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AMERICAN ARMED MERCHANT-MAN SINKS GERMAN SUBMARINE

SUBMARINE FLYS NO FLAG FIRES THIRTY-FIVE SHOTS AT VESSEL

SUBMARINE REARS OUT OF WATER AND DISAPPEARS

Name of Steamer Is Withheld But It Is Known Not To Be the Mongolia

Washington, June 6.—(United Press)—After a ninety minute running fight between an American armed merchantman and a submarine, the merchantman sank the submarine, the state department officially advised.

The submarine, not flying a flag, fired thirty-five shots. The steamer's twenty-fifth shot pierced the submarine, which reared out of the water, stern up, standing upright for a few seconds, then disappearing. The steamer captain and the commander of the gun crew believe the submarine sank. The navy department is convinced if the description of the battle is correct, the submarine was unquestionably bagged.

The name of the steamer was withheld, but it is known the vessel was not the Mongolia. It is believed here that the Mongolia was singled out for attack because she attacked a submarine on her previous voyage. The name of the second ship is withheld lest Germany try some frightfulness on this ship.

ROAD BONDS ARE ASSURED

Portland, June 6.—(United Press)—Practically complete returns of all counties give a majority of approximately seventeen thousand favoring road bonds. Figures as compiled this afternoon are yes, sixty-eight thousand six hundred eighty-eight; no, fifty one thousand three hundred eighty-eight.

Austrians Recapture Italian Trenches

Vienna, June 6.—(United Press)—The capture of an important portion of the Italian trenches south of Jamiano was officially reported. A hundred seventy-one officers, six thousand five hundred men were taken prisoners. The Austrians recaptured the ground the Italians recently won.

STATE SUPREME COURT RENDERS LEIN DECISION

DEFENDANT IN CASE BORROWED FROM SCHOOL FUND AND THEN SOUGHT TO AVOID PAYMENT

Salem, June 6.—(United Press)—The state law providing that mortgages on real property shall not be a lien upon property after expiration of ten years from date of maturity doesn't apply to loans made by the State Land Board from the irrevocable school fund.

According to supreme court opinion in the case of State Land Board against Mary Osborne Lee, et al. defendant borrowed from the school fund in 1902 and paid interest annually until 1912, and then sought to avoid payment. The supreme court allowed the foreclosure of the mortgage.

Another decision was rendered in the case of E. Stuart against Camp Carson Mining Co.

The appellant appealed from Union county and Judge Knowles' opinion was modified.

In the case of Camp Carson Mining and Power company, appellant, against Miles Stephenson, et al., which was appealed from Union county, Judge Knowles' decision was reversed.

Cyclone Cuts Swath Through Battle Creek

Battle Creek, Mich., June 6.—(United Press)—A cyclone cut a swath two blocks wide through Battle Creek this afternoon. Several were injured but none were reported dead. The damage was heavy. The twister toppled over houses, lited roofs and demolished business blocks.

OSTEND NAVAL DEPOT IS PARTIALLY DESTROYED

PHOTO RECONNOISSANCE SHOWS WORKSHOPS DESTROYED OR SERIOUSLY DAMAGED

London, June 6.—(United Press)—Yesterday's bombardment inflicted a vast damage on the German naval depot at Ostend, the admiralty announced.

Photo reconnaissance shows that the majority of the workshops are destroyed or seriously damaged. The entrance gates to the dock yards, basin and submarine shelter are destroyed or under repair. Several vessels were sunk.

HOSPITAL UNIT ACCEPTED BY THE O.N.G.

GENERAL WHITE APPROVES OF PRELIMINARY STEPS—FINAL MEETING WILL BE HELD FRIDAY NIGHT

The La Grande unit will undoubtedly hold a meeting of the members and those who desire to join at the Y. M. C. A. Friday night. Eighty-four have now signed up.

Dr. R. E. L. Holt returned today from Portland where he held a conference with Adjutant General White with the following results:

General White thinks that La Grande is to be congratulated for forming the hospital unit.

