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## POZIERES IN ALLIED HANDS REPORTS HAIG

BERLIN MESSAGE DENIES THE CLAIM, AVERRING ALLIED SETBACK INSTEAD.

## GERMANS DO ADMIT REVERSES ELSEWHERE

Hand to Hand Fighting Not Infrequent—Italian Reports Tell of Gains Against Austrians in Mountain Areas Where Numerous Strategic Points Were Taken.

London, July 25.—Haig reported today that "A... of Pozieres is now our." German counters failed to reach the British trenches. While British seized prisoners and two machine guns.

Colonials fought from house to house through Pozieres, steadily driving the Germans back and there was hand to hand fighting among blackened stumps of Delville forest and High Woods. Elsewhere the British bombardment has increased.

Italians Seize Peaks  
Rome, July 25.—It is announced Italians have captured Mount Cimone, the highest peak of the Northern Apennines—7000 feet altitude. Italians stormed and captured long Austrian entrenchments at Caserzobio. Between peaks of Mount Chiesa and Campioletto Italians captured three Austrian lines and established new trenches just below Crest.

Paris, July 25.—It is announced French have captured strongly-fortified block houses at Estress and recaptured trenches north of Ovillers. Machine guns checked a German grenade attack on the hill on the left bank of the Meuse. French aircraft raided Pierrepont and Longuyon depots and Mangiesse and Biveuac.

Russians Pierce Trenches  
Petrograd, July 25.—It is officially stated General Skharoff's Russians have advanced along the river Slonovka and penetrated enemy entanglements.

Pozieres Claims Denied.  
Berlin, July 25.—It is announced French assaults south of Estress have temporarily gained but Allied attacks at Pozieres were repulsed. French suffered heavily. It is admitted Russians penetrated the Teuton first lines south of Berezetcko.

### NEW SONG WRITTEN

"Mutt and Jeff" Title of La Grande Songbird's Latest

Thomas Hoy, the La Grande song writer, has published another popular song hit, entitled "Mutt & Jeff." It is now on sale in local music stores and also in the east.

This is his latest production and promises to go as big as his previous numbers have.

### WILL RELEASE STUDENTS.

University Boys at the Border To Be Free September First.

Washington, July 25.—The war department has issued an order providing for release of University students from border militia September first. It is proposed to form college militia organizations into officers for the reserve corps.

### SUFFRAGE VOTES SOUGHT.

Democrats Especially Anxious to Grab the Women Voters.

New York, July 5.—Democrats and Republicans are planning to seize Progressive suffrage votes. Chairman McCormick of the Democratic national committee, however expressed confidence Wilson will poll a majority of both groups. McCormick said Democrats are perfecting a women's political organization to center its fight in suffrage states.

### MILIT. BLOCH HURT

Fall From Wheel Results in Broken Collar Bone

Milton Bloch, a La Grande architect, sustained a broken collar bone about 7 o'clock last evening when he fell from his bicycle. He was coming down the Fourth street hill from the Epling home where he has some extensive repairs under consideration, and near the Turner Oliver home his wheel skidded. He got up seemingly unhurt but shortly afterwards collapsed, and it was not until he had been taken to Dr. Hall's offices that he recovered his full mental faculties. A broken collar bone seems to be the chief injury.

## 3 SOCIALISTIC BODIES ARE ACTIVE

PUBLICATION OF MINUTES REVEALS REAL PURPOSES

Socialists in Belligerent Countries Have Peace in Mind.

