

## Germans May Be Driven From France

### GERMANY PROPOSES PEACE TO FURTHER ITS OWN ENDS

AMERICAN MINISTER EGAN AT COPENHAGEN ISSUES A WARNING TO AMERICAN PEOPLE

#### GERMANY IS TRYING TO ELIMINATE RUSSIA

While Food Situation in Germany is Bad, People Hope For Victory and Are Willing To Make Further Sacrifices—Germans Regard American Military Preparations As a Bluff.

Copenhagen, May 7.—(United Press)—“Any German peace proposal now simply indicates the determination of a tremendously organized and still powerful nation to gain its own ends,” said American Minister Maurice Egan in warning the American people through the United Press.

He appealed to his fellow countrymen not to be deceived by German peace duplicity and not to slacken preparations under the mistaken impression that the Germans were really ready to quit.

“Relaxation of American preparedness would increase the contempt of powerful Germans toward the United States,” Mr. Egan said. “Hamburg, Stettin, and other advises show that while food conditions are bad, the people hoping for victory, are willing to make further sacrifices.

“And peace suggestion now is merely aimed to eliminate Russia and obtain the Russian larder. Germans regard American military preparations as a bluff.

“There is no danger of the dethronement of the Hohenzollerns in Germany. American peace talk will only prolong the war.”

#### KAISER EXPRESSES HOPE OF VICTORY

Amsterdam, May 7.—(United Press)—The Kaiser expressed confidence that all German battle fronts continue invincible in a congratulatory birthday message to the Crown Prince according to Berlin advices. “In grateful spirit, with confidence, I look upon your battle front and all battle fronts victoriously resisting and attacking. They will continue invincible.”

### COMMISSIONER ADAMS TO SPEAK IN UNION COUNTY

GOOD ROADS MEETINGS TO BE HELD AT WHICH PROPOSED BOND ISSUE WILL BE EXPLAINED

E. J. Adams, state highway commissioner will be in Union County Thursday and Friday, May 10 and 11.

A series of meetings are being arranged throughout the county and Mr. Adams will speak in La Grande, Union, Cove, Imbler and Elgin.

As the tentative program is arranged he will be taken to Cove Thursday morning, Cove Thursday afternoon, and La Grande Thursday evening. On Friday arrangements will be made for him to speak in Imbler in the morning and Elgin in the afternoon.

Final arrangements will be made by the local reception committee tonight.

Mr. Adams is a brilliant orator and is anxious to meet the voters and explain to them the provisions of the \$6,000,000 bond issue for good roads, which will be voted on June 4. As a member of the state highway commission he will also tell the voters how this sum will be expended if the bond issue carries. Mr. Adams is a resident of Eugene and has been a citizen of the state of Oregon for six years. Before coming to Oregon he was prominent in public life in Wisconsin and was at one time speaker of the house of representatives in that state.

Mr. Adams made the ablest presentation of the good roads question heard at the recent good roads conference.

All of the voters are urged to hear Mr. Adams so that they will be officially informed on this important issue.

### Loan Of \$25,000,000 Is Made To Britain

Washington, D. C., (United Press)—An additional loan of twenty-five million dollars was made Britain today. The transfer was not attended by the usual formalities.

### AEROPLANE DROPS BOMBS ON LONDON

ONE PERSON KILLED AND TWO INJURED IN RAID—BUILDINGS SLIGHTLY DAMAGED.

London, May 7.—(United Press)—A hostile aeroplane dropped four bombs in the north-eastern outskirts of London early today, killing one and injuring two.

Lord French, commander of the home defense forces, so stated. Buildings were slightly damaged.

### ALLIES AND U.S. PLAN TO END SUB.MENACE

Paris, May 7.—(United Press)—The Allies' greatest concentrated effort to end the submarine menace is being planned with American Naval Officer Admiral Sims. This is stated on the authority of a high British official attending the Allies' conference. The United Press will play a great part in the plan.

“The Germans are beaten on the land,” he said “and playing their last ace—the submarine.”

### United States Will Send Army To France

Washington, May 7.—(United Press)—The war department has issued orders for raising the first American force to be sent to France.

### Honor Guard Girls Work In Overalls

Climbing into a pair of overalls, donning a cap, taking a monkey wrench in one hand, a pair of pliers in the other and climbing under an automobile for three hours a day to learn the mechanism of it shows real patriotism. This is what the Corps 3 of the La Grande Honor Guard has been doing for the past 10 days. Under the skilled instruction of L. C. Smith these plucky misses, namely: Blanche Black, Reba Williamson, Evelyn Foss, Enid Switzer, Nora Arbuckle and Mildred Bush have worked nearly every evening upon a car belonging to Rube Zweifel learning the mechanism of it, all its parts, the uses of each, and how to fix the troubles of the car.

Corps 3 of the Honor Guard deals with telegraphic and mechanics and each of the girls feels ready in case of need to offer her service as a mechanic for her country. After finishing the course Saturday the girls all went for an auto ride after which they enjoyed a splendid feed at the Model. They wish to extend to Mr. L. C. Smith their kind thanks and appreciation for his instruction and services rendered during this training.

