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MEXICANS CLASH WITH AMERICANS ON THE BORDER

STATE DEPARTMENT REPORTS FILIBUSTER

MEXICANS CAPTURED BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS

One Prisoner Believed To Be American—Hippolito, Villa's Former Secretary Among Those Captured. Another Message Describes Fight From House Across Border.

Washington, May 21.—(United Press)—A clash between United States troops and Mexicans was officially reported to the state department.

The message said a group of filibusters crossed to the American side near the American troops and the customs officers captured them. George Holmes believed to be an American, Manuel Gonzales and Hippolito, Villa's former secretary were among the prisoners taken.

Another message described the firing as coming from a house on the Mexican side of the line and aimed at an American soldier. The soldier returned fire and troubles ceased.

Harry Newberry In Motor Cycle Accident

LEG BROKEN AT HIP AND LEFT SHOULDER BROKEN—OTHER TWO OCCUPANTS ARE UN-INJURED.

Harry Newberry, while riding in a motorcycle last evening accompanied by two friends, Glenn Atchinson and another companion, met with a very serious accident near the Island City bridge. Newberry was steering the machine and it is thought that the dim light and a car coming behind him unnerved him so that while taking the turn in the road he went over the bank overturning the machine and side car upon himself breaking his left leg at the hip and his left shoulder. The other two occupants were but slightly injured.

The accident occurred about 10 o'clock. They were not speeding at the time of the accident and it is said that the cause was due to the dim light on the motorcycle and the fact that Newberry is an inexperienced rider.

LA GRANDE BOY DIES AT MARE ISLAND YARD

CLAUDE HAISTEN, WHO ENLISTED IN U. S. MARINE CORPS PASSES AWAY VERY SUDDENLY

La Grande was shocked today when it received news that one of its soldier boys had died at San Francisco, William Claude Haisten, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Haisten.

The news was contained in the following telegram: Mare Island, Calif, May 21, 1917. Mrs. Eileen Haisten, 1204 Elm. Ave., La Grande, Oregon.

Your son, William Claude Haisten, died today. Please wire if you desire remains shipped to you at government expense.

COMMANDANT.

Claude Haisten was sixteen years of age on the 26th day of April. He enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps on the 23rd of April. He was a spirited young man and was eager to go into his country's service. He left with the group of La Grande boys who enlisted in the marines and went to Mare Island.

His father received a letter from him a week ago in which he said: "Dear Folks:—We are out of detention camp. The boys came down to the barracks today. I have been sick at my stomach for two or three days but I guess I am all right now. Nothing new; will write when I hear

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ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN ENEMY TORPEDO BOATS

London, May 21.—(United Press)—Outpost engagements between German and French torpedo boats officially reported by both Berlin and Paris statements.

Paris stated that one French torpedo boat was slightly damaged.

Berlin described the fight as a "short outpost engagement off Flanders," declaring that the "French ships were repeatedly hit while ours remained undamaged."

BACCALAUREATE SERMON DELIVERED GRADUATES

REV. CHARLES EDWARDS QUESTIONS GRADUATES IF THEY INTEND TO MAKE A LIFE OR A LIVING.

Before one of the largest congregations ever gathered in the La Grande high school Rev. Chas. E. Edwards delivered the baccalaureate sermon to the graduation class yesterday morning at 11 a. m.

The Methodist Episcopal choir furnished the music with the exception of one number by the High School Glee club. Mrs. J. P. Graham rendered a solo, "Low at Thy Feet" by Bartlett.

The Success of Defeat, Heb. II. Text: And they endured as seeing him who is invisible and all these having obtained a good report received not the promise.

Rev. Mr. Edwards chose a striking subject, "The Success of Defeat," and developed the thought that Defeat hath her glory, no less than Victory. There are some things said the speaker an education ought to do for you, viz. a poise of character, there ought to be integrity of heart, as well as skillfulness of brain, ability without goodness is dangerous, and goodness becomes efficient if guided by wisdom and that school is doing most for its young people where the life is not broken into fragments, but is found in the goodness of its strength and in the strength of its goodness.

The question after all is are you making a life or simply making a living. I believe in inspiration said the speaker, but I also believe in preparation. Learn to value preparation as well as inspiration. Here the speaker illustrated how such men as Carlyle read five hundred volumes on French history, then shut himself up to brood and after six months, dipped his pen in his heart's blood and wrote the French Revolution, the best production of the 19th century, the world said, "what inspiration," Carlyle said, what preparation. For destiny is not without thee, but within.

