

One Reason The Times Is So Newsy Is That It Has the Full Leased Wire Service of the United Press

No matter if he has a million dollars, if he is able bodied he ought to perform some useful service somewhere, or keep away from the table when the dinner bell rings.

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U. S. TRANSPORTS COLLIDE

Big Drafts Coming!

NEEDED TO FILL UP GAPS

(United Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 29.—"Very large quotas" of American men will be required "in the immediate future" for service overseas to fill up the gaps inflicted in the west front drive, the war department weekly summary declared today.

"The outcome of the present operations in the west depends on man power," said the statement, adding "ours is the imperative duty of providing replacement units for the armies in France. We must be able to put fresh men in the field thoroughly and methodically trained."

"In addition to those already called to the colors and now training at our cantonments or already selected for service, very large quotas will be required in the immediate future to fill the gaps."

Defending Amiens.
The summary announced for the first time, as far as the department is concerned, that American troops are located east of Amiens, have had a part in the struggle which kept the Germans off Amiens the past week and "have acquitted themselves well."

After sketching the semi-epoch phase of warfare now being practiced, the statement added: "It must constantly be borne in mind that the enemy is seeking a decision that will end the war. This decision can only be arrived at by the destruction of the allied forces in the field before fresh units, contributed from additional levies in France and Great Britain, as well as by our own troops, can take up their positions in sufficient numbers to turn the German successes into defeat."

Reviewing the military operations of the week, the statement pointed out that the southern end of the front had been well held, but that the Flanders region was "less satisfactory."

Military men see the dangerous possibility that the British will be forced to yield the vitally important Ypres and there is even some fear that the Teutons will reach the channel ports.

CAN'T RAISE ICE PRICES

All Washington ice dealers were prohibited Saturday from raising their prices for the coming summer by action of Charles Heberd, state food administrator. All ice dealers were required to file their proposed increases with Mr. Heberd and to explain their reasons for raising.

The Tacoma Ice Co. states that it is not affected by this order as it had made no plans for a raise, and that it will continue thru the summer at the same old prices.

ARCHBISHOP WEARY BUT STILL LIVING

(United Press Leased Wire.)
ST. PAUL, Minn., April 29.—The condition of Archbishop John Ireland was unchanged today. He is suffering general exhaustion and extreme fatigue, following his journey from Florida to his home here.

WEATHER FORECAST

"Tonight and Tuesday probably fair." If this doesn't turn out correct, Mr. We a therman, you'll have Marce Russ Hall to answer for it.

Strange Tragedy In This Mother's Letter

To Cynthia Grey, in her department of The Times where she aids and comforts those who apply to her for advice, have been recited stories stranger than any fiction, and she is now going to repeat some of these so readers may feel the real human heart throb of the city unvarnished and unadorned. The stories are TRUE, but names, where names are used, are changed and every safeguard taken so the identity of the persons concerned cannot possibly be traced. Following is the first of these accounts.

By Cynthia Grey.

"When you open this letter my body will be lifeless. Of all the friends I know, you, a stranger, are the only one to whom I dare confess."

This was the beginning of one of the strangest bits of human episode ever sent to me.

The paper it was written upon was dingy and creased, as if by age. The writing was clear. The pages were numbered, as if with great care, and the heavy, ominous envelope wore a foreboding black rim.

"I'm a mother, a GOOD mother," read the letter, "and none but God knows what the struggle has been."

Not One Ripple
"We live in a small town near Tacoma. My husband keeps a store. For the first 10 years life moved smoothly along without a ripple to change the trend of thought."

"Aye, there was the rub, dear Cynthia—not a RIPLE to change the awful monotony of that existence. One day like another, one week like the next, until I thought I would die from the sameness of things. We had no children, the I begged God to remember me."

He Leaves; Baby Comes
"Then a man came to stay at our home. He had brains. He had seen the world. He could talk about interesting people and places. I began to live."

"I did my work, Cynthia. I never neglected my home or my husband. But somehow or other I found a place in my heart for this man. He was one of the family. He stayed about five months. My husband seemed to think as much as I did of him."

"Well, then he left. Later a little baby boy was born to me. He was the image of the man. But my husband claimed him, loved him, worshiped him."

TALK O' THE TIMES



Greetings, have you eaten any fresh strawberries yet?

