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MAY SHIPPING LOSSES ARE LIGHTEST IN SUBMARINE WAR

PROTECTION IS RESULT OF THE ACTIVITY OF BRITISH IN COMBATING THE SUBMARINES

KENNEDY JONES FOOD DIRECTOR GIVES OPINION

Germans Are Meeting the New Situation With An Increased Output of Submarines—England Has Twelve Weeks Reserve Supply of Cereals.

London, June 1.—(United Press)—"May shipping losses are the lightest so far in submarine war because of the fact the British are destroying more submarines than before," Kennedy Jones, food director, declared.

"The Germans are meeting this situation with a similarly increased output of submarines."

City Manager's Report For The Week

No Fires Reported—City Sidewalks Found in Bad Condition—Beaver Creek Reservoir Is Full—No Evidence of Fractures or Weak Places—Muddy Water May Be Expected for Ten Days—Water Will Be Available for Irrigation Purposes, and Some Concession May Be Made to Water Users.

City Manager Currey's report presented to the city commission last night follows:

Herewith I submit the report of the General Manager for the week ending May 30, 1917:

Fire chief reports no fires for the week.

Report from police department for the week ending May 26th, 1917, shows 14 arrests; for disorderly conduct 4, for assault and battery 4, traffic violations 6. Number convicted 12, number of meals served 18, amount of fines collected \$162.50. Five head of stock impounded, amount collected from pound \$8.75. Three lights out during week.

Street superintendent reports an expenditure of \$97.50 for week. This includes street cleaning, sweeping, flushing, and the manufacture of new brush cylinder for horse sweeper.

Water superintendent shows an expense of \$33 for reading meters for month of May.

Following is the report of the treasurer for week ending May 26:

Receipts—
Water \$ 32.20
Interest 367.38
Installments 546.03
Permits 1.00

Total receipts \$946.61
Disbursements—
Imp. Interest 131.37
Water Warrants 29.40
Road Warrants 1129.56
Total Disbursements \$1290.33

Upon inspection of cross walks we found a number of them are in bad condition and repairs will be needed in a number of instances. The culvert at Third and Grandy avenue was in such condition that new cross pieces were needed throughout, and also some new top decking.

Report from Carotaker Deal made May 31, 1917, is to the effect that the reservoir is full and that water is running through the spillway. This is more water than has ever been in the reservoir before. The ice on the reservoir is practically gone and the boom which was reported broken is still holding, therefore there is no possibility of drift ice reaching the face of the dam. Carotaker was asked whether or not he was able to discover any vibration in the dam or any evidence of special strain or any cracks or indication of weakening, and answered that there was no indication of fractures or weak places in the dam. The snow on the hillsides is rapidly melting and though all the valves, with the exception of one, were open, the dam filled. By reason of the fact that there is more or less loose dirt in the spillway and the water runs over same in returning to Beaver creek before reaching the

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La Grande Asked To Form Hospital Corps

The following call has been issued:

Will La Grande respond to the call issued by the Adjutant General for a Hospital Corps at once to accompany the Oregon Troops to American Lake where they will train during the summer and possibly enter the trenches in France next fall. Hospital corps will consist of five officers who will be physicians, three first class sergeants and six sergeants, one horse-shoer, one farrier, a saddler, mechanic, two cooks and 50 privates. Immediate action must be taken and it has been arranged to hold a meeting at the Y. M. C. A. tonight at 8 p. m. All young men of the city are urged to be present and talk the matter over. Providing that a minimum of 50 men can be secured, the word will be immediately sent to the headquarters and the rest of the corps will be recruited from other towns nearby. La Grande should take this opportunity of serving the colors by filling the full quota called for before the registration day. Immediate action must be taken and if possible to raise the recruits, some other Eastern Oregon town will be called upon. Answer the call of the colors by being present at the Y. M. C. A. tonight and let your name appear on the list.

