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LA GRANDE PAYS TRIBUTE TO HER FALLEN SOLDIER BOY

WILLIAM CLAUDE HAISTEN IS LAID TO REST WITH IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES

SERVICES ARE HELD AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Business Houses and Theatres Close to Show Respect—Rev. J. J. Tickner Conducts Services and Is Assisted by the Rev. G. L. Clark and J. Garfield King—Company M Conducts the Military Rites.

Today La Grande paid tribute to the memory of her first son who gave his young life for his country in the German-American war, William Claude Haisten, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Haisten of this city.

The funeral was held at the Baptist church at 2 p. m. this afternoon. Rev. J. J. Tickner, pastor of that church had charge of the funeral, assisted by the Rev. G. L. Clark of the Presbyterian church and Secretary J. Garfield King of the Y. M. C. A. The business houses and theatres of the city, out of respect for this brave young man, closed during the funeral hour.

The remains were shipped from Mare Island, San Francisco, arriving here this morning at 5:30. From the depot they were taken to the J. C. Henry chapel where they rested until 11 o'clock, a. m. They were then taken in charge by Corporal V. D. Bradeson and eight privates of Company M who escorted the body to the Baptist church where it remained under guard in state until the funeral hour.

Six pall-bearers of Company M carried the body to the church and to its final resting place. They were Privates Carl E. Hultenberg, Paul Hendricks, George L. Rardin, Archie Holt, D. A. Kolster and D. J. Sommer. The funeral was in charge of Lieutenant Allen of Company M who carried out the regular procedure of a military funeral.

A letter was received from the Commandant at Mare Island today by the parents of Claude stating that his death came from a sudden attack of cerebro spinal meningitis. He lapsed into unconsciousness and died at the hospital twelve hours after he had taken sick.

The services at the church began with the Baptist choir singing the hymn "Where Jesus Is 'Tis Heaven There." The scripture was then read by Secretary J. G. King of the Y. M. C. A. It is found in the book of John, 14th chapter, 2nd verse, and was Claude's favorite verse of scripture. Miss Lelia Deborah Smith sang a solo entitled "Just For Today," after which the Reverend G. L. Clark offered prayer. A quartet composed of boys of Company M, First Sergeant H. E. McInturff, Sergeant Max L. Alfred and F. W. Durbin and F. W. Abbott, accompanied by Sergeant A. L. Gralapp, sang "Jesus Lover of My Soul."

The sermon and last rites were then delivered over the body by the Reverend J. J. Tickner, pastor of the Baptist church. Following this the choir sang "Sweet Peace, the Gift of God's Love," after which the Reverend G. L. Clark in a few words paid his last tribute to the memory of C. A. It is found in the book of John Claude William Haisten.

The military men then escorted the body to the Masonic cemetery where interment took place. The musicians marched before the hearse followed by the armed escort and pall-bearers. Following the relatives and mourners the members of the company marched in a body. The military ceremonies at the grave were also carried out by the company.

As the coffin was placed over the grave the escort came to present arms. Prayer was then offered by the Rev. J. J. Tickner and as the coffin was lowered into the grave the escort came to a parade rest, then to attention and as the body rested in the bottom of the grave fired three volleys over the grave.

The ceremony was concluded by the musicians sounding taps.

Obituary Is Read.
Rev. J. J. Tickner read the following poem and obituary of William Claude Haisten at the funeral this afternoon:

The Kid Has Gone to the Colors.
Indianapolis News.
The Kid has gone to the Colors
And we don't know what to say:
The Kid we have loved and cuddled
Stepped out for the Flag today.
We thought him a child, a baby,
With never a care at all,
But his country called him man size

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Blows Tell Against Submarine Menace

London, May 25.—(United Press)—"We dealt more effective blows to the submarine menace during the last three weeks than during any corresponding period," Lloyd George told the House of Commons today. "May ship losses are probably under April. We're making satisfactory progress." Lloyd George paid eloquent tribute to the work of American destroyers.

BRITISH COMMISSION LEAVES CROSS CANADIAN BORDER

Washington, May 25.—(United Press)—The British commission left Washington last night. They will cross the Canadian border this morning, ending their visit to America.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION IS TONIGHT

FORTY MEMBERS OF THE CLASS AND FIVE MEMBERS OF COMPANY M WILL RECEIVE DIPLOMAS.

