

BELGIAN COAST IS TORN FROM HUNS

BIG U-BOAT BASE IN ALLIED HANDS

HARBOR WHICH WAS BLOCKED BY DARING RAID AND AFTERWARD FILLED BY BIRDMEN, LEFT BY FLEEING ENEMY

IMPORTANT RETIREMENT MOVE HAS BEGUN IN SOUTH, BETWEEN THE OISE AND SERRE RIVERS—FRENCH IN PURSUIT

(By Associated Press)

DATELESS—Germany has apparently lost the whole Belgian coast.

The defeated and virtually demoralized German army is in full retreat toward Antwerp.

While the Germans are fighting well and retreating with great skill, the great military machine is believed in danger of collapse at no distant date.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—Zeebrugge, the port of Bruges, and the second important submarine base on the Belgian coast, has been occupied by the Allies. Bruges has been evacuated by the Germans.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—The British forces have now entered Turcoing, six miles north of Lille.

The Belgian cavalry is pursuing the retreating enemy in Flanders, with the object of cutting off his retreat to Ghent.

The Allies have occupied Blankenergh, southwest of Zeebrugge.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—The evacuation of territory in Serbia, Albania and Montenegro by the central powers has begun, according to a Vienna dispatch.

PARIS, Oct. 18.—The Germans have begun a new retirement movement in the area between the Oise and the Serre rivers, between Laon and Cambria. The French forces are advancing from Achery and Czoigny, and are pursuing the German rear guards.

The French have captured Anguicourt, in Argonne, and have crossed the Aisne River near Vouziers. The fighting continues in the area to the west of Grand Pre.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—The Germans are preparing to inundate the low lying lands south of the River Scheldt in eastern Belgium, according to an Amsterdam report. Inhabitants have been ordered to abandon their homes immediately.

The British naval force withdrew from Ostend when the Germans who were not clear of the town began shelling the warships.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 18.—Huge fires are to be seen in the direction of Bruges, according to reports.

The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American Expeditionary Forces. Killed in action... 171 Missing in action... 186 Wounded severely... 146 Died of disease... 21 Died of accident and other causes... 13 Died of wounds... 119 Died from airplane accident... 1 Wounded degrees undetermined... 3 Wounded slightly... 5 Private George Hall of Sheridan is listed today as killed in action.

Later news gives—Private Arthur Vincent of Portland was killed in ac-

GERMAN REPLY IS EXPECTED AT ANY TIME

REICHTAG DISCUSSES WILSON NOTE, BUT ANNOUNCES NO POLICY—OUTBREAKS AMONG SOLDIERS REPORTED

BERNE, Switzerland, Oct. 18.—The President's reply to the German note has created a new state of affairs in diplomatic discussions, and the German reply is expected to make it clear that the tone employed, by the President was open to objections. The reichstag has passionately discussed the Wilson reply, but no line of policy has yet been determined, according to German sources.

ZURICH, Oct. 18.—Official statements issued by the entente are no longer published in Germany.

It is rumored that there have been outbreaks among the soldiers at the front and abusive placards concerning the emperor, the crown prince, Hindenburg and Ludendorff posted in various railroad stations in Germany.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 18.—A demonstration by the German independent socialists in Unter den Linden at Berlin today is reported by the Cologne Volks Zeitung. The crowd sang the Marseillaise hymn.

The police prevented the demonstration from reaching the imperial palace.

There was a clash in which some of the crowd were slightly injured by the police sabers.

FIRST DEATH OF INFLUENZA OCCURS TODAY

A. H. Perry who died at his home on lower Sixth Street here today is the first death as a result of the Spanish influenza in this city.

The deceased who was employed on the County road near the Altamont ranch, was taken ill last Monday and rapidly became worse. He leaves a wife and ten children. Several of these are also reported to be suffering with the disease.

Previous to coming to Klamath Falls the Perry family resided in the Merrill section. The funeral arrangements have not yet been announced.

DUCK DYING IN LOWER MARSHES

Ducks are dying around the lower Klamath marshes in great rapidity, according to Game Warden Henry Stout, who does not attribute the trouble to Spanish influenza but rather to the strong mud in the lake which is rapidly being drained for reclamation purposes.

An unusually large number of the birds have been found in the vicinity of the Hopkins ranch, he says.

ARRESTED FOR FELONY

George Flores, who rooms at the Argaves rooming house, was this morning brought before Judge A. L. Leavitt, charged with a threat to kill A. D. Turpin. Upon investigation was dismissed for lack of evidence.