The army department and the National Guard is snowed under with demands for equipment, so that it will be some time before the hospital unit can be equipped.

The La Grande unit will undoubtedly be accepted and it is probable that it will be mustered in first to the Oregon National Guard, and then when fully equipped into the Federal service. This will probably take a month or six weeks.

In the meantime the unit would remain in La Grande, become fully organized and drilled and be recruited up to full strength.

Steps are under way to muster the organization into the Oregon National Guard.

A full meeting is requested at the Y. M. C. A. Friday night so that the organization can get down to brass tacks.

Goes To The State Bankers Convention

Fred L. Meyers, cashier of the La Grande National bank, left last night for Portland and Eugene. Mr. Meyers goes to attend the State Bankers' convention at Eugene of which he is the president.

Young German Registers.

Paul Karl Rehwinke, a young German of this vicinity, was among those who registered in precinct No. 9 yesterday. Rehwinke has fighting in the German ranks one brother and twenty-six cousins. He has recently taken out his first naturalization papers.

REPUBLIC OF CHINA APPARENTLY PASSING

AUTOCRACY IN CHINA PRACTICALLY TRIUMPHED—CHINA MAY BECOME TWO NATIONS.

LONG STRUGGLE BETWEEN FACTIONS IS EXPECTED

Dr. W. W. Willoughby, American Constitutional Advisor to Former Republic Says That Present Trend Is Strongly Toward a Monarchy—Militarists Control Situation.

Tokio, June 6.—(United Press)—Autocracy in China has apparently triumphed. It is evident today that the republic is practically destroyed. The division of China into two nations seems probable. A long struggle between militarism and constitutionalism is expected to follow the present revolution.

"The revolution is most serious," said Dr. W. W. Willoughby, American constitutional advisor to the former republic, en route to United States. "The republic is practically lost. The present trend is strongly toward a monarchy. Militarists absolutely control the situation." Northern and southern China are expected each to constitute a separate nation.

SERVICE COMMISSION WILL HOLD HEARINGS

HEARINGS WILL BE HELD AT PORTLAND, TACOMA, SPOKANE AND PENDLETON

Salem, June 6.—(United Press)—The Public Service Commission of Oregon and Washington will hold four joint hearings before prescribing rules and regulations for the standardization of grains and hay.

Frank J. Miller, chairman of the Oregon Commission, announced today that hearings will be held as follows: Portland, June 18th; Tacoma, June 19th; Spokane, June 20th; Pendleton, June 21st.

The grain bureau of Oregon and Washington will operate under similar laws. The two commissions agreed to fix the same standards for grain in the two states and issue the same rules and regulations and charge the same fees, where fees will be charged.

Automobile Collision.

A slight collision happened this afternoon when the car of Mrs. C. E. Short collided with the car of Dr. Phy. The accident happened on the intersection of Sixth and Washington Streets. To all appearances the car of Mrs. Short was undamaged while that of Dr. Phy suffered slightly, having its guard torn from the front and otherwise slightly scratched.

Circuit Court Convenes.

The June term of Circuit court convened today. Fred Gaskill was appointed court bailiff and H. C. Ball grand jury bailiff. The following were drawn for the grand jury: Everett Walsinger, S. K. Baker, Ed. Logan, F. M. Haines, I. C. Kennedy, D. L. Sanderson, Thomas Burns.

THE WHEAT MARKET

Chicago, June 6.—(United Press)—The wheat market: July—Open \$2.19; high \$2.23; low \$2.17; close \$2.19. Sept.—Open \$2.00; high \$2.01; low \$1.93; close \$1.95.

Portland, June 6.—(United Press)—Club \$2.49; Bluestem \$2.54.

Paul E. Beck arrived home today from Menomonee, Wis., where he has been attending the State Institute.

Mrs. F. Wilson, Mrs. Susan Clark, Miss Clark, Mrs. Fred Fox, Lyle and Clyde Wilson motored to the city today from Imbler.

Road Pond Returns.

The complete unofficial vote on the road bonds in Union county is 1068 yes; no, 1945. Majority against 895. Alieel precinct voted yes 18; no 80.

