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ITALY GAINS NEW GROUND

WINNING ARMY PUSHING TO THE EAST AND SOUTH OF CAPTURED GORITZ

ISONZO RIVER CROSSED BY MEANS OF PONTOONS

On the Somme River Germans Claim to Have Repulsed Both English and French, While London Asserts Australians Have Been Making Substantial Gains There Too.

Berlin, Aug. 10.—It is announced Germans have repulsed British and French attacks on the Somme.

Rome, Aug. 10.—It is reported Italians have continued their successful attacks on Austrians in the vicinity of Goritz which was for a long time a strong barricade against Italian invasion of Austria, and which fell yesterday, by capturing the Austrian aviation station at Aisovizzi, six miles east of Goritz. Austrians attempted a stand in the suburbs of the city, but Italian cavalry and cyclists charged and scattered the defenders. One Austrian detachment was isolated from the main force.

Lemberg Becomes Objective. Petrograd, Aug. 10.—It is announced Russians captured the Chryplin railway station three miles east of Stanislau. The Russian right wing seized the railway 12 miles northeast of Stanislau at the mouth of the Elora Lypia river. Teutons are retreating behind the Bistrize river where they plan a decisive battle for Lemberg.

French Too Claim Victories. Paris, Aug. 10.—It is announced French progressed through Hem woods, capturing 100 prisoners last night and dispersed a German attack south of Somme. The German attack in the Vosge region was repelled. The Allies have conducted several successful aeroplane raids.

Australians Advancing. London, Aug. 10.—Gen. Haig has reported Australians gained at all immediate objectives northwest of Pozieres. Germans shelled British positions southeast of Trones wood.

Isonzo Crossing Continues. Dispatches state a total of 22,000 prisoners were taken around Goritz and it is announced Italian cavalry have further progressed eastward. Troops continue crossing the Isonzo over pontoons.

Late this afternoon war office announced Italians had captured Boscini, south of Goritz.

LINEMAN INJURED.

Bone Broken in Ankle When Workman Falls From a Pole.

Mistaking a cluster of branches 12 feet from the ground, as the foot of the pole, Seth Maxwell, foreman of linemen for the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company, fell to the ground and broke the large bone of the ankle. He is at the hospital and aside from the excruciating pain, is doing as well as could be expected. The fall occurred at night when line trouble called him out. He had been up the pole, and was coming down when the accident happened, and it appears that he saw green foliage below him and thought he was on the ground when as matter of fact he was stepping on the leaves of a tree. His father, W. A. Maxwell, of Union came over today to visit the injured man.

SCHOOL FORCE SHAPING.

One or Two Instructors Yet To Be Contracted for by Officials.

With the high school faculty all but perfected. Linden McCullough, superintendent of schools, is able to begin final arrangements for opening of school September 11th. Manual training and the domestic science departments have been occupying attention of the superintendent and board recently. Mr. Mason of O. A. C. having been employed in the manual arts and the board has all but closed with a local woman to handle the domestic science departments.

In the intervening days Mr. McCullough will proceed to shape school affairs that the institution may open and fall into its year's stride without loss of time.

ENGLAND PRODDED.

State Department Wants Answer to Mail Protest Expedited.

Washington, Aug. 10.—It is officially announced the state department has asked Britain to expedite a reply to the American protest against British interference with mails.

WORLD'S RICHEST YOUNG MAN TEACHES MILITIA RECRUITS TO FLY.



Ensign Vincent Astor.

The millionaire ensign, of the naval militia aviation corps, devotes a great part of his time at the Bay Shore, L. I., aviation field, where he teaches recruits to fly. Ensign Astor is the richest young man in the world, since he inherited the vast fortunes of his father, John Jacob Astor, when the latter died on the Titanic in 1912.

STREET CAR FIRE COSTLY

TWENTY INJURED, SOME FATAALLY.

Panic Follows Blaze Started by Short Circuited Wires.

