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AMERICANS FOLLOW CLOSE AFTER FLEEING GERMANS

Clearing Up Machine Gun Nests and Driving Rear Guard Front Positions

By Fred S. Ferguson (United Press Staff Correspondent)

With the American Armies in France, July 23.—Fighting through the woods in a heavy rain, American troops continued to push on steadily today in the Marne region. Most of today's fighting was in patches of woods where the enemy had left machine gun nests to act as rear guards in order to cover the retirement of the main German forces. The operations were thus largely in the nature of Indian fighting. Hidden defense points, mostly manned by machine gun units under command of non-commissioned officers, were located and routed out by the Americans. These units were under orders to stay at their posts until killed or captured. Many new prisoners were taken, as well as many machine guns and much other equipment.

The ground over which the Americans fought was scarcely more than a series of shell holes, destroyed roads, and roads blocked by broken tree trunks. Most of the villages along the Marne are almost completely wrecked. German equipment is scattered everywhere. Entering one town American troops found that the Germans had retired so hastily from it that meals for the German officers were still on tables and lamps were still burning in the houses.

During this morning all the scenes of the open warfare of other days were visible. French and American artillery could be seen moving forward rapidly, their drivers whipping on the horses

struggling over muddy roads and thru villages that had been smashed by the hand of war.

Throughout the Chateau-Thierry region all the roads are under a heavy artillery fire.

300,000 Americans Cross Ocean Monthly

London, July 23.—American troops are being transported across the Atlantic at the rate of 300,000 a month, including 100,000 in American ships. Sir Leo Money, parliamentary secretary to the shipping minister announced in the house of commons this afternoon.

Money pointed out that while this deprives the allies of some tonnage, the shipping organization is such that food and war materials continue to be carried in adequate quantities.

HINDENBURG ILL

London, July 23.—Dispatches from various sources indicate that Hindenburg has been too ill since the beginning of the year to participate in military matters. He attended several imperial receptions at great physical effort. It is reported that it tires him even to speak. He is now at Hanover.

All Around Town

COMING EVENTS

July 26—Tuesday. Dedication of new Willamette River bridge.

"The funeral beautiful." Webb & Clough Co.

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William Psetak, who lives on rural route six, was arrested Monday afternoon by O. D. Bowers, deputy sheriff and turned over to a deputy U. S. marshal who took him to Portland last night. It is understood that he is charged with seditious utterances.

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Rev. B. R. Wiener, field secretary of the Evangelical Association, who is touring the Pacific coast, will speak this evening at 8 o'clock at the local Evangelical church, Seventeenth and Chemeketa streets. He has the reputation of being an interesting speaker, having an intimate acquaintance with the missionary operations of the church.

Irrigation Even numbers, Mon., Wed., Fri. and Sun. Odd numbers, Tues., Thurs., Sat. and Sun. Even numbers are on the south and east side of street. Odd numbers are on north and west side of street.

Dr. D. X. Boechler, dentist, who has been out of his office for the past two weeks, has returned. Phone 2106 for appointment.

All allotments up to the first of June have been mailed according to information received by the Home service section direct from the department of War Risk Insurance at Washington. Anyone not receiving their allotment for any month previous to June should call at the Home Service Section quarters 125 North Liberty street, over the Shipley dry goods store and have the matter investigated.

Owing to ill health I will leave on my vacation one week earlier than expected. My office will be closed July 27th at 4:30 p. m. for 30 days. If you wish to see me about your eyes or glasses do so at once. D. M. P. Mendelsohn, 210-211 U. S. Bank Bldg.

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Officers of the Marion-Polk Wisconsin association are preparing for their annual reunion and picnic to be held at the fair grounds August 7. The program of the day will include the regulation basket dinner with addresses and reminiscence talks during the afternoon. All who were born in Wisconsin are invited to attend.

The funeral services of Datus F. Bright, who met his death Sunday afternoon in a motorcycle accident, have been postponed until Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. His wife has been spending the summer at Lemox, Idaho, and telegraphed friends here that on account of the distance from a railway station, she could not arrive in the city until Thursday morning. The services will be held from the chapel of Webb & Clough and will be conducted by the Rev. A. F. Lacey of the Jason Lee Memorial church. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

The rainfall that broke the drought of 63 days seems to have covered the valley in general being especially heavy north of Salem. In the city the precipitation amounted to six-tenths of an inch. Previous to last evening the record shows a rainfall of .35 of an inch. On May 19 there was .35 of an

inch of rainfall and then, with the exception of a few sprinkles, there was dry weather until the deluge about 5 o'clock last evening in Salem.