INDIANS SEND BIG LIST OF LOAN PLEDGES

TOTAL OF NEARLY TWELVE THOUSAND RECEIVED FROM RESERVATION, TARDY ONES HURRY BEFORE DRIVE ENDS.

The Liberty Loan returns for yesterday were featured by the splendid response shown by the Indians of the Klamath Reservation, which aggregate \$11,480. This list consists of thirty four Indians and contains one two thousand dollar pledge and four of one thousand.

The total this morning for the County was something over \$510,000, according to Chairman Wilcox.

Citizens are reminded that the drive is closed tomorrow at three o'clock and those who have put off making their pledges until the last moment must now get them in quickly if they are to be received.

TURKEY STILL UNDER POWER OF GERMANY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—With the Berlin-Constantinople railroad cut by the allied occupations of Nish, Germany is replying upon its Black Sea fleet to hold Turkey in line. Information has been received at the state department that the Turkish government has been told by Berlin that the fleet will open fire on the Ottoman capital at the first sign of defection.

This German fleet consists largely of warships captured from the Russians, but it is believed here to be strong enough to control, for the present at least, the Turkish government. It was pointed out today that with the British forces rapidly clearing Palestine and Mesopotamia of Turkish control, Turkey must hold to Constantinople as its only hope of maintaining any power as a government.

News from Copenhagen that Ismet Pasha has been appointed premier and minister of war in the new Turkish cabinet was interpreted as meaning that Berlin still is not without a friend at court. Because of his long service as the chief of the Turkish army staff and his association with German officers, Ismet is looked upon as friendly to Germany.

The accuracy of reports that the Union and Progress club, the most powerful organization in Turkey, had been closed at the demand of the Turkish army staff was doubted by officials here, who said such action would be tantamount to a military revolution. If the report is true, they declared anything might happen in Constantinople.

MORE CANDIDATES FILE FOR OFFICE

The names of Joe Moore as Councilman for the First Ward, C. K. Brandenburg for the Third Ward and Miss Ida E. Momyer as City Treasurer have been filed with the necessary signatures with Judge A. L. Leavitt for the coming city election in addition to those previously mentioned.

LARGE TULE LAKE LAND TRACT OPEN

BIDS FOR LEASE WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL NOVEMBER 6TH. LAND FLAT AND IRREGULAR WITH LOW WATER RATE.

Resuming a custom followed in years past for the development of the newly reclaimed lands along the gradually receding Tule Lake shore in Southern Klamath County Oregon and Northern Modoc County, California, the Department of the Interior will lease to settlers approximately seven thousand acres of land, early in November. The land is perfectly flat and is irrigable the rental price of the water being one dollar per acre foot. Bids for these parcels of land which range in size from forty seven to one hundred acres will be received at the United States Reclamation office here until two o'clock November 6th, when they will be turned over to the highest bidder. Ninety seven tracts are listed.

Payment of the amount bid must accompany the proposal by personal check, bank draft or money order or by cash deposited with the county fiscal agent at Klamath Falls. The minimum bid acceptable is fifty cents per acre.

Only one lot will be leased to each person, bidders however, may bid on as many lots as they wish designating their order of choice. One of the provisions made in the lease is that the lands must be cultivated. The term of the lease will begin on January 1st next and cease December 15th 1919.

Some of the lands offered for lease may and at certain times of the year are subject to flooding or overflow by the waters of Tule Lake and it is specifically understood that should any of the lands be overflowed later than June 15, 1919, the lessee will be given the use of the land the first year following when the land so leased is not overflowed. The lessee to lose any other expenses incurred by reason of such overflow.

INFLUENZA IS GAINING OVER DISTRICT NOW

One death last night and several serious cases of the Spanish influenza here emphasize the serious hold which the epidemic is taking in this community and the active effort which must be constantly exerted to combat it. Seven new cases were reported yesterday. The disease here has appeared to attack adult men principally, rather than women and children although there are some cases of these.

The Red Cross and the city officials are cooperating in every way to look after those stricken and to prevent further cases. Games, amusements are being prepared and also caps for all nurses. Three visiting nurses are now constantly employed.

R. C. SENDING BELGIAN CHILDREN TO HOLLAND.

HARVE, FRANCE, Oct. 18.—Lieutenant-Colonel Ernest P. Bicknell, Commissioner for Belgium, has announced that the American Red Cross is to aid the sickly children in occupied Belgium by sending them into Holland to build up their strength. Already 10,000 children have been brought out of Belgium for this special treatment.

