

# BRITISH HAVE LOST IMPORTANT POINT

## HUN WEDGE IS FORCED DEEPER IN NORTHWEST

TOWN OF BALLEUL, SOUTHWEST OF YPRES, YIELDS TO GERMAN BOMBARDMENT—FRENCH ARE MORE SUCCESSFUL

GERMANS ARE DECLARED TO BE KEEPING DISABLED MEN IN LINES AND CALLING THE CRIPPLES TO ARMS

LONDON, April 16.—The Huns have again succeeded in forcing the British forces out of a strong point on the northern battle front in the capture of Balleul, about ten miles southwest of Ypres and eight miles northwest of Armentieres, which they gained several days ago. They are now striking desperately for the town of Wytchaete, which occupies a strategic point on the Messines ridge. The wedge now forced by von Hindenburg into the British lines makes an equal-sided triangle of seven or eight miles, with Balleul as the apex and Wytchaete and Armentieres as the base points. The British have fallen back to new positions north of Balleul and at Wulverhem. German attacks southwest of Vierz Becquin have been repulsed with losses.

PARIS, April 16.—There is heavy artillery in the Montdidier section today. The French forces have succeeded in capturing a number of machine guns and prisoners near the Oise canal.

Shells from one of the long range guns killed one woman and wounded another. One man was slightly wounded also.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 16.—The state department dispatches say that twenty-five trains loaded with wounded Germans are now passing thru Aix in Chappelle each night.

NEW YORK, April 16.—A copy of the Berlin Vorwaerts received here includes an article to the effect that the independent socialist Rixel in the reichstag on February 23d declared that permanently disabled soldiers were retained in the army, and cripples were being called to the colors.

LONDON, April 16.—Ten German trawlers have been sunk by gun fire in Cattergat. Their crews were all saved by the British ships. There were no British casualties.

## Iowa Beats Oregon By Just Two Hours

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—Oregon was beaten just two hours by Iowa in being the first state in the Union to

## MUST PAY SHARE FOR SEWER WORK

CITY COUNCIL, WHICH MET LAST NIGHT, RESOLVES THAT WORK IN FAIRVIEW BE CONTINUED ON PAYMENT BY INDIVIDUALS OF THEIR SHARE

At the council meeting held last night, it was resolved that the construction work on the sewer in Fairview be continued on the payment of their share by the property owners who are benefited by the sewer. The city is standing one-half the expense, but due to the high cost of labor and materials, the individuals who are benefited by the sewer are to pay the other half.

The street committee reported in regard to the application by the Ford garage for a gasoline pump and air and water tanks, to be placed on the corner of Ninth and Main streets, that the pump should be placed on Ninth, rather than on Main street.

An ordinance providing for the survey and adoption of Williams Addition was passed.

It was voted that the irrigation matter in Mills Addition be referred to the city attorney and city engineer.

The street committee was appointed to look after Third street, below Klamath avenue, in regard to the drainage of water.

In regard to the matter of insurance on the city hall, it was decided that the three local agents, Maguire, Bellman and Driscoll, who at present have no policies on the hall, should each be allowed to write a \$1,000 policy.

Mayor Crisler was authorized to purchase a plow for city use, and allowed \$10 a month as payment for janitor work which he might order done.

Building permits were allowed H. Orem for the construction of a garage and to C. G. Mitchell for the construction of a modern bungalow.

### BOOZE SENTENCE GIVEN

Hugh Huff, the Indian who was arrested for drunkenness on Sunday, has been fined \$50 and given thirty days in jail.

William Rayner, who was arrested for drunkenness at the train, and in whose bedding a few bottles of booze was found, was fined \$10 and costs and given thirty days.

The case of Cecil and Matthew Cook who were arrested on the charge of selling intoxicating liquors, has been postponed till April 29, when the government officers will be present.

### STORK BRINGS DAUGHTER

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. John W. Magness of 231 Main street, today.

### TEDDY GETS BULLET

OYSTER BAY, April 16.—T. R. Roosevelt has received the German bullet which wounded Archie, who quit but was soon back in the trenches.

## AN IMPORTANT QUESTION

In the coming recall election we will have to meet conditions as they actually exist, and not permit theories to govern us in reaching a decision on this important question. Mr. Bunnell has stated that, if elected, he will finish the court house on the Hot Springs site. It is quite possible that Mr. Bunnell has not made as careful a study of the conditions as he should have before making a positive promise of what he would do. A matter of this importance warrants a careful personal investigation, as we have often found that representations by interested parties cannot always be relied upon.

We believe that the voters are entitled to a definite statement from Mr. Bunnell as to what they may expect from him under present conditions. The facts are these: The County Court has entered into a legal contract for the construction of a court house on the old site. The contractor has accepted the contract and filed bonds for the completion of the building in accordance with the plans and specifications. His firm has already started the construction of this building, purchased the material and entered into sub-contracts for the furnishing of material and construction and equipment of the building.

Now we believe the taxpayers are entitled to know if Mr. Bunnell expects to attempt to break this contract through legal processes, and how much money he believes the county would be justified in expending in compromising with the contractor. Placing a low estimate of \$50,000 on the expense to which the contractor has already gone, and providing that the contractor is willing to compromise at this figure, we would ask Mr. Bunnell if he would use this amount of the county's money in settlement with the contractor, and still assess the taxpayers for the cost of the Hot Springs building. We honestly believe that these matters should be fully understood in advance, so that the voters may know what to expect as a result of the election.

