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## RUSSIANS TIGHTEN HOLD ON ENEMY

ENGLISH ALSO VERY ACTIVE ON  
THE WEST FRONT MAKING  
GOOD GAINS

## ZEPPELINS AGAIN RAID EAST COAST COUNTIES

More or Less Activity Throughout the

Entire War Zone With Indications That Allies Have Had the Best of the Game in the Last Twenty-Four Hours—Frenchman Destroys His Fifth Aeroplane.

London, August 1.—From Rome comes the wireless message stating that Germans are withdrawing all their heavy artillery and munition stores from Kovel in order to be in the clear in front of the Russian advance. They have evacuated Vladimir and Vilhynsky.

Commander Haig has reported the general situation unchanged on the west front. British have repulsed an attack to the north of Baizentin Lepetit. The Paris Communique said two German surprise attacks were repulsed near Lihous.

**Russians Are Very Busy.**  
Petrograd, Aug. 1.—Announcement is made that Russians are continuing in hot pursuit of the Turks toward Mossul, despite the flooded marshes and barbed wire traps. Russians are steadily advancing across Stockhod river north of Kovel. The strong Teuton positions are succumbing daily. A great enveloping movement which promises to be one of the most spectacular features of the war is rapidly developing. Late dispatches indicate that Dneister river floods are subsiding which thus enables General Elitchskys men to advance more rapidly.

**Made Drive at Teutons.**  
Petrograd, Aug. 1.—Russians have charged through waist deep water and have driven Teutons from Dneister to Koropietz where they were repulsed with heavy counter attacks from Kovel and Lutsk. One thousand Austrians have surrendered. The German line in the Velicke district has suffered a severe dent.

**Another Zeppelin Raid.**  
London, Aug. 1.—The admiralty briefly announced today another Zeppelin raid on the east coast counties last night. The report said: "Zeppelins flew at great height and it was extremely difficult to determine the exact number. It is believed there was at least six which dropped bombs in the thinly inhabited districts."

**Fighting on the British Front.**  
Berlin, Aug. 1.—War office reports issued reports today telling of brisk fighting on the British front. Haig's men penetrated German trenches in the narrow front at Fourneaux woods. German counters cleared the trenches.

**Aeroplane Destroyed by French.**  
Paris, Aug. 1.—Adjutant Lenoir, of the aviation corps, destroyed the fifth German aeroplane to his credit today, according to a report issued from the war department headquarters. Heavy German guns are shelling towns of Bois, Fumin, Halsufee on the right bank of the Meuse. On the west Pont-a-Mousson Germans exploded three mines but the French seized the craters.

**Losses Have Been Heavy.**  
Berlin, (Wireless via Sayville)—Allies have suffered a total naval loss of forty-nine vessels of five hundred and sixty-two thousand tons, while the Germans lost thirty vessels of one hundred and ninety thousand tons during the late naval engagements, according to a bulletin issued here today.

**Pyle Canyon Improvement.**

Bridge Superintendent Davis is engaged this week in the construction of a steel and concrete culvert in the Pyle canyon district beyond Telocaset. The remainder of the week will be required for the completion of the work on hand.

## JEWISH NEWSPAPER ATTACKED

Publisher Claims Threats Had Been Made Against Him

Chicago, Aug. 1.—Two bombs were exploded in the business office of the Jewish Daily Press. Editor Leibling was sleeping upstairs and was blown from his bed but was uninjured. He says that he had received threats on account of testimony given in a recent labor trial.

## OREGON REGIMENT MOVED

Headquarters Have Been Established At Imperial Beach

San Diego, Aug. 1.—The headquarters for the Third Regiment of the Oregon militia have been moved from Palm City to Imperial Beach.

Only a few men in the regiment failed to satisfactorily pass the physical tests.

## GAS MAKER ARRIVES.

Main Expert in the Business Is Here for Business.

J. U. McDonald, recognized over the Pacific Coast as one of the most proficient gas manufacturers, arrived in La Grande today and will be employed by the La Grande Gas company—the new corporation recently organized for the purpose of converting the mill waste into commercial gas.

