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AUSTRIA MASSING RESERVES FOR LAST DESPERATE ATTEMPT

AUSTRIAN TROOPS GRADUALLY PUSHED BACK BY STRONG ATTACK OF ITALIANS

AUSTRIAN LOSSES SIXTY THOUSAND SINCE MAY 14

Prisoners Declare that Austrian Defense Is Handicapped Because of the Lack of Reserves—Russian Front Is Drained—Teutonic Commanders Apprehensive.

Rome, May 28.—(United Press)—Austria is massing every reserve for a last desperate defense of Trieste. Meanwhile troops are gradually retreating before the irresistible attack of the Italians.

Battlefront estimates put the total Austrian losses of dead, wounded and missing since May 14 at sixty thousand.

The enemy is fighting bravely. It is reported that all Austrian reserves are concentrated near Trieste and a civil evacuation of the city is ordered. Supplies are being hurried to the inland cities.

Prisoners declare that the Austrian defense is handicapped because of the lack of reserves. Russian front is drained on western and Italian fronts.

It is declared that Teutonic commanders are apprehensive over what Russians might do.

Vienna, May 28.—(United Press)—Defenders lines unbroken, it is officially declared. Thirteen thousand prisoners since beginning Isonzo battle, is statement.

KEEP YOUR LITTLE GREEN REGISTRATION CARD

Portland, Or., May 28.—(Special)—The little green registration card that every man between the ages of 21 and 30 years, inclusive, will receive from the registrars after he has registered on War Census day, June 5, is a most important document.

This certificate is virtually a receipt of registration. If a man cannot produce it on demand, he must convince the Government that he has really registered, or he faces the possibility of a term in prison without the option of paying a fine. In any event, it will cause him much trouble. So, for his own sake as well as to aid the Government, he should guard the certificate religiously.

When an absentee mails his registration card—which the County Clerk of the county in which he happened to be made out for him—to the registrar of his home precinct, so it will reach the registrar by War Census day, the absentee should be sure to ask for a registration certificate.

To get the certificate back duly signed by the proper official however, he must enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope to the registrar. If this is done, the signed registration certificate will be sent him at once, and he will be secure from arrest.

SENATE DEMANDS INQUIRY INTO ACCIDENT

Washington, May 28.—The Senate passed the Frelinghuysen resolution demanding an inquiry into the Mongolian accident.

REPRESENTATIVE MEN TO DISCUSS U. S. AFFAIRS

Long Beach, R. I., May 28.—(United Press)—Representative men of all shades of opinion assembled here today to discuss the foreign affairs of the United States. The convention was called for the purpose of developing unrestricted debate on all phases of our international problems, and interesting all Americans in them.

Some of the scheduled speakers are Charles E. Hughes, Henry W. Morganthau, former ambassador to Turkey, William H. Taft, Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University; Samuel Gompers, Bainbridge Colby, the progressive leader, Walter Fisher, former secretary of the interior; John Bassett Moore, former state department counselor and Albert Shaw, magazine editor. Open carriage, American problems in the Caribbean, labor, the far east and the United States' future relations with Latin America are among the topics under discussion.

Miss Jeanette Rankin Makes Maiden Speech

Washington, May 28.—(United Press)—Miss Jeanette Rankin, of Montana, gave but a little nervous, made her maiden speech in the House this afternoon. She introduced, discussed and had passed in less than five minutes, amid vociferous applause, an amendment to Lever bill which provides that as much as possible of the food conservation work will be done by women.

Friends Of German Republic Organize

New York, May 28.—(United Press)—America's liberty loving Germans, organized a national propaganda movement to dethrone the Kaiser.

Under the title of "Friends of the German Republic," they opened headquarters. Every opening possible, to dethrone the Kaiser will be done, is announced.

JAPAN MAY MAKE MOVE IS PREDICTED

JAPAN PUBLICISTS ADVISING THIS COURSE TO SAVE ASIA FROM GERMAN AGGRESSION.

JAPANESE FEAR SEPERATE RUSSIAN PEACE

It Is Stated in Little Diplomatic Circles That Since Little Is Known of the Russian Status, it Behooves the Japanese to Maintain the Battle Line as the Only Course to Keep Teutons From China.

Washington, May 28.—(United Press)—A dispatch regarding the Japanese troop's probable next move in the World War, is authoritatively predicted to the United Press.

