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KERENSKY PUTS NEW LIFE INTO RUSSIAN SOLDIERS

MINISTER OF WAR MAKES WHIRLWIND CAMPAIGN AT FRONT

NEW SPIRIT OF DETERMINATION IS MANIFEST AFTER HIS VISIT AND SPEECHES

OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS ARE AROUSED TO ACTION

Kerensky Makes Impassioned Plea That Fruits of Revolution Not Be Lost and Is Given Ovation—Government Is Alarmed About Increase in Drunkenness and Heavy Penalties Are Provided.

Paris, May 31.—(United Press)—Attacking with poison shells and spreading great quantities of deadly vapor, the Germans on the Champagne front made a powerful offensive movement.

It is officially declared the enemy everywhere was repulsed with heaviest losses.

The bombardment preceded German infantry assaults.

Artillery is active at Verdun, St. Quentin, Chemin Des Dames and elsewhere.

GERMAN RAID REPULSED

General Haig Reports Resumption of Active Artillery Firing.

London, May 31.—(United Press)—General Haig reported the resumption of fairly active artillery firing and a repulse of a German trench raid.

NON-UNION SHEEP SHEARER KILLS STRIKER

SHEEP SHEARERS' STRIKE AT RIVERSIDE AROUSES TROUBLE WHICH ENDS IN A TRAGEDY

Riverside, Ore., May 31.—(United Press)—The sheep shearers' strike resulted in shooting J. W. Shoemaker, a striker.

Shoemaker, hit and knocked down Jim Johnson, the foreman of the non-union force. Johnson pulled his gun and fired three times.

Shoemaker died in a few minutes. The trouble was expected because of men from other union camps quitting and collecting here.

One hundred thousand sheep are gathered here.

ALFRED HUNTER LOSES SOME VALUABLE HORSES

TEN OR ELEVEN HORSES DIE IN THE HILLS—DR. RILEY SAYS CAUSE OF TROUBLE IS STRAW-MOULD

Alfred Hunter, of Island City, is loser to the extent of ten or eleven horses, all pure bred Percheron stock which he purchased in the east.

It seems the horses were turned into a barley field in which there was some straw the bottom of which was moulded. The horses in picking over the straw, ate some of the moulded straw and as mould is a fungus growth, Dr. Riley says that the result is bound to be anything but good for the horses.

Forty of the horses were driven up on Sheep and Rock Creek pastures before they showed signs of trouble but it seems that the trip to the hills helped further the trouble. Dr. Riley says that about half of the forty are all right, ten or eleven are dead and the remaining number he hopes to be able to save.

The horses that were retained at Island City, so far, have showed no signs of the trouble. Dr. Riley says the loss is a big one for Mr. Hunter as all the animals were high priced horses and of pure stock.

Al Daniels of La Grande, was a Pendleton visitor Tuesday.

Tornado Kills 16 Nearly Hundred Hurt

St. Louis, May 31.—(United Press)—Today's figures estimate sixteen dead, nearly a hundred injured and a damage estimated at three-quarters of a million dollars as the result of a tornado sweeping the district southwest of St. Louis last night.

The Wheat Market. Chicago, May 31.—(United Press)—The wheat market: July—Open \$2.00, high \$2.00 low \$1.93 1-4, close \$1.94. Sept.—Open \$1.83, high \$1.83, low \$1.79, close \$1.80.

Portland, May 31.—(United Press)—The wheat market: Club \$2.37. Bluestem \$2.40.

The Weather. Portland, May 31.—(Special)—The weather: "Cloudy, westerly winds."

J. Mauck and family have moved to La Grande and Mr. Mauck has accepted a position in the J. C. Penney Co. Store.

RUSSIA GALLS CONFERENCE OF SOCIALISTS

TO BE HELD IN STOCKHOLM IN JULY, SO RUSSIAN SOLDIERS-WORKMEN'S COUNCIL DECIDES

Petrograd, May 31.—(United Press)—An international socialist conference to be held in Stockholm the last fifteen days in July is to be called, the Soldiers' and Workmen's Council decided.