Paris, July 1.—(By mail)—That three great socialistic organizations of the United States are working hand in hand with the socialistic organizations of all the belligerent countries for peace became known here today for the first time with the publication of the minutes and orders of the day of the recent Second International Socialistic conference of Zimmerwald, held in May at Kienthal, Switzerland. Nearly every belligerent country tried to discourage the conference by refusing to permit delegates appointed to attend. Nevertheless, the conference was held and a peace program adopted. Among the Socialistic organizations represented at the conference were the Socialist Labor Party of the United States, the Socialist Party of America and the German Language Group of the Socialist Party of America, giving the Socialists of the United States the largest representation in the movement of any neutral country. Several belligerent countries were equally well represented. Of the 28 national Socialistic bodies that adhered to the congress and peace program two are Italian, one Swiss, two English, one Roumanian, four Russian, Jewish, Lithuanian and Polish; two Bulgarian, one Portuguese, one from Spain, one from Salonika; one from Sweden and Norway, one from Denmark, one from Southern Africa, various German socialistic organizations, one from Holland, one from France together with the new French Socialistic committee for the Resumption of International Relations. In the appeal launched by the congress to the Socialists of the entire world the following stand against a "decisive victory" was taken: "Our governments and your newspapers tell you it is necessary to continue the war in order that it can be made the last war that ever can happen. In this they are deceiving you. War never has killed war. On the contrary, in exciting the sentiments and the interests of revenge, war prepares war; violence calls forth violence. There is but one means definitely to prevent future wars and that is the conquest of government and capitalistic property by the people themselves. A durable peace will be the fruit of triumph of Socialism." The order of the day, relative to the immediate inauguration of a definite peace program and propaganda, closes as follows: "It is therefore necessary for all Socialists to exercise the maximum pressure on representatives in government. It will be necessary to exact the immediate co-operation of the governments and the capitalists with the Socialistic party. It will be necessary to exact that all parliamentarians vote from now on against war credits demanded for the purpose of prolonging the war, and to demand at once an immediate armistice."

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House on Egan Place Burned  
The house on the place formerly owned by Joe Egan in Fruitdale was totally destroyed by fire Wednesday evening. The place had just been vacated by a family named Lovett and the cause of the fire is unknown. The building was one of the best farm houses in that locality and the loss is about \$2500.

Mrs. Wm. Condit Hospital Patient

Mrs. Wm. Condit, whose home is up the Grande Ronde river, was taken seriously ill while on a visit in La Grande Sunday. The attending physician, Dr. Hall, found that an operation for hernia would be necessary and the same was performed Sunday evening. The patient has recovered from the ordeal but will likely be detained at the hospital for a week or more.

### Two Girls In Jail

Miss V. E. Evans is serving a five-day sentence in jail for illegal cohabitation with a young man named Owens, officers arresting them in the vicinity of Jackson and Fir. She thus becomes the second woman to serve sentence in the city jail at the same time. Owens received a 90-day sentence.

## DEUTSCHLAND STILL HERE; BREMEN MAY GO TO BOSTON

Baltimore, July 25.—A little patch of green, visible in the driving rain, told watchers today that the Deutschland was still here. It is unknown what prevented her starting last night as planned.

Boston Expects Bremen There.  
Boston, July 25.—A high official of

the Eastern Forwarding company told the United Press today the submarine Bremen intended to arrive here not Baltimore. He said the Bremen has received positive orders to not risk running the Allied blockade on the Virginia capes.

## TUNNEL GAS KILLS 23 PEOPLE

Cleveland, July 25.—It is estimated 23 were killed when the waterworks tunnel gas exploded. Electrical machinery ignited the gas but the explosion was not discovered until late this afternoon. After 10 corpses removed rescuers estimated 13 remained.

Ten corpses were taken from the tunnel below Lake Erie where rushing gas and explosion overcame 15 laborers and eight rescuers last night. Twelve were taken out alive and some may die.

All the dead are identified except one.

### OBSERVE U'AH DAY.

Former Residents of Salt Lake Region Celebrate.

The former residents and descendants of those who came to Oregon from Utah celebrated that state's legal holiday, known as Utah Pioneer day, at Riverside park yesterday. There was an informal program of speeches and other exercises during the day; also a general picnic dinner. The whole affair concluded with a big dance at night, which was participated in by practically all those who joined in the celebration during the day.

There was quite a large attendance, nearly all nearby localities being represented.

