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First Day Of La Grande Red Cross Drive Raises \$5000 By Noon

A 3D PART OF THE BIG AMOUNT IN

RED CROSS DRIVE IN FOUR HOURS NETS TOTAL OF OVER FIVE THOUSAND TWO TEAMS NOT HERE TO FILE NOW REPORT

Barely Stopping to Eat a Lunch, Workers Crash Into Their Job With Renewed and Stimulated Interest When First Noon-Day Reports Are Read.

Crashing into the Red Cross campaign with mighty blows, eight of the 10 La Grande teams out after subscriptions in the \$15,000 drive reported \$5,001.38 subscribed up to the noon hour today.

The first four hours' work netted a third of all that is to be raised.

To add stimulus to the second day of the campaign which began at noon today and runs into noon tomorrow, liberal nest eggs were gleamed at the luncheon in the Sommer hotel after the collections prior to noon had been reported.

Fully three score of men and women who began at 8 o'clock this morning, barely took off time to eat a lunch and then went at it again. The first four hours developed into a keen race between the teams. The fact that the Grande Ronde Lumber company and Dr. A. L. Richardson's team did not report of course held down the total figures of what has actually been solicited. These amounts will be added tomorrow when the workers meet at the Sommer hotel at 12:15 to report the totals to that date.

The teams brought back much cash. Many of the givers signed checks and approximately two thirds of the subscriptions coming in from businessmen are in the forms or checks in full.

When General Manager King commenced to read off the reports the workers took a new grip on the job and before the reports were over the men were shouting their approval in such lusty fashion that the echoes were heard blocks away. The Neighborhood club with a collection of \$580 in small amounts elicited three healthy cheers.

G. L. Larison's team with a total of \$1499 was in the lead today.

Other team reports were: D. H. Jesse, railroad team \$178. George Palmer Lumber Co., \$161. Rev. G. L. Clark's team \$515. Rev. Chas. A. Edwards \$792. W. R. Jones \$382. E. Polack's team \$393. Total \$5,001.38.

Even before the janitor had the Y. M. C. A. doors open this morning, captains and workers in the Red Cross drive were clamoring for admission.

While men of big affairs forsook their own businesses, the final and last word of instructions were given by General Manager King.

With an air of confidence permeating the gymnasium of the Y. M. C. A. where the headquarters are, the men and women went forth to conquer.

There was no driving anywhere—the teams were going at high gear from the start and the dash and vim with which the teams took hold of the morning's work can mean but one thing—ultimate success.

With the teams in the proper key of enthusiasm, with the intricate machinery oiled and primed, there remains yet the willingness of the public to give.

Make Checks to Banks. Simply calling attention to the oft-repeated and now well-known reasons which make it a patriotic and humanitarian duty for every family, poor and rich, to give the most possible to the cause, the committee in charge of the drive today again calls for subscriptions from every section of the city.

In making the checks out in payment of subscriptions make them payable to either of the two banks in the city.

The subscriptions can be met in four payments, one July 1, another August 4th, the third September 1st and the balance October 1st.

Be ready to give when the workers come.

Allies Preparing New Drive In Macedonia

London, June 19.—(United Press)—A now allied offensive along the Macedonian front is believed to be near because of the radical re-arrangements of the French and British forces in Northern Greece and Macedonia. The British withdrew from St. Rums because of health conditions there.

SPAIN MAY BE FORMING A REPUBLIC

NEWS SIFTING PAST SPANISH CENSORSHIP GIVES HINT OF CONTROL BY ANTI-GERMAN PARTY.

KING ALFONSO COMMANDS RESPECT OF HIS PEOPLE

Fight Is Not Against King But Against German Control of Ministers and Court—It Is Indicated That the Anti-German Party Have Effected a Combination.

London, June 19.—(United Press)—A republic may be forming in Spain according to meagre advice sifting through the Spanish censorship. King Alfonso commands the respect and confidence of the people but the anti-monarchists are aiming at German influence over the Spanish Ministers and the German domination of the court.

