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HELPLESSNESS OF AMERICA IN PINCH ADMITTED

MILLION AND A HALF TRAINED
SOLDIERS NECESSARY
SCOTT SAYS

SENATOR CHAMBERLAIN REMINDED OF BAD STATUS

English and Japanese Could Crush
America By Landing Sufficient Men
Here and Having Their Own Coun-
tries Protected by Navies—Bold
Statement Specifies Possibilities.

Washington, Dec. 18.—(United Press)—General Leonard Wood said today militia mobilization along the border was a complete failure, and said: "We have no defense and are unprepared. We must have universal military training and must get it quickly."

Washington, Dec. 18.—(United Press)—General Hugh Scott, chief of staff of the army told Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the Senate military committee that a half million soldiers was insufficient to protect America. He said the European war had shown a million was useful only as a starter and the United States should have a million and half trained and organized troops ready when war started, with a million and a half additional within ninety days. He said Britain's army is the biggest in history, and British control of the seas would enable her to quickly land a million soldiers in Canada.

He pointed out both Britain and Japan are island empires and able to transport an entire army here in the event of war not fearing home invasion. He said: "The statement of these facts makes it clear America is practically defenseless before the veteran British armies. The existing alliances with Britain and Japan could easily crush America."

Berlin, Dec. 18.—(United Press via Sayville)—It is announced the Russo-Romanians have retreated to Brasila, while German aeroplanes skulked the retreating columns. There is violent artillery on Arch-Duke Joseph's front in the Use valley. The Russians at Bol Porsk Luck and August-town were repulsed.

London, Dec. 18.—(United Press)—Ambassador Page today delivered the German peace note to the British foreign office. Its contents are secret. Premier Lloyd George has resumed his duties after a week's illness. The British public certainly will stand solidly behind Lloyd George if he refuses peace in addressing the Commons tomorrow.

A mob attacked Sylvia Pankhurst when she attempted peace demonstration Sunday, at the East India docks. The police rescued the woman, but a jeering crowd followed her to police headquarters, where the magistrate ordered her held.

Rome has reported the Central Powers have urged the Pope and the United States to support the proposition.

Missing Salem Boy Found.
Salem, Dec. 18.—(United Press)—Roy McHenry, aged eight, and missing since Friday, was found at Silver-ton. This is the boy's second mysterious disappearance within a year.

Send the Christmas Observer to Your Friends

A limited number of the Christmas Edition of The Observer will be sold at 10 cents, including mailing and postage.

Those who desire to send them away need only phone The Observer, Main 37, the address and The Observer will do the rest.

Foes Blindfolded During Brief Truce

Austrian Soldiers Come Over to Italian Trenches, Crossing No Man's Land Blindfolded, Then Return.

Rome, Dec. 18.—(United Press)—How hostilities between Italian and Austrian troops were temporarily suspended while blindfolded officers from both sides met to discuss the merits of a certain explosive in civilized warfare was told here today for the first time.

The Austrians hoisted the white flag of a temporary truce and negotiated a discussion by wiggles. The Italians accepting, the Austrian representatives masked their eyes and crossed No Man's Land for the Italian trenches. The Italians gave them safe conduct to headquarters. Following the conference the blindfolded officers were led back to their own fortifications and hostilities were renewed.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Dennis and son Jack left this morning for Baker, from where they depart tomorrow night for La Cygne, Kan., to spend a month or six weeks in their former home.

E. W. Cox, butter maker at the Blue Mountain Creamery, will spend Christmas with his relatives in Lewistown, Ohio, returning shortly after the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Cronin, formerly residents of La Grande, are here for a few days' stay. Mr. Cronin is a traveling salesman. Mrs. Cronin was formerly Phyllis Moore, of this city.

Engineer Henry Henson, one of the very oldest patriarchs of locomotive engineering in Eastern Oregon, who is now running on the Sandy, out of Portland, is in town today visiting former neighbors. He will take advantage of the opportunity to visit his home lodge of K. of P. tonight, an order in which he has been prominent many years.

Mr. Earl Harrington, a brakeman on the O.-W. R. and N. left this morning for his home in Benicia, California.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Jacobson and family will leave tomorrow for Seattle, where they will spend the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. Walter C. Kempton, of La Fayette, Ore., is visiting with her cousin, Mrs. S. L. Crowe. Mrs. Kempton, formerly Miss Alzayda Haney, has many friends here, as she acted as chief operator for the Home Independent Telephone company for several years.

Mrs. P. J. Richardson, of Pendleton, is visiting friends in La Grande.

Battery A Not To Come Home, Order

Salem, Dec. 18.—(United Press)—Governor Withycombe has received a war department letter stating it is impossible to send Battery A, Troop A, Oregon militia home now. No troops are available to replace them.

