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## UNION'S BIG STOCK SHOW TOMORROW

### ALLIES AT-TACK ALONG WHOLE LINE

GENERAL HAIG FORCES RELINQUISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL BELGIAN TERRITORY.

### ITALY LAUNCHES ANOTHER OFFENSIVE IN TRENTINO

Austria Forced to Mass Great Forces at Carso Front and Also Send Reserves to Trentino—It Is Still Hoped Russia May Take Part.

London, June 12.—(United Press)—The Allies are squeezing the Teutons everywhere along the western front with an increasing strength.

General Haig forced the relinquishment of an additional patch of Belgian territory. The French have increased the pressure at the base of the Hindenburg line. All artillery is active.

Italy has apparently launched another offensive in Trentino. Austria is forced to keep great forces constantly massed at the Carso front and likewise must hurry reserves to Trentino. It is still hoped that Russia may be revived into active participation in the fighting. It is reported that Germany fears the effect of President Wilson's message to Russia.

### Germans Unorganized.

London, June 12.—(United Press)—Since the battle of Messines, the Germans have attempted only one counter attack. Aeroplane observers and recently taken prisoners, say the Germans are unorganized after the staggering blow administered them last Thursday. The Germans vigorously shelled the British positions from long range guns.

"The full effect of the victory can not be estimated," General Haig stated. "The British losses are gratifyingly light. Nothing can save the enemy from a complete defeat. It is only a question of how much longer the Germans can endure the repetition of such blows."

### SHORTAGE OF TRANSPORTS BIG PROBLEM

GOVERNMENT CONTEMPLATES SENDING SMALL UNITS OF WELL TRAINED TROOPS

Washington, June 12.—(United Press)—Shortage of ships suitable for use as military transports constitutes a big problem which must be solved by America's war chiefs.

It is admitted that the dispatch of the new army may be delayed. The mere transporting of the soldiers is only part of the problem, inasmuch as the men must be constantly supplied with food, clothing, artillery and other equipment.

The government contemplates the dispatch of comparatively small units, composed of well trained men.

### RUSSIAN ARTILLERY FIRES THE TEUTON HEADQUARTERS

Petrograd, June 12.—(United Press)—The Russian artillery set fire to the Teuton staff headquarters at Meerishki, it is officially reported.

### The Weather.

Portland, June 12.—(United Press)—The U. S. weather forecast: "Fair, variable winds."

### Grange Holds Convention.

Astoria, Ore., June 11.—(United Press)—Five hundred delegates from every corner of Oregon gathered here today to attend the annual convention of the state grange.

### American Army Medical Unit Arrives In France

Paris, June 12.—(United Press)—An American army medical unit, comprising one hundred and fifty men and seventy-five women, arrived in France today, it was announced. The unit is from Chicago. The members were accorded a hearty welcome.

### No Russian Dares Mention Separate Peace

Petrograd, June 12.—(United Press)—Not a man in the Russian army dares to speak of a separate peace. He would be shot instantly by his comrades, declared Nicholas Nakhoff, ex-New York editor, who has just returned from the front.

### LA GRANDE IS TO RAISE RED CROSS FUND

UNION IS TO RAISE \$1500, ELGIN \$1500, LA GRANDE \$15,000 BY CANVAS OF CITIES AND SURROUNDING COUNTRY

La Grande's and Union county's share in the \$100,000,000 dollars to be raised for the Red Cross War Fund is to be the sum of \$18,000 and plans for raising the money were discussed at the luncheon today. This sum will be raised by a canvas of city and county. Chairman Dr. M. K. Hall called on Fred J. Holmes who gave a splendid talk on the work as discussed at the State convention Monday the 4th in Portland. During this campaign week which will be from June 18th until the 25th, Oregon must raise \$600,000 for this benefit, \$400,000 to be raised outside of Portland. Union county's share will be \$18,000 out of this the sum of \$15,000 will be raised in La Grande and surrounding country.

Union and Elgin each have been allotted the sum of \$1500 which they will raise in their cities and surrounding country.

In part Mr. Holmes said that "La Grande would raise the amount but that all would have to give, and every person would be solicited to help." He said there could be "no slackers or pikers but all must help by steady work, and to accomplish it we must think of all we can do and not what little we can do and stand behind the boys who are offering their lives in the trenches."