An economic unrest is contributing toward the furthering of a republican movement. It is indicated that the anti-government forces affected a combination and formally announced their determination to force changes which will make the sovereign will of the people prevail. The anti-government parties heretofore have been unable to unite. Recent reports say that a new Ministry is violently pro-German. This fact combined with the paralysis of industry throughout the country has brought all factions together.

Reynolds And Henderson Win

J. E. Reynolds, chairman of the Board of Education, was re-elected as school director yesterday with 382 votes.

The successor of the retiring director L. P. Day, who resides near the Greenwood school, will be C. E. Henderson also residing in that neighborhood.

"Speed 'em Up," La Grande's motto, has been changed to "Speed 'em Down" by the traffic officers.

DINNER AND ORATORY SPUR WORKERS TO A HIGH PITCH

Eighty Men And Women Attend Banquet And Prepare For Opening Of The Great Red Cross Campaign Today

SOME HIGH LIGHTS IN DRIVE 1ST DAY.

Workers recall to the citizens who are asked to give that: British, French and Belgian wounded can be sent home when convalescent, but Americans in Europe must recover in convalescent hospitals, built by the Red Cross.

That mothers, wives and orphans of American soldiers dead will be cared for when in need by such subscriptions as La Grande is giving.

That in this war some must give blood and some money;

That the Universal Service of Mercy can minister to our sick and wounded soldiers abroad only so efficiently as funds allow.

That sacrifice is essential if La Grande wins the battle it is now so gloriously engaged in.

That donations can be paid in four installments.

Féasted, fed up on oratory, alert and alive to the job, spurred to united action, 80 men and women last evening dined at the Sommer hotel to unlimber the first big guns in the city and county phase of the national Red Cross campaign to raise \$100,000,000 the present week.

It was an inspiring meeting, and having been inspired the workers went out this morning to persevere, to accomplish that which had been assigned to them.

Other meetings of high import have been held ere this but it is doubtful if any campaign of any sort in La Grande ever got away to so smooth a running start as this one.

Literally every last man and woman beat the gun at the scratch and are lopping around the first curve of a seven-lap course today just as confident that the laurel wreaths will in time be placed with glorious achievement upon the brows of the city of La Grande and county of Union as they are that they are in the contest.

General "Hit 'Em Hard" and Lieutenant Confidence are in full possession and control of the morale of the local army.

General Chairman F. J. Holmes called the gathering to order after the service of dinner. He again went over the mission of the campaign setting out the requirements. Like the wise general that he is, he opened the evening's affairs by calling on a few of the orators present to stimulate the enthusiasm of the workers and later on business and professional men talked of the matters in hand.

There rang through all the brief speeches a tone of confidence that the sum would be subscribed—even sooner than next Monday the time limit of the campaign. Rev. G. L. Clark of the Presbyterian church; Rev. Chas. A. Edwards of the Methodist church; Ed E. Kiddle of Island City; Conductor H. C. Grady; Mrs. Ray W. Logan, of the Neighborhood club; Mrs. E. P. Mossman, of the Civic Welfare committee of the Neighborhood club; Manager Fred B. Currey; T. J. Scroggin, cashier of the U. S. National bank; D. H. Jesse; Dr. A. L. Richardson; Norman Y. Stoddard representing the Grande Ronde Lumber company; J. J. Broughton representing the George Palmer Lumber company; F. L. Meyers, cashier of the La Grande National bank; W. H. Bohnenkamp, Clark Leiter, editor of the Observer, and A. W. Nelson were among those who spoke briefly. By the time the after-dinner speakers had been heard the atmosphere was surcharged with determination to go out and do that which was to be done.

Then the names of some 500 men and women were read off and assigned to teams, and the bidding for the names became spirited indeed so that when the last card had been assigned, it was not only a late hour but there was a marked degree of enthusiasm extant. The effect of the meeting was like a football rally the night before the big game.

Women to Canvass City.

