

GERMAN STRENGTH DECLARED WANING

Enemy's Advance Not Stopped But Greatly Retarded

GERMANS REPORTED COMPLETELY CHECKED IN VITAL POINT AT MT. DIDIER—COUNTER OFFENSIVE STARTED THERE

SECTIONS ON NORTH FLANK NOW OFFER GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR STRONG COUNTERBLOW ON WEDGE

LONG RANGE GUN KILLS NEARLY HUNDRED WORSHIPING IN PORIS CHURCH ON GOOD FRIDA Y—NINETY INJURED

The fighting on the battle front between the Scarpe and Oise rivers has diminished greatly except between Albert and Mt. Didier.

The enemy has succeeded in pushing the British line back to the west of Maricurve and Demuin, but the situation is still regarded as hopeful.

The French have completely checked the Germans to the west of Mt. Didier, and are continuing their counter offensive in that section.

In the region about Arras and the Oise, the line now offers position for the entente to make a counterblow and roll up one side of the German wedge.

Germany's long range gun has surpassed the airplane in frightfulness. A shell struck a Paris church on Good Friday, during the services there, killing over seventy-five and injuring ninety, mostly women and children.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS, March 30.—In the vicinity of Albert the Germans are digging themselves in along the line from Thiepval to Laboulle.

LONDON, March 30.—The Germans have pressed the British back from Neuveville. The situation is regarded more satisfactory today from the entente standpoint.

PARIS, March 30.—The French supported by the reserves, are making a desperate resistance. The battle is now progressing over a twenty mile front from Morouill to a point beyond Lamignay.

LATER.—The Germans have renewed powerful attacks in the Mt. Didier region, where the wedge has been pushed farthest toward Paris, and a great battle is now raging there.

forced back slightly on the northern edge, as the town of Morouill now forms a part of the line.

Trainload of Livestock Goes North on Monday

With five carloads of cattle and two of hogs, consigned to the Gerstein's packing company, Justice E. W. Gowen plans to leave Monday for Tacoma.

HUN SPIES AT WORK IN AIR PLANE SHOPS

WOMAN IS ARRESTED WITH BLUE PRINTS OF AIR MACHINE IN HER POSSESSION—ADMITS WORK OF SPIES

NEWARK, N. J., March 30.—The admission that a group of German spies had been employed in the plant of the Curtiss Engineering corporation at Hempstead, N. Y., has been obtained from Mrs. Lydia White, who has been arrested here with blue prints of airplanes in her possession.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 30.—Investigation into delay in the airplane program has begun by the senate military committee behind closed doors, after discussion in the senate which culminated in the assertion by Senator Overman of North Carolina that part of the trouble was due to German spies in the Curtiss plant, which has extensive government contracts.

Members of the committee were pledged to secrecy, and Chairman Chamberlain announced that no statement would be issued until the inquiry had been completed.

Senator Overman said altho he would make no charge against any one employe of the Curtiss concern, there were spies there, and were he secretary of war he would commandeer the plant and put in new employes. A brace used in the construction of airplane frames, from which a piece of metal had been removed and lead inserted, so as to weaken it, was exhibited by the senator as a sample of spies' work.

The first machine tested at the plant fell, he said, and an investigation showed that this tampering had been the cause. A delay of two months followed, while government inspectors went over every airplane part, in order to replace parts which spies had weakened.

DRAFT QUOTA GOES FORWARD APRIL FIRST

NINE MEN HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED BY LOCAL EXEMPTION BOARD TO ENTRAIN FOR TRAINING CAMP'S MONDAY

Five Klamath County boys will leave for Camp Lewis at American Lake on April 1st, according to an announcement made by Mrs. Will Houston of the local exemption board this morning. These men are five of the quota of seven from Klamath County recently summoned in connection with the call for 95,000 more men.

They are as follows: Claude Merrill Lewin of Chiloquin, Peter Bolch of Klamath Falls, James Krejci of Merrill, Oscar Bert Cornish of Klamath Falls and Geocoma Torresan of Algoma. David J. Bliss, now at Mountain Home, Iowa, and Nick D. Mallatopoulos, who are registered with the Klamath Falls board, have been notified to entrain for Camp Lewis also. Alonso D. Huff at Muskegon, Okla., and Earl Richards at Prystash, Minn., also registered here, have been notified to appear at eastern training camps.