CANTONMENT CAMPS REDUCED TO SIXTEEN

CAMP TO BE ESTABLISHED IN SOUTH BECAUSE OF BETTER CONDITIONS THERE

Washington, June 1.—(United Press)—The war department has decided to reduce the cantonment camps from thirty-two to sixteen.

Insofar as possible the camps will be established in the south because of better conditions there.

Secretary Baker said the change is due to cost. Congress is considering a seventy-seven million dollar appropriation. The estimated cost of thirty-two cantonments would be one hundred fifty million dollars.

SON IS KIDNAPPED—FATHER IS CRAZED

MILLIONAIRE AND RETIRED BANKER ACCUSES FRIENDS FOR FAILURE TO RECOVER BOY

Springfield, Mo., June 1.—(United Press)—Crazed with grief and anxiety over the kidnapping of his son, J. H. Keet, millionaire and retired banker, blames friends for failure to recover the boy from abductors last night.

Following directions, Keet last night stole away to meet the kidnapers. He carried six thousand dollars ransom. Before leaving he asked friends not to attempt to follow him. The kidnapers' letter said he alone must take the money to them.

Friends, fearing foul play, followed Keet all night, but the kidnapers did not appear at the appointed spot. Keet drove all night. He intends to hunt the kidnapers with ransom tonight.

The police fear others, knowing the circumstances, may attack him.

Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Richardson will entertain the Monday Bridge club at their home next Monday evening.

OFFENSIVE IS PLANNED BY ITALIANS

CONSOLIDATING, REINFORCING LINES, REFORTIFYING POSITIONS FOR ATTACK

Rome, June 1.—(United Press)—The Great Italian offensive already cost the Austrians three hundred thousand, killed, wounded and missing, is conservatively estimated.

Italians are now consolidating, reinforcing their lines with new troops and refortifying positions. They are continually inflicting frightful losses on the enemy by repelling counter attacks.

General Cadorna halted an advance today, permitting the bringing up of new supplies in preparation for further attacks.

Hoquiam Is Without Fire Protection

Hoquiam, June 1.—(United Press)—The entire fire department struck this morning, because the city refused to grant a ten dollars monthly increase in pay.

The city is without the protection

BRITISH ARE SUCCESSFUL IN ATTACKS

FRONT DISPATCHES SAY BRITISH ATTACK ON LOOS HAS REACHED THE GERMAN THIRD LINE

London, June 1.—(United Press)—The British gained some advantage in a number of successful local engagements last night, Haig reported. They successfully raided the Germans.

Front dispatches say the British attack on Loos reached the German third line.

The French repulsed violent German counter attacks is the report from Paris.

LaGrande Represented Among Grads

University of Oregon, Eugene, May 31.—(Special)—With seven members of the graduating class of the university, La Grande is perhaps better represented in proportion to population than any other town in the state with the exception of Eugene, the seat of the university. The members from La Grande are Stanley Dorman Eaton, Helen Clare Currey, Eugene Noon Good, Mary Alice Hill, Russell Clyde Ralston, Milton Arthur Stoddard and Jeannette Wheatley. Miss Currey and Miss Hill are specializing in English literature; Mr. Good in psychology; Mr. Ralston in German; Mr. Stoddard in journalism; Miss Wheatley in physical training; Mr. Eaton in education. Miss Wheatley is president of the Woman's league and president of the local chapter of Alpha Phi sorority.

The faculty of the university is seeking to impress on the undergraduates the importance of returning to the university next term. It is pointed out that only thus can the supply of properly trained men and women be kept up.

"If this war were to be a matter of months," said one member of the faculty, "then it might be advisable to suspend all higher education and devote all energies to the more directly practical subjects. However, with the possibility, almost the probability, that the war will drag on for years, there is every reason for the continuance of college work. Viewed in the light of this fact, higher education, including the science and useful arts, is by no means a luxury but a plain national necessity."

GERMAN SUBMARINE SINKS BARK DIRIGO

TWO AMERICAN WINDJAMMERS, FRANCIS MAUD BARBARA PRESUMABLY SUNK.