## DEAD MAY REACH 500

TIME REVEALS SCORES OF THOSE WHO HAVE PERISHED

Many of the Dead Buried in Long Trenches in Northern Ontario.

Hailey Bury, Ontario, Aug. 1.—Scores of forest fire victims have been buried here in deep trenches. Every indication shows that the total number of casualties will be unobtainable. Relief workers fully believe that more than 500 people have perished. Fires have swept over hundreds of square miles of northern Ontario.

## John Tuttle Improved

Word is received that John Tuttle, the Imbler farmer who was run over last Thursday by a mowing machine, is gradually improving. Although stiffened up and suffering a fractured rib and many cuts and bruises he is pulling through. His escape from far more serious injuries, as bad as they are, is still the wonder of the neighborhood.

## Kay Apportions Funds

Salem, Aug. 1.—State Treasurer Kay today apportioned the interest collected from the irreducible school fund during the past year.

The census showed over 208,000 school children in Oregon, which is an increase of nearly 3,000 in one year.

Funds apportioned showed Coos county to have received \$12,000; Douglas, \$11,000; Linn, \$14,000; Benton, \$7,300; Clatsop, \$9,400; Union, \$9,400.

## Clark Sworn In.

Washington, Aug. 1.—John H. Clark was sworn in as Supreme court justice today at noon.

## Official of Company Arrested.

New York, Aug. 1.—President McKenzie of the National Storage company was arrested today charged with manslaughter in connection with the explosion of Sunday. He was arraigned in Jersey City and furnished bail.

## GERMANY REFUSES TERMS.

Will Not Accept England's Offer of Polish Relief.

Washington, Aug. 1.—The state department announced today that Germany has refused to accept the British terms of Polish relief. Ambassador Gerard cabled Germany's reply to Britain.

## Baker Editor Here.

Editor Powell, of the Baker Herald, spent this forenoon in La Grande on business. He reports everything in Baker county looking fine and that the mining in the mountains is very keen this season.

## General Electric Pays in Bonuses

New York, Aug. 1.—The first half of \$5,000,000 in bonuses was paid by the General Electric company to its employees today. Every employee who has been with the company 5 years gets a bonus equal to 5 per cent of his or her annual salary. This amounts to \$300,000 at the Schenectady plant alone. The company has branches in every city of size in the country.

## READY MONEY MUCH SCARCER

EUROPEAN COUNTRIES UP AGAINST TROUBLE.

Shortage of Finances May End the War Before Third Year Is Done.

New York, Aug. 1.—The warring nations of Europe are at their last stand, as they enter today upon the third year of the conflict. Two years of prodigal expenditures, of enormous losses and of indecisive victories and defeats have led up to the final phase of the great struggle which discloses neither side able as yet to dictate terms to the other. The Allies and the Central Empires have not even decided among themselves as to the details of their own terms. This must be the principal work of their statesmen during the third year of the war. The two years of conflict have demonstrated that in a war as complex as is the European struggle, other forces beside those controlled by the militarists play an increasingly important part in the final outcome.

The present war map, showing the German lines extending far into enemy countries, and showing also the loss of Germany's colonial empire, is but one element that must enter into any discussion of peace. Lines on either side may hold, but once the enemy establishes a definite superiority in man-killing power, this fact will have a new bearing on peace negotiations. Three other influences are at work in the final phase of the war: financial, economic and food. Financially, Europe at large is approaching a limit of impossible taxation after the war, to pay the interest on the money now being so readily borrowed under the influence of patriotic fervor. Belligerent statesmen are entering upon the third year of the war with serious financial misgivings that will probably stimulate interest in peace as new borrowings of billions become necessary. It is practically certain that in some of the warring nations, thinly disguised socialistic seizures of property will have to be made, to pay the war bills, even if the war doesn't last a day longer. If peace continues to be evasive far into the third year of the war, there will be few countries that in the end will be able to avoid widespread confiscation. Economically, the two years of warfare have not been disastrous for any of the principal belligerents. Workingmen's wages, in general, have risen higher than the increased cost of living. The dispatch of so many millions of men to the front and the use of so many millions more in munitions' factories have caused a scarcity of ordinary labor throughout Europe. The Central Empires, however, will feel a serious economic strain when the war is over, because their supply of raw materials is rapidly becoming exhausted. The Allies have been able to import raw materials continuously during the war, while Germany and Austria-Hungary have had to live on their reserves. How to purchase raw materials from abroad in sufficient quantities to provide for the millions of Teuton soldiers returning to workshops and factories after peace is declared, will present a serious problem for Berlin and Vienna to solve.