MAJ. JOHNSON TELLS OF LIFE IN WAR ZONE

INTERESTING EPITILE IN RECEIVED BY CAPTAIN J. W. SIEMENS—CHECK WITH GOOD WISHES ON BANK OF FRANCE ENCLOSED

Conditions in the army life at the front from the viewpoint of an officer are given in an interesting letter just received by Captain J. W. Siemens of the First State and Savings bank from Major S. O. Johnson of the Twentieth Engineers, now on duty in France.

Major Johnson writes that he is located in a city of about 90,000 people, and that he and his companions are provided with comfortable quarters and good food, altho butter and sugar are among the things lacking in the menu. The bread is rationed in small portions, but the writer declares it is regular war bread, and that the small quantity received is entirely sufficient.

Major Johnson's district has recently been extended, and his men are placed over a territory of sixty miles.

He has now 1,600 officers and men under his supervision. While very busy with his work, he is very well satisfied, as it gives him less time to think of himself, and the time passes quickly.

A check for 1,000 good wishes drawn on the Bank of France, which is the first foreign check Mr. Johnson says he has drawn so far, is enclosed in the letter.

I. O. O. F. BUYS LIBERTY BOND AND W. S. S.

WILL BACK THEIR UNCLE WITH MONNY AND MEN IN THE GREAT STRUGGLE FOR WORLD DEMOCRACY

With their service flag showing fourteen members serving their country under the Stars and Stripes, Klamath Lodge No. 187, I. O. O. F., last night decided to further back the cause of world democracy by investing in Liberty Bonds and War Saving Stamps, and Treasurer P. L. Fountain was ordered to purchase a \$100 Liberty Bond and twenty-four of the baby bonds.

O. A. C. PRESIDENT TO TOUR STATE

CORVALLIS, March 30.—President Kerr of the Oregon Agricultural College, probably will arrive home today or tomorrow from his conference with the United States agricultural authorities. On his way back President Kerr has delivered addresses at Fargo, Blumarck, Debeeson, Belleville and Beach, N. D.

Within a day or two after his return he will leave for a tour of Oregon and Washington, to speak in connection with the department of agriculture's work.

KAISER PLANS FOR JUVENILE AID TO ARMY

ADVERTISEMENTS IN PAPERS FOR 17-YEAR-OLD BOYS—YOUNGSTERS SENT TO WAR ZONE IN CIVILIAN CLOTHING

PARIS, March 30.—The German consul general at Zurich has inserted advertisements in the newspapers requesting all German subjects of the age of 17 years to communicate with the consulates, with a view to their being called to the colors, according to Zurich correspondent of the Petit Journal. Drafting of the class of 1921 began in several parts of Germany in the first days of March, according to information from trustworthy sources and a large number of youths have been sent directly into the war zone in civilian clothing without having received preliminary training.

GROCERY MAN WINS 888 LIBERTY BOND

C. L. Fox of the Klamath Cash grocery last night won the 888 Liberty bond given by the Elks at the closing session of their Western nights. Altho the total amount of the proceeds has not been announced, it is declared that the affair this year was an unusual success from a financial as well as a social point of view.

OREGONIANS WOULD BUILD MORE SHIPS

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 30.—Oregon shipbuilders have made an offer to the shipping board to build 150 motor driven wooden ships without interfering with the governments program. It is declared that the timber and sites are available for this work.

CHICAGO MEAT PACKERS GRANT EIGHT HOUR DAY

CHICAGO, March 30.—An eight hour day, wage increase and equal pay alike for men and women were granted Chicago packing house employes today by Judge Aischuler, arbitrator.

FORCED TO CONDEMN THE KAISER TO WINTER RESORT

COSHOCTON, Ohio, March 30.—A mob of 500 or 600 persons early today visited sixteen houses and forced twenty-five or thirty propagandists to kiss the Stars and Stripes and say "To hell with the Kaiser."

GOVERNMENT TO ADOPT STRINGENT MEASURES

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 30.—The death penalty for many acts of espionage will be proposed in legislation brought before congress, Senator Overman declared today, after hearing testimony of several government agents.

BISHOP ON FAREWELL VISIT

Rt. Rev. Bishop C. J. O'Reilly, who has recently been promoted to the diocese of Lincoln, Neb., will arrive here tonight on his farewell visit, and will say first mass and officiate and preach at High Mass tomorrow.