Tonight the commencement exercises of the La Grande high school will take place in the high school auditorium.

Forty members of the class and five members of Company M will assemble together and receive their hard-earned diplomas.

The boys of Company M will receive their diplomas from the Salem high and they will be awarded here. Following the exercises the mothers of the graduates will be hosts to the class at a reception and dance in the high school gymnasium at which those who have invitations from the class are cordially invited to attend.

The following program will be given tonight:

Processional.

Invocation—Rev. H. L. Ford, pastor of the Christian church.

Girls' Quartet—(a) Forget-me-not (Giese); (b) Snowflakes (Cowan).

Misses Mary Newlin, Gladys Black, Helen Ransom, Marie Love.

Address, "The Knight of the Fire-side"—Rev. G. L. Clark, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

Solo, (a) Folk Song (16th Century) (Old English); (b) The Wind's in the South (John Prindle Scott)—Mrs. A. L. Richardson.

Presentation of Diplomas—J. E. Reynolds, Chairman of Board of Education.

MILITIA NOT MUSTERED DO NOT REGISTER

Washington, May 25.—(United Press)—The militia not mustered into service but subject to call, don't need to register on June 5th, according to the reconstruction of registration proclamation explained by United States Provost Marshal in a telegram sent to all governors.

THE WHEAT MARKET.

Chicago, May 25.—(United Press)—The wheat market:
July—Open \$2.23, high \$2.23, low \$2.16, close \$2.17 1-2.
Sept.—Open \$2.93, high \$2.93 1-2, low \$2.86, close \$2.88.

Portland, May 25.—(United Press)—The Portland market: Club \$2.52; Bluestem \$2.55.

The Weather.

Portland, May 25.—(United Press)—The U. S. weather forecast: "Unsettled, westerly winds."

GERMAN OPPOSITIONS MANY SAYS JUDGE GARY

THINKS SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICAN REPUBLICS WILL ALL JOIN ALLIES

EUROPEAN AND ASIATIC NATIONS ALSO MENTIONED

"United States Did Not Desire War and Persistently Sought to Avoid It," Says Gary—Strength of Enemy, Numbers, Protective Barriers and Rapid Means of Mobilization Unknown.

New York, May 25.—(United Press)—Judge Gary, of the United States steel corporation, declared in a speech before the American Iron and Steel institute that some or all of the South and Central American republics, China, Spain, Scandinavia, Holland and Switzerland probably will declare war on Germany.

"United States did not desire war and persistently sought to avoid war," he said. "We entered upon a colossal undertaking on highest moral grounds. None realize the strength of the enemy, his numbers, protective barriers and means of rapid mobilization. Their method of transfer of troops and supplies is further advanced than any other armies ever have been."

SEVEN POINTS ON REGISTRATION

ONE DAY TO REGISTER—ALL OF RIGHT AGES MUST REGISTER—SICKNESS AND ABSENCE NO EXCUSE.

1. There is only one day for registration, June 5, 1917.

2. Every male resident of the United States who has reached his 21st and has not reached his 31st birthday must register on the day set, June 5, 1917. The only exception are officers and enlisted men of the regular army, the navy, the marine corps, and the national guard and naval militia while in the service of the United States, and officers in the officers' reserve corps and enlisted men in the enlisted reserve corps while in active service.

3. Registration is distinct from draft. No matter what just claim you have for exemption, you must register.

4. Registration is a public duty. For those not responsive to the sense of this duty, the penalty of imprisonment, not fine, is provided in the draft act.

5. Those who through sickness shall be unable to register should cause a representative to apply to the county or city clerk for a copy of the registration card. The clerk will give instructions as to how this card should be filled out. The card should then be mailed by the sick person, or delivered by his agent, to the registrar of his voting precinct. The sick person will enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for the return to him of his registration certificate.

6. Any person who expects to be absent from his voting precinct on Registration Day should apply as soon as practicable for a registration card to the county clerk of the county where he may be stopping, or if he is in a city of over 30,000, to the city clerk. The clerk will record the answers on the card and turn it over to the absentee. The absentee should mail this card to the registrar of his home voting precinct so that it will reach that official by Registration Day. A self-addressed stamped envelope should be enclosed with the card to insure the return to the absentee of a registration certificate.

7. Registration booths will be open from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m. on Registration Day, June 5, 1917.

Big Film Is Booked.