Final approval of the date is left with the Dutch International Socialist Bureau and Berne Commission.

Company D. Boys Send Condolences

Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Haisten have received the following letter of condolence from the officers and boys of Company D 5 of the United States Naval Training Station of San Francisco, showing the high esteem in which William Claude Haisten was held by his comrades:

U. S. Naval Training Station, San Francisco, Cal.—(To Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Haisten, La Grande, Ore.)—In the death of your son William Claude, we, the members of his Apprentice Seaman Company, Company D-5 of the United States Naval Training Station, San Francisco, California, desire to express to you our heart-felt sympathy in your great loss.

We have lived, worked and played with your boy since his arrival at this station. We have found him to be a good and true shipmate, possessing in the highest degree the ideals of true American boyhood and citizenship.

We join you in your loss in having lost a friend and companion whose cheer and sunshine will be greatly missed.

O. GARBNER, Company Commander, Co. D-5. R. A. Barnard, Florence, Colo.; J. W. Scott, El Centro, Cal.; W. L. Carter, Pony, Mont.; C. A. Gunter, Butler, Penn.; A. Miller, Mt. Peasor, Tex.; J. L. Harlan, Salida, Colo.; G. Blanford, Sioux City, Iowa; C. H. Beaulin, Oakland, Cal.; L. B. Friend, Greeley, Colo.; I. Shepard, Glen Ellen, Cal.; J. E. Hallett, Wilmington, Cal.; T. T. Helgeson, Delhi, Minnesota; D. A. Little, Pacific Grove, Cal.; J. Harrison, Clearfield, S. D.; D. W. Mendelhall, Sheridan, Ore.; J. E. Waite, Greeley, Colo.

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MEMORIAL EXERCISES ARE INSPIRING

SPEECHES ARE MADE BY REV. CHAS. A. EDWARDS, R. J. KITCHEN, R. J. GREEN AND REV. H. L. FORD

Opening the Memorial exercises at the Methodist church yesterday, Mrs. W. A. Winters played an instrumental selection "Processional," which was followed by a hymn sung by the choir and audience.

Commodore Faulk, of the local G. A. R. organization then took charge of the program, and in a few brief and appropriate words, welcomed the audience. General orders No. 11 issued at Washington, D. C., by Commander John A. Logan of the National organization, were then read.

The immortal address of Lincoln at Gettysburg was read by Comrade C. W. Gore and awakened a responsive chord in the hearts of the entire audience.

The vocal solos rendered by Miss Mary Newlin, Mrs. J. F. Corbett, and R. J. Green were appropriately selected and well received.

In his address Rev. Chas. A. Edwards brought out the fact that Memorial day is peculiarly an American institution but that it is gradually taking form in other countries and soon he expects to see it a world wide.

Speaking of the Pilgrims fight for freedom Rev. Mr. Edwards says that he believes that that now unique and old vessel the Mayflower was divinely guided and that sailing now in such a vessel would be declared insanity. Mr. Edwards further stated that as far as he knew La Grande stands with one other city in the state as unique because of the fact that it paid tribute to the dead of the present conflict.

R. J. Kitchen, among other things dwelt briefly on the patriotism of the north during the Civil war. He said the patriotism was not confined to the individual soldiers but went deep into the home circle where tremendous

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VILLA IS NOW APPROACHING THE BORDER

SOUTHERN MILITARY DEPARTMENT RECEIVES REPORT—PLENTY OF TROOPS TO PROTECT TOWNS.

San Antonio, Tex., May 31.—(United Press)—Southern military headquarters received a report that Villistas are approaching the international border.

The Mexican consul at the Presidio stated: "The United States has nothing to fear from their activities," since the southern department has sufficient troops along the border to protect American towns.

