

AEROPLANE SERVICE IS GREATEST WAR ASSET

GOVERNMENT SOON TO ASK FOR SIX HUNDRED MILLION FOR THE AMERICAN SERVICE

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NAVAL AFFAIRS HOLD HEARINGS

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Washington, June 11.—(United Press)—The government is soon to ask congress for five or six hundred million dollars to develop American aeroplane service on a great scale. The sub-committee of the senate naval affairs committee decided to begin hearings to morrow on the Sheppard-Hulbert bill which creates a separate aeroplane department.

"Before a year is past congress will be asked to appropriate a billion dollars to the aero service," Representative Hulbert said. "It is the idea of the council of national defense to establish aviation stations at intervals across the continent where men will be trained and machines prepared."

It is impossible for the government to send a large number of troops to Europe within less than nine months or a year. The service can train five thousand aviators in from six weeks to two months and have five thousand machines ready by August the first. Representative Hulbert said military authorities in England and France state that the air service must be developed on a great scale. It is declared that the greatest service the United States can do is to send machines and aviators to France.

WRESTLERS TRAIN HARD FOR THE BIG MATCH

CHRISTENSEN IS WORKING AT RANCH IN MOUNTAINS—O'NEILL IS PRACTICING EVERY NIGHT.

Harold Christensen, who wrestles Jack O'Neill at the Arcade Tuesday, June 19th, writes from Enterprise that he is training at Norgard's ranch in the Smith Mountain country and will be in great shape for his match here. He says he gets up at 4:30 in the morning and retires at 9 o'clock every night. He will come to La Grande on the 14th.

Jack O'Neill is training faithfully every evening in preparation for his match with Christensen June 19th and promises to be in condition to put up the battle of his life when he meets the Big Dane. No one knows better how to condition himself than O'Neill who has prepared hundreds of times for hard contests, to say nothing of his experience in training and conditioning other wrestlers, the most notable of whom was Frank Gotch, whom O'Neill trained and seconded in his World's Championship match with Tom Jenkins at Cleveland a few years ago.

While he has been in the game many years, he is a man who always takes exceptionally good care of himself and can be in condition on short notice to entertain any man his weight on the mat. There is considerable interest in the outcome of the O'Neill-Christensen bout. O'Neill holds the 175 pound championship of Pacific Northwest, while Christensen claims the Intermountain heavyweight championship by winning from Visser of Ogweh O'Neill by several pounds but the local man hopes to offset the difference in weight by his cleverness and superior knowledge of the game. Several local grapplers are assisting in grooming O'Neill for the big battle and there is no doubt but what he will be in shape to give a good account of himself by the 19th.

Employment Agencies Allowed Agency Fees

Washington, June 11.—(United Press)—Washington cannot suppress, under the employment agency law, the practice of agencies charging fees to workers for obtaining jobs, the supreme court has held.

Irish Parties Are Agreed On Convention

London, June 11.—(United Press)—All Irish parties are agreed to the government's plan of a convention of all factions to outline Irish home rule. Premier Lloyd George announced today to the House of Commons.

Big Step Made By Prohibition Today

Washington, June 11.—(United Press)—A big step toward prohibition was taken today when the senate committee recommended that the senate pass the Sheppard prohibition bill. The senate agricultural committee voted today to report out a bill restricting liquor manufacture to conserve the food supply.

NORTHCLEFFE REACHES THE UNITED STATES

REFUSES TO MAKE AN EXTENDED STATEMENT UNTIL HIS CREDENTIALS ARE PRESENTED

New York, June 11.—(United Press)—Lord Northcliffe reached an American port. Until his credentials are presented, Lord Northcliffe has declined to make an extended statement.

It has been previously declared that he was coming strictly for business and would open an office in the downtown district of New York. It has also been stated that Lord Northcliffe came to co-ordinate the work of various British organizations already established.

TERNI ITALY REPORTS VIOLENT EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS—PEOPLE FLEE

Rome, June 11.—(United Press)—Four violent earthquakes shook Terni, causing a panic. It was reported that considerable damage was done. The inhabitants of Terni fled to the open fields, where they now are camping, fearing more tremors. Terni has thirty-one thousand population and is the site of the big government arsenal.

