

Turning Point Of Battle Now Being Reached

OFFENSIVE OF ENEMY BELIEVED AT AN END

ENEMY FORCES HURL THEMSELVES IN VAIN AGAINST THE LINES OF THE ALLIES—AMERICANS DOING GOOD WORK

WAR DEPARTMENT REVIEW TAKES OPTIMISTIC VIEW OF GENERAL SITUATION—GAIN OF GROUND BY HUNS TRIVIAL BESIDE LOSS OF MEN

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY, April 15.—With the exception of Neuve Eglise, which the Germans have recaptured, their frantic efforts to make impressions on the lines of the British have been without result, and in the heavy action now under way the British are pounding the enemy hard. Another German assault is expected upon Bailleul, four miles west.

LONDON, April 15.—The British have repulsed seven attacks by the Germans in the Merville sector in which the latter suffered heavy losses. To the southwest of Bailleul the Germans succeeded in temporarily penetrating the British positions, but were driven out by counter attacks.

PARIS, April 15.—Above Montdidier the French have made successful local attacks, and have captured some prisoners.

Summary by Associated Press Fighting heroically, the British have checked the German drive to the west of Armentieres, and this effort of the enemy, like the one in Picardy, seems to have almost definitely stopped. Against the American sector south of Verdun the German storming troops hurled themselves Sunday. The American infantry beat the enemy in hot fighting, causing the latter to withdraw, with a loss of nearly 100. Neuve Eglise, an important strategic outpost of the Meuse river, is again in the hands of the Germans.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—The War Department review issued today says the turning point on the west front is being reached, and the Germans have failed to achieve victory in the field, and will soon be forced to resume their old tactics. They are

COAST NEEDS MILITARY ROAD SYSTEM BADLY

LEGISLATION STARTED IN CONGRESS—REPRESENTATIVE OF COAST DEFENSE LEAGUE HERE TO SECURE LOCAL CO-OPERATION

An important matter is to be brought to the attention of a group of Klamath Falls representative men here tonight, when M. B. Gilbert, who is in the city representing the Pacific Coast Defense League will outline the system of military highways which have been proposed before congress, and for which it is hoped by the league to secure the co-operation of the people of the Klamath district.

The matter is to be discussed in the directors room of the First National bank at 8 o'clock.

In explaining the situation, Mr. Gilbert declared today: "The proposed system of military highways as advocated by the Pacific Coast Defense League, calls for three trunk highways running north and south thru the states of Washington, Oregon and California, from Canada to Mexico, with laterals and post roads extending eastward from all important Pacific coast seaports, east to the Cascade and Sierra Nevada mountains.

"A tentative survey of this system has been made by Captain F. W. Harris, 20th Eng. U. S. A., who is now building roads in Europe, and is capable of moving 100,000 troops a distance of 100 miles in ten hours in any direction, no matter where the start may be. The system also includes the use, for military purposes, of all state highways now being used and under construction and surveyed.

"It also will build east and west, possible highways where none are now contemplated, which will be necessary to complete the system for defense purposes.

"A military road, as they are now being constructed in Europe for war purposes, are roads built from twenty-four feet to forty feet in width, of heavy concrete construction, with a six-foot dirt collar on either side. The bill for the construction of this system of highways was presented in the house of representatives by Hon. John E. Raker of California, January 21, 1918. Senator Miles Poindexter of Washington has telegraphed the Pacific Coast Defense League that he will

now seeking to gain territory by striking at different points.

The statement declares that it must be remembered that the enemy is waging a battle of annihilation to achieve victory, and that the ground thus far taken counts for little. It is admitted that the Germans have made large gains, but they have failed to attain their aim of decisive strategic success

TAXPAYERS VERSUS PRIVATE INTERESTS

In the midst of the greatest prosperity known for years, and at a time when every energy should be directed toward the needs of our country and the winning of the war, Klamath County has been plunged into the throes of internal discord and a bitter selfish fight, by the action of a bunch of agitators, who place their selfish interests above the good of the entire county.

We wonder how long the taxpayers of Klamath County are going to permit a few real estate interests in Klamath Falls to jeopardize their success and prosperity by continually handicapping public officials in the performance of their duty to the taxpayers and the county.

