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PRESIDENT ASKS FOR NAVY RECRUITS

AMERICANS ARE ASKED TO JOIN SHIPS TO BRING QUOTA TO 87,000

MILITIA OF 27 STATES NOW UNDER ARMS; NATION AROUSED

YESTERDAY'S ORDERS CALLED ELEVEN, TODAY'S ORDERS, TWENTY REGIMENTS.

However, Secretary of War Baker Says This Will Be All, At Least for Present—Mustering-out Orders of Michigan, Colorado and Ohio Militia Units Cancelled—Troops Remain in Federal Service.

Washington, March 26.—(United Press)—Thirty-seven regiments and thirteen smaller militia units of 27 states, are under arms. Yesterday's orders called 11 regiments; today's orders, 20 more. Three regiments and three battalions of Michigan, Colorado and Ohio militia were held in the Federal service when mustering out orders were countermanded.

BY GROAT.

Washington, March 26.—(United Press)—The militia of 18 states, comprising 18,000 men, is mobilizing. The war department requests that no details of location or movements be published.

MANN WILL SUPPORT CLARK.
Washington, March 26.—(United Press)—Minority leader Mann, Republican candidate for speaker of the house, is willing to forego his candidacy and to support Champ Clark, "in interest of unanimity," even though he believes republicans can elect. Mann made this statement this afternoon.

No Further Organization Now.
Washington, March 26.—(United Press)—No further militia organization is contemplated for the immediate future Secretary of War Baker announced today.

Aaron Gardner Dead.
On March 20 Aaron Gardner passed away at his home in Malheur. The deceased was born in Iowa, June 16, 1830. He came to Oregon with the rush of '52; fought in the Rogue River Indian war; was married in 1857 to Zella Lakin and to them 12 children were born. Eight are still living: Mrs. Hiram Nutt of La Grande, Mrs. Frances Rose of Baker, Mrs. Claud Worsham of Miller, Mrs. Ed. Hensley of California, Ben Gardner of Grant county, Jack Gardner of Washington and James and George Gardner of Malheur.

Mrs. Gardner died eight years ago.

Library Needs Books; Women Give Operetta

Some Volumes Need To Be Replaced—More Copies of Others Are Needed—Normal Increase Must Be Cared For.

The efforts of the Neighborhood club to raise money for the book fund of the public library, by means of the operetta, "The Wild Rose," which will be given in the high school tomorrow night, should receive the support of everyone interested in the library. A frequent question is "Why do they not have more copies of this popular book?" The answer is that the taxpayers have not paid for more copies.

It is impossible to know how many borrowers are satisfied with the books which they take home with them. A partial record of requests for particular books shows that from ten to 20 or more popular novels asked for in one day are "out." Liberal duplication is desirable. Since the beginning of the month, at least 15 books of permanent interest could not be supplied at all, no account being kept of the innumerable requests for popular children's stories.

Out-of-town visitors, especially, express surprise at not finding books like these recently called for: Oregon Gazetteer, La Grande directory, Encyclopedia Britannica, Carlyle's "Frederick the Great," James' larger "Psychology," Henderson's "What Is It To Be Educated?"

"Fight For Your Country" He Says

The Observer asked the heads of the organizations, whose members lived through the civil war, for their opinion. Terse came the answer, a call to patriotism.

Mrs. Violet Morgan, president of the W. R. C., said: "I think all young men who are physically fit and all who are patriotic should be ready for the call."

I. W. Faulk, G. A. R. Commander, said: "It is the duty of our men to defend our flag and no one should shirk. Fight for your country."

To Sing Operetta Tomorrow Night

Tomorrow night in the high school auditorium is the time and place of the operetta, "The Wild Rose," given by the Neighborhood club for the benefit of the public library. Mrs. A. L. Richardson has thoroughly coached the singers.

Colonel and Mrs. Scott Visited.

Colonel and Mrs. Scott of Seattle, Washington, visited the local Salvation corps Saturday and yesterday.

Young Men! Show Rice He's Mistaken

"Based on my two years' experience in the recruiting service of the Marine Corps, I can truthfully state that I have never seen enlistments drop off to such an alarming extent," says Sergeant Rice, of the local recruiting stations. "A lack of patriotic enthusiasm seems to exist in the average American."

Today Secretary of the Navy Daniels has sent telegrams to all recruiting stations in the United States asking to use every effort to obtain the necessary enlistments to fill up the two branches. My branch, the U. S. Marine Corps, popularly called "Soldiers of the Sea," or "Modern Minute Men," is about 3000 men short of the authorized quota. We surely need 3000 men immediately for the shortest space of time in which a marine can be trained is four months. Marines serve both on land and sea, manning the torpedo defense guns of the battleships and first-class cruisers. They must understand the handling of small boats by oar and sail; be practically an expert signalman and a "sailor and soldier too" as Kipling says.