WINS INDOOR TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP TODAY

NEW YORK, March 30.—Molla Buptsd was the national indoor tennis champion today, defeating Miss Eleanor Goss.

MUST BEAT GERMANS TO THEIR KNEES

ONLY ONE WAY TO GET RIGHT—EARTH AND LASTING PEACE, DECLARES COLONEL ROOSEVELT IN ADDRESS AT PORTLAND, ME.

PORTLAND, Me., March 30.—There is but one way to get a righteous and lasting peace, and that is to beat Germany to her knees, Colonel Roosevelt declared here in a "key-note address," which he delivered before the Maine Republican State Convention. Colonel Roosevelt lauded as "whole-hearted" support which he declared the republican members of congress had given to the administration in Washington. He decried "mismanagement at Washington," and urged a policy of "permanent preparedness after the war."

"War is won by brains and steel, not by kid gloves and fine phrases," said the former president in his arraignment of "some of the most important divisions of the government," which he said were "almost chemically pure of efficient organization."

In discouraging post bellum readjustments which he declared already have been shown essential to the well being of the nation, he said:

"We cannot afford to tolerate flintlock methods of warfare in time of war or flintlock methods of government for meeting the problems of industry in time of peace. We need new weapons, but we need the old spirit back of the new weapons. The simple governmental processes which sufficed in the days of Washington, and even in the days of Lincoln, are as utterly inadequate today in peace as the smoothbore muskets of Bull Run would be in war."

RESTRAINING INJUNCTION ASKED IN SUIT

Asking that a restraining injunction be issued prohibiting the defendant from entering his premises with livestock, tearing down fences and otherwise injuring his property, a suit by Fred S. Bechtoldt against Wm. S. Hall has been filed in the office of the circuit court clerk thru his attorney, Thomas Drake. The action alleges that the defendant overran his property with stock during 1916, and set fire to some buildings thereon. Other relief in accordance with law and equity is asked in the complaint.

ALLIES SHIPPING WAR SUPPLIES TO MANCHURIA

PEKING, March 30.—Japanese, French and British field guns have been forwarded to General Semenoff the anti-bolshevik leader, whose troops are opposing the bolsheviks in Manchuria. Japanese General Makajima has arrived there, but the place of his arrival is not made public.

Klamath Merchant Buys New City Home

Impressed by the continually increasing bright prospects for Klamath Falls and Klamath County after two years residence in Klamath Falls, H. N. Moe of Moe & Co. has just completed a deal whereby he takes over the home he now occupies, at 221 Washington street, from Mrs. J.

UNCLE SAM MAKES BIG LOANS HERE TO FARMERS

TOTAL OF HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IS MADE TO FORTY-SEVEN KLAMATH FARMERS. LARGEST LOAN IS \$10,000

BELIEVED THAT THIS AMOUNT WILL BE INCREASED TO HALF A MILLION WITHIN NEXT FEW MONTHS

A careful examination of the records of Klamath County showed that the Federal Land banks have loaned to the farmers of this county approximately \$100,000. These loans have been made to some 47 farmers, the average being a trifle over \$2,000. The largest single loan, has been for \$10,000, and the smallest loan is \$200.

All loans closed thus far have been at the rate of 5 per cent, the payments, however, being on the amortization plan, whereby a semi-annual payment of 3 per cent is applied in such manner that at the end of 35 years the entire debts paid—principal and interest.

While the system has been in practical operation in this county but a very few months, yet it has developed that those farmers whose mortgages have been placed with the Federal Land banks are considered especially good "risks" by the banks, and they are enabled to secure from the various banks temporary loans where required for the usual spring operations upon practically the same terms as would be accorded by the banks to men in other lines of business.

It would appear from all data that has been collected in connection with the future prospects of Federal Farm Loans in this county that before another year has passed—unless the work of this present war should seriously interfere with loan to farmers—that the government will have loaned to farmers of this county by about January 1st, 1919, at least half a million dollars. There are now in the hands of the secretary treasurer of the Klamath Falls National Farm Loan Association application for loans amounting to over \$55,000, which it is expected will be appraised by the federal appraiser very shortly. The other Federal Farm Loan Associations in the county also have loans upon which no progress can be made until the appraiser has examined the securities and made his report to Spokane.

F. Williams, who now resides in Portland. This home is one of the most pleasant in that section of the city, affording a fine view of Lake Wana and the valley. The new owner hopes to have the street in front improved in the near future. The construction of the deal was not made public.