Fearing a separate Russian peace, Japan publicists are advising this course to save Asia from German aggression. It is stated in high diplomatic circles that "since little is known of the real status of Russian affairs, the Japanese armies must aid in maintaining the Russian battle lines as the only course to keep the Teutons ultimately from China."

MEMBERS OF PAROLE BOARD ARE APPOINTED

Salem, May 28.—(United Press)—Governor Withycombe re-appointed John Logan of Portland, and Rev. James Elvin, of Salem, members of the parole board under the act reducing the membership of the board from five to three.

The Governor's secretary is the third member.

CANADIAN SAYS WAR WILL LAST THREE YEARS MORE

Corvallis, Ore., May 28.—(United Press)—Canadian officials are in possession of statistics that the German army is far more formidable now than at any time earlier in the war, Judge Mac Kay, of Port Arthur, Ontario, declared. He visited relatives near Corvallis. Judge MacKay believes that the war will continue for at least three years longer unless unforeseen conditions arise. Moreover, Judge Mac Kay said, the Germans have twice as many soldiers available on the western front now than a year ago, according to information in possession of allied governments.

GERMAN RAID WITH BLAZING FIRE FAILS

FRENCH PENETRATE SECOND LINE OF ENEMY—ATTACKS AGAINST ENGLISH ARE ALSO REPULSED

Paris, May 28.—(United Press)—A German raid made with blazing fire near Mont Blond was repulsed, it was officially stated.

French detachments penetrated the second lines of the enemy, taking many prisoners in Alsace. German attacks in Champagne were also repulsed.

Night Attack Fails.

London, May 28.—(United Press)—German night attacks northwest of Cheray and south of Lens were repulsed, General Haig reported. The enemy suffered severe losses.

VARYING REPORTS OF GRAIN CONDITIONS

Walla Walla, Wash., May 28.—(United Press)—Varying reports of the condition of inland Empire wheat fields have been received here. An unusually wet spring, floods, wind storms and a hard winter have done much damage in some districts, while other sections have come through the winter in good shape and look forward to a good harvest.

Pendleton, in the heart of a big wheat-growing district, reports that recent clear weather has brightened crop prospects. Farmers report that they never before saw wheat grow so rapidly. There is danger, they say, that the weather will turn too warm and cause the wheat roots to spread out rather than to go down, deep roots being necessary to enable the crop to withstand storms and hot winds.

From the wheat sections in Idaho, especially Whitman and Latah counties, reports come of varying prospects. A heavy blanket of ice in some sections is said to have smothered out the young plants and the farmers are reseeded with peas and oats. Other parts of Idaho report that the wheat prospects are improving with more favorable weather.

In many districts along the river the recent high water has ruined many a rich wheat field. Many thousands of acres of wheat land in Oregon, Washington and Idaho have been hit by the flood and are now being reseeded with spring wheat.

Alfalfa is another staple eastern Oregon crop which has come through the winter with little success. Some sections report 50 per cent of their alfalfa killed, entire fields being brown and bare.

WOOL CLIP WILL ABOUT EQUAL THAT OF 1917

Baker, Ore., May 28.—(United Press)—This year's clip of wool in Eastern Oregon will about equal the yield in 1916, according to the best available estimates here today. Losses are reported from some communities, but generally this was confined to lambs, and the effect will not be noticed in the general totals for the district east of the Cascades. Sheep shearing here began about a week ago.

The Wheat Market.

Chicago, May 28.—(United Press)—The wheat market: July—Open \$2.07, high \$2.10, low \$2.01, close \$2.05. Sept.—Open \$1.81, high \$1.86, low \$1.80, close \$1.83.

Portland, May 28.—(United Press)—Club—\$2.41. Bluestem \$2.45.

Stanfield To Have Packing Plant.

Stanfield, May 28.—(Special)—The Stanfield Fruit Growers' union have completed plans to erect a \$10,000 modern packing plant.

Dig Way Through Snow.

All the rigors of winter auto traveling were experienced last week on the La Grande road, two machines making the trip across the mountain, having to dig through heavy snow. Harry Williamson came through in a Dodge and C. B. Prewitt drove an Overland. The men were 10 hours on the trip, stopping often to dig each other out. The other side of Meacham they came upon stretches of snow which Prewitt declared were four and five feet deep. Several machines going through from this side have aided in a measure in packing the snow. Near Hilgard station the creek was high, flowing over the bridge and out beyond it. The men drove through water up to the mudding boards. Pendleton Tribune.

