

New German Peace Offensive Falls Flat

U. S. TROOPS IN NEW VICTORY OVER THE GERMANS

GERMAN LOSSES HEAVY

Chicago Private Marches 78 Boche Privates and 50 Officers to Headquarters.

WITH THE AMERICANS ON THE MARNE, June 26.—The Americans took the remainder of Belleau wood last night. The German losses in killed and wounded were extremely heavy. They also lost at least 221 prisoners, including a captain and six other officers. The Americans captured many machine guns. The Germans fought desperately to hold the wood without a movement toward the Meaux is impossible. Our success resulted from heavy shelling all Tuesday followed by an attack.

At daybreak Private Frank P. Lennart of Chicago marched into headquarters in charge of 78 German privates and five officers, all of whom surrendered to him voluntarily after they had first taken him prisoner. During the battle German prisoners aided our troops in digging themselves in to hold their gains. The German losses in dead and wounded were heavy while our losses were not disproportionate to the success.

COMMISSION HERE NEXT FRIDAY

David Emery, secretary of the Hammond Chamber of Commerce has received notice from Indianapolis to the effect that a petition has been filed with this commission by the water department of the city of Hammond, asking authority to increase rates. This case has been set for hearing on Friday, June 28, 1918, at 10 a. m. at the city of Hammond. Will you kindly advise the members of your organization of the date of this hearing so they can arrange to be present if they so desire. Thanking you in advance, we are, Very truly yours, J. W. M'CARDLE, Commissioner.

THRESHINGMAN MEETING JULY 2

Chairman Dinwiddie Calls Important Meeting for Early Next Month.

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES.) LOWELL, Ind., June 26.—Oscar Dinwiddie, chairman of the Lake County threshingmen has sent out the following notice: "The threshingmen and farmers of Lake county are urgently asked to meet the threshing committee in the assembly room of court house in Crown Point at one p. m., Tuesday, July 2nd, to talk over the saving of grain, cost of threshing and other matters of interest. We are urged to do more than ever to save grain at harvest, and to threshing time and the serious shortage of cars seems to affect the storage question as to small grains. We hope for a large attendance of representative men."

OSCAR DINWIDDIE, Chairman. The threshing committee for Lake county for 1918 is: Charles Chester, Hobart; Charles M. Gerlach, St. John; Wm. Newton, Crown Point; Charles Burke, Leroy; George Bailey, Lowell; Harry Hawkinson, Cedar Lake; Neil Brown, Shelby; Oscar Dinwiddie, R. 2, Lowell.

Better to have War Savings Stamps in your safe than the blood-stained hands of the kaiser's hordes at your throat

Circus Goes On Again Beloit Sees Big Show

BELOIT, WIS., June 25.—Like the Phoenix of fable the Hagenbeck-Wallace circus emerged from its baptism of death and fire into the limelight here tonight with all the tinsel and glare so dear to devotees of "the big top."

Except for what they had read in the newspapers, the general public was unable to tell that the big amusement enterprise had all but been wiped out in one of the most disastrous wrecks of railroad history. The music, the calliope, the bright lights, the clowns, the beautiful equestriennes, and trapeze performers were all there and the performance took place with characteristic "snap and pop."

There was only one thing lacking, and this was vaguely felt, even by the father of the family who bought seats in the unreserved section. The spontaneity, the infectious gaiety, and happy-go-lucky personality of the performers was overshadowed by sad memories. The roustabouts, too, looked surlily in the circus social world, moved quietly about and were only mildly profane.

There was no hysteria and weeping among the performers. Here was one who had lost a sister or a brother, there a mother in silks, tight and bright tinsel who had first a baby daughter, but there were no tears.

Forced mirth under the big top was courage and necessity. One's work is one's work. If it happens that this work is to make the kiddies laugh and clap, why, then one must make the kiddies laugh and clap.

UNIONS TO AMALGAMATE

The Central Labor Union of Lake county which includes a number of smaller and local unions is to take its place as one of the strongest in the state. A mammoth meeting was held at Hammond today a state charter for the central union will be adopted and the election of officers will take place. More than 3,000 union men in the county will be brought under the direction of the new association.

