

GREAT HUN OFFENSIVE IS A FAILURE

AMERICANS SUCCEED IN HOLDING ALL ONSLAUGHTS

SMALL MINOR GAINS MADE OF NO CONSEQUENCE—GERMANS LOSE THOUSANDS OF PRISONERS IN ACTION

YANKES SUCCESSFULLY COUNTER ATTACK AND DRIVE ENEMY FROM POINTS CAPTURED—LATTER BREAKING DOWN

The great German offensive, except for a few minor gains, has resulted in a complete failure from one end of the battle line to the other, according to Associated Press reports received at 11 o'clock today, from the American army on the Marne river.

London reports that the Americans have captured Passery and Crenancy on the south bank of the Marne, taken yesterday by the Germans when they crossed.

The battle continues violently, especially south of the Marne and near Chailion, according to dispatches from Paris. In those places where the enemy succeeded in penetrating the Allied lines his furthest advance was not over four miles. The Americans and French are now counter attacking and taking many prisoners.

Mr and Mrs. Charles Roberts and family and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Shive and family left this morning for Spring creek, where they expect to spend the next two weeks enjoying the fishing and other attractions of that resort.

7,000 Drafted Men Ordered to School

Washington, July 16.—Provision for general service to be sent to schools of special training between the first and the fifteenth of August today for 7,000 registrants fit

CITY ELKS AFTER 1919 STATE MEET

LOCAL LODGE IS GOING TO PORTLAND PREPARED TO LAND STATE CONVENTION NEXT SUMMER—34 DELEGATES

Klamath Falls is going after the 1919 Elks state convention. This was decided at a special meeting of the lodge held last night, after a committee had interviewed the leading business men of the city, who were enthusiastic in pledging their support in providing entertainment in case the local lodge was successful in securing the convention for a year from August.

Klamath Falls lodge plans to dedicate its new \$50,000 home next year, and it was felt that it would be very appropriate if the state convention could be held here at that time. A general celebration by the whole county is also planned for the occasion.

The first state convention will be held in Portland this year on August 26, 27 and 28, and it is expected that 5000 Elks will be in attendance. Klamath Falls has elected 34 delegates and alternates to attend this session, and they are expected to return with the convention for Klamath Falls for next year.

The publicity committee, consisting of W. O. Smith, E. B. Hall, L. G. Van Bellen, G. W. Houston and A. E. Whitman, has already started the ball rolling by sending telegrams to every Elks lodge in the state notifying them that Klamath Falls was after the 1919 convention and meant business. Headquarters for the delegation have already been spoken for in Portland. The expense of the campaign for securing the convention will be borne by the individual members of the lodge and a special finance committee was appointed to secure the funds, consisting of C. H. Underwood, O. W. Robertson, E. H. Jefferson, C. E. Riley and J. E. Swansen.

The following delegates and alternates, all of whom are eligible to sit in the convention, were elected:

- Delegates: E. B. Hall, J. J. Parker, C. F. Stone, C. J. Ferguson, W. O. Smith, W. S. Wiley, C. A. Hayden, L. G. Van Bellen, D. V. Kuykendall, C. H. Underwood, D. B. Campbell, G. W. Houston, Dr. Westerfield, O. W. Robertson, E. H. Jefferson, G. S. Callen, Leslie Rogers.

- Alternates: E. R. Renner, C. E. Riley, J. O. Goldswaith, W. E. Seehorn, H. M. Ackley, H. R. Glatayer, C. E. Brown, W. C. Dalton, J. E. Swansen, J. J. Steiger, Chas. L. Moore, Chas. Okey, John Siemens, Jr., J. A. Gordon, L. C. Sisemore, and Dan W. Ryan.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT The regular meeting of the Klamath Chapter No. 35 R. A. M. will be held this evening. Guard Van Riper, H. P.

NEW BANK IS STARTED IN CITY TODAY

THIRD BANK IN KLAMATH FALLS OPENS DOORS FOR BUSINESS THIS MORNING—APPEARANCE IS CREDIT TO TOWN

The Klamath State Bank opened its doors for business here today at the corner of Sixth and Main streets. The interior of the new institution is in every way in keeping with the fine exterior, which has so materially improved the appearance of this prominent business corner.

Altho the fixtures have not all been installed owing to delays in transportation, everything has been placed necessary to undertake the new business. A mahogany finish on all the fixtures in contrast with the white in the rest of the building makes a most pleasing combination. An elevated directors' or bookkeepers room has been installed in the rear of the building.

Judging from the substantial deposits with which the new enterprise is started, its future will be decidedly busy. The present force consists of President O. D. Burke, Cashier Ida B. Momyer and J. I. Beard.

