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## GERMANS START BIG SPRING DRIVE ON WESTERN FRONT

### TERRIFIC FIGHTING FIFTY MILE FRONT

Reports From Battle Field Heard at Dover and Other Eastern Points.

### VERY CRITICAL MOMENT

Today's Battle Starts the Great Offensive Long Advertised to Occur on the Western Front—First Day of Spring.

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, March 21.—While there has been no information received that would in any way tend to disclose the long-advertised drive on the western front, which had been heralded to occur early in the present spring, it is possible that today—the first day of spring—a battle of no small dimensions has been launched by the Huns on the western front and that they are being met by a strong defensive by the allied troops. The fact that Emperor William today telegraphed to the Rhenish provincial council to the effect that "we are at a decisive moment of the war and one of the most critical moments in German history," is, in itself, evidence that something out of the ordinary is in the great struggle is about to occur. Following the emperor's declaration comes word this afternoon that the heaviest artillery firing yet heard on the western front is in progress and that reports from the big guns can be distinctly heard at Dover and many other towns on the east coast of England, and that doors and windows tremble at these cities during the incessant bombardment that is certainly in progress at various points along the battle front, and at the town of Fismes the tile from the roofs has been dislodged by the heavy explosions.

A dispatch from Vienna says that the Austria-Hungarian artillery is arrayed against the English and French and taking part in no small way in the engagement on the western front.  
Another dispatch dated at Paris says there has been intense and a continuous bombardment going on in the sectors north and southeast of Rheims and also at the Champagne front.

Report is Confirmed.  
AT THE BRITISH ARMY HEAD-QUARTERS, March 21.—The Germans have launched a heavy attack on a wide area of front in and near the Cambrai sector and their infantry has made heavy attacks both north of Lagnicourt to Ganche Wood. This is acknowledged to be the beginning of the grand offensive of the Germans in their much-advertised spring drive.

Terrific Bombardment is On.  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WAR LEAD, March 21.—The big German guns today opened up a terrific bombardment on the battle front approximately fifty miles long in northern France, the areas of Somme, Arras and Cambrai being included within the front attacks.

### ROSEBURG LADS HAVE A WONDERFUL TRIP

Letters were received in this city today from Leon and John McClintock and Bert Bates telling of their trip from San Francisco down through the Panama canal and thence to New Jersey. The boys had their eyes opened to some big things that they had never heretofore dreamed of during their journey and that the trip proved decidedly interesting is evident from their many outbursts of enthusiasm over the sights to be seen on a voyage of this kind. They reported climatic conditions at Panama extremely warm and that a berth on the open deck was an enjoyable feature during their visit to that tropical region. However, after passing through the canal and getting out into the Atlantic a storm broke and the big ship was tossed about like a chip, with the result that many of the home boys took refuge in their bunks, having been overcome by seasickness.  
"Though there were 3000 soldiers aboard the ship there was no inconvenience to any one for lack of service or room, this large number of men being cared for in good shape. The meals served were good, all things considered, and every inch of the trip was thoroughly enjoyed

by the boys. They are all now located at Camp Merritt, New Jersey, where they will probably remain for several weeks, then continue their journey over to foreign fields for active service.

### HIGH SCHOOL OPERETTA ANTLERS FRIDAY NIGHT

Final rehearsals are in progress today at the Antlers theatre for the Japanese operetta "Princess Chrysanthemum" which is to be an event of tomorrow evening. A full dress rehearsal was featured this afternoon and it is said that the operetta will be even more successful than was first anticipated. Tickets are selling rapidly at Chapman's drug store and a "standing room only" house is sure to result. The characters are especially well cast and are admirably fitted for their parts while the chorus is composed of the best soloists that the high school affords and under the able direction of Miss Bernice Kinser, the popular music instructor of school district No. 4, this feature alone is well worth the price of admission. Miss Kinser is assisted in directing the lines by Miss Viola Willett, whose dramatic ability is universally admired throughout the city and with these capable authorities in charge the production is sure to prove 100 per cent successful.

