

ALLIES HAVE REGAINED MUCH FRENCH TERRITORY IN NORTH

St. Quentin and Lens the Two Pivotal Points of the New Hindenburg Line, Are Said To Be Near a Fall—Another Mile of the Line Was Taken Today.

BRITISH ENCIRCLE LENS ON TWO SIDES

In One Month Since the Great British and French Offensive Movement Began, Germans Have Abandoned 750 Square Miles of French Territory German Resistance Is Growing Desperate—Artillery Aimed At Vimy Ridge Is Ineffective.

London, April 14.—(United Press)—A month ago the British and French offensive began co-incidental with the German "strategic retreat" on the western front.

The Allies recovered seven hundred and fifty square miles of French territory, with a front of seventy-five miles, in that month.

The Gen. Hindenburg line swings about two pivots, St. Quentin and Lens.

The greatest drive in the war centers about these positions.

It is officially stated that Lens is near a fall and St. Quentin can't hold out much longer.

Another mile of the Hindenburg line was taken today. The British are encircling Lens on two sides.

The German resistance is growing more and more desperate as General Haig advances. Their resistance is ineffective against the British blows.

The Germans are still shelling Vimy Ridge from afar. Their aim is poor and the effect unimportant.

KAISER IS NOT IN HOLLAND

London, April 14.—(United Press)—Denial is made that the Kaiser is in Holland according to Rotterdam dispatch. The Hague dispatches recently reported the Kaiser en route to Holland.

Moose to Go to La Grande.

Pendleton, April 14.—(Special)—A special train will be run to La Grande next Wednesday, if plans materialize, to carry members of the local order of Moose for the purpose of taking part in the annual meeting of the La Grande Moose when a large class will be initiated. The local lodge will put on the work. One hundred local members are wanted to make the trip and if this number is secured a special train will be engaged to make the trip.

Red Cross Meeting Monday.

W. W. Hush, Pacific Coast Red Cross representative, has been secured to meet with the different clubs and organizations of the county Monday evening in the city hall for the purpose of establishing the Union County Red Cross organization. The meeting will begin promptly at 8:30. All clubs and organizations of the county are urged to have delegates present as it will be a mass meeting and all are cordially invited.

Neighborhood Club To Be At Luncheon

George Gilbert will be chairman of the day at next Tuesday's luncheon. He has arranged for a joint meeting of the business men and the ladies of the Neighborhood club at the Foley hotel. Those desiring reservations should phone the hotel. The topic will be "Some Features of Practical Patriotism." Mr. Harrington, an O. A. C. Extension worker, will be a guest.

NATIONAL DRYS CRY FOR TOTAL PROHIBITION

Food Shortage Is Used As Argument For Ceasing Manufacture Beer and Liquor

BY ROBERT J. BENDER
Washington, April 14.—(United Press)—America's big "push" for food may close the breweries and distilleries.

Taking advantage of the threatened food shortage the drys are preparing to launch a spectacular drive for "war prohibition."

The purpose is to stop the manufacture of all liquors and beer for the war period, thereby diverting millions of bushels of grain into food channels and relieving many thousands of breweries and distillers for other work.

Six hundred million bushels of grain are used annually in the brewing and distilling trades, which would feed the entire nation for one month.

Western Consumer's Week Starts Today

SLOGAN IS USE "MADE IN OREGON" GOODS AND KEEP YOUR MONEY IN YOUR OWN STATE.

Western Consumers' Week will be observed April 14 to 21 in La Grande. Use "Made-in-Oregon" products and keep both the money and the goods in our own state is the object. That is the purport of a proclamation by Governor Withycombe setting aside today and the coming week to call the especial attention of our citizens to Oregon-grown and Oregon-made products.

The merchants are helping by making window exhibits and inviting special attention to home products. Neighboring states have built up great industries that give profitable employment to hundreds of their people simply by extending the practice of giving preference to home products where price and quality are equal. In many instances we sell raw materials at a low price to eastern markets where they are made into finished products and shipped back to us. Of course we pay the freight both ways and lose all the economic benefits arising from wages and profits in manufacture.

