

COUNTER ATTACKS HAVE NOW BEGUN

British Recapture Some Towns Lost In First Onslaught

GAINS OF HUNS SINCE YESTERDAY REPORTED AT ONLY TWO POINTS—HUNS PUSH WEST NEAR MONT DIDIER

FIGHTING CONTINUES FIERCELY ON BOTH SIDES OF THE SOMME. BRITISH MAKE SUBSTANTIAL ADVANCE NEAR ALBERT

BEHEIVED THAT AMERICANS WILL PARTICIPATE IN COUNTER ATTACKS—DECLARED TO ACT LIKE VETERANS

By Associated Press

Checked all along the front of over fifty miles except at two points, the German drive is now fast slowing up.

The British and French are tenaciously holding the western edge of the Somme battlefield and inflicting further losses on the enemy.

British counter attacks have begun in the Albert region. After doggedly repulsing the attack of the Huns all day Wednesday south of Albert, the British have advanced their lines eastward between Somme and Amiens about one mile.

South of the Somme, the British have repulsed strong attacks at Rosieres along the Ancre.

North of Albert the British have thrown the Germans back across the river, driving them from two towns between Albert and Monchy.

The French held the enemy to the west of Noyon, and fell back slightly at Lassigny toward Mt. Didier when overwhelmed by numbers.

The German casualties are now estimated at from 300,000 to 500,000 men.

A note of pessimism in the German leaders' reports since the Huns have failed to break thru the lines is clearly distinguished.

It is now believed that a counter attack by the allies is in preparation. The fighting east of Arras indicates that the Germans have widened their battle front and are delivering an attack to the north.

LONDON, March 25.—The British have succeeded in capturing a large number of prisoners and machine guns. The fighting continues fiercely on both sides of the Somme River. The Germans' attack is now developing in the Arras sector.

PARIS, March 25.—Blocked in their progress elsewhere, the Germans have thrown forward important forces in the region of Mt. Didier. After ferocious fighting, the French have driven back to the heights just west of Mt. Didier.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—The American staff officers believe that the developments of the moment in the allied counter attacks will begin to show themselves today or tomorrow. It is also believed that the Americans may participate in the operations at this time.

PARIS, March 25.—A French captain wounded and brought back from the front, says that the Americans, altho entirely new to this kind of warfare, have worked like the best of the veterans of the Somme.

BIRDMAN KILLED IN TEXAS
FORT WORTH, Tex., March 25.—H. Hooten, cadet of the Royal Flying Corps, living in Montreal, was killed when his airplane crashed to the ground yesterday. This is the forty-fourth fatal aviation accident here since last fall.

Set Clocks Ahead On Saturday Night

Altho the outlook into the future may be overhanging with war clouds and the prospects less rosy than other years, Uncle Sam has decided not to wait for events to come and meet him, but will jump right into the future himself, and help to adjust things satisfactorily.

CLOSE OF LENT OBSERVED AT LOCAL CHURCH

CEREMONIES CLOSING LENTEN SEASON ARE BEING OBSERVED AT CATHOLIC CHURCH—COMING PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

At 8 o'clock this morning were begun the magnificently beautiful ceremonies that mark the close of the Lenten season at the Catholic church. Following the mass this morning was a procession commemorative of the entrance of Christ into Jerusalem, when the Holy Eucharist was taken from the main altar and placed in a repository of one of the smaller altars, where it will remain until Easter Sunday, when it will again be returned to the tabernacle, indicative of the resurrection. The children of the parish, dressed appropriately for the occasion, participated in the procession.

At 7:30 this evening services will be held consisting of a visit to the repository, commemorative of the Last Supper, and the institution of the Blessed Sacrament. Friday morning at 8 o'clock will be celebrated the mass of pre-sanctification, at which will be repeated the prayers for the nations. The Holy Hour will be held from 12 to 3 o'clock, commemorative of the period during which Christ hung upon the cross. This practice is spreading among all Christian denominations throughout the United States, in many cities the stores, shows and public institutions being closed and the numbers of the various denominations gathering in their respective places of worship out of respect for the greatest event in the history of mankind. Friday evening at 7:30 there will be the Way of the Cross and sermon by Father Marshall.

