

HEAVY FIGHTING NOW ON WEST FRONT

BIG GAINS ARE MADE BY FRENCH NEAR MUESE

RUSSIAN ATTEMPTING TO FORM SMALL MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS FOR COMBATING GERMAN INVASION.

GERMANY'S THREAT OF BIG SPRING DRIVE NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY BY WAR DEPARTMENT. SPIES AT WORK IN AMERICAN SECTION.

(Summary by Associated Press) The French and German Troops have been engaged in heavy fighting on both sides of the Meuse in the Verdun sector.

To the west of the river, the French have gained the enemy's position along a front of nearly a mile, and have penetrated for a depth of over half a mile.

To the east of the river the Germans have been unsuccessful in attacking along a six mile front.

In the east after occupying Odessa and Nikolayev and other important grain ports, the Germans have continued to advance northward. The Dubovikoff leaders seem to have little hope now that the peace treaty with the Central powers will be effective and they are calling upon the local Soviets to form military organizations to combat the Germans should the invasion continue.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY. March 18.—The American Intelligence officers believe that a spy has been at work within the American lines to the northwest of Toul. A country saw flashes of a signal light early this morning from a window facing the enemy's lines. He fired thru the window and dashed into the house but found no one. Important telegrams within the lines have been cut by a spy.

The American troops which have been in action along the Chemin Des Dames are a division composed exclusively of New England units particularly Massachusetts.

Rock Crusher Working Near County Infirmary

A big county rock crusher is now at work macadamizing a stretch of road from the County Infirmary northward, according to County Road Supervisor J. C. Cleghorn, who asserts that this is one of the worst

MERCHANT IS CALLED BY GRIM REAPER

CITY MOURNS PASSING OF MERCHANT WHO DIED AT HOSPITAL SATURDAY NIGHT. WAS MANY YEARS IN BUSINESS.

In the death of Edgar Virgil Saturday night at the Klamath Hospital, Klamath Falls loses one of its prominent and most respected business men.

Mr. Virgil passed away at 8:30 following the effects of a serious operation two days before. He had had attacks of illness at various times during recent years and it was hoped that the operation might remedy the trouble, but little hope was held by the surgeons when it was learned the seriousness of his condition.

During Mr. Virgil's years of business here his straightforward honest methods endeared him to the general public and it is probable that no man has been called from here who had a more genuine respect from his associates.

The deceased was born near Elkhart, Indiana, March 20, 1853. He came to Ashland in 1904 where he started in a second hand store which he moved to Klamath Falls in 1905. His business here prospered and he later purchased a furniture stock and at the time of his death had built up a large business on one of the best locations in the city. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dolly Virgil, a son Willis at Dallas, Texas, and a daughter Fannie in Pueblo County, Colorado. His mother is still living at Garland, Kansas and there are three sisters living. Funeral arrangements will not be announced until the arrival of the two children who are now on the way.

YOUNG MAN GETS COMMISSION

Mrs. Jackson Kimball of this city has just received word that her brother, Chandler W. Watson, has been promoted to the rank of First-Lieutenant in the 601st Engineers. This regiment is encamped at Humphrey, Virginia.

THREE VOLUNTEERS LEAVE

Three Klamath Falls boys left to enlist in the army on the noon train today with recruiting officer R. Drage, who has been here for several days. The men are Bryan Hawkins, son of W. H. Hawkins, Barkley Holbrook and Douglas Pence. Young Hawkins expects to enter the 20th Engineers regiment. What departments the other two will enter was not announced.

It is not believed that the enemy will take the offensive unless forced to do so.

American troops are now engaged on five separate fronts, one sector lying close to the Swiss border.

EACH INDIAN WILL RECEIVE SUM OF \$425

HALF MILLION DOLLARS IN APPROPRIATION BILL NOW PENDING TO BE PHASED ACCORDING TO COMMISSIONER CATO BELLS.

WASHINGTON, D. C. March 18.—Five hundred thousand dollars to be advanced to the Klamath reservation Indians, as provided by the pending Indian appropriation bill, will be pro-rated among them, giving each member of the tribe \$425, or an average of five over \$200.

Cato Bells, commissioner of Indian affairs, replying to Senator Chamberlain, who had vigorously urged a larger advance, says this is the best that can be done now, and he considered the amount large enough to give the Indians a substantial life in growing live stock, which is the chief purpose in view.

Where members of the tribe are infirm or physically unable to engage in stock raising the money will be paid in cash, if they are competent, or placed to their credit under supervision if incompetent. It is understood that the most of the money will be used for the purchase of cattle, but a part will be used for implements and improvements of various sorts.

