

HEAVY GAINS MADE IN SOUTH PICARDY

FRENCH ADVANCE ON WIDE FRONT

SEVENTEEN HUNDRED PRISONERS TAKEN IN ATTACK EAST OF RIBCOURT—HUN LINE SWEEPED BACK ON TEN MILE FRONT

TEUTON PRESS EXCUSING RETREAT TO PUBLIC—BRITISH TROOPS TAKE FIVE HUNDRED PRISONERS AND GAIN NEAR MERRIS

PARIS, Aug. 19.—The French forces are attacking today between the Oise and the Aisne rivers along a ten mile front on the west of Soissons and have advanced their lines for a distance of one and a third miles along the full front and penetrated to the depth of nearly two miles. Seventeen hundred prisoners have been captured.

The enemy machine gunners are resisting desperately and the German air service is also very active.

The attack is between Carlepent, four miles east of Ribcourt and Fontenoy.

The French have occupied the plateau west of Maupoel and the edge of the ravine south of Andignicourt.

They have captured Nouvron-Vingre and St. Mard Le Triet southeast of Roze and Beuvraignes.

The German press is now attempting to assure the public that a general retreat is necessary in order to allow Ludendorff room to maneuver and to assume the initiative on a vast scale.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY, Aug. 19.—The British have captured Outersteen ridge near the town of Merris and taken over 500 prisoners.

Near Merville at the apex of the Lys salient the British have progressed further and captured 50 prisoners and a few machine guns. A German counter attack between Outersteen and Meteren has been broken up.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY, Aug. 19.—The French progressed yesterday in the vicinity of Lassigny approaching Fresnières and Plessier Deroz and they are also advancing northwest of Soissons, menacing the high roads between Noyon and Chaulnes.

Army Casualties—Missing in action, 126; killed in action, 59; wounded severely, 120; died of wounds, 19; died of disease, 10; died of accident and other causes, 4; died of aeroplane accident, 1; wounded, degree undetermined, 37. Total, 376.

The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American Expeditionary Forces.

Killed in action, 6; died of wounds received in action, 5; died of disease, 1; severely wounded in action, 7; slightly wounded in action, 1; wounded in action (degree undetermined) 11. Total, 31.

Corporal Lynn B. Mc Kay of Portland is included in the Marine list today.

WIRELESS EMPLOYEES ASSURED OF RAISE

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—Director Burleson has today approved of the ten per cent increase in the wages of the Western Union Telegraph employees.

RICE QUESTION IN JAPAN BECOMES POLITICAL ISSUE

TOKIO, Aug. 19.—The newspapers are prohibited from printing reports of rice riots. The ministry says the disorder is abating and it is believed the rice question has become a political issue.

FINE BUCKS BROUGHT IN

James Newman brought in a fine five point buck shortly after noon today. It was secured at the upper end of Long Lake valley.

SOVIET GOVERNMENT TO DECLARE WAR ON ALLIES

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 19.—The German correspondent at Petrograd says that the Soviet government will declare war on the Entente Allied countries.

RAILROAD BUILDER ARRIVES

Robert E. Strahorn, builder of the Klamath Falls Municipal railroad to Dairy and of the projected Strahorn system in Eastern Oregon, arrived last night by auto from Bend to look after business interests here.

THREE LOANS PLANNED FOR COMING YEAR

SIXTEEN MILLION TO BE RAISED MAY BE DIVIDED INTO THREE CAMPAIGNS OR POSSIBLY RAISED IN TWO ISSUES

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 19.—Tentative plans of the treasury provide for three big Liberty Loan campaigns within the next year, each to raise \$5,000,000,000 or more. The first will be from September 25 to October 19, as announced. The next is planned for January or February and the third for May or June.

This program will be necessary, it is said, to provide \$16,000,000,000 required in addition to the \$24,000,000,000 to be provided by the new revenue bill.

If government expenses and loans to Allies fall much below the \$24,000,000,000 estimate the government is expected to try to combine two loans into one big campaign for the largest credit ever sought by any nation. Such a campaign would be set for some time in the late winter.

Money needs between loan periods will be announced by sale of short term certificates of indebtedness, as in the past. In addition the treasury looks for a steady inflow of money from tax certificates which banks and corporations probably will buy in billion dollar quantities, which virtually means paying taxes in advance.

The treasury will make the loans as few and the time of financial rest between the campaigns as long as possible. Officials would much rather have only one more big solicitation in addition to the fourth campaign to start late next month than before the end of the fiscal year next June 30.

The treasury wishes to avoid floating loans in the Christmas holidays and the weeks of commercial inactivity following. Another bad time for loans is the spring planting season, when farmers are busy and business men have less time than usual to devote to campaigning. The third period to be avoided is June, when war taxes must be paid.

