

HUNS LOSE HALF OF THEIR UNITS

Offensive Made At Fearful Cost Checked By Allies

GERMANS RETAKE TERRITORY HELD BEFORE BATTLE OF SOMME RIVER, BUT LOSE FOUR HUNDRE D THOUSAND MEN ENEMY'S MOVEMENT IN THE NORTH DEFINITELY CHECKED AND ADVANCE ALL BUT STOPPED FOR THEIR SOUTH

GERMANS NOW MASSING FORCES FOR DRIVE ON THE ROPE AND NOYON SECTOR, A VITAL POINT IN LINES

By Associated Press

The Germans have reclaimed virtually all the territory they held at the beginning of the battle of the Somme in 1916, but now find themselves before the allied defense, which grows stronger hourly.

Their forward movements have been definitely checked in the north, and in the south they have been unable to push to the west of Noyon.

The British line from the Somme River southwest to the Meuse has now held intact for twenty-four hours. Roze and Noyon are in a vital sector, where further advance might endanger the French hold on the Oise.

The Americans here are aiding the French and British, but the identity and size of the American units remain undisclosed.

The enemy is no attempting to split the allied front here and start a rolling process either way. The Germans have apparently lost 50 per cent of all their units since the offensive began.

Germany's supreme effort to break the allies' front is apparently no nearer accomplishment today than on the day the drive started, and she is estimated to have lost 400,000 men.

The attempt to push on, however, has not been given up, but forces are being massed for a drive in the Roze-Noyon sector, in an effort to break thru.

LONDON, March 27.—The scene of open warfare is enlarging as the intense falls back fighting under enormous weight of great numbers, according to the report of Reuter's correspondent.

It declares that it has been clearly established that the present offensive is the great main effort of the Germans, and that it has not been as successful as they anticipated.

BERLIN, March 27.—The official statement here today says: "We have continued to bombard the fortress of Paris."

PARIS, March 27.—The German advance was held up everywhere last night. The enemy was weakened by heavy losses and obliged to slow up.

LONDON, March 27.—The German attack against the new British line in the Somme section was repulsed last night. The British on both banks of the Somme were forced back a short distance yesterday afternoon.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—General Pershing has cabled the war department that he has "nothing to report" regarding the American troops in battle.

LOCAL MEN ENLIST WITH 90TH ENGINEERS

W. U. Foster, who enlisted over a week ago, is now in Washington, D. C., at University camp, and is in charge of a clerical division in the accounting department of the Twentieth Engineers. Mr. Foster is well known in Klamath Falls, having come here several years ago from The

Dalles, where he was employed by the Pacific Power and Light company as accountant. Mr. Foster was prominent in the work of St. Paul's Episcopal church here, and was reader in the church. After enlisting Mr. Foster was at Fort McDowell three days, and then was sent on to Washington. Mrs. Foster and two children expect to remain in Klamath Falls.

Odessa Recaptured After Bloody Fight

LONDON, March 27.—Odessa has been recaptured by the Soviets and Ukrainian troops after a bloody battle, in which the naval forces took part,

according to a Moscow dispatch. The bolsheviks have recaptured the towns of Nikolayev, Kherson, Emsanaka, in the southern part of Ukraine, from the Austrians.

RECORD MADE IN BUILDING STEEL SHIP

WEST GROVE IN NAME OF NEW 8,000 TON VESSEL LAUNCHED ON PACIFIC COAST TODAY. BUILT IN SIXTY-TWO DAYS

A PACIFIC PORT, March 27.—The government was wunched here when the fabricated hull of the 8,000 ton steel ship West Grove, built for today, just sixty-two days after the keel was laid, a new world record for speed in steel ship building was claimed by the builders. The previous record of sixty-seven days was made by a Seattle company.

A small army of skilled workmen, aided by availability of materials and excellent team work by employes thru out the yards, has driven 700,000 rivets into the steel plates of the West Grove and 3,500 tons of material had gone into the vessel before she was ready for the ways.

Portions of the machinery were installed while the hull was being fabricated, and the fabrication was going on while the keel was under construction, which system helped to complete the steel monster in record time. The West Grove is the fourteenth steel ship to be launched from local yards for the government, and the fifth by this company. Owing to the speed with which this vessel was made ready it took the water ahead of another craft under construction by the same company, on which work had been started some time ahead.

PRESIDENT IS DECLARED TOO INDEPENDENT

SENATOR FROM WASHINGTON LAYS FAILURE OF CO-OPERATION OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO INDEPENDENT ATTITUDE OF WILSON

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—Senator Jones of Washington has laid the failure of the government agencies to co-operate in the war to the president, charging that President Wilson showed no disposition to seek the advice of congress on the problems encountered since the outbreak of the war.

