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## Over Fifty Per Cent Declare Exemption Claims

### MOST CLAIMS BASED ON DEPENDENCY OF RELATIVES

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS IF PHYSICALLY FIT MAY BE GIVEN PLACE BEHIND THE LINES

#### MANY "SNIRKERS" REPORT-EE TO MARSHAL'S OFFICE

Administration Has Decided Definitely Against Wholesale Class Exemptions, Such as Farmers, Shipbuilders and Munition Workers—Exemption Powers Rests With Local Boards.

Washington, June 7.—(United Press)—Returns reaching Provost Marshal General Crowder indicate that exemption claims may exceed fifty per cent of war registration.

Official expectations are unsurpassed, inasmuch as a large share of claims allege dependency of relatives. Exemption claims will be carefully examined to determine whether they are bonafide. It is indicated that a small percentage are hidden "behind women's skirts" to be freed from military service.

Conscientious objectors, if physically fit for service will probably be used behind the lines, if unable fully to prove their conscientious objections that they are subject to actually bearing arms. Many "shirkers" have been reported to Marshal Crowder's office and all have been referred to department of justice for immediate attention.

The administration decided definitely against wholesale class exemptions such as farmers, shipbuilders and munition workers. Exemption powers rest with the local boards.

### TOTAL REGISTRATION PROBABLY 65,000

Portland, June 7.—(United Press)—Oregon's registration is probably not exceeding sixty-five thousand, instead of seventy-five thousand as per Adjutant General White's estimate yesterday.

General White compiled the totals of twenty-two counties today, excluding Multnomah, which gave twenty-nine thousand six hundred. Multnomah's registration will be about twenty thousand.

### A "CLOSE-UP" OF GENERAL J.J. PERSHING

Washington, June 7.—(United Press)—Someone once said that genius is a matter of detail. If that someone was right then Maj. Gen. John J. Pershing, who will command America's first expeditionary forces in France is a military genius. He is a regular demon for detail. An inspection is a military formality not popular in the Army and an inspection by Gen. Pershing is always anticipated with fear and trembling. "Thorough" hardly describes it. Last September Gen. Pershing conducted an inspection of 3000 troops stationed at the base of the Mexican punitive expedition in Columbus, N. M. It occupied five hours and when completed the General knew the fitness for immediate field service of every man in the command. "Shave off those decorations" was a frequent order to those cultivating beards. Dirty rifles aroused the General's ire. "That's a fine looking instrument. Been using it for a hoe have you?" he would ask. Down the line he went, his eyes taking in every detail. "Take off your uniform when you sleep" he would snap. "Don't you ever wash those pants?" Without stopping to eat or for a moment's rest he kept at his task through the infantry, the signal troops, the ambulance and hospital units and along the long line of motors and drivers in the truck companies and the aviation corps. Pershing knew what he had

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### AMERICAN COLLIER ARRIVES IN FRENCH WATERS

Washington, June 7.—(United Press)—The electrically driven collier, Jupiter, carrying ten thousand five hundred tons of wheat and other commodities, reached French waters, is officially announced.

### LAST CHANCE GIVEN-FINAL REGISTRATION

EXCUSES FOR NOT REGISTERING MAY BE RECOGNIZED IF REPORTED WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS

Portland, June 7.—(Special)—Men between the ages of 21 and 30 years inclusive, who for some good reason were unable to register on War Census day, are to have one more chance. If they will present themselves immediately to the Registration Board in their respective county, their registration will be accepted and the necessary card made out, provided a valid excuse is made for failure to appear June 5.

The County Board of Registration in each county is made up of the sheriff, county clerk and county physician, and the board sits at the county seat. Haste is essential, though, for the negligent ones who failed to register as this period of grace may be ended any hour by the government. If they desire to escape prosecution, with the penalty of imprisonment up to one year in jail, after which they will be registered and probably drafted anyway, they should lose no time before going before the Registration Board.

This last chance will be open only for a few more days. Men who show their good faith by immediately presenting themselves will probably have their excuses accepted for not having registered at the proper time. But any further delay will be unwise, to say the least.