THREE LEGAL HOLIDAYS COME IN ONE WEEK

Salem, Ore., May 31.—(United Press)—Oregon will have three legal holidays in a row. June 3 is Sunday, June 4, election day, is a holiday, and June 5, registration day, is also a legal holiday. Of the three, the governor believes the registration day the most important. "I have given this matter considerable thought, realizing that if June 5 is declared a legal holiday, it will mean three such holidays in succession," said the executive in discussing the proposal that he issue a proclamation designating June 5 as a holiday. "But June 5 is to be one of the most momentous—not the most momentous—days in the history of the nation. While, in a way, it might be considered the occasion for a celebration, it will be the occasion of a great and solemn event as well, and will be treated as such."

GOVERNMENT IS KEEPING CLOSE WATCH

THREE ARE ARRESTED TODAY AND CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY TO INDUCE MEN NOT TO REGISTER

New York, May 31.—(United Press)—Three were arrested today as department of justice agents continued the round-up of anti-conscriptionists.

Owen Sattell, Chas. Phillips, a Columbia University student, and Eleanor Wilson Parker, were held and charged with participating in a conspiracy to induce men not to register.

Government agents started a secret census of slackers and anti-conscriptionists throughout the United States.

Emma Goldman and other anarchists and the newly organized American union against militarism are closely watched.

Emma Goldman's anti-conscription league announced that ten thousand New York boys will refuse to register.

It is expected the league will have a membership of fifty thousand by tomorrow.

Hundreds of conscriptionable youths are seeking employment in navy yards and munitions plants.

GERMANS ARE DRIVEN BY OFFICERS

FEW ON THE FRONT LOOK FOR EARLY PEACE—GERMAN PRISONERS TELL TALES OF BRUTALITY.

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMME, (United Press Staff Correspondent)

With the British Armies Advancing May 17.—(By Mail)—Unless the expected happens few here look for early peace. Generals speak of plans for spring and summer of 1918 quite as if the war is to continue for years, so out of dozens of conversations the keynote impressions is that the United States should push her preparations with as much dispatch as is consistent with efficiency.

The most recent German prisoners offer visible and audible proof that German troops are not to be spared if their sacrifice can help the Hohenzollerns.

Lean-faced prisoners tell of insufficient food, of brutal treatment by their officers, of being driven to the attack with automatic revolvers at their backs. Usually the men accept kicks and blows with a mere inward promise to make their tyrant pay in full after the war. A priest in a French village recently retaken from the Germans told me he had seen many cases of bad treatment of men by their superiors. One day at his house a German officer had told him he said, that German soldiers had to be driven like cattle and just to illustrate his point he called an orderly to him, struck him a powerful blow in the face, so hard in fact that the soldier's eye was black for days afterwards, telling him to fetch something from the kitchen. The soldier's only reply was a quick click of the heels and a rigid salute.

"That's the way we keep them in hand," said the officer to the priest.

A prisoner just taken from a Grenadier Regiment told of being present in a cabaret in Comines with 20 or 30 other Saxon troops who were singing ribald songs when six officers entered. As the singing kept up one of the officers objected whereupon the tune was changed to shouts of "Raus mit ihm!"

In the main soldiers let themselves quite as if the war is to continue for Prussian ruling classes are daily drilling into the masses the idea that the world wishes to annihilate the German people. Such is the situation in the German army today as one views it after talking with Ger-

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GERMANS MAKE ATTACK WITH POISON SHELLS AND DEADLY VAPOR

British Casualties For May 114,118

London, May 31.—(United Press)—British casualties published during May totaled one hundred and fourteen thousand, one hundred and eighteen officers and men, killed, wounded or missing.

Business Men's Luncheon Tomorrow

The business men's weekly luncheon will be held tomorrow at the Sommer Hotel. County Assessor U. G. Couch will be the chairman. The speaker of the day will be State Tax Commissioner Galloway who is coming to La Grande especially to speak on the uniform tax amendment. Business men are all urged to attend.