On land marines man field guns, automatic rifles, act as mine planters to protect harbors, and have always been the "first line of defense of America" in every bit of trouble we have ever had.

"The marines have a record as a corps that every marine and ex-marine is proud of. In case of actual trouble I can truthfully state the 'marines are prepared' as far as the men in the service today are concerned, but we need our increase filled immediately, and now is the chance for young men of this vicinity to show that they believe in their Uncle Sam, to the extent of offering their service in his fighting branches."

The office of the La Grande recruiting station of the United States Marine Corps is on the second floor of the postoffice building.

THIRD REGIMENT O. N. G. CALLED; MEN ARE READY

FEVERISH RECRUITING GOING ON TO FILL DEPLETED COMPANIES.

LOCAL MILITIAMEN HAVE ORDERS FROM OFFICERS

A Thousand Men of Regiment Are at Armories Awaiting Orders—Coast Artillery, Troop Cavalry, Battery and Artillery Not Yet Called But Are Expecting Orders.

Portland, Ore., March 26.—(United Press)—Over a thousand men of the Oregon militia are now under arms. All companies comprising the third regiment are at armories awaiting orders.

Recruiting is brisk as regiment is ordered to report for duty with full strength. The regiment must double its present enlistment. The Eighth

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T. J. SCROGGIN IS MEMBER OF MERGER BOARD

BOARD IS SUCCESSOR OF LEGISLATURE WHICH COULDN'T SETTLE PROBLEM.

COMMISSION OF SEVEN TO INVESTIGATE STATE OFFICES

No Organization Has As Yet Been Effectuated—No Meeting Date Made So Far—Withycombe Selects La Grande Man to Obtain Opinion of Eastern Oregon on State's Handling of Business.

T. J. Scroggin, cashier of the United States National bank of La Grande, has been named by Governor Withycombe as a member of the board of seven business men, to investigate the handling of the state's business by the present commissions and officers, and report its findings to the 1919 legislature. The board is the successor

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READ YOUR PRESIDENT'S APPEAL

Washington, D. C. March 25.—(Special)—The President last night signed an executive order directing that the authorized enlisted strength of the navy be increased to 87,000. He was authorized by Congress, in case of emergency, to direct such increase in enlistment.

New ships and ships in reserve are being fully commissioned as rapidly as possible and the need is imperative for a larger enlistment to man them.

There has been a net increase of over 6,500 in enlistment since Congress recently authorized an increase, but many more are needed and needed now.

Will you not emphasize this need by giving special prominence Monday on the first page of your paper, to the President's order, and also by making an editorial appeal for new recruits for the navy.

The navy offers exceptional advantages to young men of stuff and ambition to serve in the first line for national defense. In this emergency you have the opportunity and the privilege of performing this public service, and I am confidently appealing to you for your cordial and helpful cooperation.

JOSEPHUS DANIELS.

PRESIDENT PALMER ISSUES A PATRIOTIC PROCLAMATION

"Give Heed To Country's Call" He Tells Men of La Grande

NAVY OFFICER WILL BE HERE THIS WEEK TO RECRUIT

Telegram Received by Commercial Club and City Officers This Morning from Lieutenant Commander J. H. Blackburn of Portland—Men Between 16 and 30 Are Eligible—Those Under 18 Must Have Parents' Consent.

Whereas, the President of the city of La Grande is in receipt of a telegram from Lieutenant Commander J. H. Blackburn of the United States Navy that a wire from Washington advises that the president has called for 18,300 men for the United States Navy in consequence of grave national emergency, and that he place the matter before public officials and newspapers asking for the co-operation in securing recruits for the navy, and further advising that a navy representative will be in La Grande within a few days to examine volunteers and furnish transportation to mobilization point, and asking that public proclamation be made thereof

Therefore, the president of the city of La Grande does hereby announce and proclaim that our navy is in need of volunteers to fill its ranks, and that all able bodied men between the ages of 16 and 30 years (those under 16 years having their parents' consent) give heed to their country's call and seriously consider the matter of volunteering in the navy in compliance with the call of the president of the United States, so as to be fully advised when the recruiting office arrives.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this 26th day of March 1917.

VINCENT PALMER, President of the City Commission of La Grande, Oregon.

