

Germany Recalls Troops From Russia

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BY HENRY WOOD

With the French Afield, May 14.—(United Press)—Germany has lost two hundred thousand, killed, wounded and captured from April 16 to May on the French front alone.

Estimated losses since May first are proportionately greater. These figures are considered conservative. Actual tolls are perhaps much more.

The estimate is based on head-quarter's figures.

Between April 16th and 27th the Germans were forced, because of heavy losses to withdraw twenty divisions, approximately three hundred thousand men, from the front, replacing them with fresh reserves. Since then dozens of additional divisions have been replaced.

Many divisions practically were wiped out. The Ninth Bavarian reserve division, numbering seven thousand, and lost. According to established scientific military statistics this means the minimum of three thousand were killed or wounded. Other divisions suffered so heavily that they now exist in name only.

GERMANS FIGHT TO RETAIN BULLECOURT

BY WILLIAM PHILLIP SIMMS
With the British Afield, May 14.—(United Press)—Germans retain only two posts in Bullecourt.

Liveliest sort fighting continued throughout the night and is progressing in and around the village. Two posts of Germans tenaciously hold the South and the North of the town. Around them the swaying fighting is centered.

The British strengthened their hold at Reus during the night.

Autos Show Prosperity.

Portland, May 14.—(Special)—The prosperity of the Oregon country is reflected in comparisons completed last week by M. O. Wilkins, president-manager of the Dealers' Motor Car association of Oregon and publisher of the Automobile Record, which show that 30 per cent more automobiles were sold for the first five months of the 1917 automobile registration than for the corresponding period last year.

Mr. Wilkins' figures show that 24,929 motor vehicles were registered between December 1, 1915, and May 1, 1916, while for the five-month period ending May 1, 1917, 34,790 cars were registered. The gain in favor of this year is 30 per cent.

It is noticeable that the Central and Eastern Oregon territory, composed of the county of Crook (which is now Crook and Deschutes), Jefferson, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla and Union counties, are much better automobile territory than the rest of the state, ranging from 840 per cent increase down to 25 per cent. Jackson, Klamath, Lake and Harney are all a little better than the Willamette Valley territory.

W. D. Skinner Improves.

Portland, May 14.—(Special)—W. D. Skinner, traffic manager of the S. P. & S. railroad, who has been at St. Vincent's hospital since last Saturday with injuries received in an automobile accident, has recovered sufficiently to return to his home.

Mr. Skinner's injuries consisted of a bad scalp wound and an injury to his back. He was injured when an automobile driven by W. E. Coman, general manager of the Northwestern Electric company, crashed into a telephone pole.

Sells Big Farm.

Enterprise, May 14.—(Special)—H. D. Akins has sold his lower Imnaha ranch of 640 acres, and about 430 head of cattle, to D. W. Warnock. Mr. Akins bought it not long ago of Thomas Marks and Charles Rice. Mr. Rice went to Canada a month ago and Mr. Akins is figuring on going to the same locality.

British Naval Forces Destroy a Zeppelin

London, May 14.—(United Press)—British naval forces destroyed the German Zeppelin L twenty-two, this morning in the North sea, the admiralty stated.

HIGH WATER ATTACKS PIERS OF R.R. BRIDGE

WEAKENED PIER IS REPAIRED AND REGULAR SERVICE ON BRANCH LINE IS RESUMED.

Regular service was resumed on the Joseph branch of the O.-W. R. & N. last night after a strenuous day's work on the railroad bridge near Island City. A crew of men were busy all Sunday dumping rock and clearing away floating debris which had collected around the piers. The company's wrecking crane was brought on the scene in the forenoon and was used to a good advantage in helping the crew in their work of dislodging trees and brush which had caught on the piers.

Saturday afternoon the Grande Ronde river had risen so high that the bridge could not stand the strain and one corner of an end pier sunk 12 or 14 inches. The incoming evening train was held up the other side of the bridge but all passengers and baggage were quickly transferred to autos and railroad motors. The service was in no way disrupted and all passengers were able to leave the city on scheduled trains.

