

ST. QUENTIN AND L'FERE THREATENED

FRENCH ADVANCE ON GREAT GERMAN BASE

ALLIES NOW WITHIN FOUR MILES OF ST. QUENTIN AND CAVALRY PATROLS ARE ADVANCING ON LA FERRE SUPPLY BASE

BRITISH REACH NORTHERN EDGES OF EPEHY, WITHIN TWO AND A HALF MILES OF HINDENBURG LINE OPPOSITE LACETHEL

(By Associated Press).

LONDON, Sept. 9.—The French now hold Crozat Canal practically along its entire length.

They are now only four miles from St. Quentin and cavalry patrols are close to La Fere, the great munition base of the Germans.

Pushing ahead on the front between Peronne and St. Quentin British patrols have occupied the towns of Vermand and Vendelles, northeast of St. Quentin.

The British this morning attacked Gouzeaucourt, southeast of Havrincourt wood, and are on the western and northern edges of Epehy, within two and one-half miles of the Hindenburg lines opposite Lecathele.

PARIS, Sept. 9.—North of the Somme the French troops have made another advance in the direction of Clastres and have occupied the Lemot farm.

The French crossed Crozat canal opposite Lies and took eight prisoners belonging to five different German regiments, while repulsing two German counter attacks northeast of Soissons.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY, Sept. 9.—General Haig's forces advanced west and northwest of St. Quentin today and are still pressing forward.

BAKER ARRIVES IN FRANCE ON SECOND VISIT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—Secretary of War Baker has arrived safely in France on his second visit to the army. He was accompanied by John D. Ryan, Surgeon General Gorgas and Brigadier General Hines.

MAN HURT IN AUTO WRECK

Ben Shannahan, a sheepman of Blv, had three ribs broken, his spine injured and right hand badly bruised, when his auto ran over a grade on the Olono road yesterday. He was thrown from the machine which turned over on top of him.

He was taken to the Blackburn hospital where he is being attended by Dr. E. D. Johnson. On account of the seriousness of other injuries it is not yet definitely known whether any internal injuries were suffered or not.

KUYKENDALL TAKEN SICK

Circuit Judge D. V. Kuykendall, who was returning by auto from Drain with his family, was taken sick at Ashland and had to remain over. He is expected to arrive this evening on the train.

Judge Kuykendall suffered a nervous breakdown during the summer and has been under treatment at Eugene. He thought he had sufficiently recovered to drive his car home but the exertion proved too much for him and he was forced to rest up at Ashland and continue home on the train. Mrs. Kuykendall secured a driver and came in last night with the children so as to be here for the beginning of school today.

HEAVY DECLINE IN CORN CROP

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 9.—Heavy decline in the condition of the corn crop has caused a reduction to three hundred and seventy million bushels in the department of agriculture forecast today. Spring wheat culture forecast today. Spring wheat showed an improvement with an increase of twenty-one million bushels.

THRESHERMEN OF COUNTY ARE NOW ORGANIZED

UNIFORM CHARGES AS RECOMMENDED BY GOVERNMENT ARE ADOPTED—SHORTAGE OF LABOR CAUSES CHANGES

A meeting called by the county threshing committee, consisting of H. R. Glaisyer and W. W. Baldwin, was held Saturday evening at the office of the county agriculturist, at which time the Klamath County Threshermen's association was organized. The officers elected were J. H. Barnes, president; Robert Cheyne, vice-president; Mr. Arnest, secretary and treasurer.

Due to the scarcity of labor this year the threshermen decided to furnish three men with each machine: engineer, separator man and water buck and team, and the farmer is to furnish all other labor necessary. The farmer is also to furnish board for the crew. Some of the crews will carry a cook wagon and will board the men of the crew and farmer if desired at fifty cents per meal.

The charges to be made for threshing are: 7 cents a bushel for barley, 8 cents for oats, 8 cents for wheat and 10 cents for rye. A minimum charge of \$25 will be made for small set jobs.

The threshermen present at the meeting were Letta Ross, F. N. Graise, Mr. Schulmire, Arnest Bros., Storal & Son, Robt. Cheyne, Alex Cheyne, Will Cheyne, J. H. Barnes, Mr. Harris, W. W. Baldwin and H. R. Glaisyer.

FIRST FIELD ARMY OF YANKS ORGANIZING

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 9.—Organization of the first American field army in France is progressing so rapidly, General March told members of the senate military affairs committee Saturday, that nearly 95 per cent of the American troops brigaded with the British and French have been withdrawn and are being assembled at a point he did not designate. This accounts for the small number of Americans at present engaged in the forward movement of the Allies.