WOMEN'S SECTION OF DEFENSE COUNCIL TO HAVE MEETING

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES.) CROWN POINT, June 26.—A meeting of the women's section of the Lake County Council of Defense will be held at the Presbyterian church at Crown Point Saturday, June 29th, at 2 o'clock. The following program will be given: "America"—Sung by the audience and led by Miss Helen Hixon. Address of Welcome—Mrs. E. L. Shortridge.

FINDS RELATIVE DIED YEARS AGO

Nicholas Rajevich of Silver, Ill. returned to his home from Hammond last night with the first information he had received of the death of Mary Kravovich, his only cousin. Yesterday morning Rajevich visited the law office of L. J. Modjeska to secure the release of Mary from the asylum at Longfellow. Attorney Modjeska wired the institution and was informed the woman had died October 21, 1914. Rajevich stated that a friend of his visited the asylum a year ago and reported her to be in good health and mentally clear. The friend, evidently, was mistaken.

MANY BEHIND ON RED CROSS PLEDGES

Hammond people are urged by the Red Cross committee to pay their pledges on the first war fund drive. The offices of the first drive in the chamber of commerce rooms will remain open every evening this week until nine o'clock. A. M. TURNER, Chairman.

MANY NEW MEN TO BE RUSHED

(BY UNITED PRESS.) WASHINGTON, June 26.—Draft calls announced by the provost marshal general show that at least 244,525 men will go to training camp during July. Four calls total 244,525 announced today, in addition to last night's calls. Of the calls today 32,250 white are ordered to entrain July 5 to 9 and 21,255 white are ordered to entrain July 15 to 19. Between July 16 and 20 a total of 45,000 negroes are ordered to entrain and 25,011 more between July 23 and 31.

FORMER HIGHLAND MAN IS KILLED IN FRANCE

Frank Tucker goes into the Great Adventure While in Action. (SPECIAL TO THE TIMES.) THIS place is mourning the death of Frank Tucker, formerly connected with the Libby, McNeil & Libby plucking plant here. Tucker is reported to have been killed in action in France.

MOSES CHUPP DIES IN HAMMOND

RENSSELAER, Ind., June 26.—Mrs. Harry M. Marlett and children went to Hammond this Monday morning, having been called there on account of the death of her father, Moses Chupp. Mr. Chupp had been in very poor health for a number of years. He was sent to the Rensselaer hospital in this state, but received no relief. Mrs. Marlett had not been advised as to the funeral arrangements.

BURIED FRIDAY.

The funeral of Gerhard Wagner, the little son of Rev. Wagner, of West Hammond, will be held Thursday afternoon from the house at 1:30 o'clock and will be strictly private. Rev. August Burdorf of Chicago will officiate at the house and Rev. Brauer at the cemetery.