An example of the fluctuations of expenditures is the fact that with August more than half gone the Allies have called for only \$71,000,000 in loan payments, a little more than one-third the usual rate of borrowings.

REGISTRATION PLACES FOR SATURDAY SET

That there will be only four registration points for the draft registration next Saturday is announced this morning at the office of the local exemption board.

These places are as follows: Sheriff's office at Klamath Falls court house, Bonanza, Merrill and Fort Klamath.

It is emphatically brought out that all young men who have reached the age of 21 years since June 5, must appear promptly on this date in answer to the recent call by the draft authorities. The call is urgent and failure to comply at the time set makes much more labor for the local officials as well as laying delinquents liable to unpleasant penalties.

I. W. W. FOUND GUILTY AFTER HOUR PARLEY

TRIAL WHICH HAS TAKEN THREE MONTHS IN CHICAGO COURTS SETTLED BY JURY IN QUICK TIME

CHICAGO, Aug. 19.—A verdict of guilty was returned by the jury against all the defendants in the I. W. W. conspiracy trial at 5:20 p. m. Saturday, after one hour of deliberation. The defendants, including William D. (Big Bill) Hayward, general secretary-treasurer of the I. W. W., the highest position in the organization, face a maximum penalty of twenty-seven years in prison and a \$10,000 fine each.

There was no demonstration, and the defendants were returned to their cells after Judge Landis had announced that he would not hear arguments for a new trial next week, the exact date to be set later.

The case, which has lasted more than three months, was given to the jury this morning. Attorney Frank K. Nebeker, for the government, concluded his argument in an hour, and Attorney General George F. Vandenver, defense, surprised spectators by making none at all.

Nebeker argued to the jury that their work was as important as that of the men in the trenches so far as the welfare of the country is concerned, in peace as well as in war. The government's case, he said, was proven in the defense documents themselves.

Before giving his instructions to the jury, Judge Landis withdrew from the indictment the fifth count, which charged conspiracy to violate the postal laws. The court then read the indictment and discussed in detail the charges contained in the four remaining counts. The first count charges conspiracy to prevent and hinder the government from executing numerous statutes for the prosecution of the war. The second count charges conspiracy to interfere with the production and transportation of food, clothing and munitions essential to the carrying on of the war.

The third count charges conspiracy to interfere with the enforcement of the selective draft law. The fourth count charges conspiracy to violate the federal espionage law and to obstruct army and navy recruiting.

Judge Landis then discussed at length the law on conspiracy and the fundamental rules of evidence.

Before the instructions to the jury were read Judge Landis ordered \$3 of the 100 defendants, who had been out on bail during the progress of the trial, taken into custody and searched to make certain that no weapons were brought into the court room.

An extra police guard was on duty when court reconvened in the afternoon and every visitor was carefully scrutinized before being admitted. At 3 o'clock the court room was crowded and scores of policemen, detectives and agents of the department of justice circulated among the spectators as a precautionary measure.

The I. W. W. trial began April 1 and was one of the longest criminal cases on record in this country. The record contains 30,000 typewritten pages or 7,500,000 words.

LOCAL BOY GOES TO FRANCE

L. D. McCormick, well known in this city, who enlisted some time ago in the spruce timber squadron and who has been stationed for some time near Seattle, will soon be transferred to France, according to a telephone message received by his sister, Mrs. Lyle Mills. He indicates that he has passed his overseas examination in fine shape and expects to cross some time this fall.

COURT HOUSE HEARING ON AT MEDFORD

"MOTION TO STRIKE" IN SUIT BROUGHT AGAINST FORMER JUDGE AND ASSOCIATES WILL COME UP TOMORROW

Tomorrow is the date set by Judge F. M. Calkins of Medford for final argument in the "motion to strike" suit brought by the present County court against former Judge Marion Hanks and his associates for alleged illegally expending funds on the construction of the Main street court house.

To be present at this hearing Attorney Thomas Drake, Commissioner Frank J. McCormack, County Clerk C. R. DeLap, Judge Robert Bunsell, District Attorney Duncan and Deputy W. S. Wiley left today for Medford.

It is expected that Judge Calkins' decision in this matter will be handed down in short order. When this is available it will give some indication as to how the court house controversy which has so unfortunately arisen to mar the harmony of the community, will be settled, although it is generally conceded that that matter will be appealed to the Supreme court for final adjustment whichever side is favored.

MATRIMONY ALONE WILL NOT EXEMPT

SECRETARY BAKER INDICATES THAT MARRIED MEN NOT SUPPORTING FAMILIES WILL BE CALLED IN NEW DRAFT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 19.—Provost Marshall Crowder has today called on 18 states for 5,700 white draft registrants of grammar school education to be sent to special schools. The northwest states are not included in this call.

Secretary Baker declared in a statement made to the senate military committee today that no general exemption of married men simply because of the married status is contemplated by the war department in preparing the proposed extension of the draft ages. He said his previous remarks in the matter had been misconstrued and that married men not supporting families or engaged in a useful occupation should fight.