Boy Smith is home on a 42 day leave of absence on what is termed an agricultural leave. He will work on a farm for Kirk Chatfield. He is in the hospital division at Camp Lewis.

As the bridge across the Willamette is nearing completion, a number of the workmen have left and secured employment at Yaquina bay. Considerable bridge building is now in progress on the road running into the spruce belt.

As the canning of fruit for the hospitals of the nearby cantonments will begin Thursday of this week at the domestic science rooms in the high school, the committee in charge asks those who will donate fruit, not to delay in telephoning Mrs. F. G. Bowers at 5202 J. I. during the morning hours. Mrs. J. J. Ober is in charge of the automobile squad to collect the fruit. Volunteers who understand the canning of fruit are asked to report at the High school Thursday morning.

In the early days of Salem about the time there was some talk of building a bridge across the Willamette river, the people had their troubles somewhat different from nowadays. In January of 1886 a remonstrance signed by 293 taxpayers was presented to the city council in which the citizens objected most strenuously to the ordinance prohibiting cows running at large in the city.

At a meeting of the city council held June 16, 1886, it was ordered that the Old Fashioned Methodists be allowed the use of Marion square provided no horses or carriages be taken within the enclosure. At the same meeting an ordinance was passed allowing certain parties to build a wharf at the foot of Trade street, with the string to it that the council could terminate the privilege by giving reasonable notice.

Seven young men made application yesterday for service in the navy, but only four were accepted. Ora Hinkle, 20, and his brother Robert L. Hinkle 18, gave as next of kin their mother, Mrs. Emma E. Hinkle of Monmouth Oregon. Bruce T. Rogers 18, gave his mother, Mrs. Alta Rogers of Monmouth as next of kin. Lawrence F. McKee, 20, gave his mother, Mrs. Stella McKee, of Perrydale, Ore., as next of kin. All four of the young men will enter the seaman branch. For a man without a special trade, this branch of the service offers the best of opportunities as he is later assigned to that service to which he is best adapted. J. E. Adams in charge of the local navy recruiting station at the postoffice will explain the navy service to those interested.

Thursday afternoon 105 men will enter from Salem for Camp Lewis. The number of registrants from this district is 88, but three of these will be inducted by other boards. The Salem exemption board has been asked by other boards to induct 20 men from this point, just to save the men the expense of returning to the district where they registered, as the men will be given a luncheon at the Marion hotel at 11:30 o'clock Thursday morning and the line of march led by the Chertian band, will be from the court house to the Southern Pacific depot. There an address will be made by Mr. Gebhardt of the state house and Miss Lena Belle Tartar will sing. Glen E. Munkers cashier of the bank at Stayton, has been appointed temporary captain of the men and will be assisted by Harold Eakin, first lieutenant, Arlie G. Walker second and Archie H. Smith, third lieutenant.

A membership meeting of the Commercial club has been called for August 15 to vote on the proposed amendments to the constitution and bylaws. The proposed changes provide that the affairs of the club shall be conducted by four officers and five directors, all to be elected at the regular annual meeting to be held each year in December. The Business Men's League will elect their own director and the transportation, publicity and conven-

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PERSONALS

Miss Pearl Collins left yesterday afternoon over the Oregon Electric for Kelso, Wa.

Miss Louise Hazen went to Seattle Monday afternoon.

George Carnthers left yesterday over the Oregon Electric for Deer Lodge, Montana.

W. E. Smith of Grass Range, Montana, is in the city. He is the son of W. R. Smith of this city and has for the past year been manager of the Grass Range Review.

Mrs. Mary A. McIntyre, of 506 South Nineteenth street, has been critically ill during the past few days and is not expected to live.

Divisions department will have as its director, King Bing of the Cherrians, according to the proposed amendments.

D. A. White, who has had a weather eye on crop conditions in the valley for the past quarter of a century says the rains of yesterday will save the beans that were about on their last legs, metaphorically speaking. Also that corn will now have a chance of making a fair crop and that the rain came a little too late for the early spring grains. Also that a drought of 63 days at this time of year was something new in his experience although he remembers the dry spell of 72 days during the summer of 1914.

NO BAND CONCERT

No band concert will be held this evening, on account of the rain.

HOW FRENCHMEN DIE

With the French Armies in The field, July 23.—The first day of the German offensive, Commandant Georges Mellera, holding Bauxieux (two miles northeast of Chateaufort) with two companies, was encircled by the Germans.