On Saturday morning at 6:30 will be held the services incident to the blessing of the Easter water, the new candle and the new fire, followed by the singing of the Alleluia, at the close of which Lent really ends, the popularly believed to continue until midnight.

On Easter Sunday morning will be the services, the crowning glory of which has always been a notable feature of the Catholic church, where the people enter into the spirit of the feast, in celebration of an event on which rests Christianity—the resurrection of Christ. At 10 o'clock high mass will be celebrated by Father Marshall. The choir, under the able direction of C. W. Eberlein, will sing Weigand's mass and LaHache's credo. Solos will be sung by Miss Pearl Bolvin, Mrs. C. E. Wheeler, Mrs. Matt Smith and Mr. Mason. During the offertory Gounod's "Ave Maria" will be sung by Mrs. Louise Voss. A violin obligato will be rendered by Mrs. Satterlee, accompanied by Mrs. C. W. Eberlein.

INCOME TAX MAN HERE TOMORROW

That James S. Hogg, the state income tax man will be in Klamath Falls tomorrow and Saturday, in order to assist any who wish final information in making out their income tax reports, was information received last night from Bly, which point Mr. Hogg reached on his way from Lake County.

ELKS TO HOLD HIGH JINKS THIS EVENING

FIRST WILD DASH OF BIG RECKLESS HERD OF ELKS EXPECTED EARLY THIS EVENING. NERVOUS PERSONS RETIRE EARLY

Persons with timid dispositions will hardly remain indoors this evening. It is also suggested that doors be bolted and window shutters carefully closed.

It is hoped to make the list of dead and wounded as light as possible this year, in view of the European situation, but the fact remains that tonight and tomorrow night are the dates for the Elks Western night, and the terrific thirst for blood and gore can no longer be held in. Any one who wishes to take his life in his hands and venture on the street does so at his own risk, and the Herald will not be responsible for the consequences.

Years ago it was customary for the Elks and their friends to take this wild adventure alone, but it was found that if their wives and sweethearts could occasionally be impressed with the heroism of their husbands when aroused, the effect was beneficial.

All Elks and their friends and their friends' wives are urged to help whoop her up this evening. Every one is permitted to go as far as he likes in any direction.

It has been decided that the doing will not be exclusive to the Elks, but that the general public will be invited to participate in the fun.

28 PER CENT OF SHIPPING IS UNDER WAY

CHAIRMAN HURLEY IN NEW YORK SPEECH LAST NIGHT GIVES ACTUAL FIGURES ON CONSTRUCTION SO FAR—OUTLOOK GOOD

NEW YORK, March 25.—America's efforts to meet German submarine warfare, whose full menace has just been revealed in British admiralty figures on sinkings of ships, was outlined here last night by Chairman Hurley of the shipping board in a frank statement before the National Marine League.

Mr. Hurley disclosed that despite delays, the country will soon have 730 steel and wooden ways turning out ships, and that the government's mammoth steel ship building program of 8,000,000 tons on March 1st was 28 per cent on its way to completion. This does not mean that 28 per cent was in the water, but that construction as a whole had advanced that far. Eight per cent of the vessels actually have been put into service, Mr. Hurley said.

SPRAGUE RIVER WATER RIGHTS CONTESTED

ACTION IN WHICH MANY PROMINENT RESIDENTS OF THE BLY DISTRICT ARE REPRESENTED IS BEING TRIED IN CIRCUIT COURT

Spratt Wells, J. P. McAuliffe, Jas. Watts, Phoebe Wells, Luke Walker and Roy G. Walker are defendants in a civil action being threshed out today in the Circuit Court brought by J. A. Parker, Mary Dixon, T. M. Garret, T. M. A. and J. C. Edsall.

This action involves irrigation privileges on the south fork of the Sprague River, and many prominent residents of the Bly district are in the city as witnesses.

It is reported that twelve years ago the defendant, Spratt Wells, was given prior right to 300 inches of water from the Upper Sprague River for irrigation purposes, and that a group of seven residents later extended the ditch with the privilege of using a certain part of the water.

The plaintiffs are represented by Attorneys C. F. Stone. The principal defendants, Spratt Wells and J. P. McAuliffe, are represented by J. C. Kutenic and H. M. Manning; Luke Walker and Roy G. Walker are represented by J. A. Kant.

