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BRITISH POSITIONS BEFORE YPRES WITHDRAWN TO NEW LINES—ENEMY GAINS POINTS ON HIGH GROUND

BRITISH MAKE SOME SUCCESSFUL COUNTER ATTACKS, INFLECTING HEAVY LOSSES ON ENEMY—TOWN OF WYTSCHAETE LOST

The situation on the northern front is the most grave today of any time during the big drive, and that the British have been compelled to evacuate valuable territory which has not been relinquished previously during the war, is contained in the dispatches from different sources.

London reports that British positions before Ypres have been withdrawn to a new line. The British have recaptured Meteren by counter attacks, and have held the enemy at other points. Repeated counter attacks have been made to the north of Baillou, the town captured yesterday, but they have been without success.

The Exchange Telegraph from London reports that the Germans have advanced from Wytchaete, which they were attempting to capture yesterday, as far as Stelol, and also have a grip on the southern slope of Mt. Kennel. But the enemy has not yet wiped out the British army, as they have aimed to do.

Having driven the British from Baillou and Wytchaete, the Germans are now battling desperately to gain other points on high ground to the southwest of Ypres.

After fighting for eight days with huge forces, the Germans have got out from the low lands, but they must push further to make their gains secure. The British are striking back doggedly.

London admits that the situation is more serious than at any time since the German drive in the north began. Some newspapers have advised the evacuation of the Ypres sector and the Paschendale ridge, which is a continuation of the Messines ridge.

Lloyd George is still hopeful, and it is said that General Foch is still confident. Nothing vital is lost, it is declared, and the enemy's aims are by no means realized.

School Industrial Club Work Aided

That the County Court will co-operate with the state of Oregon by putting an active man in the field here during the summer months to stimulate the work of the Industrial Clubs, was the announcement made here today by County School Superintendent Edna Wells. The state and county will each contribute \$75 per month toward the salary and expenses of a

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

We cannot agree with many of the assertions made by Mr. Cowley in his communication on the court house question on this page. Mr. Cowley has a perfect right to favor the recall of Judge Hanks if he believes it is for the best interests of the county, and we are glad to give publicity to his opinions on the matter, which are given in an honest and conscientious manner. However, we differ with him in his statement that the location of the court house was settled at three different elections by the people.

We are somewhat familiar with this case, as we took as active a part in the fight for a period of five years as any one else in the county. It is true that W. S. Worden favored the building of the court house on the Hot Springs site, when he first ran for election, but he made his campaign principally on his advocacy of "good roads" and a progressive administration. We do not believe that the people generally, outside of a few in Klamath Falls, were vitally interested in where the court house was built. Had it been only a question at that time of the location of the court house, Judge Worden would never have been elected to office, as he only won as it was by a vote of about 25.

So it cannot be claimed that the people felt very strongly one way or the other on this question. Neither can we see where anything is proven in the recall election against Judge Worden, except the fact that the people generally do not believe very much in the recall. In nearly every case known on the Pacific Coast the recall has not proven a success, as it is usually resorted to only by certain factions or individuals who use it in an attempt to further their personal interests, rather than for the good of the whole people. The voters believe in being fair to a man they have elected to office, and permit him to remain in office to the end of his term, thus giving him a chance to make good. Judge Worden had started an extensive road program as well as a court house, and the people voted in favor of giving him a chance of finishing his work.

It cannot be truthfully said that the court house question was a real issue in the election between Hanks and Worden. The financial condition of the county was the issue that decided this election. We personally know hundreds of supporters and friends of Judge Worden who opposed him at this election, as they realized that he had placed the county on the brink of bankruptcy, and that a change must be made in the hope that the credit of the county would be re-established. Everyone realized that this was a man's job, and there were mighty few aspiring for the position, so they all knew that it meant a lot of hard work and no chance of glory, even should they be successful. Judge Hanks finally consented to run, and was elected, and has made good. He may not have pleased everybody, but that would have been impossible under the circumstances.

Plans are now being made for the organization of War Savings Societies throughout the county. Not only the schools, but Sunday schools, logging camps and other places where groups of individuals can be ranked in friendly competition, will be asked to form these clubs, whose members pledge themselves to subscribe for a certain amount of the stamps. Each of the societies will have duly elected officers and regular times of meeting. This movement is reported gaining fine results in many sections of the country.

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ROAD IMPROVEMENT IS NOW PLANNED

To make reconnaissance of the road north of Klamath Falls to Fort Klamath, with a view to permanent improvement, a representative of the state highway engineers office is expected to arrive within the next few days from Salem, who will go over the matter with County Road Supervisor J. C. Claghorn.

News to this effect was received this morning from State Highway Engineer Herbert Nunn, who seems favorably inclined to cooperate with the county in the improvement of this much traveled highway. Governor James Withycombe has interested himself in this matter, and is using his influence to aid the work.

It is planned to shorten the road now traveled to go thru by the Pelican Bay Lumber company and to cover the route with cinders from Upper Lake.

Miss Harriet Foster left on the noon train today to enter the University of California hospital at San Francisco. Miss Foster will train to be a nurse.

LOGS DRIVEN ON SPRAGUE RIVER NOW

CREWS DRIVING ON STREAM FOR FIRST TIME—LUMBER TO GO INTO WILLIAMSON RIVER AND FROM THERE TO UPPER LAKE

For the first time logs are being driven on the Sprague River, according to Chas. Otey, logging foreman. A force is driving over 5,000,000 feet of sawed logs down, practically all of which is pine. The plan is to drive the lumber into the Williamson River and from there to the Upper Lake.

