

ITALY RAMS ARMIES INTO FOE'S LINES

TWO GENERAL ADVANCES ARE MADE, ONE BEING TOWARD TRIESTE.

AUSTRIANS REPORTED RETREATING EVERYWHERE

Allies Claim Successes With Aerial Raids—Germans Have Made Noted Advances in Region of Przemyśl, Capturing Several Outlying Districts—Supply Stations Destroyed.

Rome, May 26.—Italian troops are pressing an advance on Austria along a front more than 100 miles wide, out of a 488-mile frontier. At scores of points this group of Italians occupied passes and mountain peaks commanding a wide expanse of territory and have seized villages four miles inside the frontier. The advances are officially reported.

Reinforcements are now being rushed forward to hold such positions as have been taken. At all points the Austrians are declared to be retreating further inside the frontier.

Rome, May 26.—Italian armies have occupied high defiles in the Brenza river valley in the Austrian Tyrol, and have captured Vallerfero Pass on the Carnia frontier, an official statement announces. The Austrian positions were carried at the point of bayonets.

"On the Friuli frontier our offensive continues," the statement asserted. Two offensive movements are now in progress, one toward the Carnic Alps and the other is directed toward Trieste. Both are expected to develop heavy fighting.

VON MACKENZEN ADVANCES.

Berlin, May 26.—General Von Mackenzon's forces have crossed the San river at Daymo, six miles north of Przemyśl, after capturing the town of Siete, it is officially announced.

AIR RAID REPORTED.

Allies Claim Results as Outcome of Aerial Attack.

Paris, May 26.—In a great raid over the German lines, the French airmen destroyed the German aerial station at St. Quentin, wrecked the fuel depot there, it is officially stated, and did other damage. The bombs were dropped with various precision upon different German positions doing great damage to the railway and supply depots and concentration camps.

TEARS WIN POLICEMEN.

Indian Child Cries so Badly that Hearts of Police are Touched.

Pendleton, May 26.—Who says a policeman hasn't a heart? Any one entertaining such an idea would have had it dispelled Saturday evening had he witnessed a little scene in the office of Chief Kearney. One Alex James, well known Indian, arrived home Saturday from Portland where he had served three months in jail. To celebrate his release he at once got drunk. He was picked up at 10 o'clock by Chief Kearney and taken to jail.

His good wife, Josephine, called to see him at 11 but he was lying in a drunken stupor and could not be aroused. She was told to return at 6 in the evening. With her little boy she was at the station promptly at that hour. James was brought up but he was still under the influence of liquor and the three police in the office decided he was still too drunk to be released. They were just starting back to jail with him when they were arrested by a heart-breaking cry from the little boy. He had not seen his father for three months and that officers should again put him behind the bars was too much for him. And his cry was too much for the officers. Apologizing to each other, they all suggested that he be permitted to go home and when the squaw brought a buggy, they helped him in. The joy of the little boy was compensation enough.

CLIMATIC DATA

Climatic data, based on readings for 24 hours ending last night at 6 o'clock:

Maximum, 63; Minimum 40. Temperature at 7:30 today, 63.

AMERICAN SHIP IS HIT TORPEDO GIVEN BLAME

LONDON, MAY 26.—THE AMERICAN STEAMER NEBRASKAN HAS BEEN TORPEDOED, A REPORT TO THE ADMIRALTY STATED, AND IS SLOWLY MAKING ITS WAY BACK TO PORT. THE NEBRASKAN WAS BADLY DAMAGED BY THE EXPLOSION, 40 MILES OFF FASTNETT. THE CREW TOOK TO SMALL BOATS, AND THERE WAS NO LOSS OF LIFE. THIS AFTERNOON ARMED TRAWLERS WIRELESSLY THAT THEY WERE CONVOYING THE NEBRASKAN BACK TO PORT.

WASHINGTON, MAY 26.—ALL DISPATCHES ARE SO POSITIVE IN THE ASSERTION THAT THE NEBRASKAN WAS TORPEDOED, THAT IT IS THE GENERAL OPINION THE THEORY THAT THE VESSEL STRUCK A MINE WOULDN'T HOLD.

LINER RAMMED BY FREIGHTER

WARSHIPS TAKE OFF PASSENGERS AND CREW—SHIP MUCH DAMAGED.