ENEMY HINTS AT A PEACE DISCUSSION

FOREIGN MINISTER OF AUSTRIA-HUNGARY DECLARES BELLIGERENTS VOICE THE SAME PRINCIPLES

Amsterdam, July 16.—Baron von Buriann, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, has been quoted as saying "There is hardly any difference between the general principles of enunciation by the statesmen of both the belligerents. The enemy's obstinacy regarding the territorial demands concerning Alsace Lorraine, Trentino and the German colonies appear surmountable. We are prepared to discuss anything except our own territory."

LOCAL MERCHANT RETURNS A. C. Geisler of the Klamath Department store, who has been on his ranch in the Chiloquin district for the past few months, has returned to the city with his son and will again assume charge of the local business. A. D. Miller, who has been managing the business during the former's absence, expects to leave immediately for points on the coast.

WEATHER REPORT Oregon—Fair in western portion and fair and cooler in the eastern portion, with gentle westerly winds. Maximum—80. Minimum—49.

WARRIOR WILL LECTURE HERE FOR RED CROSS

That Sergeant H. L. White of the Canadian infantry, who made such a splendid address a short time ago, relating his experiences of two years on the Western front, will return with a fine lot of trophies from the war zone and lecture at Housman's opera house Friday night of this week for the benefit of the Red Cross, is the announcement made today.

IDLERS HERE ARE ORDERED TO GET BUSY

CITY COUNCIL PASSES ORDINANCE FORCING UNEMPLOYED TO LABOR—DADIES FORCED TO MOVE OUTSIDE CITY

It is going to be a harder matter to live in Klamath Falls from now on without working than it is to go to work, if the idlers' ordinance passed last night by the council is enforced to the letter.

This measure, which is initiated in view of the shortage of labor due to war conditions, provides that in order to be permitted to be a man of leisure one must bear a certificate from the police judge to the effect that he has, after effort, been unable to find employment and that the police judge, after diligent effort, has been unable to find it for him. The police judge is instructed to make all possible effort to place applicants in vacancies with which he is in touch. Thirty-six hours per week is the minimum of labor permitted under the new measure. Property or income sufficient for support does not release anyone from the labor obligation.

Substantial fines and imprisonment are established for the infringement of the ordinance. The provisions of the ordinance do not apply to persons temporarily unemployed by reason of difference with their employers, or to bona fide students during a school term, nor to persons fitting themselves to engage in trade or industrial pursuits.

Dairies in the city limits for a place this size, and one developing as rapidly as Klamath Falls, are not conducive to the best interests of the city, it was decided, following a report of the city health officer, and dairies now operating within the city limits, given until May 1, 1919, to remove to other quarters.

The following licenses for rooming houses were issued by the council, Mrs. Harry Waters for the Gem Rooming House, Olive and George Reed for the Welton Rooming House, P. L. Barclay for the Argraves, W. C. Townsend for the Townsend flats, and Mrs. Quail for the Hot Springs Rooming House.

The sum of \$13,000 was ordered paid Robert E. Strahorn in compliance with the contracts for railroad construction. Councilman Miller asked for 30 days absence and was granted leave, to take effect July 15.

ALLIES IN EAST AT REQUEST OF RUSSIANS

London, July 16.—At the request of Russians considerable numbers of the Allied forces are now on the Murman coast, where several harbors are connected by rail with Petrograd.

The Germans are making a desperate attempt to secure control of the coast for submarine bases. It is believed there are no Americans on the Murman coast, except marines and blue-jackets, unless Poch has sent some.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH G. P. Keller of the Keller brothers near Bonanza, had a narrow escape last Friday night when his jumper caught in the fly wheel of a gasoline engine, tore the garment from him and threw him on the floor with minor injuries. The Keller brothers are irrigating with their new pump plant and run the engine and water night and day. The accident occurred at 1 o'clock Saturday morning when he was examining the grease cups in the engine.

EXPRESS INCREASE IN EFFECT TODAY The ten per cent increase in all express rates went into effect today. This increase affects the express all over the United States as there is but one company here since the consolidation.

MANY DRAFTED MEN ADVANCED TO CLASS ONE

LEGAL ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT ALMOST HALF OF CLASSES TWO AND THREE BE PUT IN CLASS ONE

Out of 450 names in Classes two three and four of the selective draft which have been reclassified by the legal advisory board, 200 names have been recommended for advancement to Class One-A to the local exemption board, which is now considering these recommendations. The advisory board consists of Charles J. Ferguson, Walter Van Emon, Albert E. Elder and Charles F. Stone.

Should the recommendations of the legal board be accepted by the local exemption board, the drafted men may appeal if they desire to the district board. The exemption board started to consider the recommendations this forenoon, but its decision will not be available for a day or two.