### PRO-GERMANS WASTE TIME IN FALSEHOODS

Warning is being sent out from Portland that mistaken zealots or pro-Germans are advising persons in some parts of the state, who have invested in war saving stamps that if they want to be sure of their money they had better cash in at the post office and invest in liberty bonds. This is a thrust at the government, and the rumor was started by some German, doubtless, with the sole idea of creating distrust in the public mind, as was done in Russia, in the hope of weakening the war spirit in the state and America. Everybody wants to remember that the funds arising from the sale of war stamps are just as fruitful as Uncle Sam as are funds from liberty bonds. A dollar invested in war stamps will do just as much for the government as a dollar invested in liberty bonds. The warning is intended to head off this particular line of German talk.

### H. D. GRAVES INJURED IN MARSHFIELD TUESDAY

H. D. Graves, of Roseburg, a photographer who recently came to Marshfield to take employment in the ship yards, narrowly escaped serious injury last night when he was thrown from the track of the Southern Pacific Y at the depot by the rear end of the observation car which the engine was backing toward the round house in turning it, says the Coos Bay Times.  
A scalp wound, bruises and minor cuts were the extent of his injuries, is the report. His injuries were not sufficient to require treatment at the hospital.  
The tracks and moved to the outside when the car approached, but was so near the rail that he was struck.

### CRITICAL PERIOD IN HISTORY OF GERMANY

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, March 21.—Emperor William today telegraphed to the Rhenish provincial council the following message: "We are at a decisive moment of the war and one of the greatest moments in German history."

### ENGLISH BOATS DESTROY GERMAN CRAFT

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, March 21.—Two enemy destroyers and two enemy torpedo boats have been sunk by a force of five British and French destroyers, one British destroyer being damaged by the attack.

### STANDS FOR CLEANER AND GREATER OREGON

Governor Withycombe Outlines Principles Upon Which He Stands For Re-election.

### PROBLEMS ARE GREAT

Twenty Thousand Oregon's Loyal Sons Engaged in World Battle Will Be Given Every Possible Service By Executive.

Governor James Withycombe, who is a candidate for re-election to his present exalted office, and whose splendid record as the state's chief executive has made him the most popular candidate among those aligned for nomination at the coming primary election, today made public his



GOVERNOR WITHYCOMBE.

platform that the people of this great state may know what can be expected of him when he again assumes the duties of his office for another term. In this critical period of the nation's history, with the cry of war coming from every and all directions, there is no disposition on the part of the people of this state to switch a tried and true patriot who has more than fulfilled every wish of the state and nation's demand, for any novice to take charge of the state's affairs. Governor Withycombe has filled the office of governor in a way that reflects great credit to himself and his large number of loyal supporters throughout the state, and that he will receive the nomination at the May primaries there is not one iota of doubt. Following is the governor's platform:

"If the people of Oregon are of the opinion that I have served them faithfully, I should be pleased to receive a vote of confidence at their hands.

"The governor of the state has the ear of the people. It is therefore in his power to assist in creating and maintaining a healthy public sentiment on the many subjects which make for community welfare. I have been mindful of this fact, have mingled with the people and have done all in my power to promote the development of the state, to bring about the construction of good roads, to emphasize the importance of education and especially to maintain at white heat the devotion of the people to the great cause of liberty and democracy for which the country is fighting. If re-elected I shall continue to do everything I can to accomplish these ends.

"Oregon has given twenty thousand of her sons to the great world war. These men are the flower of our young manhood and we have no clearer duty than that of loyally supporting them, providing for their health and comfort and safeguarding their morals. I shall continue to render them every service in my power.

"Under our form of government the conduct of a foreign war devolves on the president of the United States, who is the commander-in-chief of the army and navy. I shall do everything in my power to assist the president in making the power of this country effective in the great world conflict. I shall particularly exercise every power and authority which I possess to promote a maximum efficiency in our local industries which are related to the war activities. No other duty is so pressing or at this time so important as that of winning the war. No sacrifice is too great if it looks to the triumph of the forces battling for

international righteousness. "I shall stand in the future, as in the past, for rigid law enforcement and for a cleaner and greater Oregon.