Chicago, Aug. 10.—Twenty were injured, four of them fatally, when a short circuit caused a double explosion in a Halstead street car. Forty passengers rushed to exits, but the car burned rapidly. Firemen and policemen chopped the imprisoned and injured from the blazing debris. In the panic many were crushed.

EXCURSION DREW WELL.

Nearly 50 From La Grande and 33 From Branch Line Points Attend.

When the seashore excursion pulled out of La Grande last evening it carried close to 50 La Grander, 33 from branchline points, and four car loads from points east. Conductor Wade brought down 33 from Willowa county who were desirous of enjoying the seaside trip. Among those who went from La Grande and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Young, Mrs. W. E. Buchanan, John Hodgins, Dora F. Krouse, Mrs. W. H. Casey and two children Grace Barrie, Weiser, L. C. Bullis and wife, S. F. Andrews and wife, Edwin Mason, C. W. Hallebaugh, Mrs. R. W. Laughlin, O. L. Wall, who goes to join his wife; Minnie Schwebke, Stella J. Thorsen, Elgin; P. E. Christensen, Alice; Hattie Wingo, Alice; D. C. Conrad, Alice; C. R. Hibberd, Edna Bellmer, Mrs. John Girdler and son, John, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Talbot; Mrs. L. D. Butler, Mrs. Laura E. Rogers; Mrs. Sarah Bellmer, Florence Bryant, Alice Snook, Lela A. Jones, S. A. Hawkins, Mrs. C. R. Buell, Willie Silverthorn.

EN ROUTE TO YELLOWSTONE.

Cove People Join Baker Party on Long Auto Trip.

Baker, Aug. 10.—(Special)—Mrs. F. E. Corpe and C. L. Peterman of Cove, and Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Peterman of this city leave this morning by auto for Salt Lake and Utah points, after which they will go to Yellowstone park, returning by way of Butte and Spokane. They expect to take about a month for the trip.

Eight Cars Derailed.

Eight cars of a freight train were derailed between Pendleton and Echo today. There were no casualties and but slight damage is reported. No particular delay in passenger traffic is anticipated according to the reports received at La Grande.

JOHN COLLIER CITY TREASURER

C. M. HUMPHREYS RESIGNS HIS POSITION.

While Retiring Official Goes to U. S. National, Old-Time Citizen Succeeds Him.

John Collier, long-time businessman of La Grande, and one of the framers of the present city charter becomes city treasurer August 14th by appointment of City Manager Lafky to succeed C. M. Humphreys, who has resigned to accept a position with the banking house. The new treasurer has been located in Portland up to recently, after he disposed of his business affiliations here, but returned a few weeks ago.

FLOUR JUMPS 50 CENTS IN CHICAGO--TRADING IS WILD

Chicago, Aug. 10.—Advancing wheat prices have hit the American housewife hard.

Flour jumped 50 cents today and bakers' grades cost \$7.50 a barrel. While flour is steadily advanced wheat has fluctuated. There was exciting trading, brokers madly shouting their bids.

WOMEN MEET TO AGREE ON A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 10.—What the new Woman's party will do at the polls November 7 will be settled at the conference of the party's national executive committee opening here today. With scores of conferences, all leading up to a decision on their choice for President, leaders from the twelve suffrage states composing the Party met here today to decide which way to throw the 4,000,000 votes they claim to control. Four speakers will train their guns on the male politicians tonight—Miss Maud Younger, California, Secretary of the National Council of the Congressional Union; Mrs. Florence Bayard Hill, Delaware, Chairman of the Delaware Branch of the Congressional Union; Mrs. William Kent, California, of the National Executive committee of the Congressional Union and wife of Representative Kent of California, chairman of the recently formed Wilson Non-Partisan league and Mrs.

FLOOD DEATH LIST FALLING OFF TO FIFTY

SCORES REPORTED DEAD BY EARLY REPORTS ARE NOW ACCOUNTED FOR.

FOOD AND TENTS SENT TO HOMELESS VICTIMS

Cloudburst Near Galipolis, Ohio, Creates Havoc, 20 Bodies Being Jammed Into Debris at Dam—Milliamen Guard Against Charleston Looting of Dead Bodies.

