

BRITISH RESUME DRIVE AFTER A SHORT REST

Laboiselle Sector Center of Only Material Battle Today

THE WESTERN FRONT IN EPI-TOME.

After a lull in fighting at all fronts, British troops resume offensive at dawn today, more especially at Laboiselle.

At Somme unusual quiet continued throughout the night.

Berlin contends that severe check has been administered to British and Germans take new hope.

General Haig reports English made brilliant capture this morning when offensive was renewed.

Berlin, July 7.—German troops have abandoned lines in the vicinity of Chartery and Volhynia under an attack by superior Russian forces, it is officially admitted.

Petrograd, July 6.—Russian troops have occupied Gradie and Komerup, a war office statement has announced.

Amsterdam, July 7.—A portion of the German high seas force swept the waters close to the English coast, capturing the British steamer Lestrie, an announcement by the German admiralty says. The raid was made Wednesday.

London, July 7.—British troops resumed their great offensive against the Germans at dawn today, with simultaneous smashes along a wide front. An official statement from General Haig announced striking British success east of Laboiselle, where 1000 yards of German trenches were taken and several important tactical positions taken.

"Northwest of Thiopval the enemy temporarily regained two or three hundred yards of lost ground," he said. "During the night the enemy heavily bombarded our new positions in Beerafy wood, Montauban and Laous shells."

Berlin Version Differs.

Berlin, July 7.—Severe check has been administered to the British in the combined Anglo-French offensive, according to reports received here. British suffered unusually heavy losses. Since the opening day of the British attack, Haig's army has been unable to make important gains against the German line.

Forced to abandon shell-wrecked first-line trenches, the Germans retired to the second line where they threw back, time after time, British infantry assaults. The manner in which Germans have stood the first shock has inspired confidence in Ber-

lin that anticipated later assaults will be repulsed.

Laboiselle Battle Rages.
London, July 7.—British troops captured a thousand yards of German trenches in severe fighting east of Laboiselle, General Haig reported this afternoon. The gain is one of the most important advances scored by the British since the first day of the Allies great offensive. Severe fighting is going on in the Laboiselle sector, Haig reported. Germans suffered heavy losses.

Somme Front Quiet at Night.
Paris, July 7.—The lull in fighting on the French front on both sides of the river Somme, where the Allied offensive is underway, continued throughout the night. The war office reported utter calm at the Somme front early this morning.

FIRST BABY BORN.

New Railroad Town of Reith Boasts Visit of Stork to Community.

Reith, Ore., July 6.—Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Anthony are today receiving congratulations from their many friends, the occasion being the arrival of an eight-pound son at their home early yesterday morning.

This new arrival has the distinction of being the first child born in the new town of Reith and a big celebration would be in order but we haven't recovered from the big time at Pendleton the 4th. Our city was almost depopulated the fourth, everybody that could possibly get away took in the old time celebration at Pendleton, returning on the late train. We hear many of the different features of the entertainment provided for our benefit. Everybody had a good time, as is evidenced by the "day after" feeling complained of. Invite again. We will be there and bring our share of people to help have a good time.

Operator C. A. Barry of the local office force, who is in St. Vincent's hospital at Portland, underwent an operation for appendicitis Monday and at last accounts was doing nicely and no bad results anticipated.

Plans to Improve Show.

Philomath, Or., July 5.—The Philomath Roundup association is already laying plans for making next year's roundup bigger and better than the recent one, which was attended by 20,000 people during the three days, nearly all of them coming from outside cities and towns. The roundup grounds, though already the largest and best of their sort in Oregon, except those at Pendleton, will be improved and more seats installed, and the railroad company will build more sidetracks.

The roundup will be held regularly each June, so as not to conflict with Pendleton's show, and it will be given each year several days following Portland's Rose Festival. The desire of the association is to make the Philomath roundup the big Wild West show of Western Oregon. In connection with this will be the horse and stock show, the auction sale of horses and the three days' carnival.