BIG RANCH HOUSE LOST BY FLAMES

HOME ON RANCH OF LOUIS GERBER IN EASTERN KLAMATH DESTROYED BY FIRE EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING

The big ranch house on the Louis Gerber ranch in the Horsefly valley burned to the ground early yesterday morning, according to a telephone report received yesterday afternoon. Nothing was saved, the report stated, except a few clothes and bedding. The cause of the fire has not been learned. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gerber were there at the time. The Gerber house was one of the largest in the Langell Valley district.

GERMANS SEE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL

With the American Army, July 16.—German prisoners taken today say that they are convinced their commanders have been beaten. Americans today shot down a courier pigeon carrying a message from the German divisional headquarters saying that the situation was serious on the east of Chateau Thierry, and that the Germans saw no chance of making further progress there. Two American pilots shot down German airplanes today.

WARRIOR WILL LECTURE HERE FOR RED CROSS

SERGEANT WHITE WHO MADE SO STRONG AN IMPRESSION RECENTLY WILL RETURN WITH TROPHIES FROM FRONT

That Sergeant H. L. White of the Canadian infantry, who made such a splendid address a short time ago, relating his experiences of two years on the Western front, will return with a fine lot of trophies from the war zone and lecture at Housman's opera house Friday night of this week for the benefit of the Red Cross, is the announcement made today.

Those who had the opportunity of hearing this soldier before will welcome the opportunity of hearing him the second time, and will take pains to bring their families, especially in view of the great cause, which is being aided. Some of the trophies will be exhibited at the K. K. K. store, and other places, and explained at the lecture. They consist of German, Prussian, Saxon and French helmets, gas masks, revolvers, water bottles and an aero bomb which was dropped on London and failed to explode.

NEWSPAPER IN FAR WEST NOW RUN BY HUNS

New York, July 16.—It was learned authoritatively today that an American newspaper in the far west passed into German control before the United States entered in the war, similar to the manner in which the New York Evening Mail was taken over.

An early action against the ostensible owners is predicted.

CASUALTY LIST LARGER TODAY

Washington, July 16.—The army casualty list issued today contains 103 names. Sergeant R. D. Studabaker of Robert, Oregon, is reported missing in action. The marine casualties number 87.

BRITISH ADVANCE NEAR AMIENS

London, July 16.—The British improved their lines on the east of Amiens in the Villers Bretonneux sector today.

BIG GUNS BOMBARD PARIS

Paris, July 16.—The long range bombardment of this city by the big German guns was resumed this morning.

WAR ACTIVITY IN PALESTINE

London, July 16.—The Turks attacked the British positions at Palestine, commanding the crossing of Jordan and one of the ridges north of Jericho. In the ridge region the British counter attack restored their position, taking 500 Turk prisoners.

FURIOUS EFFORTS OF HUNS CONTINUE

PENETRATION MADE TO OUTSKIRTS OF VILLAGES MILE AND THREE-QUARTERS SOUTH OF MARNE—HEAVY LOSSES

STRIKING POWER OF ENEMY IS SEEN TO WEAKEN—GERMANS NOW TWENTY HOURS BEHIND ADVANCE SCHEDULE

By Associated Press The Germans on the western front are continuing their efforts furiously and are launching new attacks. They made some progress during the night but this was decidedly slow in comparison with the sweep of the Teutonic legions in the previous offensive. The line has reached the village of Stagnal, Lachapelle Monthodon, approximately a mile and three-quarters south of the Marne river, but held in the outskirts of these villages.

The drive has also been stopped on the southern side of Bouquigny wood just northeast of the latter point. The Germans are now over 20 hours behind the schedule and there is now no indication that they still have the same striking power as when they began.

Between seven and eight thousand German troops were thrown into the battle. The Allies seem to have reason to believe that the supreme test of their defense has been stood successfully.

London, July 16.—The Germans continued their attacks against the French lines this morning, but were repulsed nearly everywhere with heavy losses. They threw six bridges across the Marne river between Reully and Dormans, but nowhere penetrated over four miles.

Paris, July 16.—South of the Marne the Germans have not advanced their lines beyond Stagnon, Lachapelle Monthodon or Lisseres. The French have taken thousands of prisoners in these sections. The German loss in prisoners the first day was extremely heavy.

HUNS BOMB RED CROSS HOSPITAL LAST NIGHT

Paris, July 16.—Aviators last night bombed the American Red Cross hospital at Jouy. Two enlisted men were killed and nine of the wounded were wounded, including Miss Jeanne Day, an American nurse. The hospital was only slightly damaged.