REGISTRATION FIGURES FOR UNION COUNTY

MANY ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED IN PARADE—UNION WAS OUT AND MADE GOOD SHOWING

HON. J. A. BURLEIGH OF ENTERPRISE MADE ADDRESS

Following Address of the Day Company M Went Through Close Order Drill, Guard Mount, Silent Drill and Advance of Attack—Boys Win Applause.

Registration was celebrated by the entire population of La Grande and surrounding cities as a great national holiday. Through the atmosphere of the day patriotism prevailed to the fullest extent. Registration badges, Red Cross tags and flags were to be seen everywhere. In every detail the parade that formed at the Methodist church at 2 p. m. and marched through the principal streets of the city was perfect and the Commercial club is to be congratulated upon its splendid program for the day. The parade as one bystander expressed it, "was a splendid and glorious sight to

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J. B. MESSICK WILL PROBABLY BE RECALLED

Discrepancy in Some Precincts and If Thought An Official Count Will Be Needed to Decide the Close Votes.

Baker, Ore., June 6.—(Special)—With the count from Copperfield and Greenhorn precincts lacking, the indications on the face of the returns from the recall election, as compiled last evening, are that the recall has carried by a majority of probably about 50 votes and that William Doby, the opponent of J. B. Messick in the recall, will have a majority probably somewhere between 80 and 90. Some of the late telephonic reports showed that the first figures reported from some of the precincts were jumbled up, the count on the recall question in several instances purporting to be the vote for Messick and Doby. This discrepancy makes it a bit difficult to estimate what the final count will be, but probably not far from the figures noted. The race between Commissioner Ritter and John Fraser is closer and may require the official count to definitely decide.

Lat yesterday afternoon the recall was ahead by only ten votes for a time, when Halway reported an error in its first report of Pine precinct No. 1, which gave 14 additional votes against the recall, reducing the majority of 24 to 10. Later, however, Robinette reported 14 for the recall and 7 opposed, while Connor Creek came in with 33 for the recall and two against. This boosted the majority in favor of the recall to 47, which cannot be materially changed by the report from either of the two missing precincts.

County Clerk Combs will make the official count tomorrow, assisted by the justices of the peace from Greenhorn and Baker and other assistants. That the official count will make much difference is not anticipated.

New Packard Arrives For Fred Holmes

Bert C. Hamilton today delivered to Fred J. Holmes a fine new Packard automobile which arrived today by special fast freight, eight days out from the factory. This is one of the finest automobiles that has ever arrived in La Grande. It is a twelve cylinder, with 135 inch wheel base, seven passenger, with natural wood wheels. The car is of a pretty maroon color, and it was finished to order. The car is fully equipped and ready to run.

W. J. Townley is in the city today from Union in his car.

RUSSIA TO BE CONVINCED THAT WAR AIMS ARE JUST

HEAVY LOSSES INFLICTED WHEN GERMANS ATTACK

Paris, June 6.—(United Press)—Extremely heavy losses were inflicted on two German attacking divisions which tried vainly to reach the French lines near Huestoise, is reported.

RED CROSS CONFERENCE BIG WORK

TREMENDOUS TASK TO RAISE \$100,000,000 FUND—LA GRANDE'S SHARE \$15,000

Portland, June 6.—(Special)—At last the war has gotten into Oregon hearts. "Our all in devotion and sacrifice" is the spirit overspreading the state since the Northwest "Mobilization meeting" for the Red Cross in Portland, Monday. The universal service of mercy was the proposal that recruited each of the many prominent men and women from every Oregon community for service until the state has produced its \$600,000 quota of the \$100,000,000 emergency Red Cross Fund which President Wilson by proclamation has thrillingly appealed to the nation to raise.

"The stain of shame would indelibly be imprinted on Oregon's fair name if by negligence of ours any mother who has given her son and support as a warrior for his country should be uncared for, or if any boy at the front wounded, should lack the hospital care needed to bring him back to that mother."