Before any great ideal becomes a reality, millions of men's and women's lives are woven in the warp and woof of fabric. Analyzed the pilgrim Fathers stood for four great fundamentals. The sovereignty of God, the independence of man, the reverence for law and loyalty to the truth. In a little more than a hundred years they gave to our fathers the golden fruits of these fundamentals. But this morning I go back to Runnymede in 1256 when the Barons wrested the great charter from King John "the Lackland" and I see countless thousands, yea, millions of men and women struggling toward freedom.

George Washington the "beloved Father" of this country became the incarnation of these golden fruits and hammered out on the anvil of adversity at Valley Forge, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States of America and of these brave Fathers we can truthfully say: "In the poverty of their resources, in the obscurity of their beginnings, in the grandeur of their achievements their story is the sublimest in the annals of history and what they gave to us, the whole world is fighting for today."

But what of all these millions of men who fill the warp and woof? My text says that "they endured as seeing him who is invisible and yet received not the promise." This same account says the world was not worthy of them.

It may be you look to be placed in the background; you may fail to get into your proper niche; you may even by your folly fall into the great whirlpool of sin and come out with a broken sword. What are you to do? Whine? Give Up? No.

Defeat hath her glory no less than Victory. But here is where your encouragement comes in. No man fails until he fails within. Your plans

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IMPORTANT FACTS TO REMEMBER ABOUT THE WAR CENSUS, JUNE FIFTH

(From the War Census Bureau, Adjutant General's Office, Portland, Oregon.) Note to Editors:—To assist in educating the public in the duties required of it in the coming war census, you are requested as a patriotic duty to use as much of this information in your news columns as you can. This is for immediate release.)

(Cut This Out and Put It Where You Can Find It)

War Census Day—Tuesday, June 5, as named by President Wilson in his official proclamation.

Who Must Register—Every male resident between the ages of 21 and 30 years, inclusive. This includes aliens as well as Americans. Japanese, Chinese, Italians, Germans, English, Americans, and men of any other nationality who are of the designated ages, must register. Aliens will not be drafted for war duty, of course, but a complete record of them is desired.

Who Is Exempt—No male resident between the ages of 21 and 30 years, inclusive, is exempt from registering. Those to be exempt from military service will be determined later, but first all must register.

Where To Register—Registration must be made in the home precinct of the man registering. Register at your regular voting place.

Hours For Registration—Booths at regular voting places in each precinct will be open on War Census Day from 7 o'clock a. m. to 9 o'clock p. m. Don't wait until the last moment. Register early.

Registration of Absentees—If you find you will be unavoidably absent your home precinct, in care of the sheriff of your home county, in time to possible date to the county clerk of the county in which you may be at the time, whether in Oregon or elsewhere, who will fill out your registration card. He will then give you the card, which you must mail to the registrar of your home precinct, in care of the sheriff of your home county, in time to reach the registrar by War Census Day. If you live in Portland, or a city of over 30,000 population in another state, mail the card to the registrar in care of the mayor. But remember, the burden of having your card reach the registrar of your home precinct by War Census Day is on you.

Registration of the Sick—Men of military age who are too ill to go to the voting booth to register must send a competent person before War Census Day to the county clerk to explain the circumstances, and secure instructions from the Federal regulations which these officials will receive from the Government.

Penalties—The penalty for failing to appear to register, or for giving false, misleading or incorrect answers, is imprisonment. There is no alternative of a fine.

ANOTHER BIG OFFENSIVE IS UNDER WAY

HINDENBURG HURRYING DIVISIONS TO NORTHERN AND EASTERN BATTLEFRONT—PREPARING FOR DRIVE ON PETROGRAD.

BRITISH AND FRENCH BOTH MAKE GAINS

Fresh Divisions from Russia Are Being Sent to France—German Prisoners Expect Hindenburg to Try to Take Petrograd—Purpose is to Scare Russia into a Separate Peace and Use Gains as Lever Against Allies.

London, May 21.—(United Press)—The British and French forces started another joint offensive after a week's lull.

General Haig captured additional sections along the Hindenburg line and General Nivelle took "several lines" of German trenches, achieving brilliant success north of the slopes of Mt. Cornillet.

