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TODAY'S WEATHER
Oregon: Tonight and Tuesday rain; fresh easterly winds.
CUT OUT COCKTAILS—THERE'S A REASON

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ALLIES HOLDING HIGHER GROUNDS WORRIES TEUTONS

Hindenburg Demands Troops Take Territory for Ground Observation

ALLIED PLANES MAKE SKY-SPYING DANGEROUS

Fierce Artillery Duel Raging on British Front—Turks Retreat 22 Miles

By William Philip Simms
(United Press staff correspondent)
With the British Armies Afield.
Mar. 11.—Superb weather continued along the British front today, with air fighting the most important activity.

The Passchendaele sector was the scene of considerable artillery fighting following the sharp engagement here last week. The Germans appear surprised at the completeness of their defeat thereabouts.

Despite attempts at points along a wide front and rapid attacks against two points at the extreme limits of the bombardment area, they failed to gain a single advantage. With the exception of intense activity, gun duels, patrol encounters and trench raids, the situation is unchanged, but all are expectant.

From one end of the front to the other, the allied hold high ground, with excellent points of vantage for observation of the German positions. This probably explains the enemy's determined local attack of which those in the Passchendaele sector were among the most stubborn.

Field Marshal Hindenburg demands that his troops seize territory for ground observation, as the allied planes are making sky spying precarious. Like wise, from the British lines, but little movement behind the German positions escaped being spotted. The British are prepared for all eventualities.

British Make Raid

London, Mar. 11.—British troops conducted a successful raid last night south of St. Quentin. Field Marshal Haig reported today. They killed several of the enemy, took prisoners and some machine guns.

Northwest of Labasse, an approaching party of the enemy was driven off by artillery and machine gun fire. There was considerable mutual artillery-firing southeast of Arrertrieres early this morning.

China to Send Troops

Tokyo, Mar. 11.—The cabinet at Peking has decided to dispatch 40,000 Chinese troops to Siberia. Expenses of the expedition to the amount of 19,000,000 yen were authorized through the floating of a foreign loan.

Rumania Makes Peace

London, Mar. 11.—A provisional German-Rumanian peace has been completed. Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs announced in the house of commons today.

Balfour said he had no information regarding any Japanese troops landing in Siberia.

Aviator Killed

With the American Army in France Mar. 11.—W. J. Winter of Chicago, serving in the French aviation corps, was killed in an air fight Friday night.

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Abe Martin



Next t' predictin' 'bout th' easiest thing is crittin'. Th' feller that's satisfied is gittin' ole.

WHERE OUR BOYS FIRST WENT OVER AT THE BOCHES



TWO POINTS WHERE AMERICANS ARE BATTLING HAND TO HAND
—The upper map shows the "elbow" in the west front just east of which American troops are mixed with the French for training purposes. The lower map shows the all-American front northwest of Toul, in French Lorraine.

CONGRESS WANTS TO HAVE A CLEAN SLATE AT CLOSE WAR YEAR

Will Try to Have All Important Bills Out of the Way by April 6

By L. C. Martin
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
Washington, March 11.—Congress wants the close of the war year—April 6—to find all major war bills off the slate.

So, from today on, dallying will be the exception rather than the rule, leaders said, and diligence will be applied. With less than a month to April 6, the leaders hope to clear aside all but appropriation measures and secondary bills.

The house was expected to spend little time over the conference report on the railroad control bill.

Leaders realized today that in spite of President Wilson's statement that he considers the war finance corporation bill a necessary war measure, some time will be required to get it through the house. The real difficulty in the way of realizing the "clean slate" program is the opposition to the administration's price fixing and compulsory food saving bills.

The Overman empowering measure is another likely to blast hopes of leaders. The senate judiciary committee met today in another effort to satisfy opponents of the measure and get it reported out, but Senator Reed has paraphrased the slogan of the French at Verdun, and applied it to the Overman bill—"it shall not pass."