Non-residents who have not yet registered should apply immediately to the Board. They will be registered under the procedure for registration of absentees.

### Farmers Will Meet Here Saturday

A meeting will be held in the city hall, La Grande, Saturday at 1:30 p. m. This is for farmers of Union county who are affected by the high water overflowing their land. All are invited. Remedial measures will be discussed.

Mann and Kellaheer Win.

Portland, June 7.—(Special)—John M. Mann and A. L. Barbur were elected commissioners. Mann defeated Kellaheer by 239 votes. Kellaheer will be appointed to succeed Baker.

### AMERICAN WARSHIPS ARRIVE OFF FRENCH COAST

WARSHIPS ACTED AS CONVOY FOR LARGE TRANSPORT CARRYING LOAD OF WHEAT

Paris, June 7.—(United Press)—American warships are anchored off the French coast, it is officially announced.

The warships conveyed from the United States a large transport carrying wheat. American vessels were accorded a tremendously cordial welcome.

### ALL UNION PREPARING FOR SHOW

ACCOMMODATIONS BEING MADE FOR GUESTS—BIG CROWD EXPECTED TO ATTEND

#### STOCK WILL BE WELL FED AND TAKEN CARE OF

Food, Shelter and Entrance Fee Are Free as Before—Governor Withycomb's Kentucky Saddle Mare Will Be Sent From Salem—Finest of Its Kind in State.

Union, June 6.—(Special)—All Union is busy making preparations for the Stock show. Guests are being provided for in advance and we are ready for the record breaking crowd which will be here this year. A great deal of time, labor and money are being spent on the grounds, new stock accommodations of all kinds are being prepared and barns are being filled with feed. As usual there will be afforded free feed, free shelter, and free entrance fee for all exhibits. One of the big features of the show will be the fact that Governor Withycomb's Kentucky saddle mare will be shipped from Salem and will arrive some time before the show. This is said to be the finest of its kind in the state. It is to be exhibited along with other saddle horses of its class. Every effort is being put forth to make the town as attractive as possible. The different societies are canvassing the town daily for meal accommodations. The following societies and organizations will serve meals: The ladies of the Methodist church, the ladies of the Presbyterian church, the Woman's club and various others. All indications are that the 1917 show will be bigger and better than ever. The

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### SILVERSELL FLYING U.S. FLAG SINKS SUB

FIRST AMERICAN VESSEL OFFICIALLY REPORTED AS HAVING SUNK SUBMARINE

Washington, June 7.—(United Press)—The American steamer Silvershell is the first vessel under the United States flag officially reported as probable victor in a fight with a submarine.

Following is the French statement: Silvershell battled a submarine the navy department announced. Silvershell vessel reported yesterday to have sunk submarine.

### Company M Boy Writes Of The Work He Is Doing

Salem, June 7.—(Special)—The following letter was received by Mrs. Edwin Sherwood, whose son William Sherwood is doing duty guarding tunnels and bridges in eastern Oregon with company M. The description of the point where he is located will give an idea of what the boys from Salem are having to contend with in the way of mountains:

"Somewhere in the U. S. 'Outpost of Co. M. 'Dear Everybody: 'Well I am on outpost duty again, and this time I am at the best outpost of the bunch. I wouldn't mind staying here all summer. There is fine scenery and plenty of chance to study geology and botany, tho I don't know what there is in the zoology life as yet, for it has been too cold to bring anything out. The scenery is fine with mountains in every direction. The peaks close by, within a mile or two, are from 1500 to 2500 feet above the camp, but those farther away, which can be seen only from

### OLDER GIRLS CONFERENCE IS TOMORROW

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT EASTERN OREGON CONVENTION—SEVENTY-FIVE DELEGATES WILL BE HERE

Another chapter in La Grande's convention undertakings this year will be written tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday when the Fourth Older Girls' conference of Eastern Oregon convenes here. The occasion will be an important one to religious circles. Delegates to the number of 75 are expected, and while the majority have rooms provided for them, a few additional offers are needed. Those having table accommodations and sleeping room facilities or either of these, will confer a favor upon the entertaining hostesses by notifying Miss Dorothy Haworth at once.

