

# Germanians Surround and Defeat French Force at Mont Kemmel

# CAPTURE HILLY

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### Manslaughter Verdict After Mix-up in Jury

After returning to the court room three times in half an hour with an illegal verdict, only to be sent back each time by Superior Judge Chapman Friday morning, the jury in the case of John Schuchart, tried on a charge of murdering Charles Nichols, union butcher, finally at noon convicted Schuchart of manslaughter.

The jury which had been out since noon Thursday, rapped on their door at 11 a. m. reporting they had reached a decision.

The verdict, when read to the court, read "guilty of manslaughter," but at the bottom appeared a proviso that the verdict should stand only in case Charles Skidmore, vice president of the meat packers' union, and six other of his associates accused of attacking Schuchart, should be prosecuted also.

Judge Chapman, after a moment of deliberation, told the jury it was impossible for the court to accept such a qualified decision, and sent them back to reconsider.

**Woman's Dilemma.**  
A few minutes later the jury reappeared with a direct verdict, convicting Schuchart of manslaughter.

However, when the poll of the jurors was taken, one of the women jurors, Mrs. J. O'Keefe, balked. After considerable questioning she declared she could not agree.

"But what can I, one woman, do against all these men?" she told the court.

Again the jury was sent back, to return a third time and be sent back again.

**Penalty Heavy.**  
Shortly after noon the final verdict of manslaughter was returned, without any qualifications.

The jurymen and women appeared very tired and at a high tension when called to the box, and some of the women's voices trembled.

Manslaughter in the state carries a punishment of not more than 20 years in the state penitentiary, a year in the county jail, a fine of \$1,000 or both of the latter.

### BOMBS MOLE AS KAISER INSPECTS DAMAGE BY RAID

(By United Press.)  
COPENHAGEN, April 26.—A British airman bombed Zeebrugge mole while the kaiser was inspecting the results of the recent naval raid on the German newspapers declared today.

### 8-HR. DAY IS GIVEN BY T.R.&P.

The Tacoma Railway & Power Co., thru Manager Bean, Thursday announced the establishment of a basic eight-hour day for all trainmen employed by the company.

Trainmen will be paid at the rate of time and one-half for overtime, for all time over eight and one-half hours, it was announced.

"The adoption of the principle of the eight hour day for trainmen as announced today, is for the betterment of service," said Mr. Bean today.

**Need More Men**  
"A labor shortage exists and we feel that the recognition of the eight-hour day principle will make employment with this company more attractive.

"We need more men and are doing this to secure men who are essential to the increases in service which we feel are necessary.

"The company has been recruiting trainmen thru a campaign of advertising. We will continue these efforts and have the assurance that they will be successful.

"The trainmen and others in the company's employ know there is a shortage of labor in all classes.

"For that reason present working schedules will be maintained. The overtime will begin after eight and one-half hours, the half hour being an allowance for the completion of eight-hour runs, which is the customary practice and which all trainmen everywhere understand.

**Revolutionary Step**  
"It will be of particular benefit to the trainmen who take out rippers to furnish rush hour service.

"No street railway company operating on a five-cent fare can afford to pay time and a half for overtime, and only one street railway company in the United States that we know of is doing this—but we are forced by the emergency existing in the transportation situation in Tacoma, brought about by the war, to do this thing, which we cannot afford to do, in a final effort to provide service, altho it is revolutionary in street railway practice in the United States."

### Why Not Plan To Make This a 'Free Port'

The following special dispatch from The Times' Washington bureau contains a suggestion which, if acted upon vigorously, I believe, might result in immense after-the-war development for Tacoma. I urge that our incoming city administration, Commercial club, labor union and other officials take this "free port" subject up aggressively.—Editor.

(Special to The Times.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 26.—Business America is urging congress to prepare the country for the "war after the war" for world trade.

The first step was taken in passage of the Webb law which permits exporters to combine selling agencies abroad without fear of anti-trust statutes.

Now congress is asked to provide "free ports" for United States—water front zones into which goods may be imported without payment of duties or customs inspection.

**Do Much Rehanding.**  
In these "free ports," imported materials may be rehandled, repacked, mixed, cleaned or even manufactured, and then exported to other countries.

Goods sent in to the country from free ports will pay duty, of course.

The tariff policy of the government is not to be affected. The purpose of the "free ports" is to handle the world's trans-shipment business which now amounts to billions yearly.

Foreign trade will sell hundreds of miles to avoid red tape and expense of a customs house.

**British Ports Free.**  
Free trade England has built up much of her commercial prosperity because of this fact. All

British ports everywhere are free. For this reason great trading cities like Hongkong and Singapore have grown up on little islands.

Germany is a protectionist country like America, but before the war she was cutting into Britain's trans-shipment business by maintaining the old free ports of Hamburg, Bremen and Lubeck.