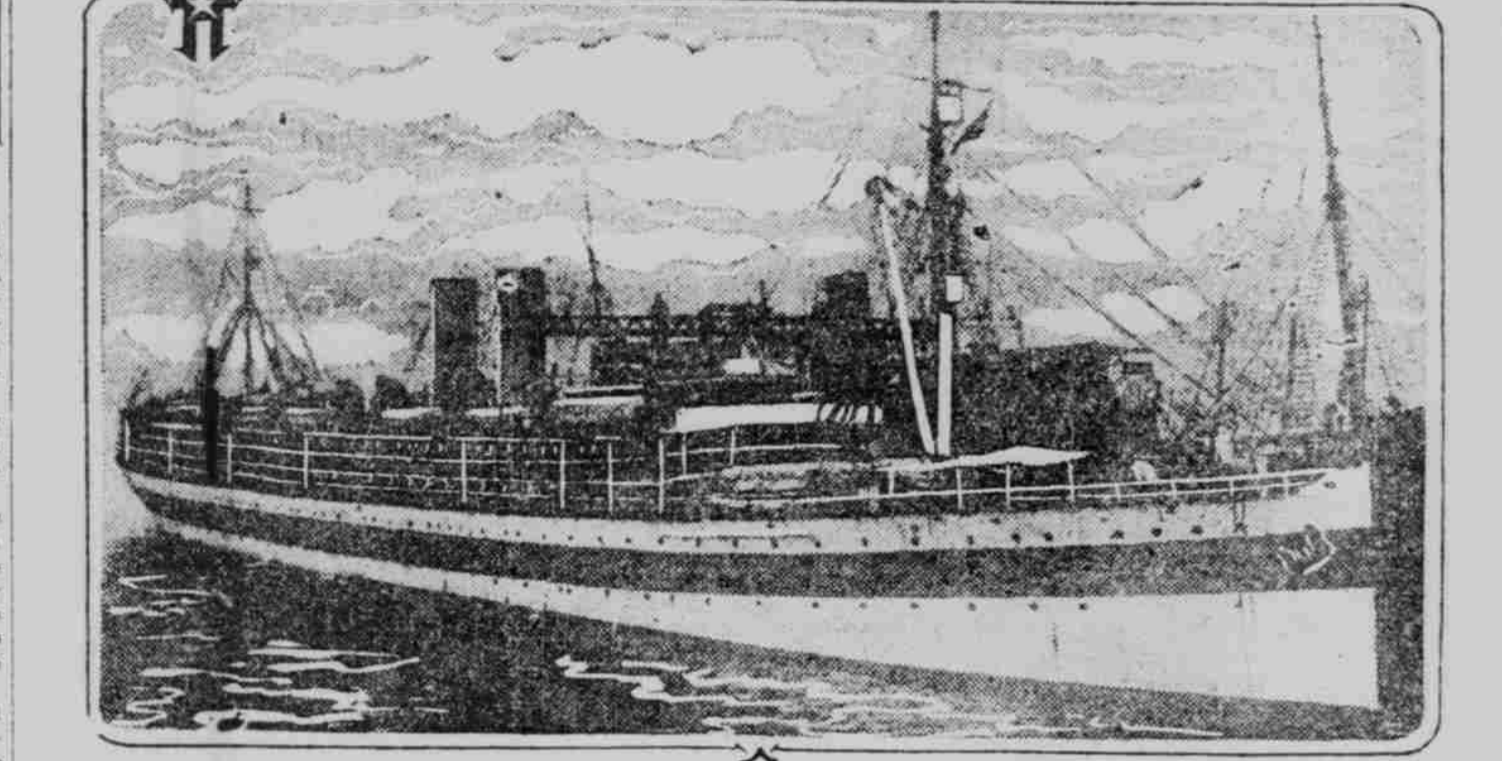
GIVE FLOWERS TO VICTIMS

Florist Herman Holtz and Arthur Shultz gave many beautiful flowers to the victims of the wreck who are still in the Hammond hospital. Mrs. Harden and her daughter Mrs. Foss, fixed the flowers into large bouquets and took them around to the injured who appreciated them very much.

LIBERTY HALL.

Important Meeting Soldiers' and Sailors' Aid Association, Thursday, June 27. All parents and friends of the boys who have gone to the front are urged to requested to arrange plans for Fourth of July and other matters of importance. 6-26-21 J. T. HUTTON, President.

U. S. HOSPITAL SHIP WILL MAKE OCEAN TRIP ALONE TO TEST GERMANS' RESPECT FOR RED CROSS EMBLEM



The U. S. hospital ship "Comfort." Germany's respect for the Red Cross emblem is to be tested by the U. S. The United States hospital ship "Comfort" is to be sent through the U-boat danger zone without escort and without arms. She will fly flags by day and be a blaze of light at night. The "Comfort" was formerly the Ward line steamer Havana.

MONSTER DAMAGE SUIT FILED IN COURT

George Donnahue's Estate Sues for \$100,000; Wreck Aftermath; Warrants for Trainmen for Manslaughter Expected Today. Engineer Sargent and Fireman Klaus were liberated on bonds this afternoon, signed by the provost marshal general, for the National Security Co., and returnable Sept. 9. The bonds were fixed at \$8,000 for Sargent and \$5,000 for Klaus by Judge Hardy on filing of an affidavit against each man by Deputy Prosecutor Thomas, charging manslaughter. The procedure makes a grand jury probe optional. The engineer and fireman left Hammond at once for their homes. Probably they will not return until the September term of the superior court here.