TODAY'S WAR RECIPE

(From Britain's official win-the-war cook-book.)

Cheese Charlotte—(For four people)—Half a pound stale bread, one egg, one dessertspoonful dripping margarine, four tablespoonful grated cheese, pepper and salt to taste. Soak the bread in cold water for an hour or more, then squeeze dry and mash into a smooth pulp. Mix the cheese into this, saving enough to sprinkle over the top. Add plenty of seasoning and the egg slightly beaten. Grease a pie dish with half the fat. Put in the mixture, pressing it firmly into the dish. Divide the remainder of the fat into tiny pieces, and place them around the edge of the dish. Place into a brisk oven and bake until the charlotte is a golden brown. "Save bread" is the patriot's motto.

Call for Women and Boys.

Portland, Ore., June 11.—(United Press)—Foresighted employers today are hunting women and boys and men who are not subject to conscription to fill vacancies caused by the draft. Strong boys from 15 to 19 years old are offered wages equal to what were once considered good pay for a man. Local employment officers report today that the demand for girls, women, boys and men past 30 is stronger than ever before and that employers are offering unheard-of wages.

AL LINDSAY ATTEMPTS TO KILL WIFE

IN FIT OF JEALOUS RAGE HE ATTACKS WIFE AND THEN TURNS KNIFE ON HIMSELF

WIFE'S MOTHER AND SISTER ARE PRESENT AT TIME

Both Are Well Known In Community and Have Been Married But Short Time—Lindsay Was An Employee Of O.-W. R. & N.

Last Saturday night La Grande was shocked by the news of an attempted murder and near suicide. Al Lindsay, a young man well known in the city, in a fit of jealousy struck his wife over the head with a butcher knife and inflicted a severe scalp wound. Then with the intention of ending his own life, he cut his throat almost severing his windpipe at the larynx.

Mrs. Lindsay's mother, Mrs. Potts and sister, Mrs. Percy Lambert, were present at the time and in the struggle that followed Mrs. Lambert was wounded on the hand. The screams of the women brought in the neighbors but too late to stop the tragedy. Lindsay fully realizes his crime and only asks that he be left to die.

The Lindsays have been married about two years and lately their domestic life has not been very harmonious. Saturday night during a slight argument, Mrs. Lindsay mentioned that a divorce would be preferable to their present way of living. At this Lindsay became crazed and seizing the butcher knife that was lying on the table he attacked his wife.

Lindsay is in a very serious condition and although he is not expected to live there is a possibility of his recovery. Four stitches were taken to close the wound on Mrs. Lindsay's head and although she is not in any danger, she is in a very nervous condition as the result of the excitement she has gone through. Both are at the hospital.

Lindsay is the son of Aleck Lindsay, a farmer well known in this district. At the time of the tragedy Lindsay was an employee in the local office of the O.-W. R. & N. railroad.

STEPS TAKEN TO FORM DRAINAGE DISTRICT

FARMERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS APPOINT COMMITTEE TO PROCEED TO SOLVE OVERFLOWED LAND PROBLEM

The mass meeting of farmers and land owners interested in the overflowed land problems in Union county at the city hall La Grande, Saturday, resulted in preliminary steps being taken to forming a drainage district to prevent damage by high water in the future.

The meeting was called by the Observer at the request of interested property owners. There was a large attendance and a serious purpose manifested to take remedial action. The meeting was called to order by Clarke Leiter, editor of the Observer, who called for nominations for temporary chairman. John Wells was unanimously chosen temporary chairman and Rhea Luper temporary secretary. The meeting was addressed by George T. Cochran, water commissioner, who explained the procedure necessary to form a drainage district. The problem of deepening the channel of the Grande Ronde river and removing a reef of rocks at the lower end of the valley was discussed.

It was decided to appoint a committee to secure the necessary data and petitions to the county court for the formation of a drainage district and to take the necessary steps to hold an election by the property owners to be benefited. This committee consists of Cap. Tuttle, Ad. Muir, Nip Conley, Edwin Morrison and L. A. Stringham. Another meeting will be held a week from today in George T. Cochran's office to receive the first report of the committee. This committee will also take subscriptions to defray the preliminary expenses.