Portions of the harbor front of these cities are set aside and enclosed within these enclosures trade and manufacture is also allowed free. The only customs activity is prevention of smuggling into the interior.

**Cities May Act.**  
The federal trade commission, at the instance of Tariff Commissioner William A. Kent and many chambers of commerce, will shortly report on the question and will recommend at least four free ports for the United States to be located probably at New York, New Orleans, San Francisco and the Canal Zone.

Legislation to follow the commission's report will be drawn to provide that any city may build and operate a free port as a public utility.

Under strict regulation as to profits and rates by either the government or the cities private corporations may even be allowed to build and operate such ports and terminals.

### HUNTING FOR 7 LYNCHERS



EDWARDSVILLE, Ill., April 26.—Seven men were being sought today on indictments in charging murder in connection with the lynching of Robert Prager at Collinsville, three weeks ago. Five of 12 indicted are in jail here.

Four Collinsville policemen were charged with malfeasance for failure to interfere with the mob.

The five under arrest are Joe Riegel, Wesley Beaver, William Brockmeier, Emil Elmore and Richard Dukes. Beaver, hotel porter, was said to have been indicted for participating in the East St. Louis race riots. He had evaded arrest on that charge.

Federal state operatives under the direction of Gov. Lowden combed the mining district today for disloyalists, to prevent further lynchings.

### Huns Wedge In; Split British From Allies!

BY WILLIAM PHILLIP SIMMS  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FLANDERS, April 26.—The Germans have captured Mont Kemmel after entirely surrounding French troops defending its summit.

The Germans have advanced 2,000 yards on a 1,900 yard front in this sector.

"It is possible to hold Ypres even with the enemy on Mont Kemmel, but it will be inconvenient, and we hope to get him off," headquarters announced.

After eight hours' battle yesterday, German storm troops finally wedged their way between the French and British flanks, and crossed the Kemmel-Ypres road, where the terrific allied fire held them up for two hours.

Then they turned southward and poured down the valley to the west of Kemmel hill, surrounding the French, who were still fighting atop the height.

It is comparatively flat top is oval, being nearly half a mile from southwest to northeast and half that distance from southeast to northwest. Its slopes extend outward into the foothills from a quarter to half a mile.

The little village of Kemmel lies just at the northeast edge of the height. Just southeast of Mont Kemmel is the hamlet of Belleve, and south of the hill is the village of Lindenhoek.

Similar fighting surged about Vleiers-Bretonneux, the British fighting like lions, retaking the town, atop a ridge, much in the same fashion as the Germans got Kemmel, working around the sides until it was surrounded.

As the French held out in Flanders the Germans held out in the town east of Amiens.

In the Kemmel fighting the Anglo-French made a savage counter attack, both allied flanks enfilading von Eberhardt's Alpines, turning the green flower fields of the valley into a sizzling hell. The Germans paid dearly for their gains.

In the Lys sector the net result of the engagement has been highly satisfactory. As usual, the Germans used a lot of troops, with very heavy losses, and gained absolutely nothing.

### WANTS SCHOOL FOR MAIMED SOLDIERS

An industrial training school, near Camp Lewis, where soldiers returning wounded and maimed for life may get a new start and encouragement equipping themselves to be independent and useful members of society rather than a burden, is the big idea put up to Tacoma today by a Tacoma soldier at Camp Lewis.

He is Sergt. Crete F. Chezum of the 216th headquarters trains and military police, sent from Chezum, 2328 South Yakima.

His proposal has received the hearty approval of Mayor-Elect Riddell and Gov. Lister. He urges that a site for the school be selected immediately.

Sergt. Chezum outlined his plan in a letter to The Times Friday.

"All too soon," he said, "the people of this country, in addition to the overwhelming grief of the daily casualty list mounting rapidly as the American forces take their places at the front lines of this battle for justice, freedom and democracy, will face a sad spectacle of soldier cripples in all stages of physical disability and wreckage.

"The whole nation is out to do the best it can for them. That goes without the saying. What is that best?

**Suggests Camp Lewis.**  
"Obviously it is to bring them together and maintain them under the most agreeable conditions

and to enable them to become independent and still further useful members of society and thereby save them from the distress of becoming burdens upon the country.

"To this end there arises in the imagination a campus with 1,000 acres or more adjacent to each of the camps in favorable localities, where our boys may be trained, provided suitable accommodations, work shops and instructors to teach them in the trades and professions which they are found best adapted.

"Let us establish for Camp Lewis the initial enterprise of this movement, which should be nation wide.

**Back Them Up.**  
"This school or university should and doubtless would be supported by both the national and state governments and be of great benefit not only to Pierce county and the city of Tacoma, but the whole state of Washington. But apart from this, it is the duty of the people to see that a site is procured immediately, with temporary quarters to make a start, for the stream of maimed soldiers that has already begun to flow to our shores.