New York, May 26.—The Holland-American liner Ryndam was rammed by the freighter Joseph J. Cuneo off Nantucket in a thick fog early today. It is believed the Ryndam is in a sinking condition. Seventy-eight passengers and 160 members of the crew were transferred to the Cuneo. The American Atlantic squadron, in response to wireless calls, is standing by prepared to take off the remainder of the crew if necessary.

The Ryndam was moving slowly toward port, this afternoon, conveyed by warships from the Atlantic fleet late today. Indications are the ship is in a serious condition.

New York, May 26.—The battleship South Carolina with 78 passengers and 151 of the Ryndam's crew, will arrive at the entrance of the harbor at 8 o'clock tonight.

HOME FROM THE FAIR.

Panama Canal Exhibit One of Most Interesting Sights.

Mr. and Mrs. Gust Bingleford returned last evening from a three-week stay at the San Francisco fair, and with friends in Oakland and the Fair city. The fair is drawing well, warrants the trip, and is generally complimented by the La Grande. One of the exhibits that impressed the visitors favorably was the Panama canal exhibit which gives a concise and explicit demonstration of how ships are taken through the locks.

ELGIN MAN HEARS FROM NOTED SISTER.

Miss La Loie Fuller, famous American dancer, originator of light and color effects in dancing of sufficient aesthetic importance to be deemed by many a new art form, is a sister of Frank Fuller, orchestra leader and well known musician, of Elgin, relates the Elgin Recorder.

Miss Fuller left San Francisco for a tour of Europe at the beginning of the present war. The last word received from her by her brother was a letter mailed at Salt Lake City while en route. Mr. Fuller knew she was due to return to America several weeks ago, and knowing that she was to appear at the Exposition at San Francisco, had become alarmed as to her safety, fearing that she might have been a victim of a submarine while on the ocean.

A few days ago Mr. Fuller wrote the information bureau at San Francisco, hoping to obtain some information as to her whereabouts, and this morning received a clipping from a newspaper of the Exposition City which stated:

"La Loie Fuller and her company of artists came here almost direct from Athens, Greece, where the king conferred upon the dancer the privilege of appearing for a period of ten years. She will return to Greece immediately after her engagement, which opens June 1, in Festival hall, on the Exposition grounds."

HEARS OF AUNT'S DEATH.

Washington D. C., Resident, Aunt of John Girdler, Passes.

John Girdler, superintendent of city schools, was today advised of the death of a favored aunt, Mrs. Marcus Whedon at Washington, D. C. Mr. Girdler will leave tonight to attend the funeral services. Mr. Whedon was elected vice commander of the National organization of G. A. R. at Los Angeles two years ago, having been prominently connected with the G. A. R. The funeral will be held in Louisville, Ky.

ACTION SHOCKS WASHINGTON.

Washington, May 26.—With negotiations as the result of President Wilson's protest still pending, the administration is distinctly shocked by the report from the British admiralty that the Nebraska was torpedoed.

GRAVE DANGER SEEN.

Not only does it suggest that Germany hasn't ceased her submarine activities, pending a formal reply to the American protest, but the report has caused especial comment because the Nebraska flew the American flag and was homebound, so could not possibly carry contraband of war.

New York, May 26.—The American-Hawaiian steamship company officials have received a message from Captain Green of the steamer Nebraska, saying the ship struck a mine or was torpedoed. The Nebraska is proceeding unaided to Liverpool, Green reported. Green said the Nebraska was 48 miles off Fastnet when the explosion which damaged the vessel occurred. The message stated that there was water in the hold but he had ballast cargo. Officials of the company are inclined to believe the Nebraska struck a mine.

BOW BADLY DOWN.

Kinsale, Eng., May 26.—The Nebraska passed eastbound today. Her bow was down and she was flying the signal "Controlable." The Nebraska was reportedly damaged, but her forehold was filled with water. No one was injured, her radio stated.

GOOD ROADS COMMITTEES DRAFT PRELIMINARY PLAN

Resolutions that, in the eyes of labor circles, the Socialist party and a commercial club committee, should be followed out, in looking toward construction of roads in this county, were drafted last night when a committee representing labor unions, Socialists and the club conferred at length.

