

HUNS POUND HOLE IN BRITISH LINES

Defensive Lines Are Pierced By Kaiser's Forces

COHORTS OF KAISER ACCOMPLISH WHAT MILITARY CRITICS HAVE DECLARED WAS IMPOSSIBLE—FIFTY DIVISIONS OF ENEMY

LONG RANGE GUNS REACH PARIS WITH SHELLS, WHERE TWENTY-FIVE ARE KILLED AND INJURED—GAS ATTACK ON AMERICANS

WITHDRAWAL ALONG A WIDE FRONT WILL BE NECESSARY UNLESS COUNTER ATTACKS RESTORE FORMER SITUATION

By Associated Press

For the first time on the western front since the trench systems have been established, the defensive zone has been broken thru. Many military critics have heretofore believed this to be impossible.

A withdrawal along a wide front will be necessary unless the British are able to restore the situation by counter attacks.

The violence of the artillery is the principal feature of the enemy's drive. The units composing the special assault divisions were new uniforms. The enemy has been superior in numbers on all points attacked, and it is estimated that there are 600,000 Germans in the offensive.

It is not believed that they have pierced the entire British defense zone, although they have broken thru the defensive system, and are repeating what the British did at the battle of the Somme when they pierced the Hindenburg line.

Fifty German divisions are in the struggle, with half as many more in reserve.

PARIS, March 23.—The Germans have been firing on Paris with long range guns, and ten have been killed and fifteen wounded.

Enemy airplanes have bombarded Compiègne and other towns. The alarm was given in Paris, but the artillery forced the air invaders back.

LONDON, March 23.—The Germans have broken thru the British defensive west of St. Quentin. The British are filing back in good order to positions further west, and are fighting heavily with fresh enemy forces.

The British on the northern portion of the battle grounds are holding their positions.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS, March 23.—The British are fighting gallantly, and still presenting a solid front to the fiercely attacking Germans, although the defensive troops have withdrawn their lines in certain places for strategic reasons. The Germans forced their way into Mory, but were driven out.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY, March 23.—The Germans have launched a heavy gas attack, against a certain town in our lines on the northwest of Toul last night. There was no wind blowing, and the fumes of mustard gas hung low over the lines for several hours. The American artillery retaliated on the batteries near Richcourt.

PROVES UP ON HOMESTEAD

W. H. Hadley of the Merrill district today proved up on his homestead there before County Clerk C. R. De Lap.

BAKER VISITS BELGIAN KING

LONDON, March 23.—Secretary of War Baker visited King Albert of Belgium yesterday.

HUNS MAKING SUPREME EFFORT

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS, March 23.—It is reported that the enemy's infantry has pushed across the canal Delesomme and driven forward against the positions to which the British have retired. The German cavalry are advancing behind the infantry, and it is evident that they are making supreme efforts to rupture the British lines here.

Raider Is Taken By U. S. Gunboat

PACIFIC PORT, March 23.—The auxiliary schooner Agassiz has been seized on Mazatlan by an American gunboat as a Mexican raider, and is being brought to this port. She flew the German flag, and was heavily armed. The crew was interned. Generalized it is believed they hoped to capture a bigger boat to use for a raider.

House of Commons Speaker Is Mentioned For Premier



HON. J. W. LOWTHER

Hon. J. W. Lowther, for many years speaker of the house of commons in England, has been among those mentioned for premier in case Lloyd George should be forced out. The position of speaker of the commons is not an important place, because he has very little power.

GRIMON BISHOP TRANSFERRED

ROME, March 2.—Right Reverend Charles J. O'Reilly, bishop of the diocese at Baker, Ore., has been appointed bishop of the diocese at Lincoln, Neb., by the pope.