It was the consensus of opinion that the remedial steps if determined feasible should be undertaken at once.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED BY OLDER GIRLS

MISS IRENE BUSICK OF UNION IS ELECTED PRESIDENT AND MISS McCULLY OF JOSEPH VICE PRESIDENT

MRS. M. A. DANENHOWER DELIVERS GOOD ADDRESS

A Delicious Banquet Was Served Girls Saturday Evening by City Churches—Conference Closed Sunday Evening by Address of Rev. Chas. A. Phipps.

Election of officers for the Fourth Older Girls' conference took place Saturday afternoon. The officers of the last year having been mostly filled by La Grande girls, no La Grande girls were allowed to be nominated for the succeeding year. The new officers elect are: President, Miss Irene Busick, of Union; vice president, Miss Evadne McCully of Joseph; secretary, Miss Grace Hall, of Walla. Immediately following the election of officers, reports were given on each church from each town regarding their past aims and efforts in their work.

Mrs. M. A. Danenhower, of Portland, then delivered a splendid address which was followed by a vocal solo by Miss Pansy Van Housen, of Alice. Miss Evadne McCully of Joseph, gave an address. Miss Eleanor Davis of Union rendered a solo. Miss Julia Steinvender of Walla gave her address followed by a vocal solo by Marie Love which completed the afternoon session. At 6:30 in the evening a delicious banquet was served by the ladies of the different churches of the city to the delegates to the Older Girls' conference. A musical program and toasts were given. This closed the day for Saturday.

Sunday morning the delegates adjourned to the churches of the city where they attended with their hostesses. At 3 p. m. the girls' meeting was held, the leader for this meeting being Miss Olive Childers. At the same hour Mrs. M. A. Danenhower met with the women of the city. The Union meeting was held in the conference church in the evening and was conducted by the conference president. Scripture reading and prayer was given by the Rev. Chas. A. Edwards. The report of the resolution committee was then read after which the address of the evening was delivered by the Rev. Charles A. Phipps, General Secretary of State Sunday Schools. Last, the most impressive part of conference, the fellowship circle was formed. All delegates joined hands and encircled the audience and sang the closing hymn, the benediction closing the 1917 Older Girls' conference in La Grande. The delegates were escorted to the trains by their hosts and hostesses. Most of them are leaving today.

DISCLOSURES MADE BEFORE NAVAL BODY

SENATOR FRELINGHUYSEN RECEIVES ANONYMOUS LETTER CONTAINING SPECIFIC REFERENCES.

Washington, June 11.—(United Press)—Following sensational disclosures made before the senate naval affairs committee, a sweeping investigation is ordered of charges of defects in the ordinance and ammunition departments.

The news was communicated to Senator Frelinghuyden that Daniels charged there was a spy and traitor in navy department. Senator Frelinghuyden received anonymous letters containing specific references to confidential documents. It is strongly intimated that a discharged and disgruntled employe wrote the letter.

The Wheat Market. Chicago, June 11.—(United Press)—The wheat market: July—Open \$2.34; high \$2.39; low \$2.28; close \$2.38. Sept.—Open 2.02 1-4; high \$2.10; low \$1.98; close \$2.09.

Portland, June 11.—(United Press)—The wheat market: Club \$2.57; bluestem \$2.02.

LOCAL EXEMPTION BOARDS TO CONSIST OF OFFICERS

SAN DOMINGO BREAKS RELATIONS WITH GERMANY

London, June 11.—(United Press)—San Domingo has broken diplomatic relations with Germany.

Ten More Miners Are Found Alive

Butte, June 11.—(United Press)—Ten more entombed miners were found alive and rescued in the twenty-two hundred foot level of the Speculator mine. Only eighty men are now unaccounted for. The rescuers are working desperately.

The Weather.

Portland, June 11.—(United Press)—The U. S. weather forecast: "Fair and warmer."

GENERAL HAIG MAKES ANOTHER SLIGHT ADVANCE

BATTLE OF MESSINES ENCOURAGES BELIEF THAT WAR WILL BE DECIDED IN THE AIR

London, June 11.—(United Press)—General Haig advanced slightly toward the Messines ridge, it was reported. It is estimated that the Messines victory cost the British under ten thousand men. German prisoners put their own losses at thirty-five thousand.