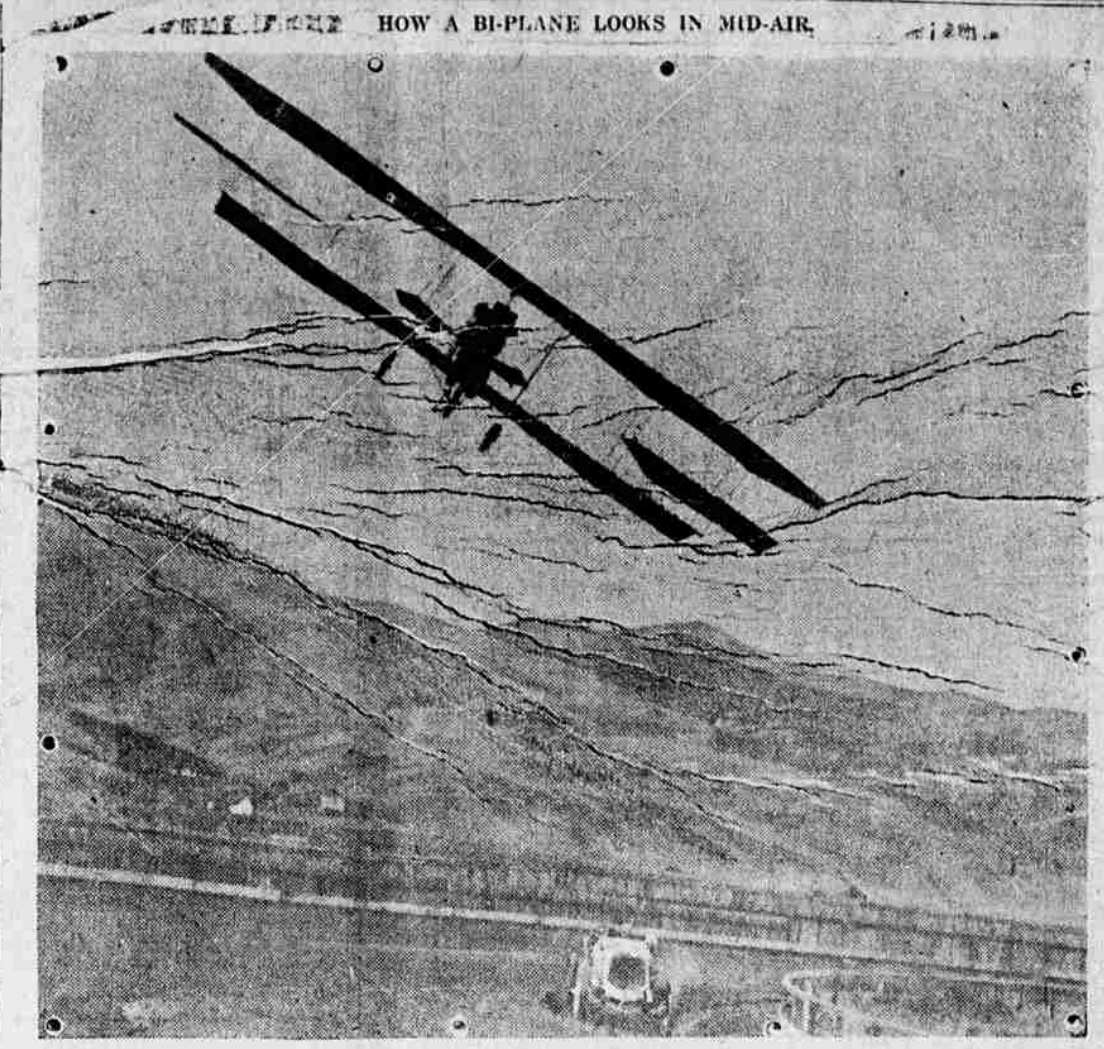
Prisoner Is Released.

Mrs. Bob Fitzsimmons, who lectures at the Methodist church tonight, proved herself a benefactor this noon to the last of the Fourth of July prisoners in the city jail. This particular fellow had imbibed too freely in strong drink and was paying the penalty. Mrs. Fitzsimmons paid his fine, paid for a shave and a bath and got him started to his home which the fellow says is Pendleton.

Mrs. Fitzsimmons did not lecture in North Powder as planned last evening, coming home when it was learned a misunderstanding was responsible for lack of preparation for the address.

Golfers Can't Get Too Far West.

Chicago, July 7.—The 1917 Western Amateur golf championship probably will go to the far west. Golfers of the middle western states, including the present title holder Chick Evans, cannot make the trip to the Del Monte, Cal., course where the championship play will take place, because of the great distance and the amount of time needed. Evans announced some time previous to the qualifying rounds, scheduled for July 17, that he could not defend his title because of the action of the association in choosing the far western golf course as the battle ground. Only two men of championship calibre in the Chicago district, which has produced champions for the last seventeen years, are among the scheduled contestants. They are Ned Sawyer, Wheaton and E. Hoover Rankard, Midlothian. As a result of the disadvantages in the Western Golf association championship contest, most of the Chicago stars will journey to Philadelphia in August to play for the national amateur championship.



Herewith is shown Lieut. Maroney skimming over the earth much the same way as he will at the Motor-club oval Sunday. His machine is being put up today and will be an exhibition Saturday and Sunday morning.