A delegation of the Klamaths which came to Washington wanted \$5000 for each Indian. Commissioner Bells says no such sums that would be justified, as sales of timber belonging to the tribe but be on a time basis, with payments extending thru a series of years.

Mr. Bells says he has arranged for timber sales of 100,000 feet yearly for 15 years, and is now offering 100,000,000 feet more, with other sales in the future. From these sales the government will be reimbursed for the money now advanced to members of the tribe.

RUSSIAN EMBASSY WILL COOPERATE WITH ALLIES

WASHINGTON, D. C. March 18.—The Russian Ambassador Bakhmetoff who repudiated the Bolsheviks last November, now denounces the acceptance by Russia of the German terms and says the embassy will endeavor to advocate cooperation with the Allies.

HUNS SEIZE AMERICAN PROPERTY

LONDON, March 18.—Spanish and Swiss Ambassadors at Berlin have been directed by Germany to inform the United States that Germany will proceed with measures against the American property in Germany in the same proportion that has been taken against German property here. There is a hundred times as much German property in the United States as American property in Germany. Mostly Standard Oil property there.

ENEMY'S LEADERS DISAGREE

SQUABBLE REGARDING ANNEXATION OF RUSSIAN TERRITORY IN PROGRESS BETWEEN MILITARY LEADERS AND CIVIL HEADS.

WASHINGTON, D. C. March 18.—Serious differences between the German civil government and the military leaders over the plan of the general staff to annex the Russian Baltic provinces are reported in an official dispatch based upon German newspaper reports received here from France. The dispatch says:

"A crown council at which were present Emperor William, Marshal Hindenburg, Count von Hertling and many notable personages has been held to deliberate upon various questions relative to the conclusion of peace with Russia, to the offer made the emperor of the dual crown of Courland and Sualy to the affairs of Rumania and Finland. It appears that serious differences have arisen between the majority of the council, the emperor and the government on one side and great headquarters on the other.

"The divergent views concern dynastic questions and the attaching to Germany of the four Russian Baltic provinces of Livonia, Esthonia, Courland and Lithuania as well as the questions of the rectification of the frontiers of Poland. The general staff supported by the right desires the immediate solution of all these problems in a manner favorable to Germany. The civil government which considers the present situation far from stable prefers to temporize.

SAD DEATH AT HOSPITAL ON SATURDAY

YOUNG GIRL DIES ON WHAT WAS TO HAVE BEEN HER WEDDING DAY. CAME FROM MEDFORD TO MARRY KLAMATH MAN.

To be called by the grim reaper on the day on which she was to have been married was the unusually sad fate of Miss Dorothy Baker who came here from Medford a few days ago with the intention of wedding Fred Carrick, a mill employee at Worden. Miss Baker was ill on her arrival here and was taken to the Klamath Hospital where she passed away on Saturday afternoon. Her sickness was caused from a complication of troubles.

Miss Baker was twenty-two years of age and was the daughter of H. H. Baker of Medford. The body was taken there yesterday and interment will take place there today.

DAIRY AIDS RED CROSS WORK

A Red Cross benefit entertainment was given at Dairy Friday night at which the sum of \$24.66 was realized. This amount was received by County School Superintendent Edna Wells this morning and turned over to Treasurer Leslie Rogers.

I. W. W. ARE NOW QUIET IN IDAHO

SHERIFF, WITH HOME GUARD AND TROOPS HAVE PUT STOP TO DISORDERS. ALL TRAIN ARRIVALS ARE EXAMINED.

ST. MARIES, Idaho, March 18.—Sheriff Noland and Adjutant Moody assisted by the Home Guard have begun the roundup of the I. W. W. in Benewas County by going to Fernwood, a place said to be populated most entirely by members of this organization.

No disorder has been reported since Friday. All arrivals on the trains are examined carefully and new members of the Home Guard are being rapidly enrolled.

MAJOR SARGENT MAY SOON GO TO FRANCE

MAN WELL KNOWN HERE, NOW RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF NATION'S FOREMOST STRATEGISTS NOW IN WAR COLLEGE.

The Daily Princetonian, published at Princeton University, reports in its issue of March 4, the transfer of Major H. H. Sargent of Medford, to the war college, with prospect of work in France. The article follows: "An unexpected order has just been received by Major Sargent, detailing him to the war college in Washington with the prospect of being sent later to France. Major Sargent will probably leave at the end of this week or the beginning of next week, but, in the meantime, will continue his duties as commandant of the Princeton R. O. T. C.

