

AN ATTEMPT MADE TO KILL KERENSKY, MINISTER OF WAR

DISPATCH REPORTED BY JEWISH DAILY "FORWARD" SOON AFTER ATTEMPT IS MADE.

New York, May 22.—(United Press)—An unsuccessful attempt to kill Minister of War Kerensky was reported in a dispatch to the Jewish Daily Forward.

The dispatch reads "An attempt on the life of Minister Kerensky made just now, Kerensky escaped. All participants were arrested. It is rumored that plot was arranged by adherents of the old regime."

NEGRO BURNED AT STAKE IN MISSISSIPPI

IMPLICATES TWO OTHERS WHILE BEING TIED-ONE FOUND AND SEARCH IS MADE FOR OTHER

New Orleans, May 22.—(United Press)—Eli Parsons, a negro, was burned to the stake near Pottscamp, Mississippi, by a mob who took him from the officers.

Parsons confessed killing Antoinette Rappell by cutting off her head after an assault.

Memphis, May 22.—(United Press)—While Parsons was being tied, he confessed killing and assaulting the deceased girl. He also implicated two other negroes. The crowd found Dewitt Ford and will hold him until the third negro is located when they will hold a double lynching.

The lynching caused a "virtual" holiday in Memphis today. Practically every store was closed. The women and girls in the mob numbered two thousand. The crowd sang, "John Brown's body," while burning the negro. As Parsons burned the mother of the little girl yelled, "let him suffer as he made my little girl suffer."

An excited negro shouted, "we're through. Let's join the Germans."

The police rescued him from the crowd and gave him to Federal authorities.

GOOD ROADS WAR CENSUS THE TOPICS

B. W. WORSLEY TELLS OF THE NEEDS OF A HIGHWAY SYSTEM—REGISTRATION DAY TO BE HOLIDAY

Good roads and war registration were the topics of importance discussed at the business men's luncheon today. Chairman Selders opened the program by calling on President Holmes to read the letter received from the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States at Washington, D. C.

The letter suggested that registration day be celebrated and to make the day one of enthusiasm throughout the entire community. The day is to be made a national holiday and by the vote of those present the Commercial Club will handle the following program suggested to them. They aim to make this a day long remembered in our city.

Following is the program:

REGISTRATION DAY
Suggestion for Program
It is suggested that the program may consist of parade, music (including patriotic songs by school children) and speeches.

A general committee of from 25 to 100, according to the size of the community, can be appointed. This should be made to include representatives of city government, all civic and commercial bodies, employees, working men, and any other important interests.

The general committee can appoint sub-committees on parade, music, speakers, publicity and decorations. Church and fire bells can be rung and whistles blown at the time registration.

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Brazil May Declare War On Germany

Rio de Janeiro, May 22.—(United Press)—Brazil may declare war on Germany today, officials say.

President Braz announced he would transmit a special message to Congress late today. Greatest interest is manifest.

JUDGE BINGHAM'S DECISION IS REVERSED BY COURT

Salem, May 22.—(United Press)—The Supreme court of Oregon today reversed the decision of circuit Judge Bingham and ordered the clerk of Marion county to take the Bean bill off the ballot.

Secretary of State Olcott telegraphed the decision to all county clerks.

Third Negro Found.
Memphis, May 22.—(United Press)—Dan Armstrong, the third negro, was located, barricaded with other negroes in a shack. Leaders of the mob rushed to Memphis for reinforcements and a battle with the negroes is expected.

Supreme Court Decisions.

Salem, May 22.—(Special)—Supreme court decisions:

Thomas Morgan vs. James Johns, appellant, from Union county, action charging conversion of corporate stock in Union County Farm company; Circuit Judge Knowles reversed.

Enterprise Mercantile and Milling company vs. D. M. Cunningham, appellant, from Walla Walla county. Action in replevin, Knowles reversed.

State vs. Adolph Newlin, appellant from Union county, Knowles affirmed.

Weather Forecast.
Portland, May 22.—(United Press)—The U. S. weather forecast: "Partly cloudy."

800 ATTEND MANEUVERS OF COMPANY M

CLOSE ORDER AND SILENT DRILL BOTH SHOW RESULTS OF TRAINING—BALL GAME CLOSE

Fully 800 people were in attendance at the Military Fete given last Sunday by Company M, assisted by the Elks' band.

Close order drill was first on the program and the work of all the men, commissioned officers, sergeants, corporals and privates showed that every man knew his place and orders. The silent drill, which is executed because of noise or distance, was well given and gave a general idea of drill under adverse circumstances.

Guard mount was also on the list of maneuvers and the squads chosen to do this drill showed marked ability at one of the most difficult of military maneuvers in the category of drills.

Every manner of advance on an American firing line was skillfully executed by the boys. The attack against shrapnel fire was shown by the advance of thin lines, the back line supporting the front and following the front lines at a prescribed distance.

In explaining fire superiority, Captain Neer says that at a distance of 1000 yards, 284 hits per hour out of 5000 men, is considered a well directed fire.