The committee was told that there are now between 90,000 and 100,000 American troops with the British forces. Because of the gradual withdrawal of American troops which have been brigaded with French and British forces, the senators were told, only one division, the Thirty-second, is now engaged in the present battle.

MANUFACTURE OF BEER CEASES ON DECEMBER 1

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—The food administration has announced that the manufacture of beer would be prohibited in the United States after December 1, next. The action has the approval of President Wilson.

Under national prohibition legislation passed by the senate and sent to the house, which enacted similar legislation last May, manufacture of beer and wine would be prohibited after next May 1.

THE POPULAR SONG GIVEN ENDORSEMENT

THE AIMS AND IDEALS OF COMMUNITY SINGING ARE OUTLINED BY DIRECTOR OF NEW LIBERTY CHORUS

There are songs now being sung by communities the world over. We have always had with the popular songs of the day and we who have counted ourselves among the elect musically speaking, have avoided most of them as we would a pestilence.

Now that we are bound by a common cause, the popular song is becoming representative of a higher, nobler emotion. This does not mean that we will sing and commend all new music flung upon the market, but those songs accepted by our boys, cheering them as nothing else can, and sung by communities everywhere as well as by our greatest professional singers, we should know and be singing even tho we may, as musicians, think they do not come up to the mark as musical compositions.

The words of a sincere, natural speaker with a real message to deliver, can stir our emotions as the polished utterance of the man thinking of his language and himself never can. The first may be entirely incorrect from a literary standpoint, but its sincerity puts it over.

Of the popular songs of the past, many have relegated to the scrap heap, proving there was nothing vital enough in them to keep them alive. Others we still sing, not for their musical value but for the sentiment underlying them and because the great mass of the people love and are moved by them.

Songs of this nature, old and new, we must sing now if we are to do our part in the great world war. Other communities are doing it. Let us not fall behind.

One of our greatest and most beloved professional singers, Madame Schumann-Heink, now an honorary colonel in the American army, going from camp to camp, singing wherever ordered by the government, and giving herself without pay to the war service, says:

"I do not try to give the boys high brow music. I sing them the popular songs—the ones they all know and can sing the chorus with me. I will go to France to sing for the boys but if need be, I'll nurse them or scrub for them."

John McCormack, the great Irish tenor, is also commissioned by the United States government to sing for America during the term of the war. Being intensely American and hotly anti-German, he offered himself unreservedly, to be placed wherever it

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TAX PROTESTS BEING HEARD

The Klamath County Board of Equalization began its session today. The Board consists of County Judge R. H. Bunnell, County Clerk C. R. DeLop and County Assessor J. P. Lee. The Board will be in session for twenty days but all protests must be filed in writing this week, otherwise they cannot be considered by the Board.

IRRIGATION IS PLANNED FOR UPPER LANGELL

AFTER EIGHT OF UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS FARMERS NOW HAVE HOPES OF SECURING WATER FOR THEIR LANDS

The land owners of Upper Langell Valley may have irrigation, if plans formulated at a meeting of the interested farmers held yesterday at Lorilla, are successful.

For fourteen years the progressive people of this section have been exerting every effort to secure water for their lands but every plan has so far failed on account of the opposition of a few of the large land holders along the river who were content with a sort of irrigation by the spring overflow.

About twenty thousand acres are included in the proposed district, according to A. E. Elder, who is handling the legal phase of the organization. This covers the old government project down as far as the Big Springs unit, now organized under the Horsely district. Water is to be secured from Clear Lake. The government has fixed a tentative charge of \$10 an acre for the water, the land owners to construct system. It is stated that an estimate of this cost has been placed from \$30 to \$35 an acre, and probably can be built at a much less figure.

The organization will be effected under the state irrigation law which permits a district to be formed on a vote of a majority of the land owner within the boundaries.

PRESIDENT CANCELS TOUR

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—Definite abandonment of the President's plans for a transcontinental speaking tour in the interest of the Fourth Liberty Loan campaign was announced today.

GOVERNOR ASSURES ECONOMY PROGRAM

"Taxpayers of Oregon are confronted with the most serious situation in the history of the state, and I propose to use every means at my command to curb extravagance," said Governor Withycombe yesterday afternoon in his declaration that the coming legislature would be asked to appropriate about \$9,000,000—nearly \$2,000,000 more than was appropriated by the last legislature. "My message to the legislature will ask for rigid economy. I believe I will have the undivided support of the legislature. All appropriations nonessential to the war and our government will be opposed."