For two years, the supply of food in the Teutonic countries has been constantly dropping. The enforcement of a low dietary scale upon the Germans has undoubtedly had some depressing moral effects, but there is as yet no evidence that actual starvation for the mass of the people is imminent. If the Russian armies, however, can reach the grain fields and cattle pastures of Hungary and Galicia before the August harvesting is over, the Teutons may yet be starved into surrender. But as the third year of the war begins, it seems as if the Russian offensive started too late to accomplish this objective.

## \$50,000 Blaze at Copper Mine.

Kennett, Cal., July 29.—Work proceeded today as usual at the Mammoth copper mine, three miles from here, notwithstanding the losses caused by a fire last night which burned the bunkhouse, grubhouse, supply house, motion picture theatre and other buildings. No one was injured. The loss is estimated at between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

## Columbia "A" to Fight.

New York, July 31.—Wallace Macfarlane, counsel for Columbia University, has announced that he will appeal from the verdict of a jury breaking the will of Amos F. Eno. If the verdict is confirmed in the Appellate Division of the Supreme court he will appeal to the Court of Appeals. Eno left a \$12,000,000 estate. He gave the residue, estimated at \$4,000,000, to Columbia University. His next of kin contested the will successfully. They have offered for probate a will executed in 1914 in which Columbia University is not a legatee.

## HUGHES IS ON RECORD

TELLS SENATOR SUTHERLAND HIS VIEWS ON SUFFRAGE.

Would Submit Proposed Constitutional Amendment and Ratify It.

New York, Aug. 1.—Senator Sutherland, of Utah, today telegraphed Judge Hughes urging him to accept woman suffrage and embody it in his letter of acceptance. Hughes replied by wire:

"Your telegram received. I have no objection to stating my personal views. I think it most desirable that the woman suffrage question be settled promptly. My view is that the proposed constitutional amendment should be submitted and ratified, and the subject removed from political discussion."

## Portland Welcomes Knights.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 1.—Delegates to the Supreme lodge and Temple of the Knights of Pythias were welcomed to Portland today by Governor James H. Withycombe and Mayor H. R. Albee. Their addresses were responded to by Brig. S. Young, supreme chancellor, and Cora N. Davis, supreme chief. After these ceremonies at the Masonic Temple here, the Supreme lodge opened its sessions in the temple, while the Supreme lodge of the Pythian Sisters opened their proceedings at the Elks temple, and the Grand lodge, Knights of Pythias, started proceedings at the K. of P. temple.

All the first meetings were brief, Knights and Sisters adjourning as soon as possible so as to prepare for the grand street parade, starting at 2 p. m. In this procession, scores of delegates, including the picturesquely attired members of the Dramatic Order, Knights of Khorassan, from every big city of the United States, passed in review. The city was resplendent with Pythian colors and banners. Passing the reviewing stand, the uniformed orders halted a moment to execute intricate drill maneuvers with the snap and precision of trained troops.

After the parade the delegates attended banquets and went on short pleasure jaunts until 8 p. m., when Hon. Walter B. Ritchie, Past Supreme Chancellor, was scheduled to deliver an address at the Baker theatre on "The Pythian Lesson of Friendship."

Following a short session of all lodges in their headquarters tomorrow morning, a number of pleasure trips are on the program.

