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BRITISH ARE DETERMINED IN OFFENSIVE

CONTINUE ADVANCE SMASHING GERMANY'S GRIP ON BELGIUM—ATTACK IS FIERCE

GERMANS MASS RESERVES CONTEST EVERY FOOT

Lille and Important Industrial Towns Are Directly Menaced by Newest and Probably Most Powerful British Drive.

London, June 8.—(United Press)—Across a blunt wedge five miles broad at apex, the British continued their advance today, smashing Germany's grip on Belgium.

The German line bent in the initial shock of vast mine explosions, hell-fire of artillery and dashing blows of the infantry.

The Germans are massing their reserves and fiercely opposing every foot of the British advance.

Lille and the important industrial towns Tourcoing and Roubaix are directly menaced by newest and probably most powerful British drive. Great torn fields, huge furrows, tons of loam turned and churned into blackened dust, mark the advance across the Belgian fields left by British who turned loose explosives under the German lines when they started the offensive.

London, June 8.—(United Press)—"One of the positions captured yesterday was one of the enemy's most important strongholds on the western front," General Haig reported today. No details of the fighting were mentioned.

John Bollman Co. Buys \$100,000 Bonds

Company Also Arranges To Sell Bonds To Its Employees On Installments—50 Cents a Week Will Buy a \$50 Bond.

San Francisco, June 8.—(Special)—The John Bollman Company of San Francisco, a branch of Liggett and Myers Tobacco Co., Inc., has subscribed to \$100,000 worth of Liberty Loan Bonds through the Anglo & London, Paris National Bank of San Francisco, and has made an offer to all of its employees, men and women, to carry for them any amount of these bonds that the employee feels he or she can pay for in one hundred weeks. They will carry the bonds for employees at 3 1/2 per cent (the interest rate of the bonds themselves). Payment are arranged so that 50c per week will purchase a \$50.00 bond in less than two years.

The John Bollman Company feels assured that this action, taken not only to assist the government in the sale of bonds, but to make it possible for a large number of its employees to purchase bonds under more favorable terms than the government can offer, will result in tens of thousands of dollars being subscribed by employees of their company.

The John Bollman Company has also notified its employees that it will arrange to take care of the families or dependents of those enlisting in the army or navy during the period of such service, by way of paying all or part of their present salaries as may seem equitable,—all circumstances considered,—and in any event, will see that positions are open for them at the expiration of their service, at salaries not less than they now receive.

This company has insured the lives of all of its employees absolutely free of charge,—such insurance to expire with the termination of employment. On this point, the company has notified its employees that termination of employment by enlistment in the army or navy will not cancel the insurance policy, but instead, that the full amount of insurance will be carried for each employee during his term of army or navy service.

The Wheat Market.

Chicago, June 8.—(United Press)—The wheat market: July—Open \$2.22; high \$2.24; low \$2.19; close \$2.24. Sept.—Open \$1.95; high \$1.96; low \$1.93; close \$1.95.

Portland, June 5.—(United Press)—Club \$2.52; bluestem \$2.58.

Chinese Factions May Settle Their Disputes

Tokio, June 8.—(United Press)—A compromise movement for peaceable adjustment of the different dividing the Chinese republic is growing among the leaders of the various factions.

RELATIONS BETWEEN HAY-TI AND GERMANY BROKEN

London, June 8.—(United Press)—Relations between Germany and Hayti are formally broken, according to a Central News Dispatch.

AMERICAN AVIATORS IN FRANCE

WILL AID IN DETECTING SUBMARINE OPERATIONS AND DO OTHER ACTIVE DUTY

Washington, June 8.—(United Press)—A hundred American navy aviators to aid in detecting submarine operations and do other active duty reached France safely, it is officially announced.

These officers and men are the first regular fighting force actually reaching France. Lieutenant Whiting of Massachusetts is commanding.

Big Shipyard To Be Built By N. Y. Firm

Portland, Ore., June 8.—(United Press)—One of the largest wooden shipyards in the United States, with fourteen ways, is being backed by a New York corporation, which will build immediately. The French government has contracted for the first fifty vessels.

Earthquake Destroys Section San Salvador

Washington, June 8.—(United Press)—Earthquake, fire and volcano eruption last night destroyed the important section of the business district of San Salvador, including the American legation building, Minister Long reported to the state department today. There were no deaths reported.