Oregon is firmly committed to the principles of prohibition and equal suffrage and, while they are no longer issues in this state, I shall continue to give these causes my full support.

"Every legitimate phase of state development should be supported, but at this time when our country is engaged in the most terrible war in the world's history the most rigid economy in state expenditure should be observed.

"We have state problems of great magnitude to be worked out—for the increase of desirable population; for the encouragement of manufacturing enterprises; for the enlargement of flocks and herds of the best breeds; for the eradication of fruit pests and other destructive agencies in orchard and farm; for the general encouragement of productivity in all lines of endeavor; for the careful, intelligent handling of the several state institutions and their wards, observing as far as possible the best lines of modern treatment while at the same time securing for these and for every department of state business the closest possible economy.

"Domestic tranquility and business confidence are intimately related to the public welfare. I shall do all in my power to promote them. I note with pleasure the growing disposition of employers and employees to consider each other's rights and to adjust differences by discussion in a spirit of fairness and equity.

"The routine duties of the office will not be neglected by me, but every effort will be put forth to bring each branch of the state service to a condition of maximum usefulness. The efficiency of the service must never be sacrificed for the sake of political advantage.

"I shall be mindful of the fact that I am the representative of the whole people and shall welcome suggestions from any citizen to the end that the collective wisdom may be brought to bear on all problems.

"If honored by a re-election I shall continue to give the best that is in me to every branch of the public service."

### SAMMIES ENGAGED IN HAND TO HAND FIGHT

(By Associated Press.)  
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 21.—The American troops east of Lunoville last night participated in a raid that penetrated the German trenches to a considerable distance, during which hand to hand fighting ensued. They remained in the trenches for 40 minutes but details of the encounter is lacking.

### RED CROSS MISSION SAFE AT MOSCOW

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, March 21.—The American Red Cross mission to Roumania and which fled from Jassy to Odessa to escape from the advancing German armies has arrived safely at Moscow. The party consists of 28 members, mostly physicians and nurses.

### COLLISION KILLS THREE INJURES SEVERAL SAILORS

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, March 21.—One American officer was killed, also three men met death aboard an American destroyer March 19 when the vessel collided with a British war ship. Several American sailors were injured in the accident.

### GERMANS BOMBARD ON THE BRITISH FRONT

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, March 21.—The Germans, shortly before dawn today, opened a heavy bombardment over a wide section of the British front in the neighborhood of Vendeuil south of St. Quentin to the river Scarpe.

### DRASTIC MEASURE TAKEN ON I. W. W.

Armed Men May Be Sent to Spruce Camps to Quell Disturbances.

### SEEK INDICTMENT MAYOR

Milwaukee Council of Defense Wants City Placed Under Martial Law—Price of Wheat Approved.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, March 21.—Senator Chamberlain has cited the activities of the I. W. W. in the west as making it necessary for the passage of an administration bill giving the government authority to commandeer all the timber and conduct the logging camps operating thereon. It was also cited that it may be necessary to send men with guns into the spruce districts in order to cope with the situation.

Seek Indictment of Mayor.  
MILWAUKEE, March 21.—Wheeler Bloodgood, chairman of the county council of defense, has announced that he would seek the indictment of Mayor Hoan, the socialist just renominated at the primary election held in Wisconsin, and have the city of Milwaukee placed under military law.

Price on Wheat Approved.  
WASHINGTON, March 21.—The senate has approved of an increase in the government guaranteed price of wheat from \$2 to \$2.50 a bushel, by adopting the amendment to the agricultural appropriation bill.

America Assures Aid.  
MOSCOW, March 21.—Ambassador Francis announced to the Russian people today that Russia will become a German province if the former submit to the Huns, and the Russians were assured of America's aid to any government that would resist.