The meeting was the outgrowth of a movement started by the Socialists and several labor unions awhile ago, endorsing good roads for construction at once. This committee met last night, but Chairman Hall was absent, and F. B. Currey, temporary chairman, was named in his stead. H. Warmholtz was selected secretary pro tem. The meeting was attended by about a dozen committee members, and a like number of interested parties. The resolutions drafted will be reported back to the commercial club directors who in turn will bring the matter to a focus.

A general discussion was had as to ways and means regarding the building of good roads throughout Union county during the most economical time to do so, as well as to the best methods to pursue to safeguard the tax payers in every way. Three matters were thoroughly threshed out. It was resolved:

To build permanent roads in Union county, by a bond issue.

That the bond issue be handled by a board of five county road commissioners selected from different parts of the county, no two of the commission belonging to the same district.

That none but the unemployed resident citizens of Union county be employed on the roads.

That said road work be done by direct labor, and not by contract.

That the five county road commissioners be elected out of their respective districts, one out of each district, at the time of the bond election.

That the bonds be issued in small denominations, and that the people in Union county be given first opportunity to buy them.

That the road commissioners sell only such amount of bonds each year as to them seems best, with which to carry on the road work for that year.

PRETTY MAIDENS ON HORSES WILL GUARD STATE'S CHIEF

Miss Ruth Russell, one of La Grande's foremost equestrians has been commissioned with the duty of representing La Grande in the convey of maidens fair that will be provided for Governor Withycombe when the executive attends the Union stock show next week. Each town in Eastern Oregon has been invited to send a girl and her mount to the stock show, to act in the capacity of a cordon of honor for the governor. Mr. Withycombe will have his favorite mount on the grounds and in the parade will have as his "body guard" a girl on horseback from each town and city in Eastern Oregon. Miss Russell will represent La Grande in that capacity.

This mounted escort will stay close at the side of the governor on the grounds each day, and participate in the parade as well. The innovation is making a decided hit everywhere and it is expected the cordon will be extensive, every village and town being urged to request, to have representatives in it. Most of them have replied favorably.

STUDENTS WILL COMPETE

Stock Judging Contests Will Be Held at Union Next Week.

Pendleton, May 26.—Pendleton high school will send a class of five students to Union, Oregon, next week to compete in the stock judging contest at the annual stock show there. These five students have been selected from the agricultural department, the five making the highest grades

FOUR ACTIVELY SEEK COUNTY PROSECUTOR JOB

AMERICAN HERO FIGHTS TYPHUS HORROR NOBLY

FRIGHTFUL TOLL OF THE TYPHUS FEVER RAKES ALL SERBIA.

AT VALIEVO ALL COUNT OF THE DEAD IS LOST

Correspondent Pictures Some of the Awfulness of the Situation in Typhus Hell-Holes—Starvation Has Been Largely Instrumental in Keeping Typhus Plague at Its Height.

By HENRY WOOD.

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Nish, Serbia, May 2.—By mail to New York—Valievo is the blackhole of the terrible typhus plague ravaging Serbia. There were 8,000 men, women and children in the town when the epidemic began sweeping out whole families. The victims are dying like flies—so rapidly that the town authorities have lost count. At least 4,000 of those still surviving, are stricken with the disease and are battling for their lives. Dr. B. MacCookingham, of Redhook, Dutchess county, New York, pictured conditions in the typhus center to me today. He had just arrived from Valievo where he spent four months fighting the plague. "The only way you get an idea of the terrible conditions of the town is by reading the accounts of some of the great plagues of the middle ages," he said. Dr. Cookingham himself was stricken with typhus in two of its worst forms.

Dr. Albert Cook, former police surgeon of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Dr. Cookingham's only English speaking companion in the "blackhole" of Valievo died of it.

"During the first few months they made an effort to give the victims a decent burial," said Dr. Cookingham. "That was when the death rate was running only 50 to 75 a day."

"Later when deaths reached 150 a day and when a large part of the population was down with the fever, that was out of the question. They simply stacked the bodies together like logs and hauled them away."

"The dead wagon made its rounds as often as possible. Bodies were just tossed in and the grim carriers passed on to the next house. When the wagon was full it started for the outskirts of the town. I have seen it pass through out behind and arms and legs extending over the sides. The bodies were dumped into a hole outside the city limits and the whole mass hastily covered with earth. Then the wagon and the over-worked horses began the rounds again."

"The misery and the suffering in Valievo are indescribable. When Dr. Cook and I arrived there in January the town was filled with hundreds of wounded from the last great battle with the Austrians centering near there."

