

RIGHT WING OF THE ENEMY COLLAPSES

German Army In Retreat From North Sea to Lille

GERMAN DEFENSES IN WEST WRENCHED AWAY FROM PROTECTING SEA

SEVENTEEN DIVISIONS NOW IN RETREAT IN BELGIUM AND NORTH FRANCE—KING ALBERT MARCHING ON OSTEND WITH ARMY

TWENTY VILLAGES TAKEN IN OPERATIONS YESTERDAY—GERMAN LINES CAN NOW BE FLANKED BY GENERAL FOCH

(By Associated Press).

PARIS, Oct. 17.—The whole German army of General von Arnim, comprising seventeen divisions, is in retreat from the North Sea to the region of Lille, having been beaten back and overthrown by the Allies' attack.

Today the retirement is assuming the proportions of a rout. The fate of the German defenses along the Belgium coast seem sealed, and the Lille industrial area has been entered by the allied advance under King Albert on a thirty mile front.

The extreme right wing of the German defenses in the west has been wrenched away from the protecting sea. Henceforth the line which has been buttressed by the sea on one end and the Swiss frontier of the other can be outflanked.

The enemy is powerless to retrieve the situation.

The German resistance is crumbling except in the Argonne region, where the Americans and French are fighting desperately. The Prussian guards are dying but not surrendering in their attempt to save the right wing.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—Lille has been captured by the British.

Over twenty villages were taken by the Allies in Belgium yesterday. The British forces have now entered Courtrai, eight miles east and north of Menin, and the British forces began an attack today in the Cambrai sector, where satisfactory progress has been reported.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—The Belgians under King Albert are marching on Ostend.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—In leaving Lille, the Germans did not set fire to the buildings or cause any explosions. There is no confirmation of the report that the Kaiser has abdicated or that Germany has capitulated.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 17.—The war is coming to an end in such a manner as no man in Germany desires, says the Berlin Vorwaerts. During all these terrible years the aim of our efforts and our sacrifices was to prevent such an end.

The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American Expeditionary Forces: Killed in action 78 Missing in action 16

Table with columns for 'Wounded severely', 'Died of disease', 'Died of accident and other causes', 'Died of wounds', 'Wounded, degree undetermined', 'Prisoners', 'Marine Corps Casualties', 'Killed in action', 'Died of wounds', 'Died of disease', 'Wounded in action severely', 'Wounded, degree undetermined', 'In hands of enemy', 'Missing in action'.

RETURNS FROM FRANCISCO Austin Hayden has returned from a business trip to San Francisco.

ATTEMPT MADE TO BLACKMAIL W. A. DELZELL

KLAMATH FALLS POSTMASTER SOLICITED FOR UNEXPECTED "WAR CALL"—MAN NOW IN JAIL UNDER BONDS

"To the Klamath Falls Postmaster... I am giving you fair and practical warning that if you value your life more than a thousand dollars, if you do you are like a bunch of grafters."

"I am giving you ten days to send me \$1,000, unless you comply with this, you democratic grafter, you will wake up in hell some morning before breakfast when you are least expecting it... Don't think like some foolish have done to their sorrow... Send nothing but cash and remember that ten days is the limit, or you will think you are in the hands of the Kaiser... I am one of the bunch... Now be sure you don't forget... All mail will reach me Edward H. Martin, Odessa, Ore. Care at the following address... Signed: Edward H. Martin, Odessa, Ore. Care Pelican Bay Lumber Company, Camp Number 3."

This high handed attempt at blackmail reached Postmaster Delzell a few days ago, and it is needless to state that that official was more or less overwhelmed at the nature of the request. While at all times "striving to please," and having a desire to do "whatever's right" on all occasions, he could not help but feel that his rating had been over-estimated by his new correspondent.

He immediately, however, looked thru all his pockets, extracted his collar button, counted the sum total, and found to his dismay that Mr. Martin could hardly be expected to accept the amount as \$1,000. A partial payment plan then flashed thru his mind, with the idea of paying so much per week for the privilege of his liberty, but the idea hardly seemed feasible, so he determined to place the missive in the hands of the officers and get their advice.

On being notified of the matter the sheriff's representatives at once brought in Martin, and have held him here pending the outcome of the affair. A complaint has been sworn out against him, and he is now under bonds of \$1,000. He declared he wished no legal representatives from this city.