Railroad Bill Signed.  
WASHINGTON, March 21.—President Wilson today signed the bill bringing all railroads under the government operation and control until 21 months after the war.

Prof. Scott Indicted.  
NEW YORK, March 21.—Professor Scott Nearing, formerly associated with the University of Pennsylvania and the Toledo University was this afternoon indicted by the federal grand jury on a charge of violating the espionage act.

### ARRANGES TO GO INTO UNITED STATES ARMY

Earl Peary, county fruit inspector, who was recently notified by the Salem draft board to appear on March 22 for induction into the army, may leave here tomorrow for the north in response to the summons. Mr. Peary has not asked for exemption, nor for deferred classification, but the county court took the matter up with the district board at Portland, because it was believed the services of the inspector were very necessary to the county horticultural interests.

Immediately following official notification for him to appear at Salem, Mr. Peary explained the situation to the court, stating that he had practically made up his mind to go, as someone must do the fighting, and he was no better than others. Appreciating his loyalty and patriotism, but at the same time believing his removal from this county at present time would result in loss to the producers, Judge Marsters wrote to the O. A. C. and to Dan J. Malarkey, secretary of the district draft board at Portland. Letters were today received from Mr. Malarkey and also one from H. P. Bars, botanist and plant pathologist at the O. A. C. The former stated that he would place Mr. Peary's questionnaire before the board for re-inspection, and possibly the board would see fit to change his classification. Prof. Bars in his letter to the district board, warmly endorsed Douglas county's appeal to have Mr. Peary left here, and stated that if he was taken away at critical period it would be a great disadvantage to the horticultural interests of this section.

The county court hopes to have Mr. Peary's classification changed, and believes that when the matter is given consideration by the district

board there will be no hesitancy in regard to the matter. However, the order for deferred classification may not get here in time to prevent Mr. Peary leaving here in the morning, but if he does go and later the order is received, he will return to take up his work here in the interests of fruit growers.

Mr. Peary's order is No. 45, serial 775 and his present classification I-1. The young man is making every preparation to go into the service, and is closing up his business affairs today, so that there will be nothing to detain him in event his classification remains unchanged.

### NEW BIDS ASKED ALL STAR ROUTES

Confirming rumors current a few weeks ago, the postoffice department at Washington has re-advertised for bids for carrying the mails on the four star routes operating out of Roseburg, for a period of four years beginning July 1 next. The official advertisements for the bids were received by Postmaster Reizenstein Wednesday, and they were posted in the lobby of the postoffice. These advertisements give complete information as to schedules, distances and amount of bonds. Proposals must reach the fourth assistant postmaster general, division of rural mails, at Washington, D. C., not later than April 23. Proposal blanks can be obtained upon application of the postmaster.

An official circular accompanying the advertisements explains that all of the original bids for carrying the mails on star routes were rejected because of the increase in the weight limit of parcel post packages, which became effective on the 15th of this month. This increase makes it possible for one to send 70 pounds in one parcel by mail to points as far north as Seattle and as far south as Sacramento, and 50-pound parcels to greater distances. Previously, the weight limit for parcel post packages was 50 pounds for 150 miles of travel and 20 pounds for longer distances. The weighing of mail on all the star routes of the country has been in progress since the 16th of this month, and will continue until April 1. The results of this work will guide the post office department in the consideration of the bids that will be received.

### THRIFT STAMP SALES MOUNTING RAPIDLY

Douglas county is officially credited with having purchased, up to and including March 19, \$42,971.09 worth of war savings stamps. I. B. Riddle, county chairman, today received from State Distributor Jesse Currey, at Portland, notice to this effect. The total sales throughout the state up to the present total \$1,581,011.87. This is an average of \$1.86 per capita. Marion county leads the state outside of Portland, and has \$70,000 to its credit. Sales in Portland are averaging from \$7000 to \$10,000 a day. Clackamas county holds second place in amount of sales reported, having \$55,197.32. Washington and Umatilla counties are running a close race for third place, but the former holds a slight lead of the eastern Oregon section, having sold stamps totalling \$46,678.23. Sales of war saving stamps for the first two weeks of March amounted to \$289,195.88, as against the sum of \$219,115.19 for the first two weeks in February.