"Intolerance," the big Griffith film production has been booked to appear at the Arcade theatre. This film is by the producer of the "Birth of the Nation." The company carries its own symphony orchestra and conductor and the music is a special feature of the production.

THE CUNARDER FELTRIA IS SUBMARINED

EUROPEAN TRAVELERS REPORT LOSS OF FELTRIA ON MAY FIFTH—SANK IN TEN MINUTES

FIFTY THREE MISSING YACHT RESCUES TWENTY

The Submarining of British Steamer Maine, under American Charter and Flying American Flag, Also Reported—British Steamer Corfield Is Also Submarine Victim.

New York, May 25.—(United Press)—European travelers arriving here reported that the Cunard steamer, Feltria, was submarined without warning, May fifth. The vessel sank in ten minutes after being torpedoed. Fifty-three including two colored American firemen are missing.

The Admiralty yacht rescued twenty of the survivors. The travelers also reported the submarining of an armed British steamer Maine, under American charter and flying an American flag. All aboard were rescued.

It is also reported the British steamer Corfield is a submarine victim.

Personal And Society

At the Rectory by the Rev. Upton H. Gibbs, Thursday afternoon, May 24th, Mr. Walter W. Durbin and Miss Marie Jeannette Mickey, both of Weiser, Idaho, were married.

The second dancing party of the H. O. T. club was enjoyed last evening at the Eagles' hall. A delightful evening was had by the dancers tripping gaily to the splendid music furnished by the Elks' Orchestra. The patronesses of the evening were Mesdames Chas. Reynolds and Dr. Margaret Ingle.

A surprise birthday dinner was given to Rev. S. M. Roberts at his home Sunday by the members of his congregation. Mr. Roberts celebrated his fiftieth birthday; Tuesday evening his home was again the scene of another surprise when the members of his congregation showered him with many beautiful gifts. The evening was spent in a good sociable time after which refreshments were served.

P. A. Anderson, abstractor of Hesper, is in the city on business.

Mrs. G. G. Conley, of Alcei, was among yesterday's arrivals.

Mrs. G. L. Gibson of Pendleton, is visiting friends in this city.

Chet Evlin of Portland, spent yesterday with George Richardson.

Al Stonedahl, of Union, was among this morning's arrivals in the city.

C. P. Carroll and wife will leave for Vancouver tonight on a visit.

William Heugan has accepted a position at the Red Cross Drug store.

Mrs. Harry M. Bouvy is in Portland visiting her parents for two or three weeks.

F. J. Smith purchased a five passenger Chevrolet from George Richardson.

Mrs. George Stangie, of Pendleton, is in the city visiting the home of Mrs. C. E. Short.

Father Driscoll is resting easily and is improving rapidly is the report received today from the hospital.

The following registered at the Imperial hotel, Portland Wednesday: J. L. Ruby, C. H. Finn, La Grande.

A. J. Tavers, who was kicked by a horse several days ago, was brought to the hospital today. He is still in a serious condition.

Mrs. Frank Rechlin returned to her home last evening from Pendleton and reports that her father, Mr. Hart, who has been ill, is improving.

Miss Ruth Johnson, of Baker, arrived in the city this morning. She will be the guest of Miss Roma Jacobson during the graduation exercises.

UNITED STATES MUST SHOULDER BURDEN OF ALLIES SAY EXPERTS

Lull Spreads Over Entire French Front

Paris, May 25.—(United Press)—A lull spread over the French front. No important fighting is reported.

Italians Achieve Further Success

Rome, May 25.—(United Press)—The Italians in the Julian Alps achieved "further brilliant successes," it is officially stated. Twelve hundred more Austrians were taken prisoners. The Italians advance elsewhere continues. Austrian attacks all repulsed.

DOCTOR WAITE ELECTROCUTED

MURDERER OF FATHER-IN-LAW AND MOTHER-IN-LAW DIES IN ELECTRIC CHAIR.

Ossining, N. Y., May 25.—Dr. Arthur Warren Waite was electrocuted last night at Sing Sing prison for the murder of his father-in-law, John E. Peck, of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The murder of Waite's father-in-law and his mother-in-law, by poison and by the use of germs, came to light in the spring of last year. Mrs. Peck died January 20, 1916. Her husband's life ended March 12, 1916. Waite admitted he planned to kill his wife also. Driven by a desperate need of money to maintain himself in luxurious surroundings, Waite went about his poisonings methodically and with as deadly coolness as a Borgias might have manifested. His gay parties, his studio orgies, his nights of music and merriment were founded upon the agonies of his victims, slowly dying of arsenic poisoning and suffering from the ravages of bacilli with which he inoculated them.