The only question that should receive the consideration of honest and conscientious officials, in the construction of the court house, is that of the best interests of the whole county, and not of the benefit that might accrue to some particular property owners, at public expense. Even many of the former advocates of the location of the court house on the Hot Springs site, admit that a mistake was made. In 1915 many people thought that Klamath Falls was going to be a city of 25,000 or 30,000 in the very near future, and naturally their view of public matters was on a rather enlarged scale. Conditions have changed since 1915, and while both the city and county have continued to grow and prosper, this advance has not been on such a miraculous scale as the en-

thusiasts of that day expected. Were it only a question of equal cost, it must be admitted that today the old site in the business section is the most convenient and accessible. But there is a question of cost, which any public official, if he is honest in representing the people who elected him, must take into consideration.

The opponents of the county judge point to the number of names on the petition asking his recall, as evidence of the sentiment of the people of the county. When Judge Hanks was elected, W. S. Worden received as many votes, as this does not prove anything. A number of these signers have already stated that they did so under a misunderstanding of the facts in the case. It was represented to them that a large sum of money had been spent on the new building, and that it was near completion, but that Judge Hanks, acting as they intimated, in the interests of other property owners in another section of the city, was going to sacrifice this investment and build a new court house on the old site, simply for the benefit of his friends.

It is unfortunate that so much of the people's money has been wasted on the Hot Springs site, but this was not the fault of Judge Hanks. We do not believe that any unprejudiced person, after honestly and carefully investigating all the facts in the case, would recommend the completion of the Hot Springs building. With the tax money

(Continued on page 4)

WOULD SERVE SECOND TERM

F. H. McCormack, who has been county commissioner for the past three years, has filed his petition for the office again.

WASHINGTON MOURNS FOR SENATOR STONE

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—Official Washington turned from war duties today to attend the funeral of Senator Stone of Missouri.

RECALL OPPOSERS TO MEET TONIGHT

A meeting of the people who are opposed to the recall of Judge Hanks will be held at Bonanza at 8 o'clock tonight. Local speakers and speakers from Klamath Falls will address the meeting. Several carloads from Klamath Falls will attend the meeting.

LEAVES FOR SAN FRANCISCO

Mrs. Lawrence Mehahey left on the noon train today for San Francisco, where she will spend a few days with her husband, who leaves for Harvard next week for a short course of instruction in the radio branch of the service.

HAS SCARLET FEVER

Little Ruth Lawrence, daughter of Rev. E. P. Lawrence, has a case of scarlet fever. Similar to the other cases in the community, tho, it is rather light.

KENO LAST OF LIBERTY MEETINGS

SERGEANT GOODRIDGE LEAVES FOR CURRY COUNTY AFTER MEETING HELD SATURDAY NIGHT—LEAVES BEST WISHES WITH PEOPLE

After parting with most of his war trophies and doing his utmost to give "this great country" a realization of the seriousness of this war and of the necessity of fighting it to a finish, Sergeant Goodridge of the First Canadian Volunteers, left yesterday morning for Curry County, where he has been asked to speak. The sergeant will be unable to remain here long, however, unless his leave of absence is extended.

"I have been in that hell over there for three years," said Sergeant Goodridge at the meeting at Keno on Saturday night, "and I would gladly go back for three years more before I would allow them to patch up a peace which is really not a peace. It would merely give the Hun a chance to correct his mistakes and start out again."

The sergeant spoke of the value of temperance in the army, saying that the men were distrustful of their leaders as soon as they knew they had been drinking, and that it destroyed their morale.

"You've got to have your wits about you," he said, "and I would rather go over the top without rum, and with just a glass of water."

In illustrating the fact that there was nothing too low but what the Huns would stoop to, the sergeant told of instances where the Huns had abused Red Cross wagons, and used them to bring ammunition on the field, and where they had marched women and children in front of their troops to protect their troops and help move them forward.

"The same cur is going thruout the country," he said, "to the little towns and camps, and stirring up ill feeling and complaining about hard times. You have to guard against the wolf in sheep's clothes. It is up to each individual to do his part and get after them. If you don't, your boys will have to suffer, as Canada has had to suffer. We were short of men and material, and we wondered if those at home were doing their part. Our cry was, 'send us the ammunition, and we'll use it.'"