### “Every Scout Feed A Soldier” Slogan of the Boy Scouts

Two Hundred Thousand Boys Are Enrolled—More Than 50,000 Men Are Scout Masters—First Duty of Scouts in War Is To Produce and Conserve Food—Rev. G. L. Clark Contributes Article Telling of the Boys' Work—They Will Also Cooperate With Red Cross and the Navy Department.

#### LA GRANDE BOY SCOUTS WILL DO THEIR PART

BY G. L. CLARK.

That the Boy Scouts of America are a recognized factor in the make-up of our national life is proven by the fact of membership: There are more than 200,000 boys between the ages of 12 and 18 years who are today enrolled as scouts; more than 50,000 men representing the best type of American citizenship are enrolled as scoutmasters, assistants, local councilmen and troop commanders and other officials. Not less than 350,000 boys within the past seven years have been under the direction and training of this movement.

Teachers' college, Columbia University, New York, has become so firmly convinced of the value of the Boy Scout movement as to announce a scout course during the summer from July 9, to Aug. 17.

Also, a summer course for scoutmasters has been announced the Scout Master's School at Culver, Indiana.

What can the Boy Scouts do in this time of war? Some time ago the Executive board of the Boy Scouts of America met with the Council of Defense and the officials of the Department of Agriculture; during this conference much discussion centered around what the Boy Scouts could do as individuals and as troops.

It was recognized in this conference that the urgent need at the present time is more food, there is money enough in reach, there are men enough within call, there is genius enough to be utilized; but the paramount issue is the “Food Problem.” A problem which touches the Allies and our own country.

It will be clear therefore, that the

first duty of the Scouts is to produce, conserve and get others to produce and conserve as much food as possible.

Following the declaration of a state of war by Congress, the Board of the National Council of Boy Scouts adopted the following resolutions.

Resolved, That every officer and member of the Boy Scouts of America be urged, in addition to the service they will render the police and civic authorities in their home cities, to definitely assist in the development of the plans which the National Council has made with the following organizations.

First, The Department of Agriculture and Council of National Defense. To co-operate in the extension and development of home gardens, under the slogan “Every Scout to feed a soldier.”

Second, The American National Red Cross. To co-operate with the Red Cross through its local chapters in meeting their responsibilities occasioned by the state of war.

Third, The Navy Department. To co-operate with the Navy Department in organizing an emergency Coast Patrol along the Sea Coast towns.

Never before has the oath, which every Boy Scout takes, had more vital significance. First, To do my duty to God and my Country. Second, To help other people at all times. Third, To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight. Keeping in mind too the points in the Scout law namely, to be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean reverent.

La Grande Boy Scouts will do their part.

### H. E. COOLIDGE TO BE OFFICER RESERVE CORPS

PROMINENT LA GRANDE MAN IS DIRECTED TO PROCEED AT ONCE TO HEADQUARTERS AT SAN FRANCISCO.

H. E. Coolidge, one of the prominent La Grande men who recently applied for appointment to the Officers' Reserve Corps, was notified yesterday morning of his acceptance by the War Department authorities, and directed to proceed at once to the department headquarters at San Francisco.

This means, of course, that out of 5,000 applicants, Mr. Coolidge has been selected as one of the 2500 men who will be given a three months intensive training course, under West Point officers, preparatory to receiving a commission in the new army which Uncle Sam will mobilize under the selective conscription law. He has resigned his position as assistant cashier of the La Grande National bank and will leave tonight for San Francisco.

Mr. Coolidge has the natural qualification for a fine type of army officer. In addition to this, he has a fine military record. It is expected that he will receive a captaincy, and possibly a commission as major.

He was acting as first lieutenant in the Utah National Guard at the time the United States declared war on Spain, but as there was little prospect that the guard would be called to active field service, Mr. Coolidge resigned his commission and enlisted as a sergeant in the Utah battery which made such a gallant record in the Philippine campaign.

After serving with great credit throughout the Philippine campaign, Mr. Coolidge returned to the United

### RALPH HURON TO BE OFFICER RESERVE CORPS

PROMINENT LUMBERMAN IS ACCEPTED AND LEAVES TONIGHT FOR SAN FRANCISCO

Ralph Huron, prominent lumberman and resident of this city for the past six years, is one of the local men accepted in the Officers' Reserve Corps in the recent examinations.

Mr. Huron also has a splendid military record behind him, having served in the Philippines with the 45th U. S. Infantry from 1899 until 1901.

He has seen active service during his time and knows what to expect in the future. After his discharge from service Mr. Huron came to Oregon where he has been a resident for 10 years.

He will leave with Mr. Coolidge tonight for San Francisco and proceed to the department headquarters.

### Chicago May Wheat Sells As High As \$2.85

Chicago, May 7.—(United Press)—The wheat market: May—Open \$2.78; high 2.85; low \$2.79; close \$2.83 1-4. July—Open \$2.25; high 2.30; low \$2.24; close \$2.26 1-4.

Portland, May 7.—(United Press)—Club \$2.72; Bluestem \$2.76.

Elks' Meet at Depot Tonight.