"We do not want it ever said that one of our Washington boys maimed or disabled in this fight for democracy had to be an object of charity in any shape or form."

### CAPITOL BUILDING WORK IS DROPPED

The proposed new capitol building at Olympia will not be built now, nor will the interior of the Temple of Justice be completed. Work has been dropped indefinitely— which means until the war is over, at least.

The state capitol commission at last is wise to the fact that America is at war, and has needed the protest led by The Times and its sister papers, which pointed out time and again that the construction work was being undertaken just when materials are higher than ever before, and when materials and labor are sorely needed for war purposes.

The action of the commission was unanimous Thursday, after Julius Zittel, state architect, and Architect Wilder of New York, had shown that the new administration building would cost more than 120 per cent of the first estimate and could not be kept within the \$500,000 appropriation by \$100,000.

In the case of the Temple of Justice interior, the commission found it would cost nearly \$110,000, instead of the \$80,000 they had expected to pay.

### PLAN CITY HALL LINEUP

Before taking their seats in the new council a week from Tuesday, newly elected city officials will hold a meeting with the hold-over councilmen next week and arrange informally for the organization of the new body.

No arrangements have been made by the new councilmen for assignment of positions at the city hall, because of the absence from the city of H. Roy Harrison, one of the councilmen-elect. Harrison went to Spokane two days after election because of the illness of his mother and has not yet returned.

By his absence from the city Harrison has thus far avoided the onrush of office-seekers that always follows a city election. Mayor-Elect Riddell has a waiting line in his law office all day, men and women clamoring for appointments. Riddell

### TAKE SAME ACTION IN SEATTLE PLANT

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
SEATTLE, April 26.—The Puget Sound Light & Traction Co. announced today it would "adopt the eight-hour day for trainmen" beginning Saturday.

This step was taken by company officials, they said, in an effort to rejuvenate service which has broken down partly because men objected to working conditions.

Mayor Ole Hanson, a week ago announced that unless the company gave the people better facilities immediately, the city would take steps to furnish service.

### Bids Husband Farewell, Then Kills Herself

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
LOS ANGELES, April 26.—Following a fond farewell to her husband as he left for San Francisco, Mrs. Richard Hollingsworth, wife of a well known automobile dealer, drove home in their machine and shot herself to death.

"I am going to kill myself," she telephoned her sister, directly before the act. "Come on over."

When the sister arrived she found Mrs. Hollingsworth's body on the floor. A note hastily scribbled, lay beside it. "I love my daddy and my children," it read. "I hope my boy grows to be like his daddy. I have been very nervous and am about all in.—VAL."

### SEND MORE TROOPS TO WESTERN FRONT

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
MOSCOW, April 26.—The Germans are steadily withdrawing troops and sending them to France. Polish citizens refused to enlist to fight against the allies in Flanders.

### SHIPYARD 'MORALE,' HE FINDS, IS GOOD

Wheeler Learns That Win-the-War Spirit Is Strong Among Todd Plant Workers.

By Edgar C. Wheeler  
Times Reporter Who Has Been Working in Todd Shipyard in Order to Tell Tacomans About Good Plant.

From a scaffolding I stepped into Hull No. — at the Todd shipyards, and down into a metallic roar so deafening that a scream is a whisper, and men, conversing, must read each other's lips.

I picked my way thru the honeycombed labyrinth of steel, crawling across heavy girders and down into narrow holes where men, crouching in the darkness, added to the din of hammers.

Glaring rivets flashed here and there like rockets, or scattered showers of tiny sparks as the hammers struck them.

I passed thru a long, noisy hallway that before long will house the driving propeller shaft, then into a large room where a number of men and boys were busy.

**Meets Old Friend.**  
The first thing that caught my eye was the beaming face of a Times newsie—Lewis Harte, now worker and rivet heater.

I couldn't have missed him with that smile!

As I approached him he stood up on a steel girder, still beaming, cupped his hands around my ear, placed his mouth at the opening of the cup—and yelled! And this is what he told me:

"I have bought a Liberty bond. And I've bought 177 Thrift Stamps, too. My dad has bought some Liberty bonds, too!"

"That was the first and last thing he said to me. That of all the things he might think of, I was the most important.

And that, I am confident, represents the true-blooded American spirit that is going to build ships faster and faster to beat the Hun."

The majority of men at the Todd plant, it appeared to me, had

### NEW DRAFT QUOTAS GO INTO ARMY

First arrivals in the new national army draft were due to begin reaching Camp Lewis early Friday afternoon, and arrangements by the receiving station for handling the new quota were completed long before the hour set for the first group to report.

There will be 9,921 new soldiers at the encampment, sent from all western states, and a week's time is allowed for them to arrive. Washington's total quota is 1596, and of this number 1265 were ordered to report before midnight Friday.