The campaign begins with a dinner next Monday night at which every man interested should be present. A luncheon will also be given each day of the week during the campaign at which reports will be read. A general chairman for the management of the committee was appointed in the person of Fred J. Holmes. General manager of the campaign was filled by Secretary J. Garfield King, of the Y. M. C. A. whose duties through cooperation with the general chairman will be to select the heads of the campaign in the persons of committees. Mr. King said that it was a big undertaking but stated that 79 La Grande boys were sworn into service in the Hospital Corps last evening; it was the duty of all to do a whole lot for the local boys by helping in this campaign, he said.

Rev. C. A. Edwards stated that it was an honor for us as citizens to be asked by the President of the United States to help raise this amount and that the war we were up against now was a gigantic task as compared with the Civil war.

Judge Knowles quoted that the "United States expected every man and woman to do his or her duty."

Other quotations from men present were:

Fred Meyers, "I am very anxious to see the project succeed; it is a great work."

T. J. Scroggin, "I believe there is no question in the world but what La Grande can raise the amount during that week."

The next Tuesday's luncheon will be the first business men's luncheon under this new plan and will be in charge of Mr. J. G. King and will be held at whatever place he shall designate.

### OPENING OF NINTH ANNUAL SHOW PROMISES BIG THINGS

150 Head of Cattle and 200 Head of Horses Are Already Stabled—Track Is In Fine Shape—Barns Are Rebuilt and City Is Ready to Receive Visitors With Open Arms—La Grande Day Is Next Thursday.

Tomorrow, June 13th will be a big day in Union, marking the opening of their 9th Annual Livestock show. The Livestock association reports the arrival of about 150 head of cattle, 200 head of horses for exhibit already entered. This early they have made a big showing and the arrival of stock forecast a greater show than any previous time.

The track is in fine shape for the races, the grounds and barns being built up and in all Union is putting on a polish and building up a new city to accommodate the visitors for the show. Besides the daily program at the Stock show grounds the evening entertainments offer special attractions. A band concert will be given each evening at the band-stand, a big dance will take place in the old Wollen Mill which has a floor 100 feet by 100 which has recently been put into shape for this event. And last but not least the refreshments; the authorities of the show assure us that there will be all kinds of these; the churches of the city will, following their usual custom, serve meals for the accommodation of visitors.

Thursday, "La Grande's day," Union will be taken by storm by the La Grangers. The Commercial club of this city has requested that all of the business houses of the city close at noon that day. A special train has been provided and the turn out is expected to be a big one.

The local B. P. O. E. Lodge No. 433 will observe their National Flag Day exercises from 12 o'clock until 2 p. m. in front of the band-stand on

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### Last Chance Is Given To Join Hospital Unit at La Grande

At eight o'clock tonight the last chance to join the hospital unit will be a thing of the past. In other words there will be no other last chance as Captain Neer has in mind men outside of La Grande who are just waiting the chance to complete the required number. Captain Neer feels that La Grande boys should be given first chance so if you want to join, report at Dr. Graham's office tonight between 7 and 8 o'clock.

And there is no need for too many to report as only four men are wanted and only four will be accepted. Last night 69 men signed the muster roll and are now real soldiers subject to military court martial. As only 73 men are needed, it is now a question of preparing for further orders.

Dr. Holt is in Portland today to arrange details regarding the appointment of commissioned officers.

The unit complete consists of one major, two captains, three first lieutenants and the non-coms; three first-class sergeants, six regular sergeants and horseholders, one saddler, one farrier, one mechanic, two cooks, twenty-nine first-class privates and twenty-nine regular privates.

With the exception of three men from Baker, all men mustered in are from La Grande and vicinity.

These men are touring the state in an automobile in the interests of the Liberty Bonds.

Through the courtesy of the Arcade, Sherry's and the Colonial theatres, they will be given an opportunity to address the audiences of the theatres tomorrow evening. A committee on reception consisting of Fred L. Meyers, Clarke Leiter and T. J. Scroggin was appointed to meet the visitors.

It is expected information from Carter would cause the arrest of the leaders in the kidnapping plot.

### Boy Scouts Subscribe For Liberty Bonds

Boy Scout Troop No. 2 showed its patriotism this morning by purchasing a Liberty Bond of fifty dollars. There are twelve boys in the troop besides the scoutmaster, Robert Eakin. There are three troops of boy scouts in La Grande. This troop includes: Robert Eakin, scout master; Gilbert Swart, Jack Rogers, Tommy

### America's Task Is To Produce Aeroplanes

New York, June 12.—(United Press)—The allied victory of Messines ridge was largely possible through the use of aeroplanes which proves conclusively America's immediate and biggest task is to send a hundred thousand aeroplanes and ten thousand air fighters to Europe immediately, said Henry Woodhouse, of the aero club today.