## Kaiser Starts Propaganda.

Berlin, Aug. 1.—The Kaiser today inaugurated a speechmaking propaganda throughout Germany to unify the empire on Germany's peace terms and to prepare the public mind for peace. Under the auspices of The German National committee, an organization having the approval of the official censorship, fifty well known German orators will make the same speech in fifty German cities today. The speech is unofficially known to represent Chancellor von Bethmann Hollweg's peace term views. The speech is being awaited with the keenest interest by both friends and foes of Dr. Hollweg. This propaganda may mark the beginning of re-established friendly relations between the Chancellor and those with whom he has politically disagreed on the conduct of the war. Dr. Hollweg is the man who engineered the ousting of Grand Admiral von Tirpitz and his submarine warfare campaign and kept friendly relations with the United States when a break seemed imminent. It is known that the Moderate, Conservative, National-Liberal and Catholic elements have been striving to make a reconciliation between the Chancellor and the Pan-German element.

## Naval Militia Is Homeward Bound.

Bremerton, Wash., July 30.—The Oregon Naval Militia is homeward bound on the last link of its annual cruise. The cruiser Marblehead, on which the men have been to Alaska, hauled up anchors tonight at Port Angeles and is to start out of the straits at daybreak tomorrow, reaching the Columbia River Tuesday morning and Portland early Tuesday afternoon.

Three days at Bremerton have been enjoyed by the men. Every person on the ship had at least 24 hours of shore liberty. The militiamen have been given full privileges in the Bremerton Navy-yard, and, in addition to visiting all the shops, ships and other things of interest, have gone through three submarines which are in drydock. Most of the men took a trip to Seattle to pass part of their time.

Soon after the Marblehead reaches Portland she is to be returned to the Bremerton Navy-yard for repairs, according to announcement here today.

## DEPOT GROUNDS RAGGED.

But Unskillfulness Is Only Fore-runner of Better Things.

That heavily planked walking space from the express office to the depot looks like a war gun might have had a whack at it. All around the depot, for that matter, and around the express office building as well, things look very ragged. It is with difficulty that people can get around and it seems as if the whole premises have been turned over to the elements of destruction.

But it will not always be thus. The upturning of things is to prepare for a complete system of cement walks and driveways which will then put the grounds in more inviting and habitable shape.

## REPUBLICANS MAKE CHARGES.

Claim President Wilson Acted in Partisan Manner.

(Washington, Aug. 1.—Republican members of the Senate banking and Currency committee charged President Wilson with violating the law making a farm loan board a Democratic instead of a non-partisan board. Republicans have delayed the confirmation of W. S. Smith of Iowa.

## Rev. Mr. Powell Here Today.

Rev. Mr. Powell of Cove, is over today attending the Berkley funeral.

## BRANCH LINE BREAKS RECORD

FIFTY CARS OF FREIGHT ONE DAY'S BUSINESS

Train Arrives Laden With Wallowa County Products

All records in freight business on the branch line, between La Grande and Joseph, were smashed yesterday when a big train with double-header engines came in with fifty loaded cars. While this is a record in the size of a freight train over the branch line it is also an unimpeachable advertisement of the producing capabilities of Wallowa county from whence most of the shipments came. It was not a special stock day nor a special day of any kind—just the "run of things" in the way of outputs principally from our adjoining empire, the Wallowa. And fifty loaded cars in one day is some business. It is not many years ago when such an occurrence would be in the way of phenomenal even on the main line. And the way things now look the freight shipments from Joseph and the intermediate points toward La Grande will afford even a bigger record for a single day.

## GOOD TIMES BRING DIVORCE.

Young Wife Admits Husband Too Old To Be Seen With.

Cincinnati, July 31.—"He was too old for me. I did not want to be seen going around with him," said Irene von Rissen Collins, of 1555 Linn street, to Judge Hoffman after she had been brought into court to testify in the suit for divorce brought by her husband, William F. Collins, a railroad engineer, of 1409 Pleasant street. Irene is only 18 and from the testimony developed in the suit is inclined to like the brighter things in life. She married William February last after a former marriage contracted by her had been annulled. The separation occurred slightly more than a month later, April 4.