Representatives to the conference are coming from Union, Baker, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Umatilla and Walla Walla counties. They are girls between the ages of 15 and 21 years, and each group is accompanied by a chaperon.

During the three conferences held in the past a great deal of good has resulted, and prominent speakers and workers among girls and Sunday Schools are brought in for these vitally important gatherings. The big feature of the program this year will be Mrs. M. A. Danenhower, of Portland, who is state director of the conference. Mrs. C. H. Upton of La Grande, as associate director, has given a great deal of work and attention to the conference and local Sunday School girls have lent great help, and the plans for entertainment of the visitors are laid in such a way that the good name of La Grande as an entertaining city will be enhanced. Among the features of the entertain-

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### BAKER RECALL PASSES BY MAJORITY OF 40

NO GROUND FOR REPORT THAT RECALL DID NOT CARRY SAYS BAKER HERALD

Baker, June 7.—(Special)—The latest figures on the recall are now expected to give a majority of over 40 for the measure while the vote for Messrs. Doby and Fraser is twice that figure. The figures on the recall have been secured after carefully checking up all the returns which were secured late today, in addition to those that had already been received. In There has been talk on the streets been given on the direct question of the recall by those who had charge of the elections in various precincts it was learned that the vote on it was about the same as that for Mr. Doby and Mr. Fraser.

The neglect in several precincts to make a copy of the vote before closing up the ballot boxes has given only partial returns on the measure, but sufficient figures that are known to be correct give the recall a majority without making any estimates.

The vote for Doby and Fraser shows that they have a majority over Messick and Ritter of about 100 and that there is no question about their election. Rumors have been prevalent today that the recall did not carry but there is no ground for this report. The county clerk will make the official count tomorrow in the presence of a large number of witnesses and the correct figure by which the recall carried will then be known.

Some instances where no figures had today of a contest over the election but as far as can be ascertained neither side has made a statement to this effect. The fact that the recall candidates have been elected by a substantial majority is looked upon as sufficient to settle the question and do away with any uncertainty.

Miss Ire O'Connell returned last evening from Portland, where she has been attending school at the St. Marie Academy.

### AMERICAN FOOD SUPPLY MUST BE PROTECTED

#### Chinese Rebel Leader Declars End Of Revolt

Tokio, June 7.—(United Press)—General Nie Shi Kun, leader of the Anhwei rebels, declared that the Chinese revolution would be ended in a fortnight. He predicts the Chinese parliament will then declare war on Germany.

It is declared that the refusal of President Li to follow a certain war policy was the cause of the trouble.

### HAIG RENEWS OFFENSIVE AND ADVANCES

FRONT DISPATCHES INDICATE COMPLETE SUCCESS OF THE INITIAL MOVE.

London, June 7.—(United Press)—General Haig's renewed offensive progressed victoriously over a front of nine miles in the Messines-Wychaeta sector today.

Front dispatches indicate complete success of the initial move marking a complete resumption of the British offensive around Greenland hill. The British regained all objectives.

Today's activities follow twenty days quiet.

London, June 7.—(United Press)—The British this afternoon captured Messines and a score of other important points. The prisoners reach a total of four figures.

The British sea planes successfully bombed the German aerodrome at Nieuw Munter, the admiralty stated. One shed was hit and several bombs fell near machines of the aerodrome.

#### Joins Hospital Corps.

Ivan Studervant, formerly employed in O'Connell's Cigar Store left last evening for Vancouver where he will enter the Field Hospital Corps in the regular army.

#### Litigation in Kay Family.

Salem, June 7.—(Special)—Clear title to eighty-three and one-third shares in the Thomas Kay woolen mills is asked of the circuit court by Isabelle C. Farrar, Sarah Forstner and Eliza Dakin against Isabella Fortado, Chilton Atkinson and the Thomas Kay Woolen Mills. The plaintiffs ask that Eliza Dakin be declared the owner of forty-three shares, Isabelle C. Farrar twenty-five shares and Sarah Forstner fifteen shares.