### METHODIST BISHOP DEAD.

Fishing Pole Touches High Tension Wire—Worked in the Islands.

Carlisle, Pa., July 25.—The partially buried corpse of Rev. William Harry Eveland, Methodist bishop in the Philippines and Southern Asia, was found this afternoon on the banks of a creek near his Mount Holly Springs summer home. He was electrocuted when his steel fishing pole touched a high tension wire.

### PEACE IS URGED.

Government Sending Many Mediators to Longshoremen's Strike.

Seattle, July 25.—Immigration Inspector White, the Longshoremen strike mediator, said the labor department is sending several Washington agents to confer with the strikers and employers in every city affected in hope of effecting a settlement.

### STEEL PIE CUT.

Extra Dividend of One Per Cent Declared on Common Stock.

New York, July 25.—The United States Steel Co. has declared a one-per cent extra dividend on common stock making a full dividend of two and a quarter.

## PRESIDENTIAL CIGARS WANING

FEDERAL CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT RIGID.

Day of Jack Pots and Slush Funds Said To Be Numbered.

Washington, July 25.—A corrupt practices bill introduced by Senator Owen of Oklahoma placing rigid restrictions on money spending by candidates for office has run the House gauntlet successfully, and with the administration's solid support, is waiting today to be pushed in the Senate so as to be effective for this year's Presidential and congressional election. "You can't buy a cigar for an old-time constituent under that bill," asserted an indignant House member as the measure was about to pass there. Its friends declare it makes slush-funds, jack-pots and expenditures out of the reach of the ordinary man, impossible. Under penalty of a fine up to \$10,000, imprisonment of not less than year, and—in the case of a candidate for office illegally elected under its provision—disqualification for his office, the bill forbids candidates to promise offices in return for support; expenditures other than costs of meetings, literature, and other specified items; corporations or their officers to contribute to a campaign; newspapers to run "puffs" without labeling them "paid ads"; withdrawal of ads or patronage from a newspaper because of a political stand. A President may not have more than \$50,000 spent to obtain his nomination; a Vice President is limited to \$25,000. A Senator may spend \$5,000 for nomination or election; a congressman, \$2,500. In addition, the national committees may spend \$400,000 for their Presidential tickets; and the national congressional committees the same amount. National officers are criminally liable if more is spent. No money over \$50 may be spent by any individual for a candidate, acting for himself alone. When individuals organize into clubs, they must register with the clerk of the House of Representatives, keep a public account of all funds received and paid out and twice before and once after election file these expense accounts at Washington. The total any man may spend, whether as an individual or as a club member, or both, is \$5,000. The fine and imprisonment clauses are not discretionary with the court. Anyone found guilty must be imprisoned one year. Convicted candidates too must lose the places to which they were illegally elected. Witnesses who testify for the state are granted full immunity, except for perjury committed on the stand. Each and every person who handles, receives, or pays out money illegally under this act, is individually criminally responsible.

Sheep Attacked by Epidemic.  
Thirty sheep, ranging on a farm near Eugene, have died within the last few days as the result of hemorrhagic septicemia. The remainder of the band, numbering about 4000 head, will be vaccinated.

SIXTH VICTIM OF BOMB DIES  
San Francisco, July 25.—Captain Reuben Vaughn died today as a result of injuries received in the bomb outrage Saturday night and makes a total of seven dead. Vaughn's right leg was mangled and complications caused his death.

The Fresno police has released Osmond Jacobs, a suspect, who has proved an alibi.

Detectives have asked the police at Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Boston to rush descriptions of all known nihilists. The police believe two eastern bomb plotters are in San Francisco.