There can be no question but that the contract between Klamath County and J. M. Dugan & Co. is legal, and that the county is bound for the payment of this building. All the evidence that would hold in any court is to the effect that the court did not exceed its legal powers in entering into this contract, and acted for the interest of the county and taxpayers. These are the plain facts that must be considered by the voters. Klamath County can have a new court house this year, and have it all paid for, or by the recall of Judge Manka it will have two partially finished court houses, with the certainty of an expensive legal fight with the contractor and the burden of additional two or three years' taxes for legal expense and court house purposes. We have been paying taxes for court house purposes since 1911, and isn't it better that we voted to stop any further expense and taxes for this purpose. Let us meet the conditions as they actually exist, and vote for our own interest.

## LEAGUE IS ORGANIZED

LOCAL ORGANIZATION WILL ASSIST IN ATTEMPTING TO SECURE LEGISLATION FOR SYSTEM OF MILITARY HIGHWAYS

The Klamath County Defense Highway League was organized here last night, with J. A. Gordon president, O. C. Applegate secretary, and E. R. Reames treasurer. The organization is for the purpose of assisting in every consistent way in securing the legislation pending in congress for an appropriation of \$250,000 for the survey of a system of military roads. These three great trunk roads would extend north and south thru Oregon, Washington and California, and would prove a great agency toward the development of the Pacific Coast country.

Permanent plans for the local organization will be discussed at the meeting of the Business Men's Association to be held tonight.

ests as taxpayers. Why should we continue paying out hard-earned money to please a few Klamath Falls property owners, who alone will reap any possible benefit therefrom. The taxpayers have been the goat in this matter long enough.

## HAYS GIVES FINE TALK IN PORTLAND

LOCAL MAN WHO REPRESENTED EVENING HERALD IN PORTLAND TELLS OF ADDRESS BY NEW REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Captain J. W. Siemens, president of the First State and Savings bank, has just returned from Portland, where he has spent a very interesting week. Among other events which he attended was a breakfast at which William R. Hays, chairman of the republican committee, and about 100 candidates and newspaper men were present. Captain Siemens represented the Evening Herald.

The speech given by Mr. Hays was very good, Captain Siemens reports. He set forth that the main idea was to win the war, and win it without compromise, and that politics should not enter the question.

Captain Siemens also attended the funeral of Major McDonald, with whom he was formerly acquainted. The funeral was a military one, and very impressive, according to the captain.

## AMERICANS BEAT BACK ACCORDING TO BERLIN

DISPATCH FROM GERMAN CAPITAL SAYS AMERICAN POSITION NORTH OF ST. MIHIEL TAKEN BY STORM SUNDAY NIGHT

STRATEGICAL POSITION OF BALLEUL NOT IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO SACRIFICE GREAT AMOUNT OF LIVES TO RETAIN IT

AMSTERDAM, April 16.—That a main portion of the American position north of St. Mihiel on the right bank of the Meuse River and south and east of Maisey was taken by storm on Friday night is indicated in a dispatch from the Wolff bureau of Berlin, dated Monday. The dispatch declares that a large section of the main line of defense on the main road from Rouvrois to St. Mihiel for a distance of three and a half miles was rolled back despite the resistance of the Americans. The enemy suffered heavy casualties and loss of prisoners.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY, April 16.—The enemy have taken Balleul and also Lerwethberg Ridge to the east of the town. The loss of this place was not unexpected, as Balleul's strategical value could not compensate for the lives it would have cost to retake it. The Germans are now ready to attack Wytchaete, a pivot point on the British lines.

### WILL DISCUSS POOL HALLS

The question of pool halls will be discussed at the monthly meeting of the Brotherhood of the Presbyterian church, to be held tonight at the home of C. C. Hogue, on 615 High street. The question of a municipal hall will be brought up for discussion. Impromptu musical numbers will be given. All business men are invited to attend.

The Brotherhood has been organized only a short time, but the interest taken indicates a steady growth. The organization plans to discuss problems of moral and civic welfare.

### PURCHASES LAND

E. G. Argraves has purchased 160 acres of land in the Malin district from Rose Elliott of Pendleton. The transfer took place thru the agency of Joel T. Ward.

## KLAMATH WILL HELP ARMENIANS

CAPTAIN SIEMENS APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE TO AID STARVING PEOPLE—BRING CONTRIBUTIONS TO FIRST STATE AND SAVINGS BANK

The Armenian relief work, which is being carried on loyally in many cities will from now on be taken up here. There have already been a few contributions made by individuals and by church offerings, but the record of Klamath County compares poorly with most other counties, which is chiefly attributable to the fact that the work has as yet not been definitely organized.

Captain J. W. Siemens, who is already helping in a patriotic way, as chairman of the War Savings Stamp committee, has also consented to take the chairmanship of this work. It is not planned to conduct the work in the form of a drive, as is done in many places, but Captain Siemens will be at the First State and Savings bank to accept contributions, every cent of which will go to the relief of these people who have suffered miseries untold, and are now starving.



### These Bonds Mean So Much More Than Money

Your money would be of little use to you if the Germans should win the war abroad and come over here to complete their work of world subjugation. Invest your money in Liberty Bonds—one Bond arms a soldier and may save his life.

"It's civilization against devilization"

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## Secretary of War Returns From Europe

ATLANTIC PORT, April 16.—Secretary of War Baker arrived from Europe today on a steamer which formerly flew the German flag. He went to Washington immediately following his arrival.

He said: "I return with a sense of pride and confidence at the achievements of the United States and the allied troops abroad, that would justify many trips across the water."