J. W. Kennedy returned home from Hermiston last evening. While gone Mr. Kennedy was very ill. He left for Union this morning on account of the illness of his daughter, Mrs. B. F. Wilson, who has a bad attack of blood poisoning in the hand.

#### Yesterday's Results.

American Association—At Toledo 2, Minneapolis 5; at Indianapolis 2, Kansas City 1; at Louisville 0, Minneapolis 2; at Columbus 2-1, St. Paul 4-2.

Western League—At Joplin 8, Wichita 0; at St. Joseph 2, Denver 0; at Omaha 5, Des Moines 3; at Lincoln 5, Sioux City 3.

Southern Association—At Memphis 1, Nashville 0; at Little Rock 7, Chattanooga 10; at New Orleans 2, Atlanta 4; at Mobile 2, Birmingham 12.

### TORNADOES ARE AGAIN SWEEPING THE EAST

Chicago, June 7.—(United Press)—Thirty-two are known to be dead and two hundred injured as a result of tornadoes sweeping four states Tuesday night and yesterday. Property damage is estimated from two to three million dollars.

#### The Weather.

Portland, June 7.—(United Press)—U. S. weather forecast: "Cloudy, cooler."

#### PRESIDENT WILSON AND COMMISSIONER HOOVER GIVE WARNING TO THE PEOPLE

### ENGLAND IS CLAMORING FOR MORE FOOD

Unless Ample Control Is Given Department Allies Will Come Here and Bid For American Food, Raising Prices—Machinery Must Be Established At Once Says Hoover.

BY ROBERT J. BENDER

United Press Correspondent) Washington, June 7.—(United Press)—Congress must protect the American food supply from the Allies, warned both the President and Hoover. Leaders of both parties turned their attention to this pressing problem as the most difficult one ahead.

England's clamor for more food is growing louder and prices here are climbing higher. Laborer's demand for governmental action grows more insistent, the President declared to Congress. Ample food control must be given the department or Allies will come here and bid for American food, hoisting the prices higher. Hoover declared that adequate machinery must be established immediately. He is opposed to government price fixing.

Congressmen feeling the unrest of the food situation are receiving thousands of letters, demanding governmental action. The food control bill will be reported in the house early next week. The house committee is sitting almost constantly in effort to finish their work.

### TWO CENTS TAX TO BE PUT ON CHECKS DRAFT

Washington, June 7.—(United Press)—The Senate Finance Committee put a two-cent stamp tax on checks and drafts, over five dollars in the war revenue bill. It is expected that ten million dollars annually will be raised from this tax.

The committee declared to eliminate the house levy of ten per cent, on dues for social, sporting and athletic clubs, thereby dropping ten million dollars revenue possibilities. A substitute tax will be devised later.

### EIGHTY ONE THOUSAND U.S. DOCTORS WILL GO

New York, June 7.—(United Press)—Eighty-one thousand American doctors will do their bit to win the war.

That is the membership of the American Medical association, ten thousand of whom members met in annual convention here today and everyone of them is pledged to answer the nation's call.

Already two members of the association have saved thousands of lives to the allied armies on the western front by their new methods of sterilizing wounds.

Not only will thousands of these men serve with the American armies in the field, but other thousands will engage in military medical and surgical research work in this country.

Dr. George H. Simmons of Chicago, is chairman of the committee on medical and surgical preparedness of the Council of National Defense.

Dr. Simmons, it was announced today is cooperating with Surgeon General Rupert Blue, of the army, who also is president of the American Medical association to subject the 81,000 members to a selective draft, to get the best men the nation possesses for the army.

The task of classifying and listing these men is progressing now.

The association began its preparedness program in 1916 and is today in a position to mobilize medical and surgical specialties very quickly.

The medical and surgical committee of the Council of National Defense interlocks with the national committee on Red Cross medical service.