

HUNS' OFFENSIVE IS SLOWING DOWN

Slight Gains Made By Enemy With Terrible Sacrifice

BETTER TONE TO REPORTS TODAY OVER ENTIRE FRONT THAN YESTERDAY, ALTHO LOSS OF SOME TERRITORY IS ADMITTED. ENEMY IS FIGHTING DESPERATELY AND FORCES ARE BEING REDUCED AT A FEARFUL RATE—42 DIVISIONS OF RESERVES IN GERMANS LAST TRUMP IN WORLD BATTLE NOW BEING PLAYED. ALLIES CONFIDENT—WERE COUNTING ON RETREAT

Summary by Associated Press

The British resistance is apparently stiffening and the Germans are slowing up at the north and center, while around Haponne on the Somme and north of Noyon the Germans have made gains only at fearful cost.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS, March 28.—There is now every reason to believe that important events will be recorded within the next few hours, which may lead to the betterment of the position of the allies now stemming the German onslaught.

The enemy is fighting desperately against time, and in the first day's action his reserves were reduced to fifty-two divisions. At the end of the second day some forty divisions from the reserve forces had been put in.

FRENCH FRONT, March 28.—Entire confidence reigns that the Germans' last trump card in the world's battle will be over-trumped when the proper moment comes. The allies were fully cognizant that the enemy's supreme effort would cause a retreat until measures for checking it could be taken.

PARIS, March 28.—The French evacuated Noyon during the night and are now holding the left bank of the Oise. The enemy is making a fresh attack on the south of the Somme and between Noyon and Chantreaux. The German losses have been so heavy that they have been forced to bring reinforcements from all parts of the western front.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY, March 28.—American positions in the Toul sector have been bombarded by mustard gas shells, but the attack was ineffectual. American artillery has succeeded in demolishing certain segments of the German front line.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28.—Information has been received by the British military attaché, Major General James McLachlan, that the situation on the western front improved decidedly during the day yesterday. His message indicates that the Germans were repulsed to the east bank of the Somme between Peronne and Morhain.

WELL KNOWN FAMILY LEAVES FOR ASHLAND

J. G. Swan and family of Merrill will leave for Ashland immediately, where Mr. Swan has accepted a position as principal of the Ashland high school. The departure of this family from the Klamath district will be greatly regretted by a large number of friends, formed during a number of years residence here. Mr. Swan was county school superintendent of Klamath County previous to the election of Fred Peterson.

AMERICAN OFFICER VIEWS WAR SITUATION CALMLY

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28.—Major General Payton March said yesterday that the war department sees no cause for alarm. "Haig has announced a withdrawal in accordance with a definite plan that is to be accepted," he said.

PASSENGER ON TUSCANIA TELLS OF EXPERIENCE

BOY WELL KNOWN HERE WAS ON LAST LIFEBOAT WITH CAPTAIN TO LEAVE ILL-FATED STRAMER—CREW DUMPED IN WATER

"Never will I forget the song 'There's a Lovely Spot in Ireland,'" declares Freeman Chilton, a passenger on the torpedoed Tuscania, in a letter to his sister, Mrs. A. J. Lyle, in this city, following his arrival in England.

Chilton, who is a member of the Twentieth Engineers, was on the last lifeboat to leave the ship. The captain of the vessel was in his party. As the boat was being lowered the rope broke and dumped the crew into the water. Chilton managed to get on top of another overturned lifeboat with others, and drifted four hours before being picked up by an English torpedo boat. There was a heavy sea, and the cold was terrible, he asserts. The hospitality of the Irish people is highly praised in the letter. Fifty members of his company were lost at sea.

HANDSOME GIFT FOR RED CROSS

AUTO DRIVER WHO MOVES HEADQUARTERS SATURDAY, WILL GIVE FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDS TO HELP THIS WORTHY CAUSE

R. S. Van Campen of this city, who will remove his auto service stand from his present quarters at the corner of Sixth and Main streets to the store room previously occupied by the Independent Meat Market, near Seventh and Main, will donate the first day's proceeds after moving, which will be Saturday, to the Red Cross Society, according to an announcement made today. The new quarters are being remodelled to suit the needs of the proprietor, whose growing business here during the past two years has warranted his present move. This will also be used as headquarters for the Klamath Falls, Ashland stage line, in which Van Campen is interested.