Tanks used to fight tanks down at "Jew Sam's" place long before this Maj. Gen. Swinton ever began to think of the proposition.

Never throw away an old biscuit. It can be used in scouring the bath tub.

Spain has decided to make a holiday of Oct. 12, Columbus day. We don't know why the Spaniards picked that day. They didn't really discover America until the day Dewey steamed into Manila bay.

What has become of the old-fashioned woman who used to cook things in a paper bag? And what has become of the o. f. girl who held both feet on the floor when she sat in a street car—and didn't show one of her knees?

Dear Talko: Why not organize the baggagemasters and the parcel post carriers and send them to France? They could smash the Hindenburg line in jig time.—C. W.

PLAN TO HASTEN SHIPPING

(Special to The Times)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 29.—America faces a new era in war transportation as a result of arrangements just completed for rushing the greatest possible number of troops and supplies to Europe during the summer.

One thousands vessels every six days are scheduled to be loaded at Atlantic ports. The ONE job of the railroads—to which every other demand must give way—is the delivery at seaboard of men, munitions, food-stuffs and supplies.

The car shortage about which there was so much complaint generally last summer and winter will be as nothing to the shortage which all non-war industries will soon face.

To Run by Wireless
To provide vessels to maintain this stupendous movement of men and materials abroad; England, France, Italy and America are combining all their available tonnage.

To avoid congestion at seaboard, and to insure that the right cargo is at the right pier at the right time, railroads east of Chicago virtually will be operated by wireless.

Boats returning from Europe do not announce their sailings. Their whereabouts and approximate time of docking is not known within 48 hours of arrival, when it is wireless in.

In order that docks may not be (Continued on Page Five.)

SHIP SUNK; ALL SAVED

(United Press Leased Wire.)
NEW YORK, April 29.—The Y. M. C. A. here today made public the names of 58 of its war workers who were aboard a steamer reported lost in the submarine zone yesterday.

Arthur Hungerford, an American newspaperman, was in charge of the party. They were en route to the front for army work. All were saved, according to the Y. M. C. A.

The list of names included: Jos. Alderson Matthews, Hollywood, Cal.

Cole Seaman, Los Angeles. Donald J. Taylor, Saint Helene, Ore.

NEWBEGIN OFF BOARD

The resignation of W. B. Newbegin from the Metropolitan park board was announced Monday, to take effect immediately.

His health was given by Newbegin as the reason for resigning. His letter to the board announcing his decision was written April 23, just after his return with his wife to the city from California, where he has been since January. Newbegin is 75 years old and has been under a doctor's care for some time.

The resignation will mean that two names, instead of one, will appear on the ballot at the park board election June 4, for which notices will be published the first of next month.

One candidate will be elected for a five-year term to succeed Richard Vaeth, who has held office two terms, and who has declared he will not run for re-election. The other candidate will be elected to fill the two-year unexpired term of Newbegin.

TODAY'S CLEARINGS
Clearings \$ 742,265.37
Balances 190,535.85
Transactions 1,447,877.83

Youngest Enlisted Man In U. S. Army is Age 13



CORPORAL IRWIN WHITE

(Special to The Times.)
MOULTON, Ala., April 29.—Corporal Irwin White, the youngest enlisted man in the American army, recently arrived in France. He is 13 YEARS OLD.

But he is 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 175 pounds and to all appearances is about 23. He wanted to get a crack at the Kaiser, and he was physically fit for fighting, so what if he was only 13, he argued. Lots of fellows not so strong were in the army. When his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John White, saw how he felt about it they didn't object.

U. S. Outposts Only 200 Yards From Hun Lines

(United Press Leased Wire.)
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN NORTHERN FRANCE, April 29.—American forces are now fighting beside the French in Northern France, holding a sector in the heart of the world's greatest battle.

This announcement is now possible after three weeks' silence, regarding the movement of troops. Infantry, artillery, machine gunners and other branches of the service are in line. The Americans face the German army at the peak of a German salient. The outposts are only 200 yards apart at some places. At some points the American positions are maintained in shell holes.

Stenographer Accused of Doing Illegal Operation

Julia Smith, who for the past few months has been running an office as a public stenographer at the National Realty building, was arrested Saturday night on the charge of performing an illegal operation, the patient of which is in the county hospital.