STAMP QUOTA LESS THAN HALF RAISED

October is fast drawing to a close and less than half the pledged quota of Thrift Stamps has been purchased by Klamath County, according to Chairman J. W. Siemens, who indicates that the total for the nine and a half months is only \$117, 138.96 with a total to reach of \$240,000 before January first.

It is regrettable to state that a large number who have made their pledges have not kept them, in spite of the dire need of the government for this money.

"It is to be hoped that the residents of Klamath County will take a decided brace in this matter from now on, and make the same kind of a showing at the end of the year that has been evidenced in the other war calls."

REVOLUTION IS NOW REPORTED THRU RUMANIA

FEELING AGAINST TEUTON OPPRESSORS HAS BROKEN OUT IN SEVERAL DISTRICTS IN RUMANIA

PARIS, Oct. 17.—Outbreaks against the Germans have occurred in northern Rumania in Moldavia according to a report from Zurich.

The population suddenly assumed a hostile attitude to the German authorities. There have been clashes between the peasantry and the Austro German forces in several districts.

OSTEND OCCUPIED BY THE ALLIES

LONDON, Oct. 17.—French Cavalry patrols reached Ostend today and returned with a report that no Germans were to be seen there. Admiral Keyes of the British Navy landed at Ostend this afternoon preceded by members of the Royal Air force who landed this morning.

DRAFT TOTALS NEAR THIRTEEN MILLION MEN

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—Final returns from all states show that 12,966,594 men registered for military service September 13. This was 187,826 in excess of the estimate of 12,778,768 made by experts in the office of Provost Marshal General Crowder, based on projections from census figures.

Teag was the last state to report. Its registration as announced by General Crowder was 631,474, as against the original estimate of 548,187.

With the figures compiled the total number of men who have been registered since the United States entered the war, including those registered June 5, 1917, last June 5, and August 24 and September 13 is 23,456,021.

HUNS ORDERED TO CEASE NEEDLESS DEVIATION

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 17.—A Rotterdam paper says that Germany has ordered her armies to cease devastating places unless absolutely compelled to do so by military necessity.

BASEL, Switzerland, Oct. 17.—Baron Burián, who was the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, is now most optimistic regarding the prospects for early peace. He said: "There is nothing in the President's reply to frustrate such hope or delay its realization."

"A considerable modification in Germany's constitution being made will meet the requirements," he said.

NATION URGED TO MAKE GOOD ON BIG LOAN

IS NOW LESS THAN TWO THIRDS RAISED WITH DRIVE NEAR END, NO EXTENSION OF TIME, MORE LOANS COMING.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 17.—"Germany is bending. More pressure and she will break" said Secretary Lansing in a statement today warning the Nation that the war was not over and urging that the Fourth Liberty Loan be made a success. The receipts are now estimated at \$3,600,000,000.

McAdoo declared that there would be no extension of time for subscribing for the loan. He also said that the Fifth and also the Sixth loans would be necessary regardless of the outcome of the present peace negotiations.

SLAUGHTER OF OREGON COWS IS ALARMING

PORTLAND, Ore. Oct. 17.—Thru investigation for its annual report, the Oregon Dairy Council has made alarming disclosures with regard to the slaughter of milk cows in Oregon. On January 1 of this year there were 227,000 milk cows in the state and September 1 there were but 175,000 showing a loss of 52,000 cows in eight months. There has been considerable slackening of this slaughter since the Dairy council has made plain to the dairymen their duty as patriotic citizens to keep the animals alive and give to the people the supply of milk so alarmingly jeopardized.

"The farmers and dairymen are much encouraged by the interest shown in them by Senator Chamberlain, Senator McNary, Governor Withycombe and Congressman McArthur," said Edith Knight Holmes, educational director of the dairy council this morning.

BRITISH CASUALTIES FOR YEAR HEAVY

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—British casualties from January 1, 1918, to September 30, were over 700,000, including killed, wounded and missing. It was announced here by the British bureau of information. The figures covered 39 weeks of actual fighting. The lowest week for casualties listed 4126 killed, wounded and missing, and the highest week listed 40,000. The casualties since October 1 have not yet been compiled.

TRAIN WRECK IN RUMANIA LEAVES FEARFUL RESULTS

LONDON, Oct. 17.—One hundred persons were killed and 200 injured in the derailing of the Bucharest express near Platra, Rumania, according to a dispatch to the Central News from Amsterdam, quoting a dispatch from Vienna.