BREKENRIDGE ASSASSIN CAUGHT AND CONFESSES

Word was received here this morning that one of the accomplices to the assassination of Wilbur Brekenridge, who was held up and killed at Idaho Falls, Idaho, last March, has been captured by detectives working on the case, and is now in custody at Idaho Falls. The information is contained in a letter to the relatives of the unfortunate young man.

The letter states that the criminal in custody has made a complete confession of his guilt and has implicated a confederate who has not as yet been apprehended. The confessed murderer is a young man of hardly more than 17 or 18 years of age.

The confession alleges that the two assaulted Brekenridge for the purpose of robbing him; Brekenridge, who was a fearless man, resisted, and in the struggle to overcome him, the robbers beat him over the head with a gun, and then shot him.

Brekenridge was a young man of fine moral character and blameless

life. The people of Idaho Falls, where he was known and universally loved, voluntarily subscribed \$2000 for the capture and conviction of his assassins. It was the incentive of this reward that led to the capture of the bandit.

The murdered man, at the time of his death, was employed as a foreman of an irrigation company at Idaho Falls. His former comrades who worked under him, have raised a beautiful granite shaft upon the spot where he fell, inscribed with his name and the date of his death.

His death foreshadowed another tragedy in this city. His mother, Mrs. Mattie Milligan, of North La Grande, a confirmed sufferer and invalid for many years, sank swiftly under the cruel shock, and died soon after her murdered boy was brought here for burial. The two now lie sleeping side by side in the Masonic cemetery, leaving five daughters and sisters in the shadow of an unspeakable grief.

ODD FELLOWS WILL GATHER

CONVENTION BOOKED FOR JULY 14-15.

Assembly Will Be Largest Since the Grand Lodge Met Here.

Excepting alone the morning hours of the last day, program in detail has been drafted for the big I. O. O. F. district convention of Union county lodges which will be held July 14-15 in La Grande and at Riverside park. It promises to accumulate more Odd Fellows than have been gathered at one time in this city since the grand lodge was held here a number of years ago. The program as announced by committees in charge carries the following numbers:

July 14.
(Subordinate Lodge Day.)
9:30 a. m.—Grand parade of all subordinate and Rebekah Lodges in the county.

11 a. m.—Opening of the District association at Riverside Park. Address of Welcome by F. S. Ivanhoe. Response to Address of Welcome. Music. Adjournment to 1:30 p. m. Afternoon Session.

1:30 p. m.—Address by the Grand Master, Henry S. Westbrook. Music. Business Meeting of Delegates of District association.

8:00 p. m.—Contest for District Prize Degree banner at Rex hall.

8:00 p. m.—Reception given by La Grande Rebekah Lodge to visiting Rebekahs at I. O. O. Hall.

July 15.
(Rebekah Day)
Morning session at Riverside park. Program not complete—will be

HARVESTER HAS OWN LOCOMOTION

NEW HOLT MACHINE INTRODUCED IN VALLEY.

Motive Power Attached to Small, Compact Harvester—Latest Thing Out.

The last word in tractor harvesters is being unloaded today for Herbert Miers and Ed Clark. It is a Holt caterpillar harvester so constructed and equipped that it provides its own locomotion. In late years farmers with big ranches have used a 60-horsepower caterpillar to haul a harvester which was run by a 45 h. p. engine. The new machine, which C. W. Bunting is selling the men mentioned, has a 55 h. p. engine which operates the thrasher, header and provides locomotion reducing the horsepower. The combination eliminates one engineer. The caterpillar portions consists of one wheel which is on the side of the thrasher nearest the header.

The machine has been tried out in Washington and found suited. The room required to handle it, the consumption of gasoline and oil, are each reduced over the old method.

RAILROADERS HEAR REPORTS

FOUR GENERAL CHAIRMEN REPORT TO MEMBERS.

Meeting Last Night Attended by Large Number of Employees.

At a meeting in Eagles' hall last evening, attended by close to 200 railroad employees, four men who attended the conference of railroad managers and railroad brotherhood representatives in an endeavor to reach agreements over the eight-hour demands, gave verbal reports to the rank and file of this division of what took place at New York.

The meeting was open to the public and the audience heard the various reports in complete detail. Chairman Rhoades of Spokane, spoke for the Conductors' brotherhood. He went over, in brief, the negotiations his brotherhood had gone into with the managers in a futile attempt thus far to reach a settlement. Chairman Barnhart of Spokane spoke for the engineers along the same lines; then Fireman Clifford of La Grande spoke for the Firemen's brotherhood and John Hughes appeared for the Trainmen. After consideration discussion a set of resolutions which has been presented and acted on elsewhere too, was read and adopted unanimously. The resolutions were:

"Whereas the several Brotherhoods of Railroad Train and Engineers in the United States have for many months been negotiating with the representatives of the railroads in an endeavor to secure an eight-hour work day for train crews, and
"Whereas the trainmen have been most reasonable in their demands and most patient in their negotiations, hoping that the differences might be

PERSHING WILL STAY

NEW RAIDS BY VILLA BAND COMPELS APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE.