SAFETY FIRST DANCE TOMORROW EVENING

Tomorrow evening the Safety First club will give a dancing party at Elks' old auditorium, at which time it is expected a big delegation will be present. Refreshments will be served, and the event promises to be a banner social event.

INSPECTION WEEK IS HERE Grande Ronde River Water Users Have Opportunity to See Claims

George T. Cochran, superintendent of Water Division No. 2, is in Union today, and will be in Cove tomorrow, having with him for inspection of the public, all the claims filed by water users in the adjudication of the rights of water users on the Grande Ronde river in Union Co., which was started by him several years ago but held up until now by litigation in the federal court at Portland between the Amalgamated Sugar company interests and many Union farmers. The remainder of the week he will hold inspection at his office here.

This work is preliminary to a final adjudication such as has been completed by Mr. Cochran and his associates upon the Umatilla river in Umatilla county, the Powder River in Baker county and Willow Creek in Malheur.

Vancouver Bridge Nearly Ready
Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 18.—(United Press)—Engineers late this afternoon intend to attempt to operate the interstate bridge draw span. If successful they probably will open the bridge by January first.

CREAMERIES WIN DECISIVE CUT IN EXPRESS CHARGES

Short Hauls Reduced and Long Hauls Increased in Charges—Transfer Charges Eliminated—Small Creamerymen Profit by Order.

Radical readjustment of milk and cream rates must be put into effect by the American Express company in this vicinity before February 1st. As a result of a hearing on the adequacy and equity of existing milk and cream rates held in La Grande a few weeks ago, the Oregon Public Service commission today promulgated an order at Salem compelling radical slashing of express rates. The creameries in Eastern Oregon also attempted readjustment of butter rates but no mention is made of the order in the decree of today. Higher cream rates to Portland take care of that. The creameries contend that the rate to Portland was not fair compared to the charges from local dairymen to local creameries.

Long Hauls Higher
The new rate cuts into short hauls—for the protection of isolated creameries such as exist in La Grande—and becomes higher to Portland—operating against Portland competition in the outlying fields.

The shippers in and about Union need not, under the order, pay transfer charges of four cents a can on La Grande shipments as required by the present schedule, and the whole schedule of rates is sharply readjusted for the shorter hauls. The decision is a decisive victory of the small creameries of Eastern Oregon and is intended to make just and equal the chances of competition between the Portland and home creameries. Before the Portland creameries had an advantage in rates.

Under existing conditions, experts point out, the big city creameryman has a most decided advantage over the little fellows, and it is believed the new rates perpetuate the small creamery and few-cow dairymen. The business was in serious danger of being squeezed out.

New Rates in Brief
For 15 miles an under, the rate on five-gallon cans is to be 9 cents, on 8-gal. 12c, on 10-gal. 15c. Up to a 45-mile haul the charges increase one cent each size of cans for every additional five miles of haul. That subsequently embraces all shipments about La Grande. The La Grande to Portland rate is 42 cents for the five-gal. can, 55 for the eight, and 63 for the 10 in contrast to a charge of 59 cents for the 10-gallon can heretofore.

Concerning the decree the commission points out:
These rates apply to full capacity of car whether filled or partially filled, and do not include pickup or delivery service at point of origin or destination.

The company retains in its tariff the following provision:

Transfer Charges Unjust.
"On shipments from a point on one line of railroad to another line of railroad the charge must be assessed under the through mileage, adding thereto, where the movement is over two lines of railway, and where there is in the course of such movement an actual transfer from car to car, a

transfer charge as follows:

For each 5-gallon can....2 cents
For each 8-gallon can....3 cents
For each 10-gallon can....4 cents"

This provision is not carried in the tariffs of other express companies which are under the jurisdiction of this commission and which operate under substantially similar conditions, nor is it, or any transfer charge made for a like service on any other commodity, either by the respondent or other express companies doing business in this state. We can see no justification for any such transfer charge. The provision is unjust, unreasonable and unjustly discriminatory.

A reasonable time for this order to become effective is the 1st day of February, 1917.

It is, therefore, ordered, considered and determined that the respondent American Express company, shall, on or before February 1, 1917, cease and desist from the violation of law hereinbefore set forth, and shall substitute and thereafter charge, impose and collect as a maximum, the just, reasonable and not unjustly discriminatory rates above set forth in paragraph 3 hereof in lieu of those hereinbefore condemned.

Prior to the effective date hereof, the respondent shall publish and file with the commission, in the manner required by law and the rules of this commission, a tariff, or a supplement to its present tariff, setting forth such rates as it may elect to establish hereunder.

The investigation in all other respects is discontinued.