French Flier Poulet Breaks Records.  
Paris, July 24.—By establishing a new altitude record of 19,530 feet with three passengers aboard and a new record of 18,530 feet with two passengers, Aviator Sergeant Etienne Poulet has just wrested the laurel from the Germans. In establishing this new world's record for altitude with two passengers Poulet was obliged to fly in unfavorable weather, reaching a height of 15,530 feet, sufficient to lower the 18,100 record held by German Lieutenant Blum. A few days later, Poulet was blessed with ideal weather and motor conditions. With three men aboard, M. Proust weighing 145 pounds and M. Paillard weighing 125 pounds together with 21 pounds of ballast, Poulet reached an altitude of 19,530, taking the previous record of 17,500 feet from the German flyer Sabatling. This leaves the French in possession of all aviation records previously held by the Germans, it is said.

Fire Loss Adjusted  
The loss caused by the fire in the James property last week has been adjusted. The amount fixed as damage on the building was \$1015 and on the contents, \$604.

## MORE LEeway SECURED FOR HOMESTEADER

ADDITIONAL ENTRY WITHIN 29 MILES OF THE ORIGINAL NEEDS NO RESIDENCE

## OTHERWISE RESIDENCE, CULTIVATION REQUIRED

New Amendment to Homestead Law Virtually Restores Under Certain Conditions, Another Homestead right to Person Having Used One.

First definite explanation of the recent amendment to the Enlarged Homestead act, has been made public by the La Grande land office. The amendment became effective July 3d, but to date little has reached newspaper columns of its precise working details. Inquiries are pouring into the land office in this city, and Register F. C. Bramwell and Receiver Nolan Skiff, have been busy writing letters on this subject. As a comprehensive and detailed explanation of the new law may be cited a letter forwarded to Joe H. Parkes of Pendleton today. In this letter to Mr. Parkes the officials say:

I am in receipt of your inquiry relative to a bill introduced by Congressman Sinnott, as an amendment to the enlarged homestead act, authorizing additional entries for land not contiguous to the original entry. You ask to be fully advised as to the provisions of this bill.

You perhaps have reference to the Act of July 3rd, 1916, (Public No. 142) amending the Act of February 19th, 1909, commonly known as the enlarged homestead act, by adding thereto an additional section to be known as section seven.

This act provides: "Section 7. That any person who has made or shall make homestead entry of less than three hundred and twenty acres of land of the character herein described, and who shall have submitted final proof thereon shall have the right to enter public lands subject to the provisions of this act, not contiguous to his first entry which shall not with the original entry exceed three hundred and twenty acres; Provided, That the land originally entered and that covered by the additional entry shall first have been designated as subject to this act, as provided by section one thereof; Provided Further, That in no case shall patent issue for the land covered by such additional entry until the person making same shall have actually and in conformity with the homestead laws resided upon and cultivated the lands so additionally entered, and otherwise complied with such laws, except that where the land embraced in the additional entry is located not exceeding twenty miles from the land embraced in the original entry no residence shall be required on such additional entry if the entryman is residing on his former entry; And Provided Further, That this section shall not be construed as affecting any rights as to location of soldiers' additional homesteads under section twenty-three hundred and six of the Revised Statutes."

Under departmental construction as announced in Circular No. 486, approved July 8th, 1916, additional entries will be allowed only in the states where the enlarged homestead act is in force and where final proof on the original entry has been submitted. Where the additional entry is within twenty miles of the original entry, and the applicant still maintains his residence on the land first entered, no residence on the additional entry will be required; but cultivation, under the Act of June 6th, 1912, must be shown on the submission of final proof. If the additional entry is more than twenty miles from the original entry, both residence and cultivation, under the three-year law will be required. To determine the distance between two entries, the nearest points, measured on a straight line, will control.

In all cases, the land in the original entry, as well as the land applied for under the additional application, must be designated under the enlarged homestead act; but where the land in either entry has not already been designated, the applicant may file a petition for designation, in duplicate as provided by the Act of March 4th, 1915, and Departmental Circular No. 402, except that separate petitions must be filed if the land in both the original and additional entries has not been designated.

Where an applicant for an additional entry made his original entry in a different land district, inquiry will be made of the proper land office to as-

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