WILL NOW REQUISITION HOARDED WHEAT SUPPLIES

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—The state food administrators have been encouraged by the food administration here to requisition summarily any stocks of wheat that are actually being hoarded.

EXPLOSION CAUSED FROM A CIGARETTE

NEW YORK, March 27.—Jacob Altman has confessed he was responsible for the fire which caused the explosion in the Jarvis warehouse in Jersey City yesterday, according to the police here.

Altman claims he dropped a cigarette stub among inflammable material.

THREE BILLION AIM OF THIRD LIBERTY LOAN

AMOUNT ANNOUNCED BY McADOO WITH INTEREST AT 4 1/2 PER CENT—NEW BONDS TO BE NON-CONVERTIBLE

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—Secretary McAdoo has announced that amount of the third Liberty Loan would be \$3,000,000,000, at 4 1/2 per cent, and that all over-subscriptions would be accepted.

The new bonds will be non-convertible, but bonds of the first and second Liberty Loans may be converted into the new 4 1/2 per cent securities.

Authority to issue \$4,500,000,000 in bonds, in addition to the \$3,000,000,000 already authorized and unissued, is proposed in new loan legislation prepared for submission to congress, so that the total amount which may be issued is \$7,500,000,000.

Bonds of the first loan, bearing 3 1/2 per cent interest, and of the second loan at 4 per cent, may be converted into the new bonds, but those of the third loan will not be convertible into any future issue.

This announcement was made by Secretary McAdoo with the comment that "the great events now happening in France must fire the soul of every American with a new determination to furnish all the dollars and all the material resources of America that are needed to put an end to the execrable atrocities of German terrorism."

Secretary McAdoo issued this statement: "The secretary of the treasury, in a conference with McKitchen, chairman of the ways and means committee, outlined his plan for the third Liberty Loan. Actual expenditures of the United States government and of the allied governments having been much less than had been indicated by the estimates, the amount of the next loan would be only \$3,000,000,000, the right being reserved to allot over-subscriptions.

"The secretary will ask authority from congress to issue bonds bearing interest at the rate of 4 1/2 per cent per annum, acceptable at par and accrued interest in payment of inheritance taxes, and having been given the benefit of a sinking fund of 5 per cent per annum during the war and one year thereafter.

"It is the belief of the secretary that the rate now proposed is sufficient, and that by inducing the people who subscribe for Liberty bonds to save and keep them for investment, and by purchases as with the sinking fund from those who find themselves compelled to sell future increases in the rate may be avoided. In order to put an end to the expectation of higher interest rates, it is expected that the conversion privilege shall be eliminated from the new bonds, but the holder of Liberty bonds of all existing issues will be given an opportunity to turn the bonds into the new 4 1/2 per cent bonds.

FIGHTING IN EAST RESUMED

LONDON, March 27.—A resumption of fighting in Ukraine between the Germans and the bolsheviks is reported. The bolsheviks are said to have recaptured Kherson.

BAPTISM ADMINISTERED

At the close of the prayer meeting and business session of the Emmanuel Baptist church tonight, the ordinance of baptism will be administered to five persons.

BREAD CARDS A POSSIBILITY FOR AMERICA

FRANK STATEMENT MADE BY CALIFORNIA FOOD ADMINISTRATOR ON RETURN FROM CONFERENCE WITH HERBERT HOOVER

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—Warning that unless the people of America voluntarily reduce wheat consumption 50 per cent below normal the nation may be forced to adopt bread cards and other forms of rationing, was voiced here by Ralph P. Merritt, federal food commissioner for California, on his return from a ten days conference at Washington with Herbert Hoover.

The new wheat conservation program announced by Merritt allows each person a total of six pounds of wheat flour and wheat products a month, or about one-fifth less than the amount allowed at the present time.

Merritt urged greater consumption of fresh meats, vegetables and potatoes as wheat substitutes. He said it was probable that there would be no restrictions on the use of meats, including beef, lamb, veal and mutton, in California, until the 1918 wheat crop.

REASONS FOR GIVING NAMES ONLY, STATED

INSURANCE CLAIM AGENTS SWARM AROUND RELATIVES OF MEN ON CASUALTY LISTS WHEN PUBLISHED WITH ADDRESSES.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—The reasons for announcing only the names of the American casualties on the lists were given by Major General March in an official statement issued by the war department, which declares this course of procedure is best from all points of view.

