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LLOYD GEORGE SAYS VICTORY IS NEARER

Capture of German Prisoners and Guns is Increasing Rapidly and Shows that Progress is Made---German Piracy Has Thrown America into the World Conflict.

London, April 27.—(United Press)—“Victory is increasingly assured,” is the confident note Premier Lloyd George sounded in his Guild Hall speech. “Before June nineteen fifteen we lost eighty-four guns, a number of prisoners, and thereafter we haven’t lost a single gun. We have captured four hundred and taken prisoners at the ratio of ten of the enemy to one of ours.”

“This means ultimate victory. Our chances are growing; our experiment has been approved.”

“America, after great patience, has decided it is useless to wave a neutral flag in the shark’s teeth.”

“We’ve lost many ships, but German piracy brought in America; we’re perfectly satisfied with the balance.”

“The government is planning the nineteen eighteen harvest with three million additional acres available,” he said, “guaranteeing we wouldn’t starve if not a single ton were imported.”

“But we must economize.”

Emphasizing the seriousness of the submarine problem, on which he said “the best minds of England and the United States are concentrated,” he appealed for food economy and increased production declaring increased food prices are unnecessary.

Honor Guard Votes \$25 To Red Cross

Last evening at the meeting of the Honor Guard held in the Y. M. C. A. a vote was taken and the sum of \$25 is to be turned into the local Red Cross fund by the Honor Guard.

Mrs. Dora Underwood delivered an excellent address to the girls which was highly appreciated. The meeting closed after a short business session.

Limit Cost of Gowns.

Corvallis, Ore., April 27.—(United Press)—Corvallis girl graduates must not wear graduation gowns costing more than \$5, the board of education has decided.

GERMANS PLOT FOR SEPARATE PEACE WITH RUSSIA FAILS

Copenhagen, April 27.—(United Press)—Tremendous, insidious Germanic pressure to enter a separate peace is not affecting Russia.

Russia’s ties with the entente Allies are slowly strengthening according to information in diplomatic channels.

The Russian army has repudiated itself to the war.

FIRE PATROL ASSOCIATION ELECTS HEADS

GEORGE PALMER IS PRESIDENT,
J. H. MINNAUGH VICE PRES.,
J. G. KING, SECY.-TREAS.

The Union-Wallowa Counties Fire association met in the main lobby of the Y. M. C. A. last evening. The following officers and directors were elected for the ensuing year: President, George Palmer; vice president, J. H. Minnaugh, secretary and treasurer, J. Garfield King.

Directors for the coming year: George Palmer, J. H. Minnaugh, J. T. Williamson, S. A. Pursell, G. E. Hayden.

Reports were read showing well organized work and financial end was found to be in fine shape. The visitors gave addresses on co-operative work, and all showed that everything was in tip top shape for fire protection during the coming danger season.

Mystery, Was The Submarine Sunk

London, April 27.—(United Press)—Lieut. Bruce Ware, commander of the Mongolia’s gun crew, believes the shot fired at the submarine didn’t sink the submarine. “All we know is we fired at the hostile vessel with a periscope,” he said. “We don’t know whether we hit the vessel but we knocked the periscope.” It is possible the submarine submerged later and repaired the periscope.

White Crowned Sparrows Pay Visit

THEY ARE SOMETIMES CALLED
NORTHERN NIGHTINGALES
AND THEY SING A PLAIN-
TIVE SONG AT NIGHT

—La Grande, April 27.—(To the Editor)—A number of persons have been inquiring about the little birds with white stripes on their heads which are quite numerous in the city just now.

The birds are white crowned sparrows and have just arrived from their winter sojourn in California. They spend their summers here and will often build their nests in vines on houses.

They are sometimes called “Northern Nightingales” as their sweet and plaintive little song is often heard at night.

Their cousins, the golden crowned sparrows, are occasionally seen among them early in the spring but they are just stopping for a short visit on their way to Canada where they spend the summer.

Be sure and plant sunflower and hemp seeds along the fences for the birds next winter’s food.

—C. P.

Fire Entraps One Hundred Miners

Trinidad, April 27.—(United Press)—Fire in the main stope of the Hastings mine 22 miles north of here entrapped over 100 miners of the day shift. Early reports indicate the possibility that Austrian miners started the fire.

SENATE CONSIDERS CON- SCRIPTION-FORCED DRAFT

Night Session Will Be Held--Sixteen Senators to Speak--House May Vote Today--Senator Jones Speaks for National Prohibition and Woman’s Suffrage.

BY J. P. YODER

Washington, April 27.—(United Press)—Under “forced draft” pressure the Senate is discussing the conscription measure. A night session will consider the problem. Sixteen senators said they would speak. The House may vote today.

“Three things are necessary to convince the enemy of the futility of continuing the struggle,” said Senator Jones. “We should first drill, train and equip an army of a million men, should conserve the national resources and human power by destroying the liquor traffic, should enfranchise the integrity, intelligence, purity and lofty patriotism of our women.”

Te added, “There is no substantial, overpowering reason against selective conscription.”

Russia Makes Denial.

Washington, April 27.—(United Press)—M. Millukoff, responding to a message from the American Jewish committee, cabled further assurances that Russia does not intend to conclude a separate German peace.