London, June 1.—(United Press)—The admiralty today announced the sinking of the American bark Dirigo and the drowning of the mate. The submarine attacked the Dirigo without warning, using her deck guns.

The Germans boarded the bark, ransacked her and then sunk her with bombs.

The admiralty reported attacks, presumably followed by sinking of two American windjammers, the Francis M. and Barbara. Both crews were saved.

Ex U.S. District Attorney Hangs Himself

Portland, June 1.—(United Press)—C. H. Lingenfelter, many years Idaho's United States District Attorney, hanged himself at a hospital.

Attendants saw him before he died and cut the rope. Lingenfelter fell from the hospital window two stories, the fall killing him.

FRENCH TAKE MANY PRISONERS SAYS WOOD

31,829 GERMAN PRISONERS ARE TAKEN BY THE FRENCH IN LESS THAN A MONTH

BY HENRY WOOD.

(United Press Correspondent.)

French headquarters, June 1.—Between April the 15th, and May the 4th, the French took thirty one thousand eight hundred twenty-nine German prisoners, according to headquarters' lists.

Adding to this the number of prisoners captured by the British and Italian forces it is estimated that seventy-five thousand prisoners were taken during the three great offensives.

SLACKERS ARE BEING WATCHED BY OFFICIALS

TWO AMERICANS DETAINED AND WILL BE HELD BY OFFICIALS OF BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Laredo, Texas, June 1.—(United Press)—Checking the exodus of so-called slackers, the government agents refused to allow men of conscription age to cross the border into Mexico.

First two Americans detained were held by the bureau of investigation, charged with "seeking leave of United States to avoid military registration."

The Wheat Market.

Chicago, June 1.—(United Press)—The wheat market:

July—Open \$1.95; high \$2.01; low \$1.93; close \$1.98.

Sept.—Open \$1.81; high \$1.85; low \$1.79; close \$1.82.

Portland, June 1.—(United Press)—Club \$2.40; bluestem \$2.41.

UNION STOCK SHOW PREPARATIONS BIG

President Issues A Warning To Slackers

Washington, June 1.—(United Press)—The President issued a proclamation, warning slackers not to attempt to evade registration by leaving the country. Such action will expose them to prosecution on return.

Mascot for Marines.

New York, June 1.—(Special)—While Napoleon was idolized by his soldiers as the "little corporal," tiny Robert Bonner, age 5 years, of this city, is the dapper "little sergeant" of the United States Marines, and he proudly wears his sergeant's chevrons and sharp-shooter medal with all the dignity of a grown-up sea-soldier.

"Bob" has been chummy with the "Soldiers of the Sea" all his life, and was never fully satisfied until attired in full regulation uniform—red stripes, yellow chevrons, medal, brass buttons and all—a costume that he is unwilling to take off, even to go to bed. He tells his mother that regular soldiers never take off their clothes, a statement that is not far from the truth, in France, at least.

Fred Bonner, 5 Bonner Place, the father of the undisputed "youngest Marine," is proud of the fact that the regular enlisted Marines have accepted his son as a comrade.

RUSSIAN WORKERS DEMAND SIX HOUR DAY

DECIDED TO STRIKE OR ENFORCE REGULATIONS UNDER WHICH THEY ARE EMPLOYED

Petrograd, June 1.—(United Press)—Demand for a six hour day appeared likely to paralyze one hundred twenty of Russia's largest factories, mostly munitions plants.

The workmen decided to either strike or enforce the regulations under which they are employed. Complex regulations make little work possible. It is reported that a number of workmen have already struck.

TALK BEFORE BUSINESSMEN IS DELIVERED

Taxation and the Uniform Tax classification amendment were the subjects up before the business men's luncheon today. Invocation by the Rev. S. M. Roberts opened the luncheon. Chairman Couch called for announcements and Fred J. Holmes responded by announcing a meeting of the Commercial club tonight at 7:30. A. W. Nelson announced a meeting of the young men of the city at the Y. M. C. A. tonight to decide whether La Grande should furnish a hospital corps for the 3rd Oregon, thus answering the call sent out by General White. The chairman for next Tuesday's luncheon will be Dr. McMillan.