The hospital corps were also present and gave a very realistic demonstration of caring for the wounded, dressing wounds and carrying men off the field.

The grand finale was a charge against the grand-stand which was answered by a patriotic waving of hats, standing at attention and a general ovation.

The company deserves to be hailed as the crack company of the 3rd Oregon. Not more than 10 of the men had seen service before their coming here. The whole maneuvers were carried out precisely and in the correct style showing a splendid drill. The work done by the non-commissioned officers in carrying out commands was very well handled. As some of the spectators have said, it was a splendid sight to see the boys marching with heads held high, shoulders squared, in all a fine company of well drilled, clean cut young men, any country should be proud of.

GERMAN'S LOSS SINCE SUNDAY 15 THOUSAND

LIST INCLUDES KILLED, WOUNDED AND MISSING—FRENCH GAIN DOMINATING CRESTS OF CONTROL

ALL COUNTER ATTACKS REPULSED IS REPORT

General Haig Reports No Major Fighting Along the Hindenburg Line But Says British Artillery Shelling Showed Very Effective.

BY HENRY WOOD.
French Headquarters, May 22.—(United Press)—Since Sunday the Germans lost over fifteen thousand killed, wounded and missing. The French gained full possession of all dominating crests around the Moronvillers sector. All counter attacks were repulsed.

General Nivelle's forces control all important points between Monte Cornillet and Teton, within half a mile of Moronvillers.

BRITISH CONSOLIDATING NEWLY WON POSITIONS

London, May 22.—(United Press)—The British are consolidating their newly won positions in the Hindenburg line.

General Haig reported no major fighting actions but British artillery shelling showed very effective, he says.

Funeral of Claud Haisten.
The body of Claud Haisten has been shipped from San Francisco and will arrive Thursday evening at 8:20 or Friday morning at 5:30 so far as is known now. The funeral is tentatively planned for Friday afternoon. Interment will probably be in Masonic cemetery.

Start Business in Pendleton.
Pendleton, May 22.—(Special)—Pendleton is to have a new furniture store, up-to-date, modern and attractive. Two well known La Grande men, Messrs. Roy Hedges and W. C. Crawford, have leased the large room in the Judd block, formerly occupied by the Wessel clothing store, and James S. Johns, new owner of the building started the work of remodeling the room today for the new tenants.

The La Grande men have been considering the Pendleton field for some time. Mr. Crawford is a retired farmer and Mr. Hedges is a furniture man of long experience. For some time past he has been the manager of a leading furniture store in La Grande. He will make a special effort to attract the business which has been going out of the city.

Comptroller Of The Currency Says People Are Ample Able To Subscribe To Liberty Bonds

Washington, D. C., May 8.—The Comptroller of the Currency said today:

There are in the United States at present more than ten million (10,000,000) individuals and corporations who are able to make subscriptions to the new Liberty Loan in amounts ranging from \$100 to \$100,000 each. This estimate is conservative when we consider that there are more than 40,000,000 persons engaged in gainful occupations in this country besides the large number of men and women whose income is derived from their investments. If every individual in the United States should subscribe to the new bonds to the extent of only five per cent of his or her total possessions, the loan will be subscribed to six times over.

A few months ago the German government offered a new loan of several billion dollars, and although this issue had been preceded by four or five other government bond offerings, it is reported that applications were received from 5,250,000 subscribers. The population of Germany is less than two-thirds of the population of this country, and the estimated total wealth of the German Empire according to a computation made shortly before the outbreak of the war by Dr. Helfferich, Secretary of the German Treasury, was placed at from 60 to 70 billion dollars, or about one-third of the wealth of the United States, which is now estimated at more than 220 billion dollars.

The reports of our national banks of March 5, 1917, show that on the day named these banks had a total of

MONGOLIA AC- CIDENT UNDER INVESTIGATION

SHELLS MADE DURING SPANISH AMERICAN WAR ARE BEING USED BY AMERICAN MERCHANTMEN

FACTS DISCLOSED BY ADMIRAL EARLE

Preliminary Report of Naval Inquiry Board Showed That Breech Lock Was Secure—Theory Is That Brass Cap Covering on The Neck Split and Scattered As It Left The Gun.

Washington, May 22.—(United Press)—Shells made during the Spanish-American war were given armed American merchantmen to fight submarines. This was disclosed when Admiral Earle, chief of ordinance department submitted a report on the accident-causing the deaths of the two nurses on the Mongolia.

A preliminary report of the Naval Board inquiry into the Mongolia case indicated that breech block was secure. One theory is that a portion of the cartridge with a brass cap covering, split loose in firing and scattered as it left the mouth of the gun. As far as the preliminary report shows the ammunition was faulty.

A new box factory at North Bend will start this week, employing 75 men and boys.

Resolutions of Condolence.
Whereas, in the death of William Claude Haisten our community has paid its first tribute to the call of our country;

Whereas he responded to the call to arms, being in training at Mare Island, Calif., in the U. S. Marine camp;

Whereas he answered to his final roll-call May 21, 1917;

And whereas he had been in service since April 23, 1917.