Mr. H. E. Coolidge and Mr. R. R. Huron are leaving tonight for the training camps at San Francisco and all Elks are requested to meet at the depot at 9 p. m. to get them a farewell send-off.

### HINDENBURG FACES THE NECESSITY OF MAKING RETREAT

Buisness Men Will Elect Club Officers

At the business men's luncheon tomorrow Chairman Snodgrass announced that the meeting would be turned into a business meeting and the annual election of officers of the Commercial club would take place. This luncheon will be at the Sommer.

### BIG MUNITIONS PLANT WRECKED BY EXPLOSION

ONE MAN IS KILLED AND TWO SERIOUSLY INJURED AT KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE

Kingsport, Tenn., May 7.—(United Press)—One-third of the Mammoth munitions plant of the Federal Dye Stuff and Chemical company was destroyed by a terrific explosion this morning.

One man was killed and two probably fatally injured. Some federal troops were thrown to the ground by the shock of the explosion.

### SATURDAY IS AGRICULTURAL DEFENSE DAY

At a meeting of the County Agricultural Council Saturday it was decided to co-operate to the fullest extent in the “Agricultural Defense” movement of the United States government.

Saturday, May 12, has been set aside as “Agricultural Defense Day,” and it has been decided to hold a series of meetings throughout the county, at which the purposes of the movement will be explained to the farmers. These meetings are being arranged by County Agricultural Agent Spillman.

The seed question will be discussed and an agricultural census of the county taken. The labor question will also be discussed.

Agricultural Defense Day will be a farmer's clearing house day and the exact situation in the county determined and the needs of the farmers met.

### Two Army Aviators Instantly Killed

Privates—mjsout . . . . . Hempstead, N. Y., May 7.—(United Press)—Peter Morrill and John Stendorf, privates in the Army Reserve Corps of Training Aviators, were instantly killed when their machine plunged from a height of over two thousand feet. Witnesses disagree on the cause of the accident. Some say the gasoline tank exploded, others that the steering gear broke.

### RAILROADS PLEAD FOR INCREASED RATES

Washington, May 7.—(United Press)—Eastern railroads pleaded with the Interstate Commerce commission for a fifteen per cent rate increase.

The railroads cited the nineteen sixteen expenses for coal, wages and materials as a billion and fifteen million dollars. They indicated that in nineteen seventeen the same items would be a billion two hundred and thirty-two million.

Five big eastern systems claim with the increase granted they would still be “behind the board.”

UNLESS FRENCH DRIVE IS STOPPED, RETIREMENT FROM FRANCE WILL BE FORCED.

### GERMAN COMMANDERS MAKE SUPERHUMAN EFFORTS

Twenty-nine Thousand German Prisoners Taken Since April 16—War Office Says Great French Push Is Going Ahead—Germany's Picked Troops Are Being Sacrificed.

BY HENRY WOOD. With the French Army, May 7.—(United Press)—Germany's retirement from France must come unless General Hindenburg can soon stop the French drive.

Today's realization brought proof of a complete realization to the German commanders of the necessity of such a retreat in their superhuman efforts the enemy is making to save the Rheims salient.

Twenty-nine thousand Germans have been taken prisoners since April sixteenth, it was officially stated.

The war office added that the great French push is continuing successfully, with the French “everywhere victoriously repulsing counter attacks.”

Germany's picked troops were hurled into the trenches.

The flower of the German army is being sacrificed.

### GERMANS FAIL TO SHAKE BRITISH GRIP

London, May 7.—(United Press)—Continuous German attacks since Saturday failed to shake the British grip around Bullecourt, despite an unending pressure. The British improved their positions, General Haig reported.

### COAST GUARDSMEN TO BE TRAINED AS LIEUTENANTS

San Francisco, May 7.—(United Press)—Three hundred and fifty-one coast guardsmen will be given instructions as second lieutenants at the reserve officers' training camp, it was announced. Oregon will furnish fifty-four.

### PRESIDENT IS READY TO ISSUE PROCLAMATION

AS SOON AS CONSCRIPTION BILL PASSES, WORK OF RAISING THE ARMY WILL START

Washington, May 7.—(United Press)—The President completed his proclamation calling for a selective draft issuance and awaits only the passage of the conscription bill. Urgent demands for the army accentuated by appeals from the French and British commissioners, led the conferees on the draft measure to speed the work.

Senator Chamberlain hopes to report the measure tomorrow.

Wide differences exist on three important features of the bill covering the conscription age, army prohibition, and Roosevelt division. The age probably will be compromised from twenty to thirty. A big fight on the other issues is expected.

### Captain J.E. Warner To Lecture On War

Captain J. E. Warner, formerly in the British army and injured in battle and crippled for life, is in the city today. He intends to lecture during his stay here upon the Great War as he has seen it. He is accompanied by Corporal Davies of the Canadian Infantry.

Captain Warner enlisted with the 18th Royal Irish Nov. 2, 1914, and was sent to France with the British expeditionary force in 1914, was wounded two years later. He has participated in the Boer war, the Zulu insurrection, the Nicaraguan insurrection and was with Madera 11 months.

Captain Warner states that the