DAIRY NETS \$41.10 AT R. C. ENTERTAINMENT

Word has been received from Mrs. Beach at Dairy that a total of \$41.10 was netted at the recent entertainment there for the benefit of the Red Cross, instead of \$4.60, as previously reported. It is declared that \$16.50 was turned in on the 16th of this month and \$24.60 on the 18th.

U. S. ENGINEERS IN PATH OF HUNS

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28.—Three companies of American Engineers who are known to be among two regiments attached to the British armies in the path of the German's onslaught, have not been heard of. They have been employed near the Cross Canal. Serious fears are entertained for their safety.

"Hurry," Cries Gen. Foch to People of America



GENERAL FOCH

"We will stop this attack," said General Foch, perhaps the greatest of the French generals, speaking of the expected spring drive by the Germans. "But definitely to win the war we must have a big American army, with shipping mobilization, the construction of airplanes and munitions—everything. Hurry! Hurry! Hurry! Don't lose even half a minute. If you do your utmost you will make the right kind of victory sure, and you will hasten it."

DRAINAGE BY WINDMILLS IS BIG SUCCESS

WELL KNOWN ALGOMA RESIDENT INSTALLS WINDMILLS INVENTED BY KLAMATH MAN TO DRAIN MARSHES WITH GOOD RESULTS

The new system for draining his marsh land tracts near Algoma by means of windmills, is working out very successfully this year, according to John Hagelestein, a prominent rancher of that section, now in the city.

Hagelestein last year bought an extensive acreage of tule land bordering the Upper Klamath Lake which had heretofore been unadapted to successful cultivation because the water remained on it too late in the spring. Following his investment he installed six of the large windmills recently invented by A. Carlson of this city, to pump the flood waters over the dike formed by the Southern Pacific railroad. The land has been dry enough for some time to be plowed, according to Mr. Hagelestein. It is his plan to later irrigate the tract from the waters of Barclay springs on the north.

Carlson's windmills are something entirely new in mechanical construction, and are especially adapted to this sort of work. The pumping mechanism works entirely in oil, and is so constructed that it can be left safely for months at a time without attention. It automatically adjusts itself to varying velocity of winds by stopping. Its manufacture on a large scale has just commenced in California.

BLACKSMITH HAS CLOSE CALL HERE

WAS CAUGHT IN PULLEY SHAFT AND IS PULLED INTO CONTACT WITH WHEELS—RESCUED BY PROMPT ACT OF FRIEND

A very narrow escape from fatal injury as a result of getting his clothing caught in the pulley shaft of his machine shop was experienced yesterday by William Crosby, who operates a blacksmith and machine shop adjacent to the Farmer's Implement house on Klamath avenue.

Crosby was on a step ladder attempting to adjust a pulley on the shaft when a protruding set screw caught his sleeve, and he was painfully lacerated before H. R. Dunlap, who was standing near, could get to his assistance. His shirt and underwear were torn to shreds. His shoulder was injured and his face badly skinned, but he thinks himself fortunate to escape as he did.

GAS USED IN GUNS FIRING INTO PARIS

DECLARED TO BE OF AUSTRIAN MAKE AND SUPPLY OF ONLY TWO OR THREE ON HAND. COST OF EACH SHOT \$4,000

GENEVA, March 26.—The long range guns which are bombarding Paris are of Austrian manufacture, according to a Vienna dispatch. A new type of shell is shot by gas explosion.

There is said to be only two or three of these guns in existence, and that it costs approximately \$4,000 each time they are fired.

PARIS, March 26.—The Petit Parisien comments upon the bombardment as an extremely minor incident as compared with the gigantic battle in progress on the British front.

Le Petit Journal says Jules Verne had foreseen this gun, and it declares, moreover, that it is a French invention. "More than a year ago," it adds, "we discovered the secret of firing our cannon more than 100 kilometers. The secret lies in the greater suppression of the atmospheric resistance."

The Echo de Paris declares the bombardment is designed to give the impression that Paris is within the range of the German guns. "It is a political cannon," the newspaper says.

LOCAL MAN ENLISTS IN RADIO SERVICE

Word has been received today by A. A. Mahaffey that his son Lawrence, who is now in San Francisco, has joined the Radio Division of the Naval Reserve. The message states that he will be given six weeks' course of instruction at Harvard before commencing active service. He expects to return with Mrs. Mahaffey at the end of this week.