Charleston, W. Va., Aug. 10.—Latest conservative estimates say 50 are dead in the great flood. Scores originally reported dead are now accounted for.

The Kanawaha river is receding, but it is carrying houses, barns and furniture. A boy's corpse was seen on the roof of a floating house.

Governor Hatfield has ordered two more militia companies to the flood district to halt looting, and aid the thousands of homeless. Troops also brought food and tents.

Property loss will be over five millions.

Twenty Piled in Dam.—Many corpses, cloudburst victims, floated down the Ohio river today and there are huge masses of wreckage.

Boatmen vainly attempted to remove 20 bodies from debris lodged against a dam 10 miles south of here.

NEW PLAYERS APPEAR.

Band Concert Tomorrow Night to Feature Three New Members.

A new solo cornetist, A. Lonney of Portland, Dick Perrine, a solo trombone player also of Portland; and Mr. Homme, a tuba expert, will be introduced as permanent members of the Elks' band tomorrow evening when the organization gives its regular concert.

The management is launching out to get expert musicians, having in mind the very best organization of players obtainable.

Henderson Clark Ill.

Relatives and friends of Henderson Clark of South La Grande are much concerned this afternoon at the critical condition the old gentleman is in. He has been indisposed for some little time.

MEDIATORS MEETING WITH EACH SIDE ALTERNATELY

Conductors and Trainmen Standing Firm--Secrecy Veils Sessions.

New York, Aug. 10.—Federal mediators met railroad brotherhood representatives and railroad managers alternately today. All sessions are secret.

A. B. Garretson of the Conductors Brotherhood said: "We stand firm" and it is indicated trainmen are not yielding. Mr. Garretson declared the brotherhoods intended to press their demands and Mediator Chambers predicted further meetings tonight. No publicity has been given to any of the conferences.

Federation Board Is Working. New York, Aug. 9.—If the federal mediation board, which was called in today, fails to adjust the differences between the country's railroads and their 400,000 employees, President Wilson will be asked to use his personal influence to avert a general strike.

Railroad representatives who have been negotiating with the men since June 12 made this statement. An appeal to the president will be the last resort, taken only to save the nation from the trade paralysis that would follow a railway strike. Late tonight the federal mediators' efforts to bring the contending factions together were well under way. Acceptance of the board's offer of services is not obligatory on either side. If the brotherhoods refuse to accept the mediator's good offices the situation will stand as it was before the mediators stepped in.

A. B. Garretson, president of the railroad conductors, said that unless the railroads made satisfactory concessions they would refuse to bind themselves to federal mediation and unless something else intervened the

general strike order will be enforced. The present crisis in the railroad situation was reached in this city on June 15 last, when the conference between the representatives of 235 railroad systems in the United States and 400,000 employees failed to arrive at an adjustment of their differences. The conference began June 1 and following the presentation on March 30 of demands by the men for an eight-hour day and time and a half for overtime.

It had been hoped that the conference might make unnecessary the taking of a strike vote by referring the questions at issue to arbitration. After hearing the demands of the unions, however, the railroads declined to make a counter proposal and dismissed the subject by offering to further discuss what they termed a "tentative proposition" which granted the men's eight-hour demand but refused all others.

The unions declined to consider the "tentative" offer and the railroads then suggested placing their differences before the interstate commerce commission for decision, or if that body was without authority, that both sides join in petitioning congress to grant the necessary power. If this proved unsatisfactory to the unions the railroads suggested arbitration under the Newlands act.

The men rejected the two propositions. Their spokesman, A. B. Garretson, president of the Order of Railway Conductors, in an impassioned speech, said that the men would never consent to arbitration because of the failure of the unions to obtain justice in prior disputes through that method.

The leaders of the four unions, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors, upon withdrawing from the conference lost no time in drafting the strike ballot and in order to expedite the vote caused their distribution throughout the country by the 600 union delegates that had also attended the conference.