Waite was determined to possess the Peck family fortune. He resided in magnificent apartments on Riverside Drive, spent his days on the tennis courts or motoring, loitering for hours in the sensuous splendor of his studio, and returned from his revels to prepare deadly cultures of germs, administered behind a mask of smiling solicitude.

Women Of City To Hear Road Speech

WOMEN OF CITY
Benjamin W. Worsley, farmer and granger of Astoria, will lecture upon Good Roads at the City Hall tomorrow afternoon at 2 p. m. This lecture is given especially for the women of the city and all are cordially invited to attend. Mr. Worsley is an able speaker and gives all his hearers a clear conception of the Good Roads bill.

SCANDINAVIANS ANNOUNCE PEACE SUGGESTIONS

BELGIUM, SERBIA, MONTENEGRO AND ROUMANIA TO BE RE-ESTABLISHED AS NATIONS.

Stockholm, May 25.—(United Press)—The Scandinavian socialists announced peace suggestions. They are: re-establishment of Belgium, Serbia, Montenegro and Roumania as separate nations. The future of Alsace-Lorraine to be left for settlement on the basis of national right of free action.

The belligerent parliamentary assemblies requested work for speedy peace, general disarmament and establishment of a court of arbitration.

Motorcycles are now equipped with electric self-starters, electric lights, and electric horn.

RUSSIA IS OUT OF WAR, AS FAR AS MILITARY POWER IS CONCERNED FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS

FIRST HALF MILLION MEN MERE DROP IN BUCKET

It is Declared That West Front Struggle Is Misinterpreted and Unreliably Reported—Military Men Say the American People Have Been Led Astray in the Reports of Fighting—Allies Not Making Headway Reported.

BY WEBB MILLER
(United Press Correspondent.)
Washington, May 25.—Russia is out of the war, as far as military power is concerned, at least two years. France is near the end of her man power.

This is the opinion of American military men and students, report American military observers.

Britain has considerable "punch" left, but the struggle is reaching a point when the United States must bear the main burden.

American experts believe that the war will last a long time. The first half million men will be a "mere drop in the bucket." Other vast increments must follow.

It is declared that the west front struggle is misinterpreted and unreliably reported. Military men maintain that for months the American people have been led astray in the reports of fighting. The allies, they declare are not making the headway reported here.

Funeral of Mrs. Nora J. VanDevanter.

Medical Springs, May 25.—(Special)—The funeral of Mrs. Nora J. Van Devanter aged 26 was held this afternoon. Mrs. Van Devanter died Tuesday night at Baker.

Mrs. Van Devanter was the wife of Albert Van Devanter and is survived by three children, her husband, her mother, three sisters and two brothers. The children are aged four years, two years and three weeks respectively. The mother is Mrs. Samuel Hutton; the sisters are Mrs. Leona Tucker, Miss Florence Hutton, both of Keating, and Mrs. Della Van Order of Medical Springs.

The brothers are Oren Hutton of Medical Springs and Logan Hutton of Keating.

A CENSORSHIP CLAUSE IS ATTACHED TO BILL

MISDEMEANOR TO PUBLISH POSITION OF NAVAL AND MILITARY FORCES OF THE NATION

EXPECTED TO PASS BOTH HOUSES TODAY

House Republicans Force Adoption of Amendment to the Lever Act Food Bill Providing that Anyone Convicted Under the Anti-Trust Act Cannot Be Employed by Government.

Washington, May 25.—(United Press)—The espionage bill, embodying a censorship clause, formally was agreed to by the conferees on the censorship clause. This clause makes it a misdemeanor to publish positions of naval and military forces of the United States and her allies. It is expected to pass both branches of Congress.

The House Republicans forced the adoption of an amendment to the Lever food bill providing that none who had been employed by corporations and convicted under the anti-trust laws could be employed by the government.

The Senate finance committee's decision to modify pay-as-you-go policy for financing the war met a vigorous administration opposition.

Flour Declines.
Today's local prices on flour went down 40 cents on the barrel. Jersey Cream now \$3.45; Bluestem \$3.55; Best of the Best \$3.40.

Red lamps are used on street patrol boxes to signal policemen on the beat.