STATE HEALTH OFFICER BANS MEETINGS HERE

MESSAGE ORDERS NO MEETINGS IN KLAMATH FALLS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE—CITY TO ENFORCE NEW RULING

Portland, Ore., Oct. 17, 1918. Mayor, Klamath Falls, Ore.:

"You are directed to prevent public meetings in your city until further notice—Robert F. L. Holt, State Health Officer."

The above message was received here last night, and is in accordance with plans which had already been made for the handling of the Spanish influenza epidemic in this city. It is understood that the full police authority of the city will be back of the instructions of the state health officer.

All public churches, meeting houses and other public meetings are prohibited until the spread of this malady has been checked.

Members of the city are urged not only to obey the letter of this order, but to co-operate by taking all possible care of themselves, in order to prevent contagion. The seriousness of this disease has perhaps not been fully realized here as yet, but it is of a most critical nature, and it is earnestly hoped that Klamath Falls may be more fortunate than some of the coast towns. C. B. CHELSEA.

HUN LAYS DEATH OF BABES TO FATE.

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Oct. 18.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from The Hague quotes Matthias Eruberger, minister without portfolio in the German government, as expressing regret over the sinking of the Irish mail steamer Linsted, but declaring that it was the hand of fate, for which Germany could not be responsible.

"The occurrence is exceptionally regrettable," Eruberger is quoted as saying: "I learn with deep sympathy of the disaster which has overtaken so many women and children. My attitude on such occurrences is well known. In 1915 I expressed my regrets of the many victims of the Lusitania. My regret is increased in this and case to genuine pain. The hand of fate, for which we cannot be made responsible, has governed here."

ALLIES POOL AIR RESOURCES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—The aerial resources of the allies have been pooled, just as the fighting forces were combined under Generalissimo Poch, John D. Ryan, head of the aircraft production board has announced Ryan returned from France with Secretary of War Baker. "The allies, for the first time, now have unquestioned supremacy of the air," Ryan said. "Americans are taking a large part in the air fighting. The American De Havilland four is being used in large numbers. It is probable that the raiding squadron of 350 machines, whose exploits were reported in recent dispatches, was made up entirely of American machines."

The American pilot and air fighter is considered the equal of the British airman in all respects, Ryan said.

CAMP LEWIS TO BE QUARANTINED

CAMP LEWIS, Oct. 18.—This camp is to be placed in strict quarantine at Reynolds tomorrow morning as a preventative measure against the influenza.

AUSTRIA TO BE PUT ON A FEDERAL BASIS NOW

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VIENNA, Oct. 18.—Steps for the reorganization of Austria-Hungarian empire on a federal basis have been proclaimed by Emperor Charles today. The plan as announced does not include the union of Austria with an independent Polish state.

"The city of Trieste and the Trieste territory will be treated separately in conformity with the wishes of the population," according to the proclamation.

BAEL, Oct. 18.—There have been great scenes of tumult at the Hungarian diet, during which demands for peace have been made, and it was announced that Austria was being organized on a federal basis.

There was a feeling expressed that Hungary must have full autonomy. Count Michael Karolyi sharply criticized the foreign policy of Hungary, and said: "Our liberty to alliance with Germany has limits."

He criticized the submarine warfare, and said the main mistake of the central power was in their underestimate of America.

BRING YOUR LINEN GOODS IN TOMORROW.

As there is a considerable portion of the amount of linen goods asked from Klamath County for the Hospital in France by the Red Cross, still to be gathered, and as it is desired to have all goods in by tomorrow night, the public is urged to bring in whatever can be turned over for this work, sometime tomorrow.

It is declared that the material should be strong rather than of fine texture. The dimensions given below are approximately only and other sizes will be accepted. Unbleached goods are also acceptable.

Sheets, 64 by 102; bath towels, 19 by 35; hand towels, 19 by 30; handkerchiefs 18 by 18.

MIDLAND MAN HELD FOR THREAT TO KILL

Charged with threatening to kill a neighbor B. Y. Landers, Louis Craig, a resident of the Midland district has been arrested and given a hearing before County Judge Robert H. Bannell sitting as a committing magistrate. He was held in the county jail and placed under \$1,000 bond which he succeeded in posting last evening. The defendant was produced in Court by Bannell and Tadm.