DUBY AND RITTER WINNERS IN FINAL COUNT

Baker, June 8.—(Special)—Completion of the official count in the recall election showed that the recall against Judge Messick carried by the narrow margin of 32 votes and that Wm. Duby's majority over Messick is 96. The recall against Ritter failed to carry by 202, and Ritter defeated Judge Fraser by 123 votes. County Clerk Combs issued the certificate of election yesterday afternoon and Judge Duby presided over the session of the county court.

The vote on the Messick recall was Yes 2166, No 2134. On the Ritter recall, Yes 1927, No 2129. In the vote for the candidates Messick received 2075 and Duby 2171. Ritter 2144 and Fraser 2021.

There was some talk of a contest and recount on the recall question, but Judge Messick intimated that he hadn't given the matter any thought and that a contest will follow is not now based on any statement, on the part of parties directly interested.

On the referendum measures Baker county voted as follows: Port Indebtedness, Yes 1398, No 1837; Limiting Bills, Yes 864, No 2448; Implied Recall, Yes 1025, No 1813; Uniform Tax, Yes 1525, No 1732; City-State Election, Yes 2313, No 3086; Road Bonds, Yes 1254, No 2848.

HOPE FOR ALLIED VICTORY THIS YEAR GONE

IT IS FRANKLY ADMITTED THAT AMERICAN WAR PLANS ARE BASED ON THREE YEARS WAR

RUSSIAN UPHEAVAL UPSETS PLANS OF ALLIES

Feeling Is Strong Among Government Officials That Public Opinion Is Being Chloroformed and That Facts Are Being Withheld.

Washington, June 8.—(United Press)—A hope of Allied victory this year is gone, according to best informed government officials. It is frankly admitted that American plans are predicated upon the probability of a three years' war. The United States must land the knockout blow to German militarism.

The foremost British military critics admit that the entire plans of the Allies' offensive have been completely upset by the Russian upheaval. Feeling is strong among some government officials that public opinion of the United States is being chloroformed and facts withheld. Facts must be published before a successful mobilization of the entire resources are achieved.

It is not a secret that Russia collapsed as an offensive factor and is out of military plans for a year and probably for good. France is past the high point of efficiency and England is still on the upgrade, is the military viewpoint. England has almost reached her high point of efficiency but is economically on the downgrade.

CONFERENCE GIRLS ARRIVING IN CITY

Already the badges signifying the arrival of the girl delegates to the Older Girls' conference in La Grande have appeared. Among the first to arrive were the leaders, Mrs. M. A. Danenhower, director, and Charles A. Phipps, general secretary of State Sunday Schools, who were in attendance at the Wallowa County convention at Enterprise. The delegates were met at the depot by the local girls in automobiles and escorted to the church where registration took place. After registration the girls were taken to the homes of the residents of the city where they will be hospitably entertained during their stay in our city.

This evening the first session will be held at the conference church which will be a "get-acquainted rally." Chairman for tonight's program will be Miss Violet Rush. The following musical program has been planned and will be given:

Program (Friday evening)
Vocal solo, Miss Margaret Winters.
Violin solo, Miss Florence Lynch.
Vocal solo, Miss Sarah Smith.

WOUNDED THREE TIMES STILL WANTS REVENGE

London, June 8.—(United Press)—Introducing Mr. Harry McMichael of Augusta, Ga. Mac has been struck thrice by the Kaiser's missiles, but he hasn't taken the count yet and all he wants is another shot at a spiked helmet.

Mac learned the game in the Second United States Cavalry. He joined the Fifteenth Canadian Battalion in June, 1915. A machinegun bullet hit his leg in the fall of that year. Back from the hospital, a shell fragment nicked his brow as he went "over the top" in a charge.

Back one more from "blighty," Mac took a stretch and a yawn in view of the German trenches and a bullet bored his jaw, removing five teeth. Today, in the hospital, this soldier of the south is just getting on his feet again. He wants to join the Americans when they arrive—and his ear is eager for the welcome sound of "Dixie."

AUSTRIA PROPOSES PEACE TO RUSSIANS

AUSTRIAN GENERAL ROHR MAKES FORMAL PROPOSAL FOR A SEPARATE PEACE

RUSSIAN DELEGATIONS ENTER RUSSIAN LINES

News Reached Petrograd That a Delegation of Austrians, Including Two Generals, Arrive At Kishineff Urging a Conference With Workmen's and Soldiers' Council.