"There was no hospital. The wounded had to be piled on racks in a big warehouse, 150 to a row. They were without any bedding and when we arrived there was only one Serbian doctor in charge of them all. We were given 400 men to attend. Later a Holland Red Cross unit arrived."

"In the midst of these terrible conditions, the typhus epidemic reached its height. There were neither hospital nor doctors for the civil population. The disease spread like wildfire, the poor victims dying, unattended, in their houses."

"Then came a food famine that lasted nearly a month. The suffering from the fever was increased by hunger. The mortality from typhus reached 76 per cent. The disease was especially deadly when it attacked the Austrian prisoners. Of the 1400 quartered at Valievo only 300 are still alive. But the Serbian government is doing its best and the mortality rate is growing better."

Upon his arrival here Dr. Cookingham was decorated by the Serbian Red Cross for his heroic work and was given a gold medal by the government.

BEEF CUTTERS COME.

Latest Word in Slicing Machines Installed by Grocers.

Several grocers of the city have installed what is credited with being the latest word in slicing machines. They are especially suited for slicing dried beef, bacon and ham.

FIVE REFUSE TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT

ONE MIGHT TAKE IT IF OFFERED HIM BUT IS MAKING NO EFFORT.

FIREWORKS CAMPAIGN AMONG DIFFERENT MEN

Republican and Progressive Attorneys in La Grande Express Desires in Matter of County Prosecutor Job—Attorney Hodgins Explains His Side of the Case at Length.

An exhaustive poll of all attorneys in La Grande other than Democrats, shows four seek the office of county prosecutor to succeed F. S. Ivanhoe, whose resignation is effective June 1st, five wouldn't have it "on a bet" and one is in an accepting mood if the job were offered him but nevertheless is not a candidate.

Little else occupies attention in political circles today than the appointment of a successor to Ivanhoe. Fireworks wirepulling is rampant, for time is precious—it is only fair to whomsoever is appointed that it be done quickly for the June term of court convenes soon and has a heavy slate mapped out.

From a vastly great number of angles, pressure is being brought to bear upon Governor Withycombe. The job pays \$1800.00.

While no intimation has come forth from the governor's office, it is assumed here that the appointment will be made very shortly.

Here is a poll of the attorneys who might—party lines considered—be eligible to the office:

R. J. Green, Progressive party county chairman—I am a candidate for the office.

Colon R. Eberhard, secretary Republican Central committee.—My name, I expect, will be presented to the governor for his consideration.

E. W. Eastman, La Follette Republican.—I am not a candidate.

H. E. Dixon, chairman Young Men's Republican club of Union county.—I am a candidate in the sense that I would accept it if appointed.

C. H. Finn, a leading attorney.—I am not a candidate and wouldn't have it under any consideration.

Robert Eakin, Jr., Republican and junior member of the law firm Crawford & Eakin.—I would not consider an appointment. Wouldn't take it under any consideration.

Joel Richardson, Republican.—Would take to position if offered me. My friends are urging me to make the race.

Eugene Ashwill, Republican.—Not a candidate.

Chas. Albert Small, Republican.—I have made no application; if offered to me, I might accept.

Jerry P. Rusk, ex-Speaker to the house and Progressive leader.—Don't want the job.

La Grande, May 26.—(To the Editor)—I have been asked at various times to make a statement regarding the district attorney controversy for publication, but have declined. I have always hesitated about trying my cases in the newspapers. The public are not interested in legal technicalities of cases of which they have never heard; and might draw the conclusion that an attorney's reporting such cases as he might win or be on the winning side, and leaving unreported those he loses, and his zeal to have the public informed, are due to a desire of "self puffing." This case, however, has been given much publicity, and directly affects the people of Union county; and from the decision of the court in the case State ex rel. Ivanhoe vs. Hodgins, and as a result thereof, deciding that the present incumbent could hold over a third term without an election or an appointment, and that the act of the 1913 legislature was unconstitutional, the people of the county, deeming themselves disfranchised, immediately took measures throughout the county for a recall election, and the election of a man for that office; and I have been informed, though the petitions have not been presented to me for signing, that recall petitions are being signed throughout the county, and were presented to the office of the attorney general for approval more than a month ago. By inundo the statement appearing in the letter of resignation of the present in-

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