YANKEES AND FRENCH STILL MAKING GAINS

GERMANS CONTINUE TO BE THREAT FROM LAON POCKET, AMERICANS CAPTURE TWO TOWNS NORTH OF ARGONNE.

PARIS, Oct. 17.—Over the entire front of the Oise and the Serre where the Germans are being driven from the Pocket north of Laon, the French have maintained a contact with the enemy.

In a successful advance north of the Argonne, the Americans first army reached Chagny-sur-Marne one mile north of St. Julien. They also took Cote De Chastillon further east toward the Meuse.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—The Serbian troops are continuing their energetic campaign for driving out the Austro-Germans who are remaining on the Serbian soil. They have captured the town of Alexinatz on the Morava River fifteen miles northwest of Nish. Thirty two guns have been taken.

WAR DRAWING REPLICAS OF SOUTH CLOSER

MONTEVIDEO, Oct. 1.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press). There have been several evidences during the past year of the development of a closer relationship among the South American republics as a result of the economic conditions that have grown out of the war. Before the war, each South American republic dealt directly with the United States and European countries and paid little attention to its neighbors in a commercial way. This has all been changed and these republics are now finding that they can supply each other with goods in exchange for things they need.

The latest effort in this direction is the organization of a South American International Exposition which is to be opened in this city on January 24 for the display of cattle, agricultural and industrial exhibitions. Each South American republic has been asked to send exhibits and also to appoint a jury to form part of the general jury of awards. The exhibits of cattle and agriculture will include machinery and implements used in connection with cattle raising and farming in each of the countries and the industrial exhibits have been planned so as to include everything that is manufactured in South America.

The Committee of Honor will include the President of Uruguay, the members of the cabinet, the president of the supreme court and the diplomatic representatives of the countries which send exhibits.

MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED

A marriage license has been issued to Earl Small and Louise Miles by County Clerk C. R. DeLap.

COUNTY IS OVER TOP IN LIBERTY DRIVE NOW

TOTAL FOR COUNTY LAST NIGHT NEAR HALF MILLION DOLLARS, KLAMATH IS CONGRATULATED ON RESULTS.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY MAKES A FROUD RECORD, TURNS IN OVER DOUBLE QUOTA ASKED WITH \$12,500.

Klamath County's quota, \$125,200, was in the hands of the County at the close of business Wednesday, the 16th. We have every reason to feel proud of the record made by our citizens and can look forward with confidence to those who have not yet done their share to do it with a will now. We have a telegram from the State Chairman this morning urging us not to relax our efforts in the year as so many of the larger cities have failed to make their quota that it is imperative that the localities which have their quotas subscribed should go on to further efforts.

If you have met your personal quota you have done well and may be excused from further effort. If not however, you have less than forty-eight hours now to get into the clear and it is up to you now just as much as it would be if our county quota were not raised. Don't neglect your last opportunity. No man can forget his country's need and the excuse that you forgot at the last moment will not be accepted.

Arthur R. Wilson, Chairman. An impressive record has been made by the employees of the Southern Pacific Company in Klamath County. It shows the patriotism of the men of this organization is 100 per cent pure American.

The rating committee put the men of the company for good stiff quotas as it was felt they could meet them. Now at the end of the drive the company has turned in a list showing that thru over-subscription they have rolled up a total of \$12,550 with a quota of \$5,200. We doubt if any organization of the county will make a finer record on the Fourth Liberty Loan.

This amount was received after banking hours yesterday and is to be added to the previous total making nearly \$500,000.

The following message has been received from State Chairman Edward Cookingham urging all possible effort to make up for the shortage indicated in other parts of the Nation.

Portland, Oct. 14.

"Arthur R. Wilson, Klamath Falls, Oregon: "The good work of yourself and your associates in putting your county over the top has been splendid and the principal metropolitan centers in the (twelfth Federal) District and elsewhere are facing extreme difficulties in making quotas because of the strain of previous loans and of heavy taxes on larger corporations and individuals. There is imperative need for our continuing active participation and raising every dollar possible in order that the best of a situation may be secured. We are sure you have not overlooked the fact that inadequate subscription to the Liberty Loan is a serious matter. We are sure you will continue to be generous in your contribution."

Edward Cookingham, Chairman.