FIRE DESTROYS KLAMATH HOME THIS MORNING

FAMILY BARELY ESCAPES WITH LIVES—NO FURNITURE SAVED. HOUSE ADJOINING CATCHES FIRE—CAUSE OF BLAZE UNKNOWN

Fire at 3 o'clock this morning utterly destroyed the home of Fred McManus at 224 Michigan avenue, and strenuous efforts of the firemen alone saved the house adjoining, which caught fire from the flying sparks. The cause of the fire was unknown, and the house was in a blaze before the alarm was turned in, and had reached a headway when the big truck arrived which made extinguishment impossible. The McManus family barely escaped with their lives, and none of the household property was saved. Mr. McManus is an employe at the Jewel cafe in this city.

EPISCOPAL SUNDAY SCHOOL TOMORROW

There will be no church services at the Episcopal church tomorrow. Sunday school will be held at 10:30.

MOVE STARTED FOR RECALL OF COUNTY JUDGE

GROSS INCOMPETENCE AND OTHER CHARGES ARE MADE BY CITIZENS OF JOSEPHINE COUNTY, WHO WOULD RECALL OFFICIAL

GRANTS PASS, March 23.—Petitions are being circulated in Josephine County demanding the recall of County Judge C. G. Gillette. Four reasons are cited in the petitions for recall. They are: First, gross incompetence; second, inefficient handling of county poor farm; third, unnecessary and unreasonable expenditures of money in maintaining a water master during winter months when unnecessary; fourth, unnecessary expenditures for automobiles and road machinery, causing increased taxation.

HOP GROWERS NOW WISH TO SOW GRAIN

ARE HELD TO PRE-WAR CONTRACTS WITH GERMAN BREWERS OF NEW YORK—STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL INVESTIGATING MATTER

SALEM, March 23.—Washington hop growers have complained to the Attorney General Brown that the German brewers of New York have refused to cancel their pre-war contracts for thousands of acres of hops, thus preventing the farmers from sowing grain this year. Brown is now investigating the situation.

RETURN FROM WINTER IN ROSE CITY

Judge L. F. Willits returned with his wife from Portland last night after a three months' absence from Klamath Falls.

Mr. Willits declares that Portland is experiencing the greatest prosperity in many years, due in a large measure to the ship building now going on there. Wages are very high, and the men are getting extra pay for overtime, which increases the general prosperity. Many of the young men get as high as \$7 per day, including their overtime, he declares.

The war calls are so many and varied that it is hard to keep track of them. Mr. Willits joined so many organizations and movements that he now has little idea of what they all are. The last order with which he affiliated himself was the Salvation Army, whose emblem he wears on his lapel.

SHASTA VIEW NETS BIG SUM AT RED CROSS BENEFIT

The sum of \$181 was raised for the benefit of the Red Cross entertainment at the Shasta View school last night. Following an excellent program an auction was held, at which basket lunches, chickens, rabbits, quilts and other articles were disposed of at high figures. A fine representation was present from both the Shasta View and the Madras districts, and a fine spirit manifested toward the cause being assisted.

Wall Street Man New Chief of War Industries Board



BERNARD BARUCH

Bernard M. Baruch, well known on Wall street, has just been appointed chairman of the war industries board in place of Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, who resigned. Mr. Baruch has been given very wide powers by the president. He will have more to say in the purchase of supplies for the allies and the American army than any other person, except, perhaps, the secretary of war.

U. S. TO RUN RAILROADS AFTER WAR

WILL RETAIN CONTROL FOR TWENTY-ONE MONTHS—PRESIDENT HAS SIGNED RAILROAD BILL—BRING ROADS UNDER CONTROL

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.—President Wilson has signed the bill bringing the railroads under government operation and control until 21 months after the end of the war.

Immediately after President Wilson signed the railroad bill Director General McAdoo ordered that construction of new lines or branches or extensions of existing lines should not be started without his approval, and that no new locomotives or cars should be ordered without his sanction.

The director general directed that no work involving a charge in capital account of more than \$25,000 should be contracted for or begun unless authorized. Authorization will be given only when the work is absolutely necessary for the protection and development of war time transportation facilities.