The words, uttered by one of the speakers at the great Red Cross conference of leaders from Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah and Oregon, were the words needed to bring home the nature of Red Cross work and to make the spirit of giving and of sacrifice burn clear and high in every heart. It did not need to be said that the amount asked of Oregon is less than a dollar for each member of the state's population, whereas Canada's contribution to war relief now totals more than \$17.00 for each man, woman and child of that country.

It was only necessary to outline the plan of campaign, which was done clearly and tersely by Lyman L. Pierce, Western Secretary; H. L. Corbett, state chairman and L. G. Niensols, state campaign manager, in order to add definiteness to every state committee member's determination that Oregon shall exceed rather than fall

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ESTIMATES OF WAR DEPARTMENT SHORT

POLK AND HOOD RIVER COUNTIES ARE FIRST TO SEND IN THEIR REPORT

Washington, June 6.—(United Press)—The registration total is expected to exceed the war department estimates. In some districts half the population registered.

Portland, June 6.—(United Press)—Adjutant General White estimated that over seventy-five thousand registered in Oregon. He is well pleased with the results.

Many counties registered conscriptionable youth without charge to the government. Polk and Hood River counties sent the first telegraph totals, both filing telegrams, at 10 o'clock this morning. Josephine completed her count soon afterward. It will probably be tomorrow before a complete return of Oregon registration is known.

JAPAN, UNITED STATES, FRANCE AND ENGLAND SEND STATEMENTS TO RUSSIA

STATEMENTS EXPECTED TO CHANGE RUSSIAN ATTITUDE

Allies Will Tell Russia They Are In War Till Last Ditch and Will Disclaim Desire for Indemnities or Conquest.

Washington, June 6.—(United Press)—American and her allies are trying to convince Russia their war aims are just.

Japan, United States, France and England have already sent statements to Petrograd, or are preparing to dispatch them. It is believed they will swerve Russia from the trend towards peace.

The Allies will tell Russia they are in the war to the last ditch and will show they are trying to make the world safe from Prussian absolutism. They will disclaim desire for punitive indemnities or conquest. The latter, it is felt, should have a tremendous effect in Russia.

Russia it is believed, can give little military assistance immediately. If she needs a separate peace propaganda the psychological military effect will be a blow.

America's message will soon be made public.

SWEADISH SOCIALISTS AND LABORS RIOT

Stockholm, June 6.—(United Press)—Ten thousand socialists and laborers, rioted Tuesday when the premier of the lower house of parliament refused the election of socialist leader, Branting, to the upper house. Police and soldiers, wielding sabers, wounded a number of people.

General Haig Renews Offensive Says Report

London, June 6.—(United Press)—General Haig swung the British columns forward and renewed the offensive. "Near North Scarpe we further progressed on the western slopes of Greenland hill," was statement. "At West Loos we gained ground slightly." The report indicated progress in enveloping Lens.

Didn't Want To Be a Slacker.

Albany, N. Y., June 5.—(Special)—Trying to boost his 5 feet 3 inches up to the standard required for military service, Willis Hartman, a patriotic youth from Glenwood, near here, tried a form of elevation that almost got by the United States Marine corps recruiting officers here, today.

Willis went through without a flaw until he stripped to be examined for scars when the doctor discovered several layers of adhesive plaster and a small cotton pad under each heel that gave a "French-heel effect" to the would-be warrior. When it was removed, he lacked an inch of meeting the required height.

"I don't want to be a slacker, so I tried my best to enlist," said Hartman, when he was rejected. "The scheme would be all right, too," he added, "if I could only make it stick."

Y. M. C. A. Picnic Tomorrow.

The girls' and boys' gymnasium classes of the Y. M. C. A. will hold their first picnic tomorrow on the top of Rooster Peak. The crowd will leave the Y. M. C. A. building at 9 o'clock sharp, and will leave the peak at 1 o'clock. The will take their time in making the climb and all parents can be assured that special care will be taken so that the youngsters will not tire out. The girls and the boys will compete with each other in games and the old time rivalry that has existed all winter will open again.