CARRANZA MUST SUGGEST HIS OWN PLAN OF HELP

Carranza Garrison in Chihuahua State Almost Destroyed by Band of Villistas and Mexican Government Promptly Appeals for Assistance.

Washington, July 7.—General Pershing's punitive column will not only remain in Mexico "for time being" but may even be sent further south to take a whack at a Villa band reported to have annihilated a Carranza garrison near Jimenez. This was learned from high authority following formal notification of the Villista success.

Mexicans Make Appeal.

Washington, July 7.—Ambassador Arredondo, acting on instructions from Mexico City, notified the state department that a large band of Villistas attacked the Carranza garrison at Corralitos, near Jimenez, state of Chihuahua Wednesday and almost destroyed it. Fearing bandits might take to the desert, Carranza has asked the state department to have border watched on the American side between Boquillas and Ojinaga, to prevent raids.

Want Carranza to Propose.

Washington, July 7.—President Wilson proposes to let Carranza himself suggest the best means whereby this country can aid Mexico to solve her difficulties. This was stated today as the most important feature of the note Secretary Lansing sent to Mexican Foreign Secretary Aguilara, in accepting the latter's proposal for direct negotiations. The note, in completed form, was transmitted after a long cabinet session. It is expected to be forwarded to Mexico City by Ambassador Arredondo before night.

MEACHAM WAS JOYOUS.

Holiday Spent in Delightful Way—Trap Shooting Held.

Meacham, Ore., July 6.—Showers and unsettled weather passed aside to allow the Fourth of July to be a very pleasant day. Owing to the weather, not much was planned on, but a very good time was held by all and many visitors were present.

Jim Beard, proprietor of the Popular Cash Store of Pendleton, came up on Sunday to see his family, who are spending the summer here.

The gun shoot scores were as follows, with 25 shots each:

R. Fagan, 22 with 14 straights, John Casey, 20; E. M. Calvert, 19; Jim Baker, 18; B. Ross, 18; R. Haws, 18; L. Legros, 17; J. Dockweiler, Jr., 17; J. Hoxson, 15; F. H. Fair, 14; Geo. Peary, 13; J. J. Dockweiler, 11. Several outside men tried their luck as follows:

G. Hiteman of Kamela, 22 out of 25, with 22 straight; C. McFall of Kamela, 13 out of 25; W. L. Jewell, 17 out of 25.

amicably adjusted and the dire results of a strike be thus averted, and "Whereas certain newspapers in this state have seized upon the present unfortunate Mexican situation to poison the minds of the public and question the patriotism of the railroad trainmen, and

"Whereas one paper has charged that they (the trainmen) threaten to disable the government for transportation of troops and supplies to the scene of hostilities, be it

"Resolved by the representatives of the Order of Railway Conductors the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Brotherhood Locomotive Firemen and Engin-

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STORM NEWS LEAKING OUT

NUMBER KILLED ESTIMATED ABOUT 80.

Jacksonville Alone Has Deathlist of Twenty—Damage Was Heavy.

New Orleans, July 7.—More than 80 are missing according to reports reaching here at 7 a. m. from various sources. Radio to Mobile and Pensacola is working fairly well and it is thought the loss in Thursday's hurricane will be known this afternoon.

Jacksonville, July 7.—Twenty are dead and several million dollars' property damage was today's estimate here of the toll taken by the storm which ravaged the coasts of Alabama, Louisiana and Florida for two days.

INTRODUCING A STAPLE.

Ex-Conductor Baker Showing Pendleton Flour Product.

Frank Baker, ex-railroad conductor and former La Grande resident, is in La Grande for a brief stay for the purpose of introducing to the eating public "Blydenstein's Self-Rising Pastry Flour." This is a Pendleton product and is new, having been on the market scarcely three weeks. The flour is primarily for all classes of partry cooking, and the firm also puts out whole wheat flour, which is a great favorite with many housewives. The self-rising pastry flour is especially for pie crusts, cakes and pan-cakes, or "flap-jacks," if it is desired to use it in that form. During the recent celebration in Pendleton 10,000 people were promptly supplied with bread foods from this new flour which is a distinctly local product, and, according to Mr. Baker, fully guaranteed to give satisfactory results.