WILL PROVIDE SMOKES FOR SOLDIER BOYS

RELIEF CORPS WILL SUPPLY TOBACCO AND CHOCOLATES TO COUNTY BOYS IN SERVICE. CEDAR CHEST RAFFLED BY NEW PLAN

A novel scheme to provide tobacco and chocolates for the Klamath County boys at the front has been arranged by the Woman's Relief Corps by which a handsome cedar chest, donated by Virgil & Son, is to be raffled off for tickets bought with tobacco packages.

The chest is now on exhibition in the Virgil window on Fifth and Main streets, and as fast as the chances are purchased, the packages will be placed in the chest. The date of the raffle has not been announced as yet.

TERRIBLE FIRE IN NEW YORK

EXPLOSIONS IN BIG STRUCTURE IN JERSEY CITY ALMOST CREATED PANIC IN NEW YORK. CAUSE OF EXPLOSIONS UNKNOWN

NEW YORK, March 26.—Terrific explosions in a four story brick building in Jersey City, believed to contain ammunition, began about 3 o'clock today, and shook New Jersey and New York, all but causing a panic.

The structure was occupied by the Jarvis Stores. It covered a space of two blocks, and was virtually destroyed by the explosions.

The United States Army piers, where ships loaded for Europe, is a few blocks to the north. The ferry house of the Erie railroad in New York directly across the river, caught fire, probably from the sparks. The cause of the explosion is undetermined.

CAPTURE OF NEBLE AND GUISCARD ADMITTED

LONDON, March 26.—The British statement confirms the capture of Neble and Guiscard by the Germans.

AMERICAN STEAMER SUBBED

LONDON, March 26.—The American steamer Chattahoochee has been sunk by a submarine off the coast of England. The crew of seventy-eight were all saved.

POLITICS BELIEVED BACK OF BIG DRIVE

GERMAN MILITARISTS UNABLE TO CONTROL MOVEMENT WITH THEIR PREVIOUS TACTICS. ARE FORCED TO ENGAGE IN PRESENT STRUGGLE

WASHINGTON OFFICIALS THINK SITUATION THROUGHOUT GERMAN EMPIRE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PRESENT DESPERATE ATTACK

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 26.—The German offensive, says the war department's weekly communique, just issued, proves that German militarists, no longer able to control the German people by political maneuver, have been forced to attempt a gigantic feat of arms to maintain their domination.

While the great attack has been able to make headway, no definite enveloping movement has been outlined, the communique says, and it would be premature to express opinions on the tactical phases with a combat inevitably changing in a battle of such magnitude.

The assault launched by the Germans against the British front has reopened the fighting season in the west, says the communique.

This operation confirms to us that the German higher command, unable to control the strategic situation thru political agencies, as has been unsuccessfully attempted during these four months, has been forced to engage in a desperate military venture in an effort to crush its domination over the peoples of the central empire and, if possible, force a victorious peace by the fortune of arms.

"It would be premature to express an opinion regarding the tactical phases of the operations now taking place. We must expect further changes in the combat situation, which are inevitable in a battle of such magnitude.

"Enemy casualties have been exceedingly heavy.

"Our own forces in training in Lorraine are still holding on to the trenches northeast of Sedanville, which we captured last week. In this region our artillery is continuing to fire."

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RELIEF CORPS YARN HERE

The yarn for the Woman's Relief Corps has arrived, and members wishing a supply for knitting purposes can obtain yarn by applying to Mrs. J. H. Garrett.

Klamath Falls-Keno Star Route Assured

A daily stage route between Klamath Falls and Keno, twelve miles distant, is to be established for the first time since the Southern Pacific railroad reached this city in 1909, during the coming summer. The postoffice department has advertised for bids to carry the mails between Klamath Falls and Keno six times a week. Keno is at present served by a route from Worden, ten miles distant. Residents of the district between Klamath Falls and Keno petitioned the department recently to change this route so that it would head at Klamath Falls, thus serving a great number of people along the route. The advertisement for bids on the new route is the result. Bids will be received in Washington until April 24.

Big Army Increase Is Now Recommended

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 26.—Five million men, and that half of these be concentrated in France at the earliest possible moment, and now before the military situation for consideration. Recommendations from Major General Leonard Wood that the American forces be increased to four or