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GREAT BATTLE IS ON AT WESTERN FRONT

"Defend the Line at Any Cost" is the Slogan of Germans---French are Making Gigantic Offensive---Losses of the Germans are Heavy.

BY HENRY WOOD

With the French Armies, April 19.—(United Press)—"Defend at any cost," is the word gone out along the Allies' front.

The French are making a great offensive. What the cost has been without stopping the French drive is evident from the number of prisoners, heaps of German dead, and the demoralization of the German defenders every where.

Identification of twelve new German divisions between Soissons and Auberive means that the Germans have massed two hundred and forty thousand new forces there.

Every battle front dispatch emphasizes the bloody execution of the French artillery.

Great gaps have been torn in the enemy lines. No counter offensive movements have been attempted.

Teuton commanders are exerting every effort to hold the line.

Fight On in Senate Over Censorship.

Washington, April 19.—(United Press)—The Senate fight against the administration's proposed drastic newspaper censorship regulations continued unabated today. The opponents declare if the bill is passed it "would make press of the nation the virtual tool of the government." Senator Lodge reiterated the statement, "Under the bill the newspapers couldn't print anything the administration didn't want printed."

Steel Companies Force Aliens To Apply For Citizenship.

Pittsburgh, April 19.—(United Press)—Government officials expressed grave concern over reports that the steel companies in order to comply with the President's proclamation relative to alien enemies have forced hundreds of Austrians within the last few days to apply for citizenship.

MEN MARRYING TO DODGE WAR DUTY WILL NOT ESCAPE

Washington, April 19.—(United Press)—Men marrying to dodge military service won't escape, according to a war department ruling. "All men married since the outbreak of war will be treated on the same basis as unmarried men in so far as military obligations are concerned," it was officially announced. Reports recently from all big cities indicated a marriage rush after war was declared.

Leader of Mexican Bandits Is Arrested.

El Paso, April 19.—(United Press)—Prudencio Miranda, the alleged leader of the Mexican bandits who killed three Americans in a border raid, was arrested. He is charged with conspiracy to violate the neutrality laws.

List Your Rooms.

Rooms will be needed for the visitors to the Cattle and Horse Raisers' convention next week. Those having rooms to rent or who will open their homes through public spirit, call Pat Foley or L. L. Snodgrass.

The output of manganese ore in this country in 1916 amounted to 27,000 tons.

Enterprise Boys Show Patriotism

Eleven more boys from Enterprise have joined the colors taking a total of twenty-eight in the last week; they passed through La Grande last evening bound for Portland. The boys were very patriotic during their short stay in this city parading the streets carrying a banner with these words inscribed on it: "Remember the Lusitania," and "Made in Enterprise." Three traveling men entertained the boys at a fine dinner at the Sommer hotel last night. They were given a big demonstration when they left Enterprise.

FLAG RAISING SUNDAY TO BE GREAT EVENT

PEOPLE ARE COMING FROM ALL OVER UNION AND WALLAWA TO ATTEND GREAT PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION

All is in readiness for the "greatest patriotic demonstration" Sunday ever held in this section of the state. The gigantic flag pole that is to bear the O-W. R. & N. Shopmen's emblem is in place and the program and parade are all ready for the signal that will be given by the Elks' band which is to head the large procession which will form in front of the Elks' temple. The Elks' band have donated their valued services for the event. Twenty girls of the Honor Guard will carry the massive emblem to its destination, closely followed by some of the head officials of the O-W. R. & N. Co. and 225 of the O-W. Shopmen. Others marching in the parade will be the Brotherhood of locomotive engineers, Brotherhood of railroad firemen, Brotherhood of railroad trainmen, Brotherhood of railroad conductors. All fraternities of the city will march in the procession. The Knights of Pythias, Elks, Eagles, Moose, Knights of Columbus, Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen of America will attend in a body. The Eastern Star, Rebekahs and Relief Corps will also be present.

The members of the G. A. R. Spanish War veterans, Company M of Salem, Boy Scouts, High School Cadets and Honor Guard will be present to make the parade complete. Besides these the La Grande and Union high schools are expected and all public schools of the county are cordially invited. Word has been received from Union that their fraternities and business men will be in attendance; from Elgin that their fraternities expect to attend and possibly their band, also word has been received from Baker and Pendleton to expect a good delegation from their Commercial clubs. And we are assured the La Grande Commercial club will be there as a whole. The churches and Sunday Schools of the city expect to march in the parade. This immense procession will march from the Elks' hall through the principal streets of the city and to the scene of the raising where the program will be delivered from a large platform.