IN THE WAKE OF THE GREAT WRECK

Toll of known dead reaches 69 with the death this noon of Louis Welland, a driver, at the Steel Co. hospital, Gary. Murder charges against Engineer Sargent and Fireman Klaus dropped when Deputy Prosecutor Thomas files affidavits in superior court against them charging manslaughter. J. A. Gavit retained by Sargent and Klaus as attorney, eliminating McCadden. Gavit prepares bail for Sargent and Klaus. Fifty-four bodies interred at Woodlawn cemetery. With the death this morning in the Steel Company hospital at Gary, of Louis Welland, a driver for the Hagenbeck & Wallace circus, the toll of the frightful wreck at Ivanhoe Saturday morning was increased to 69. Other deaths are expected momentarily.

ITALIANS EXTEND THEIR GAINS

(UNITED PRESS CABLEGRAM.) ROME, June 26.—Italian forces extended their gains and repulsed several counter attacks at Capriolo. "Yesterday, having re-occupied the bridgehead Caspiolo we extended it provoking numerous counter attacks. We are cleaning up the battle field and are completely recuperating all our artillery and material."

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

DYER, Ind., June 26.—Mr. and Mrs. Chester Zea and daughter Helen, of Rensselaer, while being driven to Hammond Sunday by William Biggs, met with an accident near Dyer when the steering gear of the automobile gave way and the car went into the ditch. Mrs. Zea received several bruises and a cut on the face which required several stitches. None of the other occupants of the car were injured, it is understood.

DEATH OF MRS. LYNK.

Mrs. Anne E. Lynk died at the home of her daughter Bertha North, of 88 Plummer avenue yesterday of a complication of diseases. Mrs. Lynk, who is 59 years old, leaves beside her daughter, Bertha North of Hammond, a son Charles Lynk of Chicago, three sisters and three brothers all of Joliet. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

THEIVES ARE BUSY

Some one entered the home of Mrs. John Sherby of 17 Mason street last night and stole a purse of money and other things. The thieves took the screen off one of the windows and gained entrance that way.

Latest Bulletins

(UNITED PRESS CABLEGRAM.) WITH THE AMERICAN ARMIES IN FRANCE, June 26.—An American unit has taken over a new sector in German Alsace. It is now permissible to announce. Already it has repelled several minor raids. The new sector is the third taken over by the Americans in Alsace and the second in German territory.

(BY UNITED PRESS.) WASHINGTON, June 26.—Extension of draft area to include men between the ages of 20 and 49 years may be held up until next session by suggestion of President Wilson and Secretary Baker. The president is understood to oppose modifying the age limit this session. Secretary Baker conferred today with members of the military committee and is said to have conveyed this word to the legislature.

(UNITED PRESS CABLEGRAM.) PARIS, June 26.—An American operation in Belleau wood and successful French raids on various portions on the front were reported by the French war office today. "French raids in Lorraine resulted in the capture of prisoners and machine guns," the communique said. "Another German attempt against north of LeFort was repulsed. American units conducted a brilliant detail operation in Belleau wood last night. One hundred and fifty prisoners including a captain already are numbered."

(BY UNITED PRESS.) WASHINGTON, June 26.—Marine casualties reported today number fifty divided as follows: Killed, 46; died of wounds, 2; wounded in action, 2. W. E. Hensley, of Morristown, Ind., killed.

(BY UNITED PRESS.) WASHINGTON, June 26.—General Pershing today reported today 91 casualties: Killed, 47; died of wounds, 7; died of disease, 3; died of airplane accident, 1; died from accident, 4; severely wounded, 20; wounded degree undetermined, 2; missing, 7. J. H. Moore, Montezuma, Indiana, killed; J. M. Griffith, Indianapolis, Ind., killed; R. E. Anderson, Walkerton, Ind., wounded.

(UNITED PRESS CABLEGRAM.) LONDON, June 26.—The Venti, Russian newspaper, states the Red Guards murdered the former czar, according to a Central news dispatch today. An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Moscow June 21, declares there is no foundation in the persistent rumors that the former czar has been assassinated.