This battle encourages the belief that the war may be decided in the air. It is declared that airmen outweighed all other factors in the Messines' battle.

American Vessel Sunk By Submarine Bombs

London, June 11.—(United Press)—Submarine bombs and gun fire sunk the American vessel Magnus Manson, it was formally reported. The crew reached Caro safely.

La Grande Gun Club Wins In State Shoot

A telegram was received from the Oregonian this morning stating that the La Grande Gun Club had won the state championship in the Oregonian contest with a score of 123 out of 125 which was made by the local gunners yesterday. Details in full will be received tomorrow.

COLUMBIA RUSHES MEDICAL WORK

New York, June 11.—(United Press)—Because of the urgent need for additional medical men, on account of the war, 116 students, members of the third class at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, took up their fourth year work today. The class will be graduated about Jan. 15. The first and second year classes are continuing under normal conditions.

LA GRANDE DAY AT THE STOCK SHOW

The Commercial Club would like all business houses to close on Thursday noon, that a large delegation from this city may attend the stock show at Union, as this day is set aside as La Grande Day, and the local lodge of Elks is going to put on their flag exercises. Special train has been provided for the occasion. Turn out and make it a big day.

FRED. J. HOLMES, Pres. Commercial Club.

SHERIFF, COUNTY CLERK, AND COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER TO FORM LOCAL BOARDS OF EXEMPTION.

REGISTRATION BOARD ACTS IN LARGE CITIES

Men Rejected by Board Physician in Small Towns Undergo a Second Examination From Another Physician Announcement Rules Soon Expected.

Washington, June 11.—(United Press)—A general plan for local exemption boards to sort out men for selective service has practically been adopted. A registration board, consisting of the sheriff, county clerk and county health officer, form the local exemption board in cities of over thirty thousand, the registration board become the exemption board.

Governors of each state are authorized to submit suggestions for changes where the personnel of the board proves manifestly unsatisfactory. The war department asked governors for suggestions and to state changes they desire.

Each local exemption board must have a physician who gives the first test. When men are rejected the board must summon another physician who also examines the applicant. If the decision of the second doctor is the same as that of the first the man will be declared unfit. Any regular physician may be a member of the exemption board but it is probable that the county or city physician will act in most instances. Announcement rules guiding exemption boards are soon expected.

ADVANCE GUARD OF GENERAL PERSHING REACHED PARIS TODAY

Paris, June 11.—(United Press)—Colonels McCarthy, Taylor and Ireland and Captains Dunn and Moore, the advance guard of Pershing's staff, reached Paris today. Paris is planning a tremendous reception to General Pershing.

OW-EMPLOYEES ARE BUYING LIBERTY BONDS

Their Subscription For \$34,200 Worth Brings Total Received By Local Banks Up To \$60,000.

Superintendent William Bollons, through the La Grande agent, J. H. Keeney of the O.-W. R. & N. Co., today turned into the La Grande National Bank and the United States National Bank the subscriptions of O.-W. employes for \$34,200 of Liberty Loan Bonds. This brings up the total subscriptions received by the La Grande banks up to over \$60,000. The banks are ready and willing to act for anyone wishing to make a subscription, large or small.

The O.-W. R. & N. employes have certainly made a splendid record. The office employes registered 100 per cent efficient in subscribing to the bonds. Every office employe of the division here has subscribed to at least one bond. The lowest denomination is \$50. In the other branches of the O.-W. service here the percentages of those subscribing is about 85 per cent. Subscriptions are coming in every day, however, and it is probable that the other departments will come up to the record of the office employes before Friday.

TAFT SPEAKS AT SESSION OF CONFERENCE

Pittsburg, June 11.—(United Press)—All sessions of the Forty-fourth National Conference of Charities and Corrections, now meeting at the William Penn hotel, adjourned at noon today, so the 2500 or more delegates could hear William Howard Taft speak on "International Adjustment After the War." The former president's address occupied the attention of the entire conference this afternoon to the exclusion of all other business.