That claim agents swarm around the relatives of the injured men, offering to collect government insurance, and that valuable information reaches the enemy thru this source, are among the reasons given.

UNCLE SAM TO GET JAPANESE SHIPPING

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—Negotiations for the transfer of 250,000 tons of Japanese shipping has been completed on a basis of two tons of steel for one ton dead weight of ship capacity.

FORMER RESIDENT VISITS

Harry Holgate, assistant chief counsel of the United States reclamation service, with headquarters at Denver, is in the city for a few days on official business. Mr. Holgate formerly resided in Klamath Falls. He was connected with the reclamation service and later practiced law here.

CHURCH BODY TO WORK FOR UNCLE SAM

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DIVIDES INTO TWO CONTENTING FORCES FOR SALE OF THRIFT STAMPS

The annual business meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian church was held Monday evening at the home of Charles Loomis, on Pine street. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Miss Pearl Leavitt; vice president, Clara Calkins; secretary, Helen Patterson, and treasurer, Donald Lawrence.

A special program is to be given at six weeks intervals thruout the year. A special feature of the coming year's work is to be a campaign for the sale of Thrift Stamps, the boys and girls are lined up in two departments, and contests will be carried on to see which can make the biggest record in stamp sales.

LOCAL LODGE INVESTS IN W. S. STAMPS

DIVERTS SURPLUS FUNDS IN TREASURY TO THE CAUSE OF MAKING GOOD FELLOW OUT OF THE KAISER

Imbued by the idea that the only way in which to make a decent citizen out of the kaiser is to back Uncle Sam to the utmost in his efforts to put the crazy king in a permanent position with his feet toward the setting sun, Ewauna Encampment No. 46, I. O. O. F., last night voted to invest its surplus funds in War Saving Stamps, and to this end Treasurer P. L. Fountain was directed to purchase twelve of the baby bonds at once.

RALLY AT MIDLAND SATURDAY

There will be a patriotic program and rally at the Midland school house on Saturday evening, March 30th, at 8 o'clock. Able speakers have been engaged for the occasion, and there will be a special feature of vocal music by the Liberty Chorus, and also by a soloist. Refreshments will be served free. Everyone is urged to attend, and are assured of a pleasant evening.

PETITION FILED FOR RECALL OF EXECUTIVE

NINE HUNDRED VOTERS OF THE COUNTY ASK RECALL ELECTION FOR COUNTY JUDGE MARION HANKS UNLESS HE RESIGNS IMMEDIATELY

COURT HOUSE POLICY, ALLEGED POOR UPKEEP OF ROADS, AND IMPROPER HANDLING OF THE PUBLIC FUNDS, ARE CAUSES CITED

For his alleged failure and refusal to complete the new county court house in Hot Springs Addition, in compliance with his pre-election pledge, and for the purpose of which \$179,316.52 was collected during his incumbency, his present intention to abandon same, diverting funds thus collected in repairing the old structure, gross neglect of the upkeep of county highways, manipulation of county funds for benefit of private interests, and ignoring the recent petition signed by over 1,000 taxpayers for the completion of the Hot Springs building, a petition signed by approximately 900 voters, demanding a recall election for County Judge Marion Hanks has been filed with County Clerk C. R. DeLap.

The petition demands that a call be issued for a special election within five days from the date of filing unless the resignation of the county judge is received within that time.

The different counts on the petition follow:

1.—For his failure to keep his pledge to the people of Klamath County, Oregon, made prior to and for the purpose of securing his election as county judge of Klamath County, Oregon, as set forth in his letter to the voters, as follows:

"Klamath Falls, Ore., Oct. 9, 1914.

"To the voters of Klamath County: "This letter is sent to you to call your attention to my candidacy for the office of county judge. First of all, I want you to know that I have made no promise to any man or set of men regarding my conduct of the office. If elected I shall administer the affairs of the county fairly and

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Potato Market Is Flooded In South

Market conditions in California at present are such that it is almost impossible to dispose of potatoes at a reasonable figure, according to W. C. Townsend, who has been sent to southern points by county farmers in an effort to dispose of a surplus stock here. A total of 865 sacks were sold at a cent and a cent and a quarter, out of a total of ten car loads, and it is hoped that a market will be available for more in the near future.

Mr. Townsend, who returned last night, after being absent since March 1st, declared that had he started thirty days earlier, he would have found a much more ready market, but that the outlook now was not encouraging. While absent he visited San Francisco, Oakland, Marysville, Chico and a number of other points along the main line.