Just notice this week what a heap of good things are grown and made in Oregon and you will become a better Oregonian by consuming more of them.

The nine thousand members of the Woman's Federated clubs of Oregon are boosting this broad policy and are asking everybody to help.

HOUSE PASSES SEVEN BILLION DOLLAR LOAN

Allies Will Be Loaned Three Billion Dollars As Part of National Defense Program

Washington, April 14.—(United Press)—The seven billion dollar bond issue passed the House at four-thirty this afternoon, unanimously. Most of the amendments were unimportant, merely allowing the members the opportunity to speak.

Majority Leader Kitchin offered the committee amendment stating that the Allied loan was made for efficient provision for the national security and defense, and providing the money shall be loaned only to countries at war with enemies of the United States.

Americans Killed at Front.

Ottawa, April 14.—(United Press)—Six more Americans fighting with the Canadians died. Two, J. Huston of Hillyard, and F. E. Olson of Tacoma, were from the Pacific northwest.

Washington Wins Race.

Oakland, April 14.—(United Press)—Washington University won a three mile triangular inter-collegiate race by four lengths. Stanford was second and California third. Washington's time was seventeen minutes and twenty-eight and two-fifths seconds.

Eagles are Thanked By The President

The Eagles' lodge recently telegraphed President Wilson pledging him their loyal and hearty support.

Last night at the lodge meeting the following answer was read:

"The White House, Washington—The President thanks you cordially for the good will which prompted your kind message, which has helped to reassure him and keep him in heart."

There was some discussion of the opening dance and it was decided to postpone it from April 27 to May 1, in order not to interfere with the Stockmen's convention.

A large class was initiated last night, a fine lunch was served, and the members enjoyed greatly the social evening in their new club rooms.

Sugar Jumps 25c

Sugar is now \$9.71 a hundred pounds cash. Another jump of 25 cents was registered today.

SCHOONER IS SHELLED BY SUBMARINE

Captain and Crew Land On Cape Gata—Fate of the Schooner Is Unknown

Washington, April 14.—(United Press)—A submarine shelled the New York schooner, Edwin R. Hunt, on April 7th off Cape Gata. Captain Nicholas Miller and crew of eight men landed on Cape Gata.

Consul Gasset, of Malaga, reported the sinking to the state department. The fate of the schooner is unknown.

REPORT SHOWS THAT Y. M. C. A. FLOURISHES

Regular Monthly Meeting of Board of Directors Is Held—Community Service Shown

At the regular monthly meeting, of the Y. M. C. A. board of directors held at the Y. M. C. A. this week, reports were read that showed the Y. M. C. A. to be a very active organization.

The meeting was largely attended. Every director that was in the city with the exception of one was in attendance, and Sergeant Wallace of Company M. O. N. G. who is a director of the Salem Y. M. C. A. and a member of the Oregon-Idaho Y. M. C. A. Board was a visitor.

Sergeant Wallace spoke of the work that the Salem Y. M. C. A. was doing and of the local work. He congratulated the board of directors, on the splendid equipment of the local Y. M. C. A. and of its very extensive field of operations. He said that the work of the local Y. M. C. A. for the soldiers was a great surprise to all of them, and that it would tend to create a very favorable impression for the work of the Young Men's Christian association in general. With its excellent bathing facilities, its game rooms, its homelike lobby, its swimming pool, and many other features Sergeant Wallace said that the local Y. M. C. A. will never be forgotten by the boys in khaki.

The treasurer's report for the month of March was as follows:

Receipts—	
Memberships	\$273.50
Rentals from rooms	128.75
Subscriptions	319.50
Social work	17.35
Towels	9.85
Miscellaneous	17.00
	\$765.95

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O'Neill Puts La Grande On Sport Map

Jack O'Neill, local wrestling champion, is assisting in putting La Grande on the map. His fame as a wrestler has reached San Francisco and attracting the attention of Ad Santel, who recently wrestled Joe Stretcher for the heavyweight championship, and he has written the local promoter asking for an opportunity to wrestle O'Neill some time after May 10.

O'Neill is working hard in preparation for his match with Berg for April 25.