CASUALTY LIST SHOWS INCREASE

TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT KNOWN TO BE DEAD—OVER THOUSAND INJURED

Chicago, May 28.—(United Press)—Two hundred thirty-eight are known dead and one thousand one hundred twenty-two are injured, many fatally, according to latest count of victims in the series of tornadoes now sweeping Illinois, Indiana and parts of Kansas and Kentucky. Thousands are destitute and homeless.

EMERGENCY BOARD TO INVESTIGATE LAND FRAUD

Salem, Ore., May 28.—(United Press)—The emergency board is scheduled to meet here today to consider the request of Attorney General Brown for authority to spend \$3500 in completing the investigation of the Pacific Livestock company alleged land fraud case in Harney county. The attorney general desires to prosecute a suit to cover approximately 20,000 acres of land alleged to have been fraudulently obtained from the state.

American Fighters To Arrive In France

London, May 28.—(United Press)—A hundred thousand American fighters will soon arrive in France including the Americans already serving in the allied armies, the government announced.

THE WEATHER

Portland, May 28.—(United Press)—The U. S. weather forecast: cloudy, northwesterly winds.

BIGE BICKFORD RUN OVER BY TRAIN, KILLED

FATAL ACCIDENT HAPPENS AT TELOCASET—AGED MAN WAS ON HIS WAY TO VISIT FAMILY IN LA GRANDE

Bige Bickford, homesteader of Telocaset, whose family lives at 1813 U avenue, La Grande, was killed while trying to board train No. 23 one half mile west of Telocaset Saturday evening. According to the only eye witness, an Italian laborer, he attempted to board the moving train in charge of Conductor Hale and Engineer W. Simmons. The following testimony was given by Pierto Guiglimo: "I was working about one half mile west of the depot when No. 23 passed along. I noticed a man attempting to board the third freight car from engine. He lost hold, then attempted to catch the seventh car from engine with right hand and being dragged about four or five yards, then was seen to fall under train. After train had passed by, I investigated and found the man lying apparently dead on track. I then notified my boss, Mr. Parker, who notified the railroad company at once."

Witnesses to this testimony were Hal Bohnenkamp, B. J. Parker and V. Colonne.

Upon investigation it was found that the entire train had passed over Bickford's body completely chopping the abdomen to pieces and nearly severing the right arm. The body was brought to La Grande by County Coroner Graham and Undertaken Bohnenkamp. The funeral took place this afternoon at the Bohnenkamp undertaking parlors, Rev. G. L. Clark officiating; interment at the Masonic cemetery.

Mr. Bickford was a man about 65 years of age. He has a wife and family in this city. Two sons are employed by the O. W. R. & N. Co., Engineer Bickford and Fireman Bickford. Mr. Bickford, Sr., was a veteran at railroad also. It is said that he had in his possession a ticket for La Grande and was intending to board the train at Telocaset but seeing that he would miss it from where he was, he cut across the fields and attempted to board it while moving.

Business Mens' Luncheon Postponed.

The business men's luncheon to have been held tomorrow noon has been postponed until Friday noon at the Sommer hotel. This was done because the speaker of the day, State Tax Commissioner Galloway, was unable to be present tomorrow. He will be here Friday instead and the luncheon will be held Friday noon at the Sommer hotel. Mr. Galloway will speak on the uniform tax classification amendment. County Assessor U. G. Couch will be the chairman of the day.

HONOR GUARD TO MEET

A special meeting of the Honor Guard will be held in the Y. M. C. A. tonight at which plans will be discussed for part to be taken in Decoration day parade, caps, etc. to be distributed and other business matters brought up. The entertainment to be given in honor of Miss Naomi Kirtley was postponed as Miss Kirtley departed for Portland Saturday evening.

BREAD PRICES DEPEND ON PEACE CHANCES

FIVE HUNDRED MILLION BUSHELS OF WHEAT NEEDED BY ALLIES AT OUR NEXT HARVEST.

HOUSE AND SENATE ON GORE-LEVER FOOD BILL

Lower Classes of Europe Not Satisfied Unless They Have Bread—Hoover Says Allies Require Two Hundred Fifty Million Bushels of Other Cereals.

Washington, May 28.—(United Press)—Bread prices will be guided by the chances for international peace in Europe. "The size of a loaf will depend absolutely on what can be secured on the North American continent," Herbert Hoover, America's Food Administrator said.