Lieutenant Kuykendall also spoke at the meeting at Keno, telling of the life of the soldiers at Camp Lewis. He emphasized the fact that the men were well fed, and that they received the very best of training and of medical attention.

Captain Chas. J. Ferguson congratulated the people on their part in Klamath County's answer to the Kaiser

IRRIGATION QUESTION PASSED BY BIG VOTE

NO IMMEDIATE ACTION TO BE TAKEN AS MATTER WILL COME UP AT WATER USERS MEETING LATER ON AND SAME CONTRACT TO BE SIGNED

PROCEEDINGS IN CIRCUIT COURT MUST ALSO BE TAKEN IN REGARD TO LEGALITY AND VALIDITY OF ACTIONS OF BOARD

The vote of whether or not the district shall enter into a contract with the United States to place the irrigation project under a district plan, resulted in a vote of 53 to 4, in favor of the plan. However, the vote of the Merrill district was not in when these votes were counted.

The vote will not cause any particular difference at present, as the stockholders of the Water Users Association will not meet till the 1st of May, and then they will have to sign the same contract which was voted on Saturday. A decree will have to be passed in the Circuit Court determining the legality and validity of proceedings leading up to the organization, and the legality of the board of directors of the district in proceedings subsequent to the organization.

BOOTLEGGERS CAUGHT AT DENVER ROOMING HOUSE

Mrs. Cecil Cook and her husband were arrested late Saturday night and a search warrant for the Denver Rooming House taken out. They spent Saturday night in jail, but were released this morning on furnishing bonds.

Mrs. Cook was arrested once before for selling liquor, and was sentenced in the federal court with thirty days imprisonment and \$100 fine. A small amount of liquor was found at the house in this instance, but a nuisance case has been filed against them.

and told of the ready response which the men in the mills on the Upper Klamath Lake had shown. "Every one of the Americans were subscribers to bonds," he said.

You Can't Make an Omelet Without Breaking Eggs

To win the war it is unavoidable that the rights of the individual be infringed. It is unavoidable that his personal comfort be temporarily ignored, his personal property temporarily conscripted, his personal fortunes temporarily impaired.

We Must Make Haste We Must Strike Hard

There is no time to weigh too carefully the questions of individual equity. The big job, the one job, is to win the war. There will be plenty of time to talk about it and adjust grievances afterward.

All arguments aside, we've got one big job on at the moment—to Invest in LIBERTY BONDS

This Space Paid for and Contributed by KLAMATH FALLS GREAMERY

Austrian Statesman Resigns From Office

AMSTERDAM, April 15.—Count Czernin, the Austrian-Hungarian foreign minister, has resigned, according to a Vienna dispatch. Emperor Charles has accepted his resignation, but has named no successor. The resignation is declared to be the outgrowth of Czernin's recent declaration that France had been ready to

talk peace. Efforts to explain to Germany the publication of a letter from the Austrian emperor to his brother-in-law, Prince Sixtus of Bourbon, saying that France should have Alsace-Lorraine, are also said to have a bearing on Czernin's move. He is entrusted with the conduct of foreign affairs until his successor is named.

Commissioner Stone Inspects Hatcheries

The run of rainbow trout is practically over in Spencer Creek, according to C. F. Stone, State Fish and Game Commissioner, who made a trip to the hatcheries there yesterday. Mr. Stone says that they have taken about two and one-half million trout eggs there this season. They will be eyed at the Spencer Creek station, and from there removed to the Klamath hatchery, near Fort Klamath, where the hatching will be completed, and the fish held until they reach the fingerling stage. Then they will be distributed to the various trout streams in the state. In addition to the eggs already taken, the state has planned to take eggs at Sprague River, Seven Mile Creek, Wood River and Four Mile Lake. Should the other egg-taking stations result as favorably as Spencer Creek, Mr. Stone says, the state will secure more than 5,000,000 trout eggs in Klamath County this year. In fact, the entire state, he says, is dependent this season on the trout work in Klamath County.