### FURTHER DEMANDS MADE ON ROUMANIA

(By Associated Press.)  
MOSCOW, March 21.—Germany, as might be expected, has increased her demands upon Roumania, and now asks that she surrender all her own munitions as well as those that the allies left in Roumania.

CARL STEINMETZ WITH UNIT 46.  
Carl Steinmetz, of Portland, arrived last evening and is spending a few days with relatives in this city. Mr. Steinmetz is well known here, having attended the Roseburg schools and later working at the Ott confectionery establishment in its location adjacent to the Rose. Mrs. George Wharton, of North Roseburg, is a sister of the young man. Carl will leave Portland late next week with base hospital unit No. 46 for American lake for training. The unit is now mobilizing in Portland and expects to see active duty across the water before many weeks have passed.

### FIRST STEP TAKEN TO SECURE SCHOOL

Representatives of the Commercial Club and Southern Ore. Conference Meet.

### CAMPAIGN MAPPED OUT

General Outline of Proposed Institution Given—Will Erect Buildings to Accommodate 200 More Students.

That Roseburg is going after the school proposed to be built by the Adventist people of the Southern Oregon Conference, was manifested last evening, when a committee of conference representatives met with a committee from the Commercial club to discuss the situation and to express to the city a general outline of the proposed improvements and give an idea of what it is desired Roseburg shall do in order to get the institution located here.

Dr. Sether acted as chairman of the meeting, and Elder J. A. Rippey, president of the church conference for the eight counties in southwestern Oregon, presented the situation to the Commercial club representatives. Other members of the Commercial club committee were A. J. Liburn, J. E. McClintock and James Pearson.

It was stated that five to ten acres of ground would be necessary for the buildings and grounds. It is said to be advisable to have the school placed a little distance from the city, as this rule has been found by experience in other places where these schools have been built up to give the best results. Buildings will be erected for school purposes capable of seating and providing class rooms for about 200 to 250 students. A girls' dormitory large enough to provide rooms for probably 50 to 60 will be built, and accommodations for as many boys will also be constructed. It is expected that the school will open with probably 100 students in the dormitories, and probably a like number will be enrolled who will live at home near the institution. Invariably where these Adventist schools have been established many families have moved in to get the advantages of the schools for their children, and the college at or near Walla Walla was cited, where a village of nearly a thousand inhabitants has sprung up as a direct result of the school. Many of these people engage in farming and gardening, fruit raising, poultry and such intensified industries. While it is not expected that a school at Roseburg will develop to the extent of the one at Walla Walla, still it was shown that the institution would be a material asset to this city.

The Adventist people already own several thousand dollars worth of property at Royal, a few miles out of Cottage Grove, and a strong pull for the conference school to be located there is being made by the people of the Lane county town. However, there is a belief that if Roseburg will come to the assistance of the enterprise, it can be swung this way. In fact, representatives of the conference admit that so far as location is concerned, Roseburg is incomparable.

Following the conference last night, and in pursuance to suggestions made by the Commercial club committee, the church people made a personal inspection of several localities this morning, any one of which would be quite well adapted to the needs of the institution, and will so report their findings at another meeting appointed for this afternoon between five and six o'clock.

The committee representing Roseburg was unanimous in approval of the plan to get the school located adjacent to this city, and will, with the report in hand that will be submitted today, immediately proceed to measuring up to the requirements in the situation, which was cash and land to the extent of \$6000.

If this requirement is met, and as soon as President Rippey returns from the world conference in San Francisco, where he will go next week, steps to have the Southern Conference executive committee ratify the transaction will be taken, and then work will immediately be started on the improvement. The school is going to be established this year. There is no doubt or question about that part of the business. But whether or not Roseburg gets it will depend on the people of the city.

Mrs. Sabra Meyers, of Winston, who has been visiting with friends in this city, left for her home today.