SECURE JURY IN DEBS CASE

CLEVELAND, Sept. 9.—The jury which is to try Eugene V. Debs for violation of the espionage act has been secured.

EASTERN STAR MEETING
The regular meeting of Aloha chapter No. 61 O. E. S. will be held Tuesday evening, September 10. All officers are requested to be present. By order of the Associate Matron.

HIGH SCHOOL NOW INCLUDES MILITARY DRILL

NEW INSTRUCTORS ON TEACHING FORCE MOVING PICTURES TO BE INSTALLED FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY EXERCISES.

A number of new instructors appear on the teaching force. Miss Adelaide Dampier will have charge of the Music and assist in the sewing work. Miss Lois Badger will be the instructor in French and will have some of the minor sciences. Mr. E. G. Besuchamp will succeed Mr. Mayer in Manual Training and will also have charge of the work in Military Drill. The other members of the faculty are Lucile Marshall, English; Edith Ross, English; Rachel Applegate, Latin and Teachers' Training; Laura Hammer, Mathematics; Mrs. E. Estelle Carrier, History and Public speaking; Mrs. Mayzel Sanderson Richards, Domestic Science; Mr. J. B. Ross, Science; Mr. J. D. Koch, Commercial; and C. R. Byrman, Principal.

First year Spanish, Second year French, and Military Training are the new subjects that will occur this year. It is also planned to offer from now on a second year course in Gregg Shorthand. All boys will be required to enter the class in Military Science and Training, as steps have been under way for sometime to secure the necessary equipment from the Federal Ordnance Department.

The Cooking Department hopes to do a greater service in the community than ever before, and if present plans materialize a number of food demonstrations will be held at which the public will be "let in" on some good patriotic Hoover recipes. Miss Badger will be the instructor.

The general assembly exercises which have been held twice weekly will be made more interesting this year by the use of a moving picture machine which will be installed soon. Many educational films from the State University will be used as well as those released by the federal committee on Public Information.

Not later than the first Monday in October the regular night school will open in the commercial department. It has been decided that there will be but one term of night school this year and it will continue for eighteen weeks. Much interest has hitherto been shown in night school and the present demand for men and women proficient in commercial training should make night school more popular than ever this year. Fuller announcement will appear later.

HOME SERVICE DIRECTOR IS COMING HERE

Mr. J. Frederic Thorne, associate field director of the American Red Cross, will be one of the members of a party representing the office of the adjutant general of Oregon and now making a tour of the state in the interests of the United States Institute. The members of the party will hold a meeting in Klamath Falls on September 30th, and Mr. Thorne will be one of the speakers on this occasion.

TROUBLE IS CONTINUING FOR ALLIES IN RUSSIA

BRITISH AND FRENCH CONSULAR AND OTHER OFFICIALS IN BOL-SHEVIKI RUSSIA HAVE BEEN PLACED UNDER ARREST

OVER FIVE HUNDRED COUNTER REVOLUTIONISTS HAVE BEEN SHOT ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM PETROGRAD

WASHINGTON, D. C. Sept. 9.—The British and French consular and other officials throughout Bolshevik controlled Russia are under arrest pending the outcome of negotiations now going on between the Allied governments and the Soviet authorities.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 9.—According to an official announcement from Petrograd 512 alleged counter revolutionists have been shot as reprisals for the murder of Moses Uritsky, chairman of the Petrograd committee for the suppression of counter revolution.

PEKIN, Sept. 9.—Tchita, capital of Trans Baikal, three hundred and seventy miles east of Irkutsk, has been captured by the Czecho-Slovak troops.

ARCHANGEL, Sept. 9.—A detachment of American blue jackets were among the forces fighting recently in the vicinity of Oberonkaya, which resulted in the capture of the town.

The Americans successfully extricated themselves from a dangerous predicament when surrounded by the enemy. They fought their way out and struggled thru the swamps for two days.

CARNAHAN WEDS MISS HOUSTON

Capt. J. H. Carnahan and Miss Edna Houston were married at 5 o'clock Friday evening by Rev. Allan of St. Paul's Episcopal church of Oakland, Cal., according to a telegram received by Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Houston, parents of the bride.

This announcement came as a surprise to the many friends of the two young people, as well as to the relative. The bride, who was raised in Klamath Falls, is a graduate nurse and has been at the Fibola for the past four years.

Captain Carnahan attended the officers' training school in San Francisco last year and was appointed a Lieutenant. At his own request he was later assigned to what is known as the "Suicide Division" of the field artillery.

ITALY'S WINE AFFECTED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 9.—Italy has made formal protest against the provision in the wartime prohibition bill barring the importation of wines.