The consideration of the man power bill will begin in the senate next Thursday. Secretary Baker said he would not object to the provision making a separate class of men between their eighteenth and nineteenth year, as far as practicable until after the others in Class I were exhausted. He said "There is a sentiment in this committee against calling men as young as 18, unless absolutely necessary. I think the sentiment of the country is to get all the men necessary."

Crowder said plans to call two million men by next June.

General March said the nation would need every man in Class I between 18 and 45 years.

March said it is planned to send 250,000 men monthly to France for the present, and to increase the number in the Spring. The American army on August 1st, number 2,012, 112, he said.

KLAMATH ELKS GET BOOST IN ORE. JOURNAL

STATE CONVENTION OF LODGE FOR KLAMATH NEXT YEAR RECEIVES FAVORABLE COMMENT IN EDITORIAL IN JOURNAL

The following editorial from the Oregon Journal of Saturday shows that the big effort being made by the boys here to land the big meeting next summer is sure of some hearty and influential support. The article was probably written by Frank Irvine, who made the Elks Flag day address here and who has boosted this district in a most enthusiastic way since his return to Portland.

"Klamath Falls Elks are to ask that the annual meeting of the Oregon State Elks' association be held at Klamath Falls next year. It is said that, so far, no other place has asked for the honor.

"The people of Klamath and Lake counties are trying hard to be a part of Oregon. The railroad map is everything possible to tether them to California.

"They do not want to be California. They are Oregonians and want to be Oregonians commercially, politically and socially. The good right hand ought to be extended them in that most righteous endeavor.

"The Elks are up to date. It is likely to occur to them all over Oregon that there is opportunity to make the people of far away South Central Oregon feel that they are recognized as a part of Oregon. If such a course is taken, no Oregon Elk will regret it.

"They know at Klamath Falls how to entertain. Nowhere are there better hosts and more delightful guests. They play the game of welcome there all day long and play it full 100 per cent.

"Nor is there a more interesting section of Oregon to visit. Out there on a plateau nearly as high as the average summit of the Cascade range, there is atmosphere, there is wonder pictures, there are landscapes and perspectives unusual, there is everything to delight the eye and fill the mind with contentment.

"No one will ever know all Oregon until the highly interesting trip over the great Southern Oregon plateau has been made."

OIL PRICES WILL NOW BE STABILIZED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 19.—The national petroleum war service commission plans for a stabilization of petroleum prices have been accepted by the fuel administration and it is believed that this will prevent a radical change in the consumers prices in gasoline and other products.

INSURANCE MEN MEET

Insurance men of the city are invited to meet at eight o'clock this evening at the office of the City and County Abstract company, 517 Main street.

FRANKLIN AND CASE CARS DEMONSTRATED

J. F. Hittson and O. V. Myers are here for a few days from Medford demonstrating the Case, Six and Franklin cars.

NEW FRONT NEAR OISE IS FORMED BY FRENCH

ALLIED FORCES NOW WORKING IN CLOSE TO RAILROAD JUNCTION OF NOYON FROM SOUTH—LESS THAN FIVE MILES

GERMAN RESISTANCE IS DETERMINED ON SOUTH OF LASSIGNY LEHAMEL NEAR RIBCOURT

LONDON, Aug. 19.—The French troops have penetrated into the village of Lehamel on the hills west of the Oise river and northwest of Ribcourt today and made some headway against the determined resistance between Lassigny and the Oise.

The French line this morning ran from Fontenoy to the ridge south of Andignicourt and then to Nampeol, which the French have surrounded. From there it runs to the edge of the Montage forest and passes 1500 meters south of Carlepent and joins the old line north of Tracy Le Val.

(By Associated Press).

DATELESS DISPATCH—The launching of what may be described as an extensive attack last night by the French broke thru the German positions along a vital sector connecting the Marne and Picardy battle fields between the Oise and the Aisne rivers.

NORTH ROUTE SURVEYS ARE NOW FINISHED

That he has completed his survey of the two prospective routes for the state road in northern Klamath and made his report to the state highway commission, is announced today by Engineer J. H. Scott, who has spent the past week or more on this work.

Mr. Scott has made his recommendation as to the choice of routes between the road via Chiloquin on the Reservation or the one by Fort Klamath in the Wood River valley, and it is expected that the highway commission will make its decision public within a short time.

Scott and his assistants will now start their surveys of the new road between Klamath Falls and the Rogue River valley over the Green Spring mountain, and as a new route must be laid out on stipulated grades it is believed that this work will take in the neighborhood of three months.

NORWEGIAN BARK SUBBED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 19.—The Norwegian bark Kordhav has been sunk by a German submarine off the Virginia Capes.

The crew was brought in by an American war ship.