Supt. W. Bollons, of the O.-W., says the sinking of the pier was caused by what is technically known as scouring, or the producing of a strong eddy which undermines the foundation of the pier. He further says regular service will not be affected any more as they are now running scheduled trains and expect to have the pier in its original position in a few days.

Island City was a Mecca for autos yesterday as the day was fine for motoring and the curious naturally turned their cars to the scene of supposed excitement.

Mrs. B. Dalling returned to her home in Towler, Colorado, today after visiting in this city for some time.

JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL WINS STATE FINALS

EASTERN OREGON DEFEATS WESTERN DEBATERS IN CONTEST HELD AT EUGENE

Eugene, May 14.—(Special)—Eastern Oregon defeated Western Oregon in debate when the team from Joseph high school won over Silverton high school with a 2-1 decision Saturday evening in the state championship finals at Guild hall. The teams were closely matched, both in delivery and presentation of argument, and showed excellent training.

Representing Joseph school were Arthur Rudd and Guy Davis. For Silverton, Rholin Cooley and Edwin Durno upheld the affirmative of the question. The question debated was "Resolved, that Oregon should adopt a compulsory health insurance law embodying the essential features of the standard bill of American association for labor legislation."

Judges for the debate were Dean Collins of the Oregonian, Jesse McCord, principal of the Montavilla school in Portland, and I. H. Van Winkle. Professor Kilpatrick of the University had charge of the local arrangements for the debate.

Arthur Rudd and Guy Davis were in La Grande yesterday on their way to Joseph. Arthur Rudd is The Observer correspondent at Joseph.

DEMAND MADE BY BRITONS FOR SHAKEUP

ADMIRALTY MUST USE GREATER ENERGY IN COMBATING THE SUBMARINE MENACE—CHANGES MADE

London, May 14.—(United Press)—Britain's nation-wide demand for an Admiralty shake-up and greater energy in combatting submarine menace resulted in the announcement of numerous naval changes in the House by Sir Edward Carson. Carson evidently weathered the storm of criticism and remained in his cabinet place. Sir John Jellicoe was appointed chief of the naval staff and Sir Henry Oliver, named deputy.

ARMY BILL IS MEETING WITH DELAY

CONFEREES MET TO ADD ROOSEVELT AMENDMENT AND ADJOURNED—SENATE REFUSES TO CLOSE BOARDS OF TRADE.

Washington, May 14.—(United Press)—The disposition of the army bill was delayed again.

Conferees met this morning to add the Roosevelt amendment, adjourned until this afternoon and then decided to postpone action until tomorrow.

The President was empowered to appoint a controller general of supplies holding office during the war under the bill Senator Gore introduced. It is understood the President approves the measure.

The senate voted by forty-nine to twenty-four against the amendment to the espionage bill closing the boards of trade, chambers of commerce and other bodies "engaged in and permitting speculation in food products."

Miss Blanche Black Wins Honors

The Y. M. M. I. A. and Y. W. M. I. A. exercises closed Saturday evening with the Field Ball and awarding of trophies to the winners of activities held during the day. To Miss Blanche Black of the L. D. S. Tabernacle, La Grande, goes the honors for the oration; story telling, Miss Ida Fossum, of Baker; senior art, Miss Blanche Lambert, La Grande; junior art, Miss Ida Fossum, of Baker.

The great pennant known as the blanket pennant, which was offered for special activities such as athletics, public speaking, dramatics, debating, reading courses, quartettes, mixed included duets, trios and instrumental music, was awarded to Imbler, scoring highest from April until October, winning in this feature every month except one which was won by the Union M. I. A.

The winners of the quartette were Misses Jennie Ainsworth and Gladys Black and Messrs. J. P. Price and John Stoddard of La Grande. This pennant goes to the La Grande ward.