GIVES VALUABLE COLT TO JUNIOR RED CROSS

Ed Sutton, a prominent farmer of the Miller Hill school district, has donated a valuable 2-year-old colt to the Junior Red Cross Society of the Miller Hill school. It has been decided to sell tickets and raffie the animal off using the proceeds for material for making refugee garments. F. W. Sutton, teacher of the Miller Hill school, has charge of the sale of the tickets.

HUN RAIDER IS CAPTURED ON PACIFIC

VESSEL IS NOW BEING TOWED BY AMERICAN CRUISER TO PACIFIC PORT—WAS OUTFITTED ON WEST COAST OF MEXICO

PACIFIC PORT, March 23.—A German raider operating in the Pacific ocean has been captured by a United States cruiser, and is now being towed to this port.

The raider is a comparatively small vessel, but capable of sinking any merchant ship on the Pacific. She was outfitted from the west coast of Mexico, and manned by an all-German crew, according to belief.

The officials are now investigating how she got her clearance papers.

SENATE WOULD RAISE WHEAT TO TWO-FIFTY

SENATE VOTES TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THIS COMMODITY—BILL NOW GOES TO CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.—The agricultural appropriation bill with the Gore amendment, increasing the 1918 government guaranteed wheat price to \$2.50, has been passed by the senate. It now goes to conference between the two houses, where there will be another fight over the wheat price.

Besides raising the guaranteed price the Gore amendment provides that it shall be based on No. 2 northern wheat instead of No. 1, and also makes it applicable at local elevators or railway markets instead of at the principal primary markets. The price is applicable to the 1918 crop.

The amendment will now go to conference with other amendments, subject to the action of the house.

Senator Gore explained that his amendment was designed to "minimize mischief" already done by price fixing.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR OUT

SALEM, March 23.—H. C. Starkweather of Oregon City has filed his candidacy for governor of Oregon on the democratic ticket.

SHELLS OF ENEMY ARE REACHING INTO PARIS

DISTANCE OF SIXTY-TWO MILES IS COVERED BY TREMENDOUS SHELLS OF HUNS—STEPS FOR COUNTER ARTILLERY ACTION

BERLIN REPORTS TAKING OF 25,000 PRISONERS AND MANY GUNS—KAISER REPORTED IN COMMAND ON WESTERN FRONT

PARIS, March 23.—Shells of 240-millimeters have been reaching the capital and suburbs at intervals of fifteen minutes, killing and wounding some. The shortest distance from Paris to the front is over sixty-two miles. No explanation has been made as to how Paris has been bombarded. It is believed possible that it is accomplished by some new invention. Measures for countering the enemy's cannon are under execution.

BERLIN, March 23.—Between Fontain, Les Croiselles and Movers, the Germans have penetrated into the second positions. They have captured two villages, Valux Vraucourt and Morohies, two and a half miles and three miles behind the British lines. The British counter attacks have failed. Twenty-five thousand prisoners have been taken, in addition to 400 guns and 300 machine guns. Between Gonnelleu and Omignon a stream of Germans have penetrated into the first two of the enemy's positions.

Crossing over the Oise west of Lafore and twelve miles south of St. Quentin, positions have been forced by the Jaeger battalions.

South of the Somme the Germans broke thru into the third position, driving the British back over the Crozat canal, toward the west.

The British have evacuated positions in the bend south of Cambrai and have been pushed thru Denicourt, Fiesquies and Ribecourt.

PARIS, March 23.—The Germans have attacked the French in the Woivre district, but have been repulsed with losses.

SCRIMMAGES ALONG BORDER

EL PASO, Tex., March 23.—The American border patrol yesterday returned the fire started by the Mexicans near Fabean, and it is believed that four Mexicans were killed. There were no American casualties.

Demurrer Is Filed Against Injunction

A demurrer action stating that the injunction suit filed against members of the county commissioners by John Knouts thru his attorney, E. L. Elliott, did not give sufficient cause for a suit against the defendants, and praying

for a dismissal of the complaint, has been filed in the office of the circuit court clerk. The defendants are represented by Attorneys Wm. M. Driscoll, Charles F. Stone and Thomas Drake.