### Registration Million Short Of Estimate

Washington, June 12.—(United Press)—Provost Marshal General Crowder estimated today that the total registration would be five million two hundred and fifty thousand or a million under the original census estimate. It is believed the census estimates were too large. Slackers are thought to be comparatively few.

### HOME GUARD TO BE FORMED AT ONCE

IF TWENTY-FIVE SIGN UP UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT MAY BE OBTAINED.

Formation of an active Home Guard in La Grande is to be taken up at once. For the past six weeks or so a dozen or 15 young men have been undergoing twice-a-week drill under sergeants and corporals from Company M, but the creation of the hospital corps last night depleted the ranks of that nucleus. The purpose now is to be ready to reap the fruits of the measure which became a law this week to the effect that Uncle Sam is to furnish arms and equipment to Home Guards. It is understood that if 25 signatures are obtained, and properly filed, the first step can be taken toward organization. It is proposed to do this at once. At least 100 men will be required in the company and more if possible. The timber of the Home Guards are drawn from such as are not subject to conscription, and married men of the conscription age.

While full and complete details are being obtained from the authorities, volunteers for the Home Guard will be sought so that complete and final organization may be taken within a comparatively short time.

Other Oregon towns already have substantial organizations of this sort in working order. The presence of militiamen in La Grande has tended to remove the necessity of such a body of men here, but now that Company M will unquestionably soon be moved away, those talking up the Home Guard see the urgency of quick action.

### CHINESE MURDER CASE TO BE TOMORROW

STILWELL AND PROPHET OBTAIN VERDICT AGAINST HILL, M'KENNON AND COOLIDGE

The indictment against Chin Ping, Louie Moon, Chong Bing, Ah Sam, Chin Barkey and Ching Lem, the six Chinamen accused of the murder of William Eng on the 13th of March in front of the postoffice building, came up this morning for plea. The attorney for defendants filed demurrers instead of pleading. A number of clerical errors were admitted by the prosecution and demurrer went over until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, when it is expected that the errors

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### LIBERTY LOAN MUST RECEIVE \$690,000,000

ONLY THREE DAYS LEFT TO RAISE AMOUNT NEEDED—EQUALS \$100 PER FAMILY

### OFFICIALS BELIEVE EMERGENCY WILL BE MET

Town of Pella, Iowa, Composed Principally of Americans of Hollandish Descent Subscribers \$40,000 for Each Family.

Washington, June 12.—(United Press)—America must subscribe two hundred and thirty million dollars daily to the Liberty Loan for the remaining three days the books will be held open. The total unsubscribed bonds equal seven dollars for every man, woman and child, or one hundred dollars to every family.

Treasury officials believe that the nation will meet the emergency. The money must come at the rate of ten million dollars hourly. A financial drive is being opened today, to continue during the three remaining days, the result of which, it is believed, will be the full subscribing of the Liberty Loan bonds.

The town of Pella, Iowa, which is composed principally of Americans of Hollandish descent, leads any other city, subscribing forty thousand dollars for each family.

The failure of the Liberty Loan means the possibility that the war might be brought here, said Herbert Quick, of the Federal farm loan board in his statement, urging subscriptions.

### ANTI DRAFT FIGHT STARTS IN MINNESOTA

SOCIALIST DECLARES MEN WILL MAKE BIG DEMONSTRATION AND SURRENDER TO AUTHORITIES.

Minneapolis, June 12.—(United Press)—Eleven thousand unregistered men of Minneapolis and St. Paul will begin an anti-draft fight by surrendering to the authorities in a big demonstration, Abe Sugarman, secretary of the state socialist party, announced.

He declared seven thousand failed to register in Minneapolis and four thousand in St. Paul.

Sugarman is leader of the anti-conscription activities.

### AMERICAN STEAMER IS REPORTED SUBMARINED

Washington, June 12.—(United Press)—A consular telegram today advised the state department that the American steamer Petrolite has been submarined.

A boat containing two officers and eight men has been landed. Two boats are still missing. The state department was not informed of the number of men in the missing boats.

### F.L. MEYERS RETURNS FROM CONVENTION

F. L. Meyers returned this morning from the Oregon Bankers' convention held at Marshfield, Oregon, on June 8th and 9th. It was the opinion of those in attendance that it was one of the most successful conventions yet held. The attendance was large and the addresses were able, instructive, and entertaining.

Ed Cusick, of Albany, was elected

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