Red Cross Has 300 Members 1,000 Wanted

JURISDICTION OF LA GRANDE
CHAPTER WILL BE EXTENDED
OVER UNION AND WALLOWA
COUNTIES.

Members of the La Grande Chapter La Grande Red Cross were surprised to hear last night that the chapter had 300 members and had set its mark at 1000 for Union and Wallowa counties, over which its jurisdiction will be extended.

National Field Organizer W. W. Hush, who spoke last night as the representative of the American Red Cross, said that the chapter had made surprising progress but that it should keep on going since the need was so great.

He described the work of the society in peace and war. In brief the Red Cross carries on two kinds of work: preventing accidents and harm to

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GERMAN SUBMARINE WARFARE SUCCESSFUL, BERLIN SAYS

Amsterdam, April 27.—(United Press)—Germany’s submarine warfare has been most successful in its period of operations, the secretary of the German Minister of Marine told the Reichstag sub-committee. Berlin dispatches quoted him asserting that April successes equalled all previous months.

“England will soon be forced to accept peace,” he declared.

LABOR LEADER LAWSON OF COLORADO GOES BACK TO MINING COAL.

Denver, April 27.—(United Press)—John R. Lawson, the labor leader who was convicted of murder in connection with the Ludlow massacre a while back, today gave up his place as a leader, donned overalls, fixed a miner’s lamp to his cap, shouldered his tools and went down into a little mine in the Fredericksburg district to earn his living once more digging coal.

Lawson came up from the ranks. He was a member of the international council of the United Mine Workers. He turned down a soft job with the union when his term expired the other day and went to work.

LORD BALFOUR REPORTS AMERI- CANS NOT NEEDED AT FRONT

BY GEORGE MARTIN

Washington, April 27.—(United Press)—The first chapter of America’s part in the world war was written today when Lord Balfour sent home to his government his initial report of the agreements reached at the greatest war parley in American history.

The report will tell the European allies the first problem settled was shipping.

He wrote in effect that the British and French commissions expressed their wishes concerning the part America is to play in the war.

The American government assured them its complete support and cooperation in getting precisely what they wanted.

Lord Balfour, General Bridges and Admiral Dechair agree that supplying American fighting men on the European front can wait. They agree, Lord Balfour reports, that each point of the gigantic international parley asked by America was answered by the British and French jointly.

FOOD CONSERVATION COMMITTEE URGES LAGRANDE TO GET BUSY

The follow up Food Conservation Committee appointed to follow up the recent campaign introduced by the O.-W. R. N. Co. Food Preparedness Special, met in the Y. M. C. A. last evening to bring to the attention of the people of La Grande the importance of this home preparedness, in the following appeal:

“It is very apparent to the committee whose names appear below that the great majority of our citizens do not realize the necessity of doing their part to increase the production of staple foods.

“In spite of the fact that a large number of vacant lots are not desirable for gardening purposes, because of the lack of water there are a much large number available than there are persons who seem desirous for using them.

“Our citizens should realize that this is a serious business. Do not the constantly raising prices convince you that there is an actual shortage of food? The President of the United States and other officials in positions to know are doing their best to make you realize it.

“The farmers cannot greatly increase their production over average years, especially due to the fact that so many farm boys are enlisting. It is up to the people of the cities and towns to get busy. Shall La Grande lag behind? We read every day what other cities and towns are doing.

“Call at the Y. M. C. A. or at The Observer office and arrange to secure the use of as many lots as you and your family can cultivate.

(Signed)—

LINDON McCULLOUGH, OLIVE CHILDERS,
A. H. PRINCE, R. A. WILKINSON, NAOMI
KIRTLEY, MRS. GEO. GILBERT, MRS. G. N.
CUTTS, FRED CURREY, T. J. SCROGGIN,
PAUL H. SPILLMAN.

CIVIC COMMITTEE.

GERMAN NAVAL CAPTIVE CONTINUES CAREER OF FRIGHTFULNESS AFTER CAPTURE.

London, April 13.—(United Press)—(By Mail)—Lieutenant Emil Lehmann, a German naval captive, ran a career of frightfulness even after his capture and temporary imprisonment in England. Breaking loose from his guard, Lehmann escaped from Manchester and took refuge in a Methodist church where he made a bonfire on the floor with all the bibles he could find. Lehmann is charged with sacrilege.

SHELLS FROM GERMAN SQUADRON KILL TWO IN ENGLAND

London, April 27.—(United Press)—Shells from a German destroyer raiding squadron killed a man and woman, injured three, damaged twenty-one houses at Ramsgate, it is officially stated. The British patrol forced the German warships to retreat.

MARCH A JINX FOR MONARCHS.

London, April 13.—(United Press)—(By mail)—The month of March holds a persistent jinx for European royalties, as shown by a table of regal murders, dethronements and abdications following the Czar’s removal.

Old Gustavus III, King of Sweden got his on March 16, 1792; Alexander II, of Russia, on the thirteenth of March 1881, and George I, of Greece, on March 18, 1913. All were murdered. Charles III, Duke of Parma also went by the murder route in March, 1954.

Gustav IV, of Sweden, was dethroned by his affectionate uncle, the Duke of Sudermania, March 13, 1809.

The abdication of Nicholas, of Russia, and his abdication at the same time on behalf of his son, completes the list of March upheavals which prove the monarch’s life in March is not a happy one.