Special trains will begin arriving Saturday. Two specials from California are due Sunday and three from Montana Sunday and Monday.

Tacoma draft men in the quota reporting Friday were taken to camp on a Northern Pacific train leaving the Union station at 2 o'clock. There were 144 men from this city and county.

### KILLS WIFE AND 13-YEAR-OLD-BOY

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
ROCHESTER, Minn., April 26.—Thomas F. Armstrong, a prosperous farmer living six miles south of this city, shot and killed his wife and fatally wounded his 13-year-old stepson at their home early today. Armstrong escaped. The local company of home guards is searching the woods near here for Armstrong.

### PLAN FOR POLYGAMY AFTER WAR

(Special to The Times.)  
NEW YORK, April 26.—A tremendous drive for world-wide polygamy will be made by the Mormon church immediately after the war.

This polygamy campaign is now being planned by leaders of the church of the Latter Day Saints at Salt Lake City.

Mormon leaders expect their doctrine of plural wives to be received gladly by German war lords who are worrying about Germany's falling birth rate and the increase of marriageable women for hundreds of thousands of German men and boys are slain in Hindenburg's drives.

Mormon churchmen hope that other countries can be persuaded to accept polygamy to repopulate their countries, and now are pressing a campaign of publicity intended to overcome the popular sentiment against their doctrine.

Dr. E. L. Mills, superintendent of the frontier department of the home mission work of the Methodist Episcopal church, who has just returned from several weeks' work among the Mormons at Salt Lake City, says that the Mormons hope to force the Brigham Young doctrine on all nations.

"Just as soon as the war is over," Dr. Mills asserts, "they are going to make a tremendous drive to spread polygamy, because they realize that the tremendous surplus of women over men in all the belligerent countries will offer such an opportunity for their propaganda as they never had before.

"It is easy to find evidences of preparation on their part for a world campaign on a new scale. For the first time in their history they are branching out as a world religion. This year they will finish two new and elaborate temples—one in the Hawaiian Islands and one in Alberta, Canada."

### JURY IS HUNG IN 'THE MASSES' CASE

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
NEW YORK, April 26.—After remaining out since late yesterday, the jury in the case of Max Eastman, Floyd Dell, Merrill Rogers and Art Young, on trial charged with conspiracy to obstruct recruiting thru The Masses, had failed to reach a verdict when U. S. court convened today.

### Still Driving For Amiens

BY HENRY WOOD  
United Press Staff Correspondent.  
WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, April 26.—The Germans are continuing the development of their attack against Amiens with increasing violence, aiming eventually at a separation of the Franco-British forces.

This is an indication of Hindenburg's determination to force a supreme, decisive contest, which unquestionably has been induced by the fact that preceding the present attack the Germans already had engaged 130 divisions (1,560,000 men) of which only 50 rank as first or second class units, with which to force the final issue.

In the meantime, the allies have had time to take the greatest defensive precautions. In consequence, the victorious outcome is likely to rest with the side having the best generalship, the most munitions and the most reserves.

As the result of uniting the allied command Foch is consistently opposing the present attack, as heretofore, with the minimum forces necessary, preferring to lose ground rather than uselessly sacrifice his reserves.

While the two preceding German drives lasted 10 days each, with five-day intervals for organizing, it is considered doubtful that the Germans, with their limited number of fresh divisions left from the violence of the present attack, can exceed their precedents.

### HOW TO MAKE THINGS GROW IN YOUR GARDEN



1. Dig a tunnel (3) under your garden, carrying along a lighted candle (5) to distinguish the vegetable plant roots from weed roots, and supporting yourself with one arm (2) gently but firmly push the plant (1) upward thru the soil (1), thus getting several days ahead of your neighbor gardeners.

**TODAY'S CLEARINGS**  
Clearings . . . . . \$ 705,427.69  
Balances . . . . . 74,866.04  
Transactions . . . . . 2,521,465.26

### TALK O'THE TIMES

Greetings, have you got a shipyard job yet?

Certain friends of ours are bewailing the fact that tips of their potato plants were nipped by Wednesday night's frost.

This makes us feel quite superior, as no calamity like that has happened to our potatoes. Ours weren't planted then.

We publicly demand of Charley Hurley, is a concrete vessel a hardship?

Gus Malstrom, linotypey who set the item quoting Senator Kenyon in the "ear" at the top of this page, arises to protest against calling Kaiser Bill a rattlesnake.

"Granting," he explains, "that all the bad things said against the rattlesnake are true, he yet gives fair warning of hostility before attacking. Besides, he is at least an American."

The early bad gets the frost.

When Uncle Sam picked Charlie Schwab He picked a lively stepper. As N. D. Baker would remark, He radiates much popper.