Chairman Couch then introduced as the speaker of the luncheon Chas. Galloway, chairman of the Tax Commission, who very ably upheld the Uniform Tax classification amendment. Mr. Galloway's speech will be run in the Observer tomorrow.

George T. Cochran, who has been quite ill was reported to be improving.

Those present at today's luncheon were: U. G. Couch, Chas. V. Galloway, Walter M. Pierce, Thos. Wallinger, C. D. Huffman, Paul B. Wallace, J. G. King, H. E. Dixon, E. D. Selder, G. C. Hopkins, Colon R. Eberhard, H. C. Rees, W. H. Bohnenkamp.

JUNE 13, 14, 15 ARE DATES SET FOR BIG ANNUAL EVENT—FEATURES ARE MANY.

LIVE STOCK SHOW PROVES TO BE GREAT EDUCATOR

More Premiums and Trophies To Be Offered Than Before—Competition in Different Classes Promises To Be Keen—Management Is Sparing No Pains.

The casual observer as he visits the town of Union will soon discover that the wheels are in motion and the stage setting is being quickly put in order for Union's great forthcoming Live Stock show, June 13, 14, 15, which promises to eclipse all previous events. This is the ninth annual event and ever since commencement the show has grown with leaps and bounds. The Union show while it has a variety of entertaining features of necessity, such as a racing program (spice by the way of a dash of the Wild West) has for its main object a very much greater sphere of usefulness viz. the improvement of the various breeds of livestock generally throughout Union and adjoining counties. That it has eminently succeeded in this respect one has only to note the great improvement in the breeds of the cattle and horses in the last few years. Witness the improvement in the Shorthorn class, Union breeders can boast that they now own animals that cost four figures. This is likewise true in the various breeds of horses owned. Therefore the show is a most valuable asset to the county generally.

This year more cash premiums and silver trophies are offered than ever and no doubt the competition in the different classes shall be keen. The management is sparing no pains to make the show a greater success than ever.

Attendance Will Be Good.

The attendance this year doubtless will be greater than ever. Visiting the show offers opportunity not only for a little recreation entertainment and the meeting of friends, but it has its educational features as well that breeders and farmers and the public as a whole cannot afford to miss. Therefore all should make a point of being at Union on the 13, 14 and 15, and see the greatest show of its kind in the northwest.

At the recent meeting of the Stock Show association Wednesday evening it was the decision of the association to raise a delegation of members who would represent and boost for the show at the Haines Stampede and other parts of Baker valley today. Bearing their slogan, "The Best We Breed for America's Need," they left Union in a cloud of dust this morning, about twenty some odd cars filled with the live wires of the association, intending to let the people of those communities know that Union was to have a bigger and better show than ever on June 13, 14 and 15.

Following is a list of the cash prizes offered for the races enumerated below and will be paid by the Union Live Stock association, June 13, 14, 15, 1917, subject to conditions named in Official Classification book:

First Day—Wednesday.
Three-eighths mile dash—First prize \$35; second prize \$20.
Ladies' relay race—First prize, \$100, second prize \$50.
Novelty (walk, trot, run)—First prize, \$10, second prize, \$5.
Gent's relay race—First prize, \$150, second prize \$75.
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Half mile dash—First prize, \$35, second prize \$20.
Roman race—First prize, \$15, second prize \$10.
Shetland pony race.
Chariot race—First prize, \$50, second prize, \$25.

Second Day—Thursday.
Five-eighths mile dash—First prize, \$35, second prize, \$20.
Ladies' relay—continued.
Half mile dash—First prize, \$35, second prize, \$20.
Gent's relay—continued.
Three-quarter mile dash—First prize, \$35, second prize, \$20.
Cowboy race, half mile—First prize, \$10, second prize, \$5.
Roman race—First prize, \$15, second prize, \$10.
Shetland pony race.
Chariot race—First prize, \$50, second prize, \$25.

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