Geo. Von L. Meyer Succumbs to Illness

Boston, March 10.—George Von L. Meyer, former ambassador to Italy and Russia, and later secretary of the navy, died in his home here shortly before midnight.

Death was caused by tumor of the liver.

CALLS SPECIAL SESSION

Pierre, S. D., Mar. 11.—Governor Nordeck today called a special session of the state legislature to convene March 18.

GERMAN ARROGANCE IS DRIVING NEUTRALS INTO ARMS OF ALLIES

All Made to Realize Their Danger Should Germany Get the Power

By J. W. T. Mason
(Written for the United Press.)
New York, March 11.—Reports from Japan that Prince Lvoff in contemplating the establishment of a stable government in Siberia do not suggest that the German menace against Siberia has reached formidable proportions.

Prince Lvoff was the first premier of Russia after the czar had been overthrown and he directed a strong anti-German policy at Petrograd during his tenure in office. The Germans would

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COLONEL LEADER AT ARMORY TONIGHT

Officer Who Has Seen Active Service On Western Front to Lecture Here

Colonel John M. Leader, military instructor at the University of Oregon, will speak this evening at 8 o'clock at the Armory on "The German Menace on the Pacific Coast." The lecture is being given by the Home Guards for the benefit of the Willamette Chapter of the Red Cross, and an admission of 50 cents will be charged.

Colonel Leader is the second highest British officer in the United States. He has seen active service in the great war, and was sent to the United States when this country entered the war because of the fact that he was incapacitated for further active military duty.

Colonel Leader has been speaking in various towns in the valley during the past few weeks, and every lecture has drawn enthusiastic comment. He is said to be an interesting talker, and from the fact that he has much valuable information from the British war office, his explanation of Pacific Coast conditions is straight to the point.

The program to be given is as follows: Hunt's Jazz orchestra; vocal solo, John W. Todd; Gibson's Mandolin club; vocal solo, Miss Ada Miller; Address by Colonel Leader; vocal solo, John Traeger, America, audience.

It costs \$23 a minute to phone from Washington, D. C., to Bremerton, Wash.

PACIFIC STEAMSHIP ADMIRAL EVANS GOES ASHORE NEAR JUNEAU

Accident Caused by Shifting Buoy—Totally Submerged at High Tide

Seattle, Wash., March 11.—The steamship Admiral Evans of the Pacific Steamship company, which went on a rock at Hawk Inlet, near Juneau, Alaska, Saturday evening, was completely submerged at high tide today and reports received at the Seattle offices of the company indicated that most of the cargo would be a complete loss.

The ship has a huge sole in her hull near the keel. Arrangements to salvage the vessel are being rushed and several tugs with divers have left Victoria and Seattle for the scene of the wreck. It is planned to patch the hole in the ship's hull and attempt to float her at low tide. At present there is no danger of her breaking up, but a high wind might jeopardize her.

The Evans' 91 passengers were taken to Juneau by the Canadian Steamship Princess Sophia.

The Admiral Evans left Seattle March 4 for southwestern and southern Alaska ports. Her cargo consisted largely of cannery supplies and her passengers were mostly cannerymen.

The vessel struck one of the rocks that stud the entrance to the inlet at six o'clock Saturday evening and Captain C. A. Glascock, her master, drove the vessel onto the beach within three hundred feet of shore. The vessel rests on an even keel.

The cause of the wreck, it is said, was the shifting of a channel buoy during the winter storms that had beat the coast near the inlet mouth.

FORD WILL BUILD

Detroit, Mich., Mar. 11.—Henry Ford will build a submarine killer plant to cost over \$1,000,000 on an eighty acre tract on the Lincoln highway between Newark, N. J., and New York. The plant will be a duplicate of Ford's plant under construction here and will turn out U-boat killer craft in large numbers.

Ford authorized the United Press to announce this today.

The United States government will pay part of the cost of construction.