She was given her liberty upon the payment of \$1,500 bond. Miss Smith was formerly the assistant of Dr. T. J. Piersol, Tacoma physician who was called before the medical board two years ago by a number of doctors on this same charge when an attempt was made to have his license revoked.

The evidence at that time was held insufficient to warrant such a move, but the case is still under consideration.

Women Aliens Must Register

Commissioner Pettit Monday received official instructions from Washington, D. C., to register all women alien enemies in Tacoma.

The work of registering will be carried out much in the same way as the registration of male aliens, thru the police department. It is estimated there are as many women enemies as there are men in the city.

BOY DISAPPEARS
Mrs. E. Rowe of South Prairie appealed to the Tacoma police Monday to help her find her 17-year-old son Erwin who, she said, disappeared from home April 16. She said she believed he has gone to get employment in the woods.

Return to Harbor; No Casualties

(United Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 29.—Two American transports were damaged in a collision at sea, the navy department announced today.

Both vessels have returned safely to an Atlantic port and no lives are reported lost. The vessels were under convoy and running without lights when the accident occurred, the official announcement stated. Neither was seriously damaged.

A board of inquiry will be appointed to make a thoro investigation of the accident, Secretary Daniels announced.

FLANDERS FIGHT IS RAGING AGAIN!

(United Press Summary.)
The German drive in Flanders has been resumed, after a lull of 24 hours.

After a complete cession of infantry operations on the entire battlefield, following the desperate fighting of Friday, Hindenburg struck northward against Ypres again Saturday afternoon.

The official statements of yesterday show the British still holding the enemy at Voormezele, two miles south of Ypres, while the French are successfully defending Loere.

Retire on Four-Mile Front.
The only progress made by the Germans was a voluntary retirement by the British east of Ypres, cited in yesterday's official statement of the German war office.

This retirement evidently was made on a front of about four miles, extending from Lange-marek southward to Zollebeke, and is only a slight recession from the former retirement along this line.

The Germans claim to have occupied Hooge, a mile and a half due east of Ypres.

South of the Somme, there is artillery activity from Vlehel-Bretonneux southward to the Luce river.

The French war office reports the repulse of German attacks, following heavy bombardments, in the Chemin des Dames, St. Mihiel and Luneville sectors. American troops hold positions in each of these sectors.

Foch Satisfied.
An unnamed French officer is quoted as declaring that Foch is satisfied with the rate at which the allies are killing Germans and is not yet ready to strike.

The officer said the allies "have the boche where we want him, and there is no doubt we can keep him there a great deal longer than is healthy for him." Foch told Clemenceau as much as a month ago to "wait," the officer said.

A United Press dispatch from the British front bears out Foch's belief that Hindenburg is suffering tremendous losses.

The dispatch said that the Germans already have used 155 of their 200 divisions on the west front, that the 1919 class already is in the line, and that the 1920 class is awaiting the call.

Attacks in Many Sectors

By Wm. Phillips Simms
United Press Staff Correspondent.
WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FLANDERS, April 29.—The French in the Kemmel region, who were heavily shelled all last night, reported a violent bombardment beginning early today.

Later an SOS signal, indicating an attack and calling on the artillery for support, went up from this part of the line.

Two similar calls were received from the region of Ypres and later from Loere.

By 5 a. m. the shelling was extraordinarily intense. The Germans were opening fire by sectors, beginning in the north.

At 3 o'clock this morning the Germans began a hurricane bombardment of the British and French lines from Ypres southward to the Lys.

Various allied divisions set up SOS rockets.

At 5 a. m. the shelling became extraordinarily intense. The Germans were opening fire by sectors, beginning at the north.

As this is cabled, it is too early today to describe any of the developments.

"Has he any qualifications for judging airplanes?" continued Phelan.

"Well, since the president selected him, I am inclined to think he has not," answered Brandegee.

Senator McCumber, North Dakota, asked Brandegee, "or somebody" to tell what the American people have got in exchange for the money they gave for aviation.

"Well, I should judge we got it in the neck," said Brandegee.

Senator Thomas, Colorado, a member of the military committee, said Borglum's story is not new to the committee, as practically every member has conferred with him.

PETTIT CONFERS ON VICE SITUATION
Commissioner of Public Safety Pettit was in Seattle Monday attending a further conference on state and city co-operation in vice protection.