Hoover further stated that the said allies require five hundred million bushels of wheat at our next harvest. With this appeal, the House and Senate are working on the Gore-Lever food bill which provides a general food survey and means of stimulating production.

"With the fewer of their daily food supply," Hoover warned, "without the loaf, even assuming you give them dietetic sufficiency of something, you couldn't preserve public tranquility." Besides wheat, Hoover said the allies also require two hundred fifty to three hundred fifty million bushels of other cereals.

MRS WINNIE SPRINGER SUES SUPERINTENDENT OF THE STATE ASYLUM

Salem, May 28.—(United Press)—Mrs. Winnie Springer sued Superintendent Steiner of the asylum, Dr. Griffith, Dr. Byrd and members of the asylum staff, for ten thousand dollars for alleged cruelty while she was under commitment.

Ship Cheese From Stanfield.

Stanfield, May 28.—(Special)—Two hundred and fifty cases of Swiss cheese, the first shipment to be made by the newly established Swiss Cheese Company at Stanfield, will leave Stanfield Monday for San Francisco. The Swiss Cheese company is owned by eight Swiss farmers and dairymen on the Furnish project, who among themselves own 250 cows and are adding to their herds constantly.

Lumber Mills Busy.

Portland, May 28.—(Special)—Portland lumber mills are busier than they have been for 18 months.

GRADE REPORT SHOWS PRACTICAL WORK

INDUSTRIAL CLUB WORK ENLISTS 116 BOYS AND GIRLS IN RAISING GARDENS

FIRE DRILLS MADE IN RECORD TIME

The Schools Do Their Part in Patriotic Services—100 Girls Join the Honor Guard, While the High School Forms a Cadet Corps With Ninety Members—Fifty Boys Go Into the Army, Navy, Bridge Guard Duty or Do Work on Farms.

Superintendent McCullough submits the following report to the school board calling their attention to the various lines of work done during the school years. He commends the teaching force upon their spirit of co-operation, energy and promptness in carrying out suggestions coming from the office.

The Industrial club work has enlisted 116 boys and girls carrying out various projects. All of the 116 are raising gardens, and are distributed by buildings as follows: Central, 32; Riveria, 30; Greenwood, 54. There are about 30 high school students working independently of the club work.

The work that is required by law, such as keeping an accurate attendance, looking to temperature of rooms, health of children, fire drills and teaching allegiance to the flag have been attended to as required by law. It is interesting to note that the Central building with 500 pupils can be emptied in 56 seconds, the Greenwood with 275 pupils in 45 seconds and the Riveria with 260 pupils in 40 seconds.

The attendance has not been as good as in average years, which is due to the unusual amount of sickness during the winter and the fact that a great many pupils dropped out during the spring months.

The schools have done their part in the patriotic service, by furnishing nearly 100 girls for the Honor Guard work, the high school cadets with 90 members and 60 boys who into the army, navy, bridge guard duty and work on farms.

Students body affairs have been well handled during the year through the agency of the association, the executive board of which had for members, the city superintendent, high school principal, president of association, vice president, secretary and manager of student body affairs.

The secretary's report which was posted during the last week of school counted for every cent of money spent for all classes of student activities during the year including athletics.

The following is an outline of the work done in each of the grades from the first to the eighth:

In the first grade rooms the teachers made a practice of loaning to the children, child's story books for grades. In all of the first grades at least four different books were read by the children. Phonic charts and flash cards helped to stimulate the interest in nature study of birds. The attention of the children was called to advantage the bird was to the fruit raisers, gardner and farmers by the fact that they kill and eat many harmful insects.

In these grade rooms the children learned a great many memory gems and poems, the majority of which had patriotic themes. The children dramatized a number of the stories that they had read. This dramatization was made use of in supplying the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Washington's birthday programs.

In the second grade a great deal of construction work was done by the children, such as work in the sand table while making a study of the Indian, Eskimo and Pilgrim life. They made such articles as wigwams, canoes, trees, lakes, forts and soldiers. The use of these play articles was very valuable in teaching these younger folks the beginning of history and geography. In February the children had the opportunity of viewing the educational motion pictures on Oregon animal and bird life and it is needless to say that it was great stimulus to the nature study work.

Many interesting drawings were made by the third grade children, one of particular interest being a miniature interior of a house. The pupils began the real written work in language and wrote very interesting let-

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