Besides the crew on the river, there is the crew at work in the woods, making a total of about sixty men employed there.

WILL TRAIN AS NURSE

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OFFERS SITE BACK

R. M. Torrey, care Klamath Development Co., Klamath Falls, Ore.

Please publish the following in the evening paper: The Klamath Development company will gladly make arrangements to deed block 10 in Hot Springs Addition to Klamath County whenever assured that the court house now in course of construction there will be completed and occupied, but they will not agree to having that building torn down and moved to any other location.—W. B. Parker, Vice President.

BELIEVES SOMETHING WRONG

Editor Herald—The attitude which Judge Hanks has taken in the court house question leads us to believe that there is something wrong. Now the court house question has been settled by the people of this county at three elections, namely: 1—Where they elected W. S. Worden to build a new court house in Hot Springs Addition and to build good roads. 2—Where they retained him in the recall election to finish his work. 3—When they elected Marion Hanks on his promise to finish the new court house as soon as he got the money.

Now there was nothing for Marion Hanks or any other reasonable minded business man to do but to carry out the will of the people and fulfill his promise to the people who elected him. We have known him for a long time, and considered him a man of his promise, but have been deceived by him, and now where we find a man once we look for him there again. Mr. Hanks cannot explain clearly why he turned down the people on the court house question, so he pleads guilty—pleads guilty to condemning the new court house, which cost the people \$150,000, and let it go back to the K. D. company without the people's consent—pleads guilty to taking the people's money and building a new court house where he pleases without their consent. We are at a loss to know how he can serve the people's interest and do these things, and if he is not working for the people's interest he is not the man to serve as a county judge, and should be ousted. It is not from an economical business, for and reasonable minded man knows that the court house cannot be duplicated at the present time for the money it has cost the taxpayers of this county, although we may not have gotten value received for our money invested at that time; material and labor has increased from 50 to 100 per cent; and again, after this war is over material and labor will be at about one-half of what it now is.

Now, if Mr. Hanks had reasons to change his mind regarding this matter, why is he depriving the people the right to change their minds also regarding this court house question. It seems to us that what is good for the cat might be good for the kittens, and should the question of abandoning the court house in Hot Springs Addition and building a new one on the old site be left to the voters of our county, and they decided to move it to the old site, we would take off our hats to Mr. Hanks and stand behind him in the matter. On the other hand, he is going to give the people who elected

him a dose which has cost them between \$300,000 and \$400,000 to take, and tell them to like it and no back talk. We believe that it is time that every loyal American citizen, taxpayer and voter in Klamath County should take a stand for the betterment of conditions in our county affairs, and on next Monday, April 22, the voters and tax payers of our county will have a chance to decide whether they will have government at the hands of one individual or whether the will of the people shall be respected.

R. C. COWLEY.

ALLIES HAVE RECAPTURED PORTION OF LOST LANDS

MAKE SUCCESSFUL COUNTER ATTACKS AND DRIVE GERMANS HALF WAY BACK TO BAILLEUL, OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED

LATEST REPORTS GIVE MORE OPTIMISTIC NEWS OF WAR SITUATION—BRITISH FIGHTING SPOKEN OF AS MAGNIFICENT

Altho the earlier reports received today showed matters very serious around Wytchaete, good news was received later that the British, thru their counter attacks, had recaptured the greater part, and probably all of Wytchaete, and had driven the Germans half way back to Baillou. The British fighting at Wytchaete was termed magnificent.

Earlier reports had said that the British were withdrawing at Wytchaete, and that the enemy had advanced to Stelol.

YOUNG MAN DIES HERE THIS MORNING

After a brief illness, Kenneth Hill, aged 17 years, died at the home of Mrs. J. Moore this morning at 10 o'clock. Mr. Hill was recovering from the measles when he was taken with a case of acute Bright's disease, which resulted in his death.

Mr. Hill's mother, Mrs. Bertha Hill, is also in town, and has been employed at the Moore home. Two younger brothers, Leslie and Eugene, are also survivors of the deceased, and there are other relatives at Grants Pass, where the family has lived until two months ago.

The funeral will be held in Grants Pass.

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How Do Your Sacrifices Compare With These?

THE American boy who goes to war gives up the position which means so much to his future, or the little business which has just begun to show promise of success.

- He covers home ties; gives up home comforts; leaves behind parents, friends, wife or sweetheart.
- He faces the probability of being obliged to take up life anew when he returns; of losing all the advantages which years of hard work have won for him.
- He faces the possibility of coming back incapacitated for earning a living, and of being dependent upon his friends or upon charity.
- He faces the possibility of never coming home at all.

Facing these things, he goes to France to fight for us who remain safely at home—and when the moment comes for him to go over the top—he GOES!

What will he think, how will he feel, if we complain because we are asked to make a few sacrifices for him—sacrifices so insignificant when compared with his?

Show him that to invest in Liberty Bonds is not a SACRIFICE but a PRIVILEGE—an appreciation of his sacrifice!

And When You Buy—Buy!

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New Road Tractor Being Tried Out

The new tractor which was recently purchased by the county has arrived, and is being tried out on the road east of Hills Addition, with Lee Claghorn in charge. An expert from the factory is also here. After work there is thru it will be used on the roads between Klamath Falls and Olney and on the road to Merrill. This tractor will be used for logging work.