed house to hear these uplifting messages from a strong man, who has been so wisely used of God in this land.

DIRTY WORK CHARGED AGAINST RAILWAY HEADS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 5.—W. G. Lee, head of the railway trainmen, charged that the railway managements were attempting to discredit the government operation of railroads. He said: "I can prove that experienced railroad men are not permitted to operate as their training dictates."

MONDAY CLOSING TO BE CONTINUED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 5.—Very discouraging reports on the movement of freight due to extreme cold now threaten to defeat the recent plan to abandon the Monday closing law.

New Austrian Commander



General Sztoszar Boroevic has been named to succeed Archduke Eugene in command of all the Austrian armies pitted against the Italians. The failure of the Austrians to follow up their advantage after the debacle of October 23 is believed to be the cause for the change.

MANY PELTS BROUGHT IN LAST MONTH

LARGE NUMBER OF COYOTE HIDES ARE BROUGHT FOR BOUNTY TO COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

A total of \$270 was paid for bounties for predatory animals during the month of January, according to a report made today at the county clerk's office. With the exception of about \$10, paid for bob acts, the entire amount was paid for coyote bounties, which would mean between eighty and ninety animals, the present bounty being \$3.

It is reported that the largest portion of the animals were brought in from Bly and Langell Valley. Fewer reports of rabid coyotes in the country districts are being reported this winter than for some time past.

Stockmen at Bly Having Fine Winter

The greatest winter in the memory of the pioneers is reported in the Bly district by J. A. Parker, a prominent rancher of that section, who is here for a short time attending to business matters.

The grass on the range is so good that sheep pay no attention to hay fed them, a condition unprecedented in that section at this season.

Mr. Parker declares that the crop yields of many farmers in that district have been cut down during recent years to a considerable extent by the numerous squirrels, which have increased with great rapidity. Working in co-operation with the county agricultural agent, an astonishing number of these pests were poisoned last year; so many, in fact, that they were hauled off in back loads. Parker hopes this year to secure the co-operation of a greater number of his neighbors, and believes that with concentrated effort the district can be rid of these animals.

OVER SEVEN BILLIONS SPENT IN TEN MONTHS

TREMENDOUS FIGURES ARE STILL BELOW ESTIMATES MADE EARLY IN WAR—HELP FROM U. S. EXCEEDS CLAIMS EXPECTATIONS

PLANS ARE NOW SUGGESTED FOR TAKING AMERICAN SOLDIERS INTO FLANDERS TRENCHES TO BE TRAINED BY BRITISH ARMY EXPERTS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 5.—The first ten months of the war have cost the United States about \$7,100,000,000, or nearly \$24,000,000 per day, according to figures made public here this morning. The war toll is said to be increasing over \$100,000,000 monthly.

These figures, however, are below the official estimates made early in the war.

The chairman of the foreign affairs committee told the house of representatives today that the United States will furnish more men and money for the war in "far shorter time than had been the fondest hope of the European allies.

American troops may soon appear in the British trenches in Flanders, according to a plan suggested by the English thru General Pershing. According to the new suggestion the troops would be put thru the British training system, thus hastening the expansion of the American army in France.

THIRTEEN MEN PASSED

Thirteen men out of the twenty-two who were examined by the local exemption board for the selective draft service yesterday at the city hall, successfully passed the tests.