TOLL OF THE TORNADO

Toledo, Ohio, Mar. 11.—Nine persons dead, twenty one injured, four of them probably fatally, and damage estimated at \$1,000,000. That was the toll today of the tornado which struck northwestern Ohio Saturday night.

Additional deaths reported this afternoon:

Alexander Cominsky, 4, Middle Point.

Oscar J. Bots, 22, Convey.

Mrs. Alice Ebert, 67, Convey.

John Weisman, 55, Vanwert.

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SUCCESSFUL DRIVE MADE BY AMERICANS THROUGH THREE LINES OF TRENCHES

Artillery Had Pretty Well Demolished All of German Defenses

By Fred S. Ferguson
(United Press staff correspondent)
With the American Army in France, Mar. 10.—American and French soldiers operating together, conducted successful raids on widely separated sectors, demolishing German trenches at three points in the width of 100 meters and depth of three hundred meters.

American artillery aided in these raids, completely demolishing one section of enemy trenches. No live Germans were encountered there. Elsewhere, boches, who had taken refuge in dugouts and pill boxes were bombed and gassed. Seven German prisoners were brought back.

The four day bombardment of American positions near the Swiss border ended yesterday afternoon when Yankee gunners neutralized the work of the boche batteries. Despite the unusual enemy activity on this sector, the American troops stood up under the cannonading in splendid fashion. Thirty two German airplanes were engaged in observation work over the American lines.

The first official statement from general headquarters printed in "Stars and Stripes," an army publication, recounts the activities of American troops under fire since March 1.

"The baptism of fire which already has been given to a few Americans will come to all. There is no doubt that the test through which the first troops came with such signal success will be encountered and passed with the same success by their brothers in arms, in divisions still to reach the front."

The following New England soldiers have been granted the French croix de guerre for bravery on the Chemin des Dames front:

Lieutenant H. K. Davison, Chaplain C. Boucher, Sergeant G. Dover, Corporal F. Hurley and Privates E. Larkin, H. Edridge, S. W. Miller and C. M. Sykes.

TRENCHES DEMOLISHED

The bombardment in preparation for the raids, started at one o'clock Saturday afternoon. American and French guns were massed along this portion of the front.

After the tremendous burst of fire in the first salvo, the guns continued to rain shells upon the boche first, second and third lines of trenches and all rear organizations, including enemy batteries.

All speculated on the fate of the

F. M. Schmidt Discovers He Is Long Since Dead

Auburn, Cal., Mar. 11.—F. M. Schmidt who died four years ago, was in Colfax today to look over his realty interests here.

He arrived from the east Saturday and went to a house he owned.

"You're dead," said the tenant.

"That so?" said Schmidt. "I'll have to see about that."

So he called on the county recorder and an affidavit by his divorced wife, proving him dead, was shown him.

On the strength of the affidavit the property had been distributed to the "widow" and since has been sold by her.

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GERMAN-BOLSHEVIK MINGLING IN SIBERIA DEEPENS THE PUZZLE

Claim Ex-German War Prisoners Are Being Armed and Drilled at Irkutsk

Washington, Mar. 11.—Official reports of German cooperation with certain Bolshevik elements in Siberia gave a new turn today to the problem of Japanese intervention in Asiatic Russia.

On the heels of detailed information showing Nikolai Lenin, the Bolshevik prime minister, working with the allies the war department made the following statement today:

"In Siberia it is reported that ex-German war prisoners are armed and drilling in the vicinity of Irkutsk and that throughout Siberia, German and Austrian prisoners of war are being assisted by certain Russian elements."

This has been the claim of Japan in explaining her alarm at the growing menace in Siberia. While the increasing activity of the Bolshevik leaders

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TUSCANIA SURVIVOR TELLS EXPERIENCE

Sergeant Hale Writes From Camp In Ireland to His Sister Here

Miss Beatrice Hale, a teacher in the Washington junior high school, has received a letter from her brother, First Sergeant Evert H. Hale, who was a survivor of the Tuscania. Sergeant Hale was a member of a Wisconsin regiment, a town a few miles north of Belfast, Ireland, and dated February 8.