At the time of the hearing in La Grande State Dairy and Food Commissioner Mickle made what has since been deemed a vital translation of the small creamery share in price fixing. He said:

"I have no fear to answer the question, and I have no objections to going upon record that the local or independent creamery, as it has been sometimes referred to, is the friend of the dairy industry of the state of Oregon, and it is also the friend of the dairy man and to a great extent it is the friend of the consumer. As things stand in this state today, the country creamery is in no way responsible for any elevation of price that the consumer all over the state of Oregon pays for his butter. Let me make that emphatic. The country creamery is in no way responsible for any fluctuation in prices that are being paid today. On the other hand the creamery located in La Grande, in Elgin, in Wallawa, or wherever it may be, has very little voice in the making of the price that is paid to the farmer for his commodity today. It is done in the centralizer district; it is done in the city of Portland, Seattle and the city of San Francisco. When the price of butter fat goes up the creamery in La Grande is never consulted; when it goes down it is never consulted. A creamery ships butter from La Grande to Portland today and he does not know what he is going to get for it. He doesn't know the grade it will be when it gets to Portland. He may assume it is a certain grade but when it gets

Amateur Florist and Pioneer Passes Away

Samuel Deal Succumbs to Old Age—Established Fame As Producer of Roses and Flowers—Was G. A. R. Veteran.

One of La Grande's earliest settlers, G. A. R. veterans, and one of her foremost flower propagandists and fanciers, is dead. His name is Samuel Deal. Possessed of many fine qualities, he was prominent in G. A. R. work, as well as religious affairs, but his outstanding hobby was to produce fine roses. Asters and chrysanthemums were his particular forte, and in the various shows that have been held in La Grande his exhibits always ranked in the prize money. He was lavishly free with his gardens, and when flowers were in demand, he was always free to provide them. He gained more than local fame on account of his skill.

For some time past he has been critically ill, and yesterday morning passed away. The funeral date is uncertain, but will probably be held Thursday, unless otherwise announced.

He was well along towards 70 and has lived in La Grande close to a half century. He homesteaded the property that has long been his home on South Fourth street.

Food Control Taken With Boyish Humor

English Dinner Courses Limited and Meat Consumption Curtailed—War News Is Brief Today.

London, Dec. 18.—(United Press)—Food control is effective throughout Britain today. Dinner courses are limited and meat consumption is curtailed. The public has manifested a schoolboyish good humor about it.

BARNES CASE IS DISMISSED

Third Trial Not Held, Case Being Dismissed by Mr. Eberhard

After two trials and as many hanged juries, the state case against C. R. Barnes of Elgin, charged with conducting a nuisance in the way of having in his possession too much liquor, has been dismissed. The third trial was set for this morning but District Attorney Eberhard dismissed it.

District Attorney Eberhard stated today that he was not in a position to announce what his future movements would be in connection with the episode but left little room to infer that it is entirely dropped.

The disposition of the liquor Barnes brought in from Utah in an automobile is still before the court for decision.

Mountain Road Is Being Surveyed

Engineer Bennett Promises Highway Over Kamela Pass With No More Than 5 Per Cent Grade, and Good Quality.

M. O. Bennett, an engineer in the state highway department, was in La Grande last week. Mr. Bennett has a crew of surveyors at work surveying the state highway between Pendleton and La Grande. Mr. Bennett says he expects to get a road that will be a month earlier than the present road, with no grade greater than 5 per cent. The men are working steadily, in spite of the weather and the snow in the mountains.

to Portland it is in the hands of the purchaser or the middleman, and he accepts the grade it is given and he has no recourse. I can show you an instance where there was a shipment which was sent half to the city of Portland and half to the city of Seattle—exactly the same grade of butter; it came from the same churning. In Seattle he received the price of first-grade, in Portland the price for second-grade, and he had to accept it, and with those facts in view, and having the information and knowledge I have of the dairying industry, and the dairy and creamery business, I have no hesitancy in answering your question emphatically.

The old rate, or that which must be changed, gives the following schedule on shipments:

	Rate 10 gal. can gal. can	Rate 5 gal. can gal. can
25 miles or less	25	17
30 miles or less	28	18
35 miles or less	31	19
40 miles or less	32	20
45 miles or less	33	20
50 miles or less	35	22
60 miles or less	36	23
70 miles or less	37	24
80 miles or less	39	24
90 miles or less	40	25
100 miles or less	41	26
115 miles or less	43	26
130 miles or less	44	28
145 miles or less	45	29
160 miles or less	47	29
175 miles or less	48	30
190 miles or less	49	31
205 miles or less	51	32
220 miles or less	52	32
235 miles or less	53	34
250 miles or less	55	35
265 miles or less	56	35
280 miles or less	57	36
295 miles or less	59	37
310 miles or less	60	37

Insect Title Is Still With England

American Knockedout in Eleventh Round—Jimmy Wilde Supreme Though Zulu Was Confident Throughout.