The city officials received the following telegram from the recruiting

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THE FIRST U. S. ARMED LINER REACHES BRITISH PORT SAFELY

High School Girls Plan Cadet Auxiliary

Local Physicians Will Act as Lecturers—Organization Meeting Will Be Held Tonight in Y. M. C. A. Building.

Girls of La Grande high school tonight will form a girls' auxiliary to the La Grande high school cadet corps. A meeting for this purpose has been called for the Y. M. C. A. building tonight. Misses Naomi Kirtley and Jewel Tozier are helping the girls with the organization plans. It is believed about 50 girls will be at tonight's meeting. Doctors Bouvy, Hall, Biggers, Holt, Richardson, Ingle, Bacon, Upton, Underwood, Graham and Ralston have consented to deliver lectures to the auxiliary.

Luncheon Speaker Will Be Ed Coolidge

Ed Coolidge will be the speaker at the business men's luncheon tomorrow in the Sommer hotel. He will speak on "Preparedness." City Superintendent of Schools Linden McCullough will preside.

Douglas Sheriff's Office Is Robbed

Roseburg, Ore., March 26.—(United Press)—Discovery of the robbery of \$200 from the vault in the tax collecting department of the sheriff's office was made this morning. The combination dial was knocked off and the lock broken. The treasurer's vault was opened but the money was untouched. A revolver was taken. There are no clues.

Gamest Wrestler, Edgar Frank, Is Dead

Chicago, March 26.—(United Press)—Edgar Frank, of Portland, formerly amateur featherweight wrestling champion of America, died today following an operation. Death was due to blood-poisoning, resulting from formation of abscesses on hip. Frank was secretary of Blumauer-Frank Drug company of Portland.

Elgin Motor Starts A Week From Today

The Joseph branch motor car service will start April 2, instead of April 1, as at first announced. Two round trips a day between Elgin and La Grande, excepting Sunday, will be made.

THE WEATHER

Portland, Ore., March 26.—(United Press)—The weather forecast is: Rain and warmer with southeastern winds.

BERLIN ANNOUNCES 62 VESSELS SUNK IN PAST FEW DAYS.

Paris Reports Progress—General Nivelle's Army Reaches Folemberg—French Destroy Munitions Depot—Correspondent Says Retreating Germans Treat Non-Combatants Harshly.

Washington, March 26.—(United Press)—The American liner St. Louis, first armed United States ship to sail for a British port, has arrived. The St. Louis left New York March 17. It was the first to traverse the submarine zone, after the president's armed ship order.

Berlin Reports Submarinings. Berlin, March 26.—(United Press)—Germany reports the submarining, the last few days, of 25 steamers. Fourteen were sailers. Thirty-seven trawlers, besides losses already announced, the official statement said, were sunk. A submarine's subfire destroyed an English biplane.

French Report Advance. Paris, March 26.—(United Press)—Despite a driving rain the French progress over broken ground continues. It was officially stated that General Nivelle had reached Folemberg. German night attacks on the new French positions have failed. French gun-fire against North Rheims exploded the German munitions depot.

Say Non-Combatants Abused.

(By Wood, with Advancing French) More than three hundred women, children and aged men have succumbed to hardship, exposure, brutality and starvation imposed by the Germans during retreat. In Cauchy 1 learned the victims numbered 150. The bodies were buried, coffinless, at the corner of the village. Deaths still continue.

Some officers have apologized to the population, declaring they were forced to carry out the Kaiser's orders.

Ham, like Royce, was dynamited during the night. The explosions terrified the population. Germans packed the people into certain houses and forbade their departure. The following morning the Germans were gone.

The Germans forbade the population from keeping gold and silver money.

The American relief commission at Royce was spared. Growing crops were destroyed; animals killed and carried off; forests cut. Even the birds are gone.

Say Germany Asks Russia For Peace

Amsterdam Report, from Berlin Dispatches, Has It Hollweg Spoke to Reichstag Thursday on New Peace Proposal.

Amsterdam, March 26.—(United Press)—It has been intimated that German Chancellor Hollweg made another peace suggestion to the Reichstag last Thursday. The news comes from Berlin dispatches, "quoting the Socialist organ, 'Vorwaerts.' A separate peace with Russia was advocated."

Russian Socialists Want Peace.

Petrograd, March 26.—(United Press)—Russia convinced Hindenburg's retreat on the Western front is the first move of a drive on Petrograd. Coincident with the retirement came the news of a great massing of men and munitions on the northern boundary. Government leaders believe the Kaiser hopes to restore the Czar to power by taking Petrograd before the new government is completely organized.

The socialists want peace immediately, causing government much concern. A socialist newspaper suggests the Russian troops want to leave the trenches.