CENSORSHIP FIGHT SEEMS TO BE LOSING

ADMINISTRATION IS LOSING GROUND—GARD, OHIO DEMOCRAT, WILL OPPOSE THE BILL

Washington, May 31.—(United Press)—The administration is losing strength in its fight for censorship. When the House began the consideration of the conference report on the general espionage bill, Gard, of Ohio, a Democratic member of the Judiciary Committee, announced he would vote against the modified censorship clause.

Preparations Made At American Lake

Tacoma, Wash., May 31.—(United Press)—Arrangements are being rushed here today to prepare American Lake for 50,000 troops from Oregon, Washington and Idaho who will be trained there for service in Europe. The Northern Pacific is adding to its track facilities now as rapidly as possible, for during the summer American Lake will be one of the busiest points on the entire system. The western department of the army has been allotted three of the division camps, two coming to American Lake and one going to Linda Vista, a tract 14 miles north of San Diego.

Thousands of wooden buildings will be constructed on the American Lake tract. Schools will be built and classes conducted for the training of men in special branches of army service. It is estimated that 25,000,000 feet of lumber will be required to build the four thousand buildings necessary to house 50,000 men.

The buildings at American Lake will be divided into two "cities"—one for each of the two divisions which will be organized there. Each will be supplied with water and sewage systems.

Register On June 5 If You Want Work

All Those Who Have Not Positions Are Requested to Enlist for Farm Work at the Y. M. C. A. on Registration Day.

An urgent appeal is made by various organizations of the city, that all men under and over the age as prescribed under the conscription, and

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POWERFUL OFFENSIVE MOVEMENT WITH DEADLY AIDS IS LAUNCHED ON CHAMPAGNE FRONT

PARIS DECLARES THAT THE ENEMY IS ROUTED

Bombardment Is Preceded With Assaults By German Infantry—Artillery Duels Are in Progress at Verdun, St. Quentin, Chemin Des Dames—General Haig Reports Repulse of German Trench Raid.

Petrograd, May 31.—(United Press)—Minister of War Kerensky is successfully spurring the Russian soldiers to fight.

A new spirit of determination is apparent in the dispatches from the front where Kerensky made a whirlwind campaign.

One incident is typical. Kerensky and Albert Thomas, French minister of munitions, both addressed the conference of officers and soldiers.

Kerensky concluded with an impassioned plea that the soldiers "give their lives to Russia so that the fruits of revolution might be secured."

Every man arose, shouting: "We swear it". A tumultuous demonstration followed.

Kerensky and Thomas were borne from the meeting on the soldiers' shoulders.

The government's anti-liquor decrees, which have been published, emphasized the alarm that is felt over the increase in drunkenness.

Intoxication in public places is punishable with eighteen months' imprisonment, commission of violence while drunk with six to eight years' penal servitude.

S.P. WILL NOT TAKE OFF ANY OF ITS TRAINS

PRESIDENT WILLIAM SPROULE DENIES THAT SERVICE WILL BE CURTAILED

San Francisco, May 31.—(United Press)—No trains have been withdrawn from the Pacific coast railroads to provide additional equipment for the allied countries. So far as President William Sproule knows.

He denied L. C. Sprague's statement that six Portland-San Francisco trains had been stopped. He declared the Southern Pacific did not intend withdrawing trains or depriving the public of any necessary railroad facilities.

Sprague is assistant to Daniel Willard, chairman of the National Defense committee.

B.F. BRADLEY RETURNS FROM ISLANDS

RETURNS ON TRANSPORT SHIPMAN WHICH CARRIED 142 GERMAN PRISONERS—IN ISLAND EIGHT YEARS

Mr. B. F. Bradley, son of F. J. Bradley who is now in Honolulu but who is well known in La Grande, arrived in this city yesterday. Mr. Bradley returned from the islands about three weeks ago after making his home there for over eight years. He expects his father and his family to arrive some time in June or July and further expects to make this his home for some time.

Asked if he did not like the world-famed climate and islands of Hawaii, Mr. Bradley replied that he did but still he often wished for the odor of sage brush and to see the rolling hills of Eastern Oregon. He says after the monotony of one unchangeable season, Oregon offers an opportunity

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