Major Sargent has for a long time been recognized as one of America's foremost strategists, and an order detailing him to some important position has been expected by many. Well-known for his military books and particularly for his works on the campaigns of Napoleon, Major Sargent has a reputation thruout the country as an authority on strategy and tactics. In fact, an article appeared in one of the Chicago papers last fall suggesting him as the man able possible to solve the allied problem."

Major Sargent is well known by many of the older residents of Klamath County, having been stationed for a time at Fort Klamath. He married a sister of Ivan D., Lucian B., and Captain O. C. Applegate.

SPRING LAKE HAS BIG THRIFT STAMP MEETING

Two car loads of Klamath Falls Thrift Stamp enthusiasts attended the Thrift Stamp meeting held at the Spring Lake school house Saturday evening.

A fine patriotic program was provided by the students and talks on the Thrift Stamps were made by Miss Edna Wells, R. H. Dunbar and W. A. Deisell. It is reported that the people in that district are unusually interested in the "baby bonds" of U.S. Savings and that the sale of the stamps will be pushed vigorously in that section.

KLAMATH FIRM BUYS SISKIYOU PHONE SYSTEM

RESIDENTS OF FORT KLAMATH TAKE OVER LITTLE SHASTA TELEPHONE COMPANY. NEW TOLL LINE BETWEEN DORRIS AND MT. HEBBON.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—The railroad commission has authorized the Little Shasta Telephone Company, also known as the Montague-Butte Valley Telephone Company, to sell to J. H. Hessig, Joseph V. Hessig and Augusta M. Hessig, who own the Klamath Telephone and Telegraph Company, the former company's telephone line from Montague to Hebron, Siskiyou county. The Klamath company is also authorized to build and operate a long distance line between Dorris and Mount Hebron for toll service.

GOVERNMENT RULINGS ARE CRITICISED

TURNER GRANGE ALLEGES UNFAIR TREATMENT TO FARMERS IN RULINGS ON COMMODITIES. AGAINST HIGH SALARIES FOR OFFICIALS.

SALEM, Or., March 18.—Objections to the treatment being accorded the farming classes in government rulings relative to commodities were voiced at the last meeting of the Turner Grange. The grangers agreed that the farmers have not been fairly dealt with, particularly relative to the potato market and held that rulings of this year will not encourage a big crop next year.

A resolution was adopted disapproving the high price of farm machinery, binding twine and other farm necessities. Among other resolutions adopted was one favoring the lowering of the price of wheat flour substitutes as far as consistent with the welfare of the country. A resolution to oppose high salaries for officials was adopted.

The grangers decided to oppose the appointment of a county agricultural agent for the coming year. It was decided the money could better be spent for good roads and community welfare.

Local Draft Call Is Made By Board

A call for fourteen men has been issued by the Local Exemption Board to answer the last call made for the Army from the Selective Draft. It is expected that from the fourteen men summoned, a total of seven will be secured with which to fill the local quota. This quota is to fill the call made recently for 95,000 men. The summons went forward today and the men were notified to appear on March 29th.

IMPORTANT CAPTURE MADE IN NEW YORK

FASHIONABLE MEN AND WOMEN ARE ARRESTED FOR CONNECTION WITH SUSPICIOUS DEALINGS WITH FOREIGN DIPLOMATS.

HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER TO IMMIGRATION OFFICERS, HAD SECURED "LOAN" OF THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM BERNSTORFF.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Two men and two women of foreign birth, Baron Henri Debellville, Madam Deshina Davidovitch Storch, Mrs. Elizabeth Nox, Count Robert Clairman, living in a fashionable quarter here have been arrested and turned over to the immigration authorities for deportation. They are alleged to have had a code correspondence with diplomatic and high officials in the foreign government and are apparently connected with activities in behalf of the enemy. Mrs. Nox has already admitted getting \$3,000 from Count Bernstorff "as a loan."

ENGINEERS WILL BE EXCHANGED FOR GUNS

PEKING, March 18.—Engineers George Kyle of Portland and Purcell captured recently are safe and well and are being held in northern Honan for a ransom of seventy rifles. Government representatives are negotiating thru missionaries with the bandits and it is believed that the release of the men will be effected soon.

OPERATES THIS MORNING

Gust Suderlund underwent an operation this morning at the Klamath Hospital for appendicitis at the hands of Dr. Warren Hunt. He is reported to have rallied splendidly from the ordeal.