He met and downed the two best local heavyweights in La Grande in twenty minutes at the Elks' smoker Thursday night.

The Weather.

Portland, April 14.—(United Press)—The U. S. weather forecast: "Unsettled, probably showers."

MORE MILITIA UNITS MAY BE ORGANIZED

If This Is Authorized By War Department, 400,000 Volunteers Will Be Called

Washington, April 14.—(United Press)—The war department is expected to authorize the organization of additional militia units. If this is done the order will be equivalent to calling four hundred thousand volunteers.

Mrs. Vandermullen came through from Los Angeles today on her way to visit in Elgin.

AMERICA'S BIG PROBLEM IS TO HELP RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT

Union Men Boost Their Livestock Show

Eight delegates of the Union Live Stock Show association passed through La Grande this morning for Enterprise where they will attend the Horse show. They are Ralph Spray, Robert Withycombe, M. S. Levy, F. A. Bidwell, Dr. J. E. Woodell, W. H. Vogel, Ed Fickle and W. W. Green. They are presenting to the people of Wallowa county the following greeting and invitation "The Union Live Stock Show association extends greetings and good wishes towards your first Horse Show, and invites the good people of Wallowa county one and all to the Union event the 13, 14 and 15 of June next."

SOUTH AMERICA IS LINING UP WITH THE U. S.

Bolivia Breaks With Germany—Argentine and Brazil Swept With War Sentiment

BY CHAS. P. STEWART

Buenos Aires, April 14.—(United Press)—Bolivia broke off diplomatic relations with Germany. Anti-German sentiment is sweeping Argentine. Brazil is on the verge of war.

The wildest excitement followed the receipt of reports of submarineing the Argentine windjammer, Monte Protegida.

Responsible officials immediately predicted a German break. The cabinet deferred action.

Argentine Ship Sunk By Submarine

Buenos Aires, April 14.—The Argentine sailing ship Mont Protegido was sunk off the European coast, according to an official announcement by the foreign affairs minister. The government has ordered a complete inquiry. The news created a great sensation in Buenos Aires. All newspapers declare the ship was sunk by a German submarine.

It is announced the submarine's guns fired at the ship twice, one of the crew being wounded. When the news became known excited crowds marched through the streets shouting "down with the German assassins." German newspapers published here closed on account of the crowds' threats.

Fire Does No Damage.

A fire alarm was turned in at 2:45 this afternoon, a small blaze starting in a room over the Grande Ronde Meat company building. One of the employees is said to have left a pipe in his coat hanging in the room which set fire to the room. It was soon extinguished without damaging the property.

Government Will Tackle Problem of Putting Russia on Her Feet in a Big Way, and Give Tremendous Moral, Physical and Financial Support.

ALLIES AND U. S. WORKING TOGETHER

Insidious German Influences Are At Work in Russia Attempting To Cripple the New Government and First Step Will Be to Checkmate Them—United States and Allies Send Military, Naval and Businessmen To Help.

Washington, April 14.—(United Press)—Putting Russia "on her feet" is the outstanding task of America and her Allies. It is occupying the attention of the government.

Insidious German influence, which is attempting to devitalize the structure of the new Russian government will be met by the United States with physical, financial and moral support on a tremendous scale, it is announced today.

A group of prominent men have been sent to Russia to assist the new government. The men were picked from the military, naval and business departments.

Similar commissions were sent from other Allied countries, the purpose being to vitalize all efforts toward crushing the German autocracy.

U. S. TO LEND 3 BILLIONS TO THE ALLIES

Washington, April 14.—(United Press)—The House will vote to lend three billion dollars to the Allies immediately without important reservations.

Both Republicans and Democrats attacked vigorously the amendments restricting the loaning and time for repaying the money.

Many amendments were introduced. Towner of Iowa, moved to strike three billion dollars, the Allies' share, from the loan. This was defeated by two hundred and seventeen to three. Moore, of Philadelphia, proposed that the Allies loan must be repaid in thirty years. The amendment was attacked. Moore changed the wording making the period fifty years.

Several other unimportant amendments were made by the ways and means committee designed to overcome possible objections.