London, Dec. 18.—(United Press)—Jimmy Wilde, of London, knocked out young Zulu Kid of Brooklyn, in the eleventh round tonight and retained the world's flyweight championship.

London, Dec. 18.—(United Press)—With the Stars and Stripes draped in his corner, Young Zulu Kid, the little Flatbush Dreadnaught, today entered the ring to battle Jimmy Wilde, British flyweight champion in the first title bout of the insect division.

Wilde has wiped out British opposition and Zulu has practically a clear claim to the American flyweight title so today's 20-round fight is for the world's championship.

London's leading sport celebrities paraded their funeral hats and pearl-grey spats to the weighing-in ceremony held at ten this morning in Holborn Stadium ring where the battle takes place. Neither man trained with the object of reducing as their normal weight is within a few pounds of the mark, 112 pounds. Zulu's brief session of training was merely to put him on edge for the scrap.

The American challenger slipped into London last night from Brighton, the English coast resort. Escorted by Velvet Joe Sarne, his modest manager and Alf Mansfield, the British bantam, Zulu flopped into a taxi for a round of formal calls on his newspaper friends.

Later the party adjourned to a gilded hotel on the Strand where they locked their striped sweaters and the ceremonial water bucket in the safe with their gold-headed canes before hitting the hay for the night.

Re-appearing this morning little Zulu was happy and confident but modest in his predictions.

Mrs. Dance Tonight

In spite of what appears to be a bad night climatically, the Elks' lodge anticipates a big attendance at tonight's dance in the auditorium for which considerable preparation has been made.

JUROR TALKED; CONTEMPT CASE IS THE RESULT

ENTERPRISE CASE COMES TO
SUDDEN HALT WHEN THE
JURY IS DISCHARGED

ACCUSED JUROR WELL KNOWN IN ENTERPRISE

Sam Bannister Said to Have Discussed State Case in Which He Was Juror, With One Not a Juror in Same Case—Trial Begins All Over Again—Contempt Proceedings Ordered.

Enterprise, Dec. 18.—(Special)—Judge Knowles today discharged the jury which has been trying the case of State vs. Heaston charged with incest, on the ground that Juror Sam Bannister had violated the instruction of the court and discussed the case with one not on the jury.

A special venire of 20 jurors was ordered and from this the new jury will be picked.

Judge Knowles also directed the district attorney to bring contempt of court proceedings against Mr. Bannister, who is a prominent farmer in this vicinity.

The order created considerable furor in circuit court circles.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE FINE

Friday Night Attraction Is One That
Pleases Public Immensely

The operetta, "The Nautical Knot," given last night in the high school auditorium was an enormous success in every way. The performance was given in a manner that would have done credit to professionals and nothing more could have been desired either in singing or acting.

It would have been impossible to state which character was the best for each one so ably filled the part assigned to him that the audience was delighted.

Frederika Schilke in the role of the belle of Barnstapole was excellent as was also Gladys Black as the gentle Nance. Both young ladies deserve much credit for their work.

The parts of Barnabas Lee and Joe Stout were filled admirably by Ralph Postn and Clyde Bunting.

No one could have taken the character of Bill Salt and expressed it as well as David Johnson. He was without doubt one of the hits of the evening.

Marie Love, Jeanette Stoddard and Florence Lynch as the Barnstapole girls were splendid both in singing and acting and to the sailor boys, Howard Pierson, Wilbur Shaw and Fred Knautz, too much praise could not be given.

The artists, Delber Snider, Dewey Glaze, and Audmer Playle also took their roles most creditably.

The chorus work was excellent and all the vocal work shows the result of a great deal of hard work and splendid supervision.

The high school orchestra rendered several pleasing numbers.

The performers displayed good talent but the happy "swing" of the whole program and splendid technique shown by individuals, ensembles and the orchestra did credit to Miss Hindman, the director. She has the rare ability to handle the students and bring out all that there is in them.

Much credit is also due Miss Mac-Millan and Mr. Niles, who assisted in the dramatic work and to Mr. Maso and the manual training boys who prepared the stage and its setting.

Miss Edith Darland also deserves a great deal of credit for her work at the piano. Much of the success of the affair depended upon her accuracy and her part was carried out well.

The above item was inadvertently omitted from Saturday's paper.

Christmas Observers.

A limited number of the Christmas edition of The Observer on sale at the Observer Office, 10 cents a copy.

Teachers' Exams. Set.

Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe anticipates a considerable delegation of applicants for teachers' certificates at the examinations which begin next Wednesday. The subjects to be examined in covers the usual winter chance for teachers to renew their certificates, and for neophytes to obtain certificates.