Hindenburg is hurrying his shattered and exhausted divisions on the west front to the northern and eastern battlefronts, where they are reformed preparatory to the drive on Petrograd.

Fresh divisions from Russian fronts are being sent France. German prisoners released the purpose of their plan. "We expect Hindenburg to try to take Petrograd," said one. "Purpose is first to scare Russia into separate peace and second, to use the gains there as lever against allies."

British headquarters estimated that twenty German divisions have been smashed since the start of the big offensive.

French Make Gains.

Berlin, May 21.—(United Press)—The French succeeded in gaining hold on Mount Cornillet. British occupied and "completely demolished a trench abandoned in accord with our plans," is officially reported.

FINDING OF BLUE PRINT SUGGESTS DYNAMITE PLOT

Fort Snelling, Minn., May 21.—(United Press)—The finding of a blueprint with writing in a foreign language on the reservation led the military authorities to believe a plot to dynamite the fort is under way.

Twenty-five hundred reserve officers are training here. Findings were reported to the department of justice.

The Weather.

Northwesterly winds, unsettled.

TWO NURSES KILLED BY EXPLOSION

AMERICA'S FIRST WOMEN VICTIMS OF THE WAR ANOTHER NURSE IS WOUNDED

DOCTORS AND NURSES WITNESSING GUN FIRE

United States Revenue Cutter Takes Dead to Port—Mongolia Also Returns—Mrs. Ayres and Miss Woods Both Experienced Red Cross Nurses—German Agents Suspected.

Washington, D. C., May 21.—(United Press)—Mrs. Edith Ayers and Helen Burnett Woods, were killed when a portion of a bursting shell struck them while aboard the steamer Mongolia. They were watching the gun crew practice, according to official advices.

Washington, May 21.—(United Press)—These two women are America's first women victims of war. Another nurse was wounded in the explosion.

All were members of the medical unit organized in Chicago. The two women killed were both from Chicago. In some inexplicable manner a shell exploded, portions of the casing being flung into the crowd of nurses and doctors watching the American gun crew. A life boat was between the women and the gun.

United States Revenue Cutter met the Mongolia and bore the dead to port. The Mongolia turned back, arriving at American port today.

Both Mrs. Ayres and Miss Woods were experienced Red Cross nurses.

Washington, May 21.—(United Press)—Inquiries concerning the condition of ammunition aboard the Mongolia developed the fact that the navy is investigating the faultiness of the shells aboard the Mongolia.

A St. Louis man is under suspicion. It is supposed German agents have been tampering with the ammunition.

On account of the death of Claude Haisten there will be a meeting of all boys of the Cadet Corps tomorrow at 11 a. m. in Room 15 at the High School.

Chas Playle, a prominent farmer, is seriously ill. He was removed from the hospital Saturday to Mr. Rosenbaum's residence. His condition was reported worse today.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gus Levy, a boy at the Grande Ronde hospital this morning. Mother and son are doing nicely.

Contracts For Merchantmen Executed

Washington, May 21.—(United Press)—Contracts for thirty-eight merchantmen have been executed to date by the emergency fleet corporation, the United States shipping board, officially announced today.

Rev. P. J. Driscoll Is Taken To Hospital

Rev. P. J. Driscoll was taken suddenly ill last night, apparently with appendicitis. Physicians were called and he was taken to the hospital this morning. This afternoon his physicians are holding a consultation to determine whether to hold an operation.

Fires Have Connection With Poison Plot

Pittsburg, May 21.—(United Press)—Three mysterious fires recently in the munitions district of Allegheny "have direct connection" with the poisoning of fifty Philadelphia soldiers in Allegheny county.

Arthur Ash, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ash returned home today from Portland, where he has been attending school.

J. D. Meyers, who was recently operated on for appendicitis, left the Grande Ronde Hospital today.

DISTRICT CONVENTION EPWORTH LEAGUE TO BE HELD AT ALICEL

THIS DISTRICT REPRESENTED BY COUNTIES OF WALLOWA, UNION, BAKER, GRANT, HARNEY AND MALHEUR

The district convention of the Epworth League for the La Grande district will be held at Alicel beginning Sunday June 3rd and closing June 4th. This district is composed of Wallowa, Union, Baker, Grant, Harney and Malheur counties. The local Epworth as well as all of the leagues of the county are planning big on sending a large delegation. The delegates from this city intend to be present Sunday evening June 3rd in a body, making the trip in cars. An excellent program has been prepared and many speakers of prominence are scheduled to speak. Beginning Sunday the 3rd the following program will be observed:

- Sunday, June 3rd, (College Day.) 10:00—Sunday School. 11—Dr. L. R. Lymer, president Gooding College. 2:00—Registration. 2:30—Devotional, pastor of local church. 2:45—Junior League, Mrs. H. E. Cullison, Union. 3:00—Discussion, intermission. 4:00—Vesper service, Rev. Geo. R. Archer, Summerville. 7:00—Epworth League Service, Island City Chapter. 8:00—Prof. E. C. Richards, Willamette University.