Petrograd, June 8.—(United Press)—Formal proposals for a separate peace were instituted by an Austrian general, Rohr. He authorized a delegation from each Austrian division on the front to enter the Russian lines, propose the compact and report.

Simultaneously news received here that a delegation of Austrians, including two generals, arrived at Kishineff, urging a conference with the workmen's and soldiers' council. A delegation of Russian soldiers accompanied them. Their arrest was ordered.

TODAY'S WAR RECIPE

(From Britain's official win-the-war cook-book.)
Fish Cutlets—Cooked fish of any kind, an equal quantity of cooked rice or barley, one teaspoonful of butter or margarine to each cupful of the mixture. Season to taste. Round the fish and mix it with the cereal while warm. When cold, shape into cutlets and fry.

FARMERS MEET TOMORROW IN LA GRANDE

OVERFLOWED LAND PROBLEM WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH VIEW TO PREVENTING FUTURE DAMAGE

Farmers of Union county are manifesting great interest in the meeting to be held tomorrow at 1:30 p. m. at the La Grande City hall.

The object of the meeting is to discuss remedial measures of preventing the overflowing of land in Union county.

There will be present those who understand the subject and the matter will be fully presented. It is estimated that by the expenditure of 50 cents to \$1 per year per acre for four years, the repetition of the present damage to a great deal of land could be prevented.

The meeting is open to all landowners in Union county, and all affected by the overflowed land problem are urged to be present.

Astoria Paper Raises.
Astoria, Ore., June 8.—(United Press)—The high cost of printing materials is the cause of the Morning Astorian's rise to 75 cents a month from 60 cents. At the same time that paper increased the length of its pages, made eight columns to a page, set its body type on a smaller slug and cut down the number of pages from six or eight to four.

Policeman Travels Some.
Astoria, Ore., June 8.—(United Press)—Hats off to Albert Thompson, for a quarter of a century an Astoria policeman. He's retired to lead a farmer's life on a ranch he owns at North Yakima. Counting five miles a day, which cops say is a fair mileage record, Thompson has made about 50,000, or twice around the earth during the time he has been on the force.

Bankers Meet.
Marshfield, Ore., June 8.—(United Press)—The annual convention of the State Association of Bankers opened here today. A banquet will be tendered the visiting financiers and a dance given tonight. Tomorrow they will be taken for an automobile ride through the Coquille valley. A. L. Mills, Portland, and W. G. Edens, of Chicago, were among today's speakers. Fred L. Meyers, of La Grande, president of the association, is presiding. T. J. Scroggin, a banker of La Grande, is in attendance.

Germany Apparently Starts New Offensive

Paris, June 8.—(United Press)—Germany has apparently started a counter offensive on a great section of the French front. A violent enemy bombardment around St. Quentin and La Fere was officially reported. The German attacks failed.

The Weather.

Portland, June 8.—(United Press)—The U. S. weather forecast: "Unsettled."

UNION IS IN LINE TO RAISE RED CROSS FUND

GREAT ENTHUSIASM SHOWN AT MEETING LAST NIGHT—STATE CHAIRMAN CORBETT WILL BE HERE MONDAY NIGHT.

Union is getting ready for its part in the big state Red Cross drive, June 18 to 25.

Last night the Union Red Cross auxiliary met and reported that its total membership was 153.

Dr. M. K. Hall, president of the La Grande Chapter, and Fred J. Holmes, who represented Union county at the big conference in Portland, were present last night and explained the work that is now under way in the nation of raising \$100,000,000 for the Red Cross War fund.

Union's quota is \$1500 and the spirit and enthusiasm shown by the Union Red Cross members indicates that Union will come through with flying colors in raising its quota.

La Grande's quota is \$15,000 and plans are now being made of organizing for the big drive between June 18 and June 25 to raise this big fund.

Henry Ladd Corbett, chairman of the State Council of Defense, is also chairman of the state campaign for the Red Cross War Fund. He will be in La Grande Monday night, arriving at 9:40 p. m. and leaving at midnight. He will go over the plans of the local committee for the big drive here and in the surrounding county.

The campaign is not to be limited to La Grande but is to take in all of the towns of the county and those living on the farms, etc. Everyone will be expected to do his bit.