Be it resolved that this committee appointed by the Business men at their Tuesday luncheon, tenders its sympathy to the family in their bereavement.

Be it further resolved that the committee expresses the feeling of the whole community in commending the patriotic spirit manifested by him in offering his services to his country.

Committee—
E. E. KIDDLE,
J. G. KING,
G. L. CLARK.

ATLANTA RESIDENCE DISTRICT PARTLY DESTROYED BY FIRE

Soldiers And Workmen Call General Congress

TEN THOUSAND ARE HOMELESS—LOSS OF PROPERTY ESTIMATED AT THREE MILLION DOLLARS.

FIRE UNDER CONTROL EARLY THIS MORNING

Investigation of the Cause Started Today—Fire Authorities Believe Blaze Incendiary—Mayor Thinks It Accidental—Student Reserve Officers From Fort McPherson Controlling Situation.

MEXICO PRO- TESTS AGAINST GERMANS SUBS

MEXICAN MINISTER IN BERLIN COFERRED WITH GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE YESTERDAY.

London, May 22.—(United Press)—Mexico formally protested German unrestricted submarine warfare, according to an Exchange telegraph dispatch today.

The Mexican minister in Berlin conferred with German foreign office yesterday.

TWELVE DEAD, SIX INJURED IN WRECK AT CLARKSBURG

Clarksburg, W. Va., May 22.—(United Press)—Twelve are dead and six injured as the result of a wreck in which a freight train smashed into a work train containing twenty men.

The Wheat Market.
Chicago, May 22.—(United Press)—The wheat market:
July—Open \$2.32; high \$2.34; low \$2.27; close \$2.32.
September—Open \$2.13; high \$2.13; low \$2.02; close \$2.05.
Portland—Club \$2.73. Bluestem, \$2.76.

POSTAL RATES TO BE REVISED AGREES HOUSE

SENATE PASSES BILL AUTHORIZING INTERSTATE COMMERCE TO REGULATE RATES DURING WAR

Washington, May 22.—(United Press)—A revision of postal rates in second class matter, newspapers and magazines was agreed upon by House ways and means committee today.

The revenue bill originally proposed that the second class rates double the present national rate, for the first two postal zones, with higher rates in other zones.

Committee compromise provides rates ranging from a cent and a half in first zone and two cents to eight cents for last zone.

The Senate passed a bill authorizing the interstate commerce committee to regulate use of railway cars during the war.

Work Of Food Raising Now Going On

The Food Conservation Committee met in the Y. M. C. A. last night. Work is going on in fine shape. Reports that over 117 acres of garden was being raised within the corporate limits of La Grande were sent to headquarters. Mrs. G. F. Curtiss was elected chairman of the committee, Mr. McCullough leaving next month to engage in Chautauqua work during the summer. The committee decided that the offer of the Y. M. C. A. of La Grande to act as a clearing house between employer and employee in supplying needs of labor and needs for employment be accepted. Farmers requiring labor will communicate direct with the Y. M. C. A. and those willing to enlist in the food campaign will register with the Y. M. C. A. A census of boys willing to work on the farms this summer is now being taken.

SERIOUS FOOD RIOTS REPORTED IN LISBON

Madrid, May 22.—(United Press)—Ten were killed and fifty injured in serious food riots at Lisbon Sunday, according to messages received here. Troops had difficulty in ending the disturbances. A number of bakeries were sacked.

It is reported that rioting is spreading throughout Portugal.

SENATOR LANE'S CON- DITION QUITE SERIOUS

San Francisco, May 22.—(United Press)—Early this afternoon the physician stated that Senator Lane's condition was unchanged since last night. The Senator is still hovering between life and death.

RED CROSS IS TO RAISE ITS WAR FUNDS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS TO DEVISE PLANS—TAG DAY TO BE HELD ON JUNE 5.

The executive committee of the La Grande chapter Red Cross, which has jurisdiction over Union and Walla Walla counties met yesterday afternoon.

A telegram was received from the National Chapter. Needs for funds are urgent. A drive will be made June 18 to 24 and various plans were considered for raising funds.

Mrs. E. P. Mossman was appointed chairman of the educational committee to succeed Mr. A. C. Hampton, who resigned because he is moving this month to Eugene where he has been elected principal of the high school.

Mrs. Mossman has just returned from Portland, where she studied Red Cross work in its many details, and she is therefore well qualified for the important work that she is to undertake.

Classes in first aid, home nursing and dietetics will be immediately started. Those wishing to join should notify Mrs. Mossman or register with Mr. King at the Y. M. C. A.

Those who have not paid their membership dues should call at their headquarters in the U. S. National Bank Building and do so at once, so that the funds may be sent to Washington.

It was decided to ask the Honor Guard Girls to take charge of a tag day for the benefit of the Red Cross on Registration Day, June 5, which will be a national holiday.

A committee was appointed with Mrs. A. T. Hill chairman to arrange for a series of silver teas to be held in various parts of the city.

It was decided to hold a social for members in the near future.

A dance for the benefit of the Red

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