(UNITED PRESS CABLEGRAM.) LONDON, June 26.—Alex. Kerensky, former Russian premier, who arrived in London several days ago, was reported to have left for America. Officials denied there was any political significance in his visit or his proposed trip to the United States.

(UNITED PRESS CABLEGRAM.) WITH THE ITALIAN ARMIES IN THE FIELD, June 26.—With the Italians re-established on their original lines it is now a question whether they will be able to continue their offensive or return to the defense. It is known the Austrians have concentrated their remaining reserves and the Italians may soon be forced to change tactics. Austrian losses are reported at 250,000. Of these 20,000 were drowned. The Italian booty includes several enemy batteries, hundreds of machine guns and thousands of prisoners.

(UNITED PRESS CABLEGRAM.) LONDON, June 26.—German bombardment of British positions on various parts of the Verdun and Flanders fronts and successful raids and patrol encounters were reported by Field Marshal Haig today. "In the neighborhood of Commeccourt and Balleuil there was hostile artillery fighting."

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HUNS ARE ANGLING FOR RUSS

British Airmen Go Far in Germany to Raid Fortified Towns Last Night.

(BY UNITED PRESS.) WASHINGTON, June 26.—Von Kuchlmann's latest peace offensive is regarded officially here like its predecessor—insincere and unacceptable. Allied diplomats used it as the test for further urgings for Russian intervention. As predicted a few days ago by the United Press this peace offensive is intended to lay the ground work for concessions in the west, provided Germany could have a free hand in the east. This attempt to lay the blame of starting the war on Russia is considered the foundation for a drive to annex Russia by Germany.

GREAT BRITISH AIR RAID.

(UNITED PRESS CABLEGRAM.) LONDON, June 26.—Great damage was done by British airmen at Saarbrucken and Offesberg yesterday morning, the air ministry announced today. Four enemy planes were brought down while three British machines are missing. "On the morning of June 25 attacks were carried out against Saarbrucken. Engine sheds and barracks and the explosive works were attacked. Many direct hits were observed. Two enemy machines were shot down and two others were driven down. Three of our machines were missing, one of which is known to have been forced to land in the enemy's lines with engine trouble."

KERENSKY SPEAKS IN LONDON, ENG.

(UNITED PRESS CABLEGRAM.) LONDON, June 26.—Alexander Kerensky made a dramatic appearance at the British labor conference here today. "I am certain the Russian people will shortly join you in the great cause of freedom. I have just come from Moscow. My duty is to tell the whole world that the Russian people are a democracy fighting tyranny." Shortly after it was reported Kerensky was en route to the United States. He arrived here June 19. A delegate demanded who Kerensky represented. "We don't want any government plants here," he cried. "If Kerensky is allowed here why not Trotsky, the Dutch socialist leader?" The chairman declared such a question was "an insult and an outrage."

GERMAN RESERVES POUR INTO ITALY

(BY UNITED PRESS.) WASHINGTON, June 26.—Large numbers of German reserves from France are pouring into the mountain regions of Italy threatened by the Italians. Repeated counter attacks against the Italian onslaughts have been repulsed, the cable added. All efforts of the Austrians have been disappointed.

ITALIANS ARE STILL ADVNCING

(BY UNITED PRESS.) LONDON, June 26.—The Italians have scored an important success in the northern counter offensive. It was learned today. In the Grappa section southwest of Montea they advanced a mile. Repeated counter attacks against the Italian onslaughts have been repulsed, the cable added. All efforts of the Austrians have been disappointed.

BETTER NOT TO CHANGE DRAFT AGES

(BY UNITED PRESS.) WASHINGTON, June 26.—Secretary of War Baker today told the senate military committee the war department believes that for the present it would be better not to change draft ages. Baker told the committee that his chief objection to changing the ages is that it is not based on a worked out plan.

PICKS UP S. O. S. CALLS

(BY UNITED PRESS.) AN ATLANTIC PORT, June 26.—One of the largest British liners in service arrived here today reporting having picked up two S. O. S. calls in mid-Atlantic, from different ships.