Wallowa county will also make a campaign of its own.

Grain Crop Greater This Year Than Last

Washington, June 8.—(United Press)—This year's crop of wheat, oats, barley and rye, are substantially greater than the nineteen sixteen crops, according to estimates of the bureau. Crop estimates are made by the department of agriculture.

Winter wheat shows a decrease, but the spring wheat crop more than makes up for the loss.

The Shipping Board Announces Contracts

Washington, June 8.—(United Press)—The shipping board announced contracts for a hundred and sixty wooden ships had been let within the last ten days. One hundred ships were let to the Southern Pine Association, sixty to the Pacific Coast firms with an option for forty more at the same price.

As Green As Grass.

Astoria, Ore., June 8.—(United Press)—They're laughing long and hard down at Fort Stevens today. Several companies of rookies are learning army life down at the fort. The other night one of the officers of the post approached the entrance of the post reservation.

Business of rooky guard juggling his artillery and looking veteranized. And then, instead of "Halt, who goes there?" comes from the shaking guard "Halt, look who's here."

MAJOR GENERAL PERSHING ARRIVES ENGLAND

COMMANDER FIRST EXPEDITIONARY FORCE AND STAFF REPORT A PLEASANT TRIP

AMERICANS ARE GIVEN A TREMENDOUS OVATION

General Pershing Said: "We re Very Glad To Be Standard Bearers of the United States in War for Civilization"—Voyage from America Un-eventful.

British Port, June 8.—(United Press)—Major General Pershing, commander of the first American expeditionary force, arrived in England today, with his staff.

He reported a pleasant trip and expressed utmost astonishment that news of his departure was so successfully suppressed.

General Pershing and his staff was given a tremendous ovation. A special train carried his party Londonward. "We're very glad to be standard bearers of United States in war for civilization," General Pershing said.

The voyage from America was un-eventful.

GIRLS GIVEN PRIZES FOR SELLING TAGS

MISS ESTELLA ERICKSON WINS FIRST, MISS FLORENCE BAKER SECOND AND MISS FRANCES HILL THIRD.

At the regular meeting of the La Grande National Girls' Honor Guard last night, a report was given of the Red Cross Tag Day sale. The results were beyond the expectation of all the members and everyone felt highly gratified that the organization was able to conduct such a successful campaign. The meeting on Monday night will be held at the hospital and will be under the leadership of Dr. C. T. Bacon, who will take the girls through the hospital and show them how bandages are made and sterilized and other interesting and practical features will be displayed. All the members are urged to be present at this meeting.

The following are the winners in the Tag Day sale: First prize, Miss Estella Erickson, sold \$22.30. Second prize, Miss Florence Baker, sold \$18.05. Third prize, Miss Frances Hill, sold \$17.50. Fourth prize, Miss Stella Desilet, sold \$16.35. Fifth prize, Miss Thelma Oesterling, sold \$14.50.

Honorary mention: Nora Arbuckle, Louis Givan, Louise O'Connell, Josephine Bradley, Florence Lynch, Clara Courtney, Effie Ainsworth, Marcella Berry, Bertha Kettleman, Helen Sims, Gladys Black, Lucille, Walgamood, Donna Smith, Evan French, Sylvia Glass, Dorothy Casey, Clara Herman, Loretta Becker, Evelyn Underwood, Hazel Berks, Mula Anderson, and Elsa Nash, all selling over \$5.00

RED CROSS ORGANIZED IN UNION BY DR. HALL

Union, June 8.—(Special)—A branch of the La Grande Chapter of the Red Cross was organized last evening. Dr. M. K. Hall, president of the La Grande Chapter, Mrs. Goodhue, secretary, and Mr. Fred J. Holmes of the La Grande National Bank, were present and gave all desired information. A total of one hundred and fifty-three names had been secured previously and one hundred and twenty-seven dollars collected. Hon. W. T. Wright was elected chairman, Mrs. Cora M. Davis, first vice-chairman, Hev. Homer E. Cullison, second vice-chairman, Miss Estella Levy, secretary, and James F. Hutchinson, cashier of the First National Bank, treasurer. Much enthusiasm was shown, and the Union Branch will undoubtedly do the work allotted to it and more too.

Sweet clover is adapted to a wider range of climatic conditions than any of the true clovers, and possibly alfalfa.