The public speaking contest and story telling was judged by E. E. Bragg, Chas. Reynolds and Miss Gunderson. Miss Cecile Hindman, Mrs. Harriet McDonald and Mrs. T. J. Scroggin were judges of the quartette. The art was judged by Miss Naomi Kirtley and Mrs. George Gilbert. Three contestants from Baker, Imbler and La Grande were present and took part in these events. The athletic events to be staged at the high school grounds were not participated in. The Grand Field Ball at which the pennants and trophies were awarded was well attended and ended this year's activities.

Tomorrow evening Miss Blanche Black, winner of the oratorical contest will meet the winner of the contest of Boise, Idaho, to decide who will go to Salt Lake City in June to take part in the contest held there at that time. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this contest which will be held in the L. D. S. Tabernacle at 7:30 p. m.

Nolan Skiff Confirmed.

Washington, D. C., May 14.—(United Press)—The Senate this afternoon confirmed the appointment of Nolan Skiff as receiver of public moneys at La Grande.

BOARD TRADE BARS TRADING IN FUTURES

TWO DAYS' BAN PUT ON WHEAT DEALING FOR THE PRESENT.

MAY CORN AND MAY OATS ALSO RULED OFF

John P. Griffin, President of the Chicago Board of Trade Says Action Was Taken After Consultation With Federal Agents and Allies' Representatives—Kansas City Board of Trade Takes Similar Action.

Chicago, May 14.—(United Press)—The Chicago Board of Trade barred all trading in wheat futures for two days.

Existing contracts were permitted to be closed at Saturday's closing prices. The Board barred all trading in May corn and May oats for an entire month.

John P. Griffin, president of the Board, said the action was taken after consultation with federal agents and Allied representatives.

The Kansas City Board of Trade took similar action, excepting on the oat pit which was undisturbed.

Chicago, May 14.—(United Press)—July—Open \$2.70, high 02.72, low \$2.52, close \$2.69.

September—Open \$2.40, high \$2.44, low \$2.23, close \$2.28.

Portland—Club \$2.95; Bluestem \$2.98.

St. Louis Exchange Closes.

St. Louis, May 14.—(United Press)—The Merchants Exchange today ordered trading in wheat futures discontinued for two days.

May oats trading permanently barred.

Elgin Red Cross Auxiliary Active

Mr. A. C. Hampton, chairman of the educational committee of the La Grande Chapter Red Cross, Mrs. Jessie M. Goodhue, secretary, and Mrs. George T. Cochran, chairman of the membership committee, went to Elgin Saturday afternoon to attend a meeting of the Elgin auxiliary. Mr. Hampton and Mrs. Goodhue explained the work of the Red Cross and the importance of joining at the present time.

The Elgin auxiliary is already in flourishing condition under the chairmanship of Mrs. E. F. Bean. There were over 100 present at the meeting Saturday and the auxiliary has already over 70 members. It has raised \$15 as the result of a tea and is planning a card party so as to raise some more money. The La Grande members were much pleased with the interest and enthusiasm shown.

Local headquarters are now open in the U. S. National bank building where visitors are welcome from 2 to 4.

President Authorizes Additional Troops

Washington, May 14.—(United Press)—The president has authorized four additional increments for the regular army, approximating one hundred eighty-three thousand men. One regiment, the forty-fourth infantry will be stationed at Vancouver Barracks.

Farmers Are Patriotic.

Portland, May 14.—(Special)—Oregon farmers rallied to the service of Uncle Sam Saturday. At 500 meetings throughout the state thousands of farmers discussed the best ways of answering the president's appeal to increase food production as a vital essential, both on behalf of the United States and the allies, in winning the war against Germany.

A food census was taken. Blanks filled out will show what the crop prospects for this year are, what kinds of foodstuffs have been planted and what is the livestock situation.

It pays to advertise in a paper that is growing on a solid foundation.

SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND MEN HURRIED TO THE WESTERN FRONT

Chancellor Hollweg Announce Peace Terms

London, May 14.—(United Press)—Chancellor Hollweg is expected to announce the German peace terms before the Reichstag tomorrow.