Our men died like veterans—stood around smoking and joking for hours while the old boat was sinking. I got on to another boat of His Majesty's fleet and never got a wet foot. We haven't learned our full loss yet as part of the survivors were taken to another camp.

It was shortly before six p. m. I was sitting on the edge of my berth about to get up and get ready for dinner when boom—it hit us. We had our boat drills and even the lights went out we all got there.

Starting letting the life boats down but experienced considerable difficulty as the ship tilted so much to one side that the life boats scraped along the ship's side and turned over. Several of our men went then. Of course some of them were picked up by now as they had life belts on. Our men joked with each other and laughed over their per-

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BOLSHEVIKS ARE GETTING READY TO RENEW FIGHTING

Move Seat of Government to Moscow and Organize for Resistance

FORM ALLIANCE WITH FINNISH RED GUARDS

Oppose Intervention by Japan—Siberian Government Being Formed

By Joseph Shaplan
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Petrograd, March 10.—The government is moving to Moscow as a first step in organization of resistance on all fronts, according to an official press announcement today.

It is believed it may be necessary for the Bolshevik government to fight both and Germany and Japan.

The Bolshevik congress has discarded the name "social-democratic," and adopted the title of the "communist party," as it does not wish to have any similarity to the German party of which Philip Scheidemann is the leader in the Reichstag.

A treaty of alliance with the Finnish red guards has been signed by the Bolshevik government, offsetting the German treaty with the white guards in Finland.

Details of German treatment of the inhabitants of lands which they have overrun continue to come in. In Finland, the German police and military system is invoked against the people. The newspapers have been suppressed. Workingmen's organizations have been dispersed and hundreds arrested.

Many are reported executed in Estonia, where even the bourgeoisie have been strongly curbed by the Germans.

(The bourgeoisie were suspected by the Bolsheviks of favoring the German invasion.)

Most violent persecutions were reported from Riga.

Smolny Institute reported heavy German forces moving from Homel toward Novozibikoff, which city the Russians are preparing to defend. Germans concentrated on the Orsha front have retreated.

CALL SIBERIANS TRAITORS

Petrograd, March 11.—(Evening)—Russian public opinion is most surprised at the failure of President Wilson and America to halt Japan's hand in Siberia.

Those opposed to the Bolshevik regime point out that this failure gives the imperialists in all countries' are united against the Russian revolution.

Attacking Prince Lvoff and others, reported connected with organizing a provisional Siberian government, the newspaper Pravda said today:

"Traitors to that fatherland, over whose name they have made such a fuss, have now surrendered to the Japanese and the allied imperialists, hoping to aid foreign troops reconquer the country. But they are deeply mistaken. History examples prove that such efforts have always failed. Vainly do the landlords and capitalists hope to profit by the Japanese invasion. They are simply tearing the final threads connecting them with Russia."

The Rumanians are already beginning to fulfill their separate obligation—which is to aid the Austro-Germans to occupy Odessa and other points on the coast of the Black sea. In the Sea of Azov, Rumanians are interfering with the efforts of Russian soviet troops to halt the invaders.

A number of prominent Russian conservative leaders and financiers have arrived at Vladivostok, according to messages from Irkutsk. It is alleged that the Japanese and these Russians have agreed to a plan whereby the coast will be occupied by military forces. Director Putiloff of the Russo-Asiatic bank is

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Liberty Loan Temple Built In 26 Hours

Portland, Or., Mar. 11.—Headquarters of the third Liberty loan committee were moved in to Liberty Temple early today, occupying the structure within 26 hours of the time an army of artisans started its construction. The big structure that arose in 3 days is dedicated as the state headquarters of every future patriotic drive, and Sixth street, between Morrison and Yamhill, the site of the temple, has been closed to traffic for the period of the war.

All the material used in construction was donated, as was the labor of 300 union artisans, who built the temple.