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PENDLETON MOOSE HAVE A BIG TIME

VISITING DELEGATION IS ENTERTAINED AT ANNUAL DANCE, BANQUET, INITIATION AND SMOKER.

"Let 'er buck" and "Let's go" were the slogans with which the Pendleton Moose hailed La Grande yesterday when they came in a special train to attend the annual dance of the local Moose and to celebrate the initiation of candidates at the close of the recent membership campaign.

The Pendleton Moose came to show their fraternal spirit, their loyalty to the Moose, to boost for "the biggest little city in the United States," to boost for the Pendleton Round-up, to show La Grande that they were ready and willing at all times to be neighborly, and incidentally to have a good time.

They took the city by storm from the moment their special train arrived in La Grande at 4:25 p. m. They were over a hundred strong and they brought their ladies with them, also to have a good time and to enjoy the program that the local Moose put on for them. They were met at the train by the band and the local Moose, carrying flags. There they were tendered the keys to the city by City Manager Fred Currey and Chief of Police Rayburn. The latter yanked arm in arm with Mayor Best of Pendleton who came to represent the city of Pendleton. He was accompanied by members of the city council and other officials.

After the welcome at the train the Moose formed a parade headed by the band and marched to the Eagles' hall, the Moose headquarters for the day. There more greetings were exchanged and the acquaintances made.

Banquet at Hotel.
At 5:30 the visitors, headed by Director Lang and Past Dictator Gibson, and local members assembled in the Hotel Foley where they were entertained at a very enjoyable banquet. The utmost goodfellowship and jollity prevailed. George Young, local dictator, presided and introduced the speakers. Mayor Best of Pendleton spoke in response to the welcome and assured La Grande that Pendleton was ready and willing at all times to play the game with La Grande for the benefit of both cities and for the building up of Eastern Oregon. Judge J. W. Knowles made a spirited speech of welcome and incidentally extolled

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GERMANS START A REVOLT IN THREE BRAZILIAN STATES

Teutons are Well Armed and Supplied With Artillery---German Population is 500,000---Uruguay Prepares to Repel Invasion.

BY CHARLES P. STEWART.

Buenos Aires, April 19.—(United Press)—Brazil's great German population in at least three states has revolted. Uruguay dispatches asserted the Teutons were well armed, and even supplied with artillery.

The German population of three states is five hundred thousand.

It is reported the Germans already attempted to dynamite a bridge in Santa Maria.

Government troops concentrated to repel the attack.

Uruguay is prepared to resist the move across the boundary line.

Brazil has imposed strict censorship.

Personnel of the British High Commission.

Washington, April 19.—(United Press)—The British High Commission announced by the state department is as follows: Arthur Balfour, Sir Eric Drummond, Dan Malcolm, C. P. Dormer, G. Butler, Rear Admiral Sir Dudley Dechair, Fleet Paymaster Lawford, Major General G. Bridges, Captain Spencer Clay, Lord Cunliff, Governor of the Bank of England.

Three Thousand Machine Guns Ordered.

Washington, April 19.—(United Press)—The war and navy departments each placed an emergency order of three thousand Lewis machine guns.

Many Theories About Reports of Firing Off Cape Cod.

Boston, April, 19.—(United Press)—Perhaps the Cape Cod coast guard stations heard thunder instead of heavy firing yesterday, is suggested. Another theory is that the stations heard blasting. The Charleston navy yard received additional reports of firing during the night. The officers refused to comment.

ARMY CONSCRIPTION BILL WILL BE FOUGHT IN HOUSE

Washington, April 19.—(United Press)—The President's selective conscription plan is to be fought out on the floor of the House.

Unswerving in determination to force all responsibility for the drafting system on the President, the House Military committee introduced the army bill putting the choice between conscription and volunteering before the President.

The bill providing for punishment for artificial speculation in foodstuffs, another prohibiting the sale of explosives throughout the war except by special license was introduced.

Funeral of E. A. Ackerly.

E. A. Ackerly, former resident who was accidentally killed at Orient, Wash., will be buried today in Spokane. J. G. Snodgrass received a letter today giving the full details of Mr. Ackerly's death. On the morning of the accident Mr. Ackerly left his home to look over some adjoining land, carrying a small 22 calibre rifle on his arm to shoot squirrels with. It is supposed that while climbing over a fence that the gun become entangled in some way discharging, the bullet striking him behind the ear. Death resulting instantly.

Work Of Spies Is Suspected At Capital

Washington, April 19.—(United Press)—The door of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee room in the capitol building was jammed during the night. Early today the door was found open. The police believe the job was the work of spies seeking information of naval plans. Nothing was missing from the room.

UNCLE SAM ALSO HAS SOME SUBMARINES; THEY'RE READY FOR ACTION