During the afternoon he sent a message back by carrier pigeon telling of his plight and giving the artillery valuable information. The little body of Frenchmen held off the Germans for seven hours. Then, knowing he was lost, Mellera sent a final message, asking that the French artillery be turned on the village, which the Germans entered.

"Les boches sont sur nous. Ours sommes perdus mais nous avons fait de belle herose. Fai; fear sur la ville!"

"The boches are upon us. We are lost, but we have done good work. Fire upon the village!"

RAIN HELPS CROPS

Portland, July 23.—Rain falling generally along the coast of Oregon last night and today brought millions of dollars in crop benefits, it was estimated. The rain broke one of the longest droughts in the history of the state. At 9 a. m. today .37 inch had fallen here. The rain did not extend far beyond the Oregon-Washington line, but benefited northern California.

ARMY CONTRACT FRAUDS

New York, July 23.—Charged with wholesale fraud and conspiracy to commit fraud in connection with the manufacture of rain coats for the army, 17 men were under arrest here today. Civilian inspectors of the quartermaster's department, it was declared will be taken next in the net spread by the department of justice.

Court House News

Elisha Coltrin was appointed by the circuit court as guardian ad litem for Cynthia G. Ruble. A petition was presented to the court in the case of Walter H. Ruble versus Cynthia G. Ruble, setting forth that the defendant was an inmate of the Oregon state hospital and asking the appointment of Elisha Coltrin as guardian ad litem to care for her interests involved in the case.

The bond of P. J. Kuntz, appointed receiver of the R. R. Ryan property on South Commercial street, was set at \$500. Mr. Kuntz filed bond in the amount named and is now in charge of the building.

H. H. Chase filed divorce proceedings against Hattie J. Chase. He alleges they were married at Aloany, Or., May 1909, and there are three children ages eight, seven and four years. He claims that the defendant deserted the family May 1, 1917, and asks for the custody of the children. No property rights are involved.

Regina R. Perkins was appointed administrator of the estate of Gottlieb Hirsch who died July 15, 1918, in Washington. The real property in Marion county is valued at \$700.

Judge Bingham Holds Kay Guilty of Contempt

And the court further finds that the defendant Thos. B. Kay, president and E. J. Swafford, secretary of the Thos. Kay Woolen Mills Co., should be imprisoned until they obey the decree of Nov. 30, 1917; that in so doing, they cancel upon the books of the Thos. Kay Woolen Mills Co. the outstanding certificates mentioned in said decree and they issue to the said Isabelle C. Farrar, Sarah Forstner and Eliza Dakin the stock required by said decree, and in all other respects comply with said decree.

The above is part of the findings of the circuit court, Judge George G. Bingham, of July 22, 1918. Besides the decree of the court, Mr. Kay and Mr. Swafford are found in contempt of court for refusing to obey an order of the court, ordering the issuing of certain stock of the Thos. Kay Woolen Mills Co.

In addition to finding Mr. Kay and Mr. Swafford in contempt of court and ordering their imprisonment unless they comply with the court's orders, it was decreed that Isabelle C. Farrar had been injured in the amount of \$187.50; that Sarah Forstner had been injured in the sum of \$112.50 and that Eliza Dakin in the amount of \$325.

The stock in dispute of the Kay Woolen Mills Co. is held by parties in St. Louis, Mo., who refuse to surrender it to the legal owners in Marion county. The court had some time ago ordered the officers of the Woolen Mills to issue duplicate stock and this they refused to do, claiming the court had no jurisdiction in the matter.

It is understood that Mr. Kay will appeal.

DIED

SANDERS.—At the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. S. Mulligan 1669 Fairmount avenue, Sunday night, July 21, 1918, Mrs. Abby Sanders, at the age of 89 years and nine months. Brief funeral services will be held this evening at the Mulligan home and will be conducted by the Rev. E. S. Hammond. The body will be taken by the Rigdon company to Molalla, where funeral services will be held Wednesday morning at 11:30 o'clock. Burial will be in the old cemetery at Molalla.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. A. S. Mulligan of Salem and Mrs. Mary S. Howard of Molalla.

CALL COLORED MEN.

Washington, July 23.—Provost Marshal General Crowder today issued a call for 50,395 registrants for entrainment August 1 to 5. The men called are all colored.

What's your guess on the date of the fall of Berlin?

Mr. McAdoo just had time to say "How Do?" and skiddoo.

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