During that time she cost her husband nearly all the savings he had accumulated.

"I couldn't see myself sitting around the house with him," she said. When she left their home in April she took a pinola with her and \$4500 which her husband had given her to deposit in a joint bank account; \$2000 of this he later recovered. The balance was spent "in having a good time."

Just prior to the marriage it was shown that she received from Collins a check for \$150—\$50 for wedding clothes, \$850 for a player piano; February 24, the day before the marriage, \$75 for wedding clothes; February 25, \$305 for wedding ring and diamond engagement ring.

Mrs. Collins gave her testimony with an arm in a sling and a discolored eye, injuries said to have been suffered by her in a motorcycle accident some time ago. The decree was granted the husband for gross neglect.

## Looked Too Warlike

St. Peter, Minn., Aug. 1.—Because they thought the Boy Scouts' hike looked to them like militarism, the Nicollet county Equity society caused the abandonment of a hike scheduled to have started from here today.

## DEUTSCHLAND LEAVES PORT ON HOME TRIP

UNDERSEA MERCHANT VESSEL LEAVES THIS COUNTRY'S PROTECTION.

AT 5:30 O'CLOCK EASTERN TIME SINKS INTO ATLANTIC

Allies Patrol Waits on the Three Mile

Limit—Tugs Guide the Merchant

Boat Toward the Bay Entrance,

While Launches Hovered Around

Her—Police Kept All Private Boats

at a Safe Distance—Channel Had

Been Dragged for Mines.

Baltimore, Aug. 1.—The Deutschland sailed at 5:33 p. m. today amid guiding launches.

Tugs flanked the submarine through the route it took among the capes.

The channel had been dragged for hidden mines for it was plainly the wish of the United States government that nothing should happen while the German boat was in American waters that would tend to bring on further troubles with the Fatherland.

The police boats stood guard over the German merchant vessel of the new type and prevented private vessels from approaching only to a certain distance.

Outside of the three mile limit the Allied warships kept up their patrol all day and were sailing up and down when the Deutschland made the dive for the open waters.

## DEUTSCHLAND READY NOW.

Merchant Submarine Will Leave America This Afternoon.

Baltimore, Aug. 1.—The Deutschland has planned to depart before 5 o'clock this afternoon. Port officials have ordered all press boats docked to prevent them from pursuing the submarine in her start for deep water.

## PREHISTORIC RELIC

Work of Human Handicraft Found in Bottom of Excavation

At the bottom of the excavation for the La Grande Grocery Company's new warehouse, six feet below the surface, has been discovered a rare relic. It is evidently the work of human hands and seems to have been devised as a sort of retainer or receptacle, but in what way and by what strange race of beings the same was wrought or the secret of how it came to be where it was discovered, there is no audible voice to proclaim.

It is known that at the site of the warehouse building there was at one time a depression. This was filled up by all sorts of refuse and about all the material that has been removed is that which has been placed there in the years gone by. But the facts in regard to the relic are not so easily determined and could not be told unless the cylindrical shaped piece of mechanism apparently made of glass could itself speak and tell all it knows. Its history is as silent and uncommunicative as the Sphinx. In outline, however, it completely resembles an old-time whiskey bottle.

## ENGINEER VISITING HERE

Venerable Employee of Missouri Pacific Likes Oregon's Weather

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Miller, of Council Grove, Morris county, Kansas, are in La Grande visiting their son, Fireman "Pat" Miller. Council Grove is quite well known from even before the border times as being one of the old Indian trading points in the then far west. The elder Miller is also a railroad man—an engineer—and he has been in the employ of the Missouri Pacific for forty years, twenty years of which time was on one regular run. Incidentally the trip westward is for the benefit of Mrs. Miller's health and all the family are pleased over the fact that the Kansas lady has experienced marked improvement. The venerable engineer is also very favorably impressed with Oregon's summer weather and cool nights and they are both glad they came.