WATER USERS' RATES NOT TO BE INCREASED

ATTORNEY GENERAL HANDS DOWN OPINION THAT PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION HAS NO RIGHT TO INTERFERE WITH CONTRACT

The question of the public utilities commission having jurisdiction over the price to be paid for electric current furnished to the project users under a contract entered into between the United States and California-Oregon Power company was finally disposed of under an opinion rendered by the attorney general's office at Salem on Monday last.

In this opinion the commission was advised that inasmuch as the contract between the government and the power company for a term of fifty years fixed a price to the water users, for a consideration, no power was vested in a state commission to interfere. The water users are therefore protected in a seven mill pumping rate by the government contract.

LIGHT FALL OF SNOW AT CRATER LAKE

INDICATIONS GOOD FOR MUCH EARLIER OPENING THIS YEAR THAN LAST—MARCH HAS BEEN A VERY SNOWY MONTH

A total depth of snow of seven feet at headquarters camp and about ten feet at the rim of Crater Lake is reported by H. E. Momyer, assistant superintendent, who came down last night for a short time after several weeks solitary vigil keeping up the records and attending to government routine duty.

The depth of snow at this time is not much more than half of the corresponding date last year, according to Mr. Momyer, and there is now every reason to believe that the park will be open to visitors at a much earlier season this summer than for the two years preceding. The month of March has been a snowy month, Mr. Momyer declares.

LOCAL POWER NOW HELPS RUN FRISCO

JUICE FROM BIG COPCO DAM ON KLAMATH RIVER WILL TURN THE WHEELS IN BIG BAY CITY. TRANSMISSION OVER 300 MILES

Following a number of hearings held in San Francisco, between the federal conservation committee, the California public utility commission and the Pacific Gas & Electric company, the Northern California Power company and the California-Oregon Power company, an agreement has been reached whereby 10,000 horse power manufactured by water power at Copco, on the Klamath River, near here, will be delivered by the California-Oregon Power company to the Pacific Gas & Electric company, which company serves electricity to the cities around the San Francisco bay, over the lines of the Northern California Power company, thereby eliminating the manufacture of that amount of electricity by steam, and causing the saving of \$450,000 of fuel oil annually for the United States navy.

This transmission of power for a distance of over 300 miles would, but a short time ago, have been considered impossible, it is declared, and it goes to show what American brains and money can do to help win the war.

HUNS FORCE ALLIES OUT OF STRONG POSITION

FRENCH FORCED TO EVACUATE MT. DIDIER AFTER HARDEST HAND TO HAND FIGHTING OF PRESENT OFFENSIVE

ENEMY PAYS DEARLY FOR ADVANCE IN LOSS OF MEN, AND NOW BEING HELD—ATTEMPTING MOVE TOWARD NORTH

By striking with almost unexampled fury against the allied front near a point where the British and French lines connect, the Huns last night drove a deeper wedge to the west and forced the French from Mt. Didier. This point is nineteen miles to the northwest of Amiens.

This is declared to have been the fiercest hand to hand fighting thus far in the offensive, but the Germans have paid dearly for their advance, and are now being held.

Apparently wishing to protect their right wing from a flanking attack, they are developing a threat to the extreme north, and while this might develop into an attempt to reach the channel ports, the enemy seemingly has all he can take care of in the present field, and is probably merely taking advantage of a protective measure.

AMSTERDAM, March 25.—The emperor has complimented Dr. Krupp on manufacturing a gun which could bombard Paris at a distance of seventy miles.

LONDON, March 25.—The French troops this morning counter attacked with great dash, and drove the enemy back to a depth of three kilometers south of Noyon along a six mile front.

FRENCH BREAD RATIONS REDUCED
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—The shortage of wheat in France is so serious that the bread rations of the French soldiers have been reduced, according to official advice received here.
The food administration is now collecting wheat to rush to the relief of the men.

Big Total Promised From W. S. S. Campaign

A total of \$3,149.99 has been turned in thus far from the Thrift Stamp house to house canvass conducted over the county last week from sixteen precincts, according to County School Superintendent Edna Wells, secretary of the W. S. S. County Central committee. The number of families visited was 1,117. Out of these 426 families were found to be already purchasing stamps, and the number who purchased during the campaign was 499.