HOLLWEG IS FACING FIGHT IN REICHSTAG

STRUGGLE BETWEEN SUPPORTERS AND OPPONENTS CRITICAL—SHOW-DOWN EXPECTED TUESDAY.

BY ARTHUR MANN.

Copenhagen, May 14.—(United Press)—The struggle between supporters and opponents of Chancellor von Hollweg reached a critical stage today, according to private advices from Berlin. A showdown at Tuesday's Reichstag session is considered likely.

Chancellor von Hollweg is fighting determinedly and it is indicated that he may succeed in weathering the storm. It is believed he will be forced out before Germany actually begins peace dickering.

Mrs A E Ivanhoe Receives Navy Card

Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, county school superintendent, is the proud possessor of a beautiful card, which she received today from her son Forrest who is in the United States Navy. The card says:

*(U. S. Navy Seal)
A MAN From This House is now serving His Country at the front in the United States Navy.
E. H. DURELL,
Captain U. S. N. Command U. S. Navy Training Station, San Francisco, California.

These cards are sent to the families of all navy men and are displayed in the homes, as proudly as decorations from the Legion of Honor are in France.

Three Killed In Battle With Robbers

Pittsburg, May 14.—(United Press)—Three are dead and several wounded in two battles between robbers and a posse following the robbery of the First National bank at Castle Shannon.

La Grande Marine Writes From Calif.

Paul J. Cook, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Cook, 1305 Pennsylvania avenue of this city, writes from the Mare Island Navy Yard that he is pleased with conditions so far.

Mr. Cook was accepted at La Grande on May 4 of this year by the U. S. Marine recruiting station. He was sent to the Marine Barracks at Mare Island, California, and will soon begin training.

His letter is self explanatory: Marine Barracks, Mare Island, Cal., May 8.—(To Captain L. P. Pinkston, Marine Recruiting Officer, Portland, Oregon)—Dear Sir: Just a line to let you know that we have arrived and like it here. We have had no training yet, but hope to have soon.

In no way has the U. S. Marines been misrepresented to us by you; we are perfectly satisfied with what we have seen of it and hope to be intelligent atoms of this great organization.

Yours sincerely,
PAUL J. COOK.

RUSSIAN HEADQUARTERS GIVES OUT INFORMATION THAT 40 DIVISIONS ARE WITHDRAWN.

TROOPS WILL BE USED TO OPPOSE THE ALLIES

Minister of War and Marine Gutchkoff Announces His Resignation in Dramatic Statement to Soldiers' Delegates—Declares Plans for Dual Control of Army and Navy Are Menace to Russia's Existence.

Petrograd, May 14.—(United Press)—Germany has withdrawn forty divisions of approximately 600,000 men from the Russian east front, and hurried them to France to oppose the Allied offensive, according to information from Russian headquarters.

RUSSIAN MINISTER OF WAR AND MARINE RESIGNS

Petrograd, May 14.—(United Press)—Minister of War and Marine Gutchkoff announced his resignation in a dramatic statement to the soldiers' delegates from the front, setting that Russia's existence menaced by the dual control plans the army and navy. He declared his resignation was to "conditions in which the government, especially the policy of the minister of machine was placed, which I am now altering."

Countries Will Be Neutral
Stockholm, via London, May 14.—(Special)—In the student election held here last week, Ray Couch of La Grande, a junior in the school of commerce, was elected vice-president. Mr. Couch, who is a member of A. T. O. fraternity, has been prominent in student affairs ever since entering the university.

As before, the ministers abandoned the idea of taking the initiative themselves or in concert with other neutrals with a view to mediation between the belligerents or other measures to the same end. The conference opined that collaboration should be established with other neutrals to safeguard common interests to the end of the war or after, including the interests that neutrals still have in the work which presumably will be undertaken in establishing principles of international law for the future.

Ray Couch Honored.
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