It was pointed out at that time by the brotherhoods' leaders that a vote ordering a general strike did not necessarily mean the immediate institution of the strike. It was explained that the strike order would not be issued until every effort looking toward an amicable settlement had been exhausted.

In statements issued by the railroad heads following the break up of the conference it was held that the eight-hour day demanded by the men did not actually mean a shorter workday, but rather an increase of 25 per cent over existing wages for the same amount of work, and an increase in many cases of 87 1-2 per cent for overtime as compared with present rates. The demands pertain only to freight and not to passenger service.

The railroads maintained that to allow the increase would add \$100,000,000 a year to the operating expenses of all roads in the United States, "for the benefit of men whose average pay per day was increased from 30 to 42 per cent from 1903 to 1914, while the wages of the Western engineers were further increased in 1915."

HUGHES ADDRESSES FARMERS

Wants Nation to Avoid War by Unflinching Protection

Grand Forks, Aug. 10.—Mr. Hughes addressed a farmer audience at the auditorium today. He declared he stood for unflinching protection of American rights. He said: "We can't hold up our heads, unless deeds follow words. Weakness breeds insult. Insult breeds war." He urged preparedness and attacked the administration's diplomacy. He shook hands with 600.

Marshfield Doctor Dead

Marshfield, Aug. 10.—Doctor Walter Gullin, aged 50, who was health officer of Coos county, was found dead in bed today. He died of apoplexy.

ADJOURNMENT OPPOSED

Republicans Hang on Literacy Test in Immigration Bill

Washington, Aug. 10.—The Republican caucus has declined the Democratic suggestion Congress adjourn to September, because the literacy test of the immigration bill is not included in the Democratic leaders' legislative program. Republicans want the literacy test clause.

Bomb Suspects Arraigned

San Francisco, Aug. 10.—Five bomb suspects have been arraigned. Judge Cabanis postponed Issreal Weinburg's case until Saturday and postponed others until Tuesday. Attorneys pleaded they weren't ready.

PORTLAND GIRL FALLS TO DEATH

MISS, AGED SEVEN, WALKS IN HER SLEEP.

Tumbles Out of Fourth Story Window—Body Found Later.

Portland, Aug. 10.—Lillian Cunningham, aged seven, walked in her sleep and fell through her bedroom window four stories high. Elmer Baker, a barber, found the corpse in the alley this morning.

James Cunningham, her father, left the girl asleep at 11 last night. A woman down stairs heard a thud a half hour later than that.

POTATOES SUPPLANT APPLES.

J. B. Stoddard Breeding Fine Grades of the Spud.

To change an orchard into a first-class potato field has been the work of J. B. Stoddard of Fruitdale this year and he has done his work remarkably well. His first load of spuds came into the city this morning. They are not the old common potato of years gone by, not at all. They are the aristocrats of the potato family and show their breeding. Mr. Stoddard has made a research of spud literature and chased Burbank history up one side and down the other to direct him in the culture of the potato. His efforts are bearing results for his potatoes offered this morning were par excellence. The "Gold Coin" is a fine spud, while the "Gold Coin" is all that the name implies—genuine and solid, taking its place along side of "Pride of Multnomah" in a graceful manner. Hereafter J. B. Stoddard will be the potato grower instead of the apple grower and his product is all right in every way.

MR. ALLINSON RETIRES

Ralph Fowler and Mr. and Mrs. Ward Fowler Succeed in Proprietorship

Compelled by a return of asthma attacks of long standing, to seek a lower altitude, William Allinson has retired from the Mammoth Grocery Store, and will move to Portland. Ralph Fowler, previously interested in the concern, and Mr. and Mrs. Ward Fowler of Enterprise constitute the firm of Fowler & Co., which will hereafter control and manage the store, the place continuing under its old name. Mr. and Mrs. Fowler will make La Grande their home, he being already here and she being due to arrive August 15th.

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"Much as I hate to leave La Grande, I find it impossible to remain here continuously and must do as I did a few years ago, seek relief in lower climate altitude," said Mr. Allinson in speaking of the change.

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