Monday. 9:45—Devotional, Imbler. 10:15—Appointment of committees, etc.

- 10:30—Report of delegates. 11:30—First Dept. The League as a Spiritual Power, Miss Elva Conklin, Florn. 11:45—Discussion, Miss Josie Blockland, Island City. 2:00—Devotional, Union Chapter. 2:15—Paper, Mrs. E. E. Hurley, Imbler. 2:45—Campaign Echoes, Rev. W. A. Winters, Dist. Supt. 3:45—Mr. Dan Brummitt, editor Epworth Herald, Chicago. 5:00—Recreation hour. 7:30—Song service. 8:00—Mr. Dan Brummitt, Chicago.

Tuesday. 9:45—Devotional, Elgin Chapter. 10:15—Patriotism, E. Jasper, Island City. 10:45—Discussion, Guy Davis Joseph. 11:00—Fourth Department Ideals, Amos Weeks, Baker. 11:15—Discussion, fourth vice president, La Grande. 11:30—Business Session. 2:30—Consecration service, Mr. Brummitt, Chicago.

Conference of all pastors of La Grande district will be held Tuesday morning, June 5th, Rev. W. A. Winters presiding.

MINE OPERATORS CHARGED WITH MANIPULATION

PRICES SOMETIMES SEVERAL HUNDRED PER CENT ABOVE THE COST OF THE PRODUCTION

TRADE COMMISSION URGES CONTROL OF PRICES

Commission Declares Operators "Doctored" Bonds—Vast Discrepancies Found Between Actual Prices At Mine and Recorded Prices—Distribution From Mine to Ultimate Consumer Urged.

Washington, May 21.—(United Press)—Charging the mine operators are charging exorbitant prices for coal, often several hundred per cent above the cost of production the federal trade commission urged Congress to establish a coal commission giving the government agents power to fix prices.

The commission declared coal operators "doctored" the bonds. Vast discrepancies are found between actual prices at mine and recorded prices. It is urged to regulate coal distribution from mine to ultimate consumer with authority to allot coal to various classes of consumers.

ITALY STILL PUSHING FORWARD ON FRONT

AUSTRIANS BRING DIVISIONS FROM RUSSIAN FRONT TO HURL AGAINST ITALIANS

Rome, May 21.—(United Press)—Climbing seemingly inaccessible heights and singing the Italians are pushing forward in North Gertzia.

The fighting has reached a climax of intensity. Numerous fresh Austrian divisions, direct from the Russian front are engaged.

Rome, May 21.—(United Press)—Austria started a counter offensive in Trentino which is designed to relieve increasing Italian pressure elsewhere. The enemy fire at Trentino is greatly increased. Enemy attacks were repulsed and Italians gain ground.

SENATOR LANE OF OREGON IMPROVING

San Francisco, May 21.—(United Press)—United States Senator Lane, of Oregon, is improving but still in danger, the doctor reports.

MISS NORA ARBUCKLE NOW CITY TREASURER

FIRST WOMAN TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY IN HISTORY OF CITY—DUTIES BEGIN TODAY.

Miss Nora Ar buckle was appointed this morning by City Manager Fred B. Carrey to the office of city treasurer, John Collier filling the office of city recorder.

To Miss Ar buckle goes the honor of being the first woman ever acting in this capacity in the history of the city. She was sworn in this morning by City Manager Carrey and placed under \$25,000 bonds, and will begin her duties today.

Miss Ar buckle is the daughter of John Ar buckle, proprietor of the Model restaurant, and is well known in society and as a business woman in the city. Prior to her appointment Miss Ar buckle was an assistant to John Collier, successor to the former recorder and treasurer, Chester Newlin. After being sworn Miss Ar buckle was asked how she liked her new duties. She responded, "I like them very much, better than anything else I ever tried."