Early this morning the Neighborhood club had itself organized to make a house to house canvass in the 13 precincts of the city. They will take all women's subscriptions and in some respects the Neighborhood club has, by far, the most arduous task of all the teams.



GIVE NOW! THE FEWER OF THESE

THE MORE OF THESE THE RED CROSS MUST HAVE \$100,000,000

To Save Lives of Soldiers and Care For Dependents at Home

OREGON'S SHARE IS \$600,000.00

Four Men Missing Following Attack

New York, June 19.—(United Press)—Four men are missing and are believed to have perished, following the torpedoing of a standard oil tanker John D. Archbold off the French Coast, the local officers at the company were advised today. Fourteen American members were saved.

ONEILL MEETS CHRISTENSEN TONIGHT, 8:30

CLEVER DEMON GRAPPLERS WILL CONTEST FOR THE LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

Tonight at the Arcade Jack O'Neill and Harold Christensen will meet in a finish contest which will decide the mat supremacy of these two famous wrestlers.

No sporting event in the past year has attracted the attention or has been looked forward to with as much interest as the meeting of O'Neill and Christensen. Both are demon wrestlers.

A good preliminary program has been arranged by the management in connection with the big bout.

Kid Swat, the ruby-top freckled fly-weight boxer, and Kid Biff, who boxed the "red-head" to a finish at the Soldiers' show recently, will be the curtain raisers. These miniatures have trained faithfully for this contest and there being only six ounces difference in their weight it would be difficult to predict the winner.

Al Bridges, the two hundred pound boiler-maker-wrestler, and young Roumanofski, who juggles steel rails for the O.-W. for a living, will tangle catch-as-catch can for short session.

Jack Roberts, of Huntington, Ore., and Louis Steiner, lightweight boxing champion of Idaho, will box a two-round exhibition bout.

The picture "Tide of Barnegat" featuring Blanche Sweet will start at 7:30 as usual. The main bout 8:30.

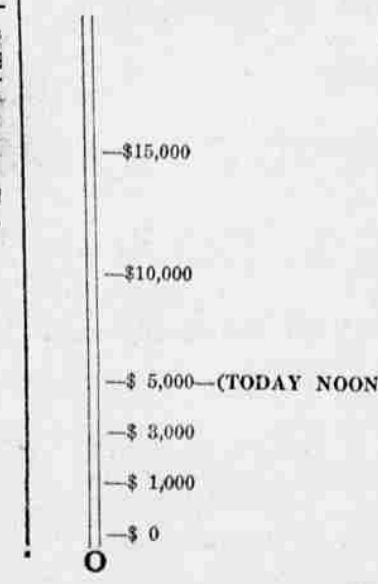
AUSTRIAN AFFAIRS CRITICAL

London, June 19.—(United Press)—Austrian affairs have reached an acute crisis through a formal break by the Poles with the Austrian government, according to dispatches received today from Switzerland. The fall of the ministry with the possibility of far-reaching results may come. The ministry has announced it will not deal with the present cabinet.

Richard Roberts from Huntington, spent the day with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. S. M. Roberts.

WATCH IT CLIMB

LA GRANDE'S AND UNION COUNTY'S RED CROSS CAMPAIGN FUND EXCEPTING UNION & ELGIN DISTRICTS



HOOVER WARNS SENATE ON CONTROL OF FOOD

COST OF LIVING IS BEYOND MEANS OF THOUSANDS—LOSING FORMER EFFICIENCY

HOOVER EXPLAINS MEASURES TO MEMBERS SENATE

"Bill Merely Means Regulating Distributing Machinery to a War Basis.—It Is Our Purpose to Mobilize a Spirit of Self-Denial."

Washington, June 19.—(United Press)—Warning the Senate that food control alone can prevent further tremendous increase in food prices, Herbert Hoover today addressed the members in session. The cost of living ranges far beyond ability of thousands to meet," he said. "We are threatened, as the result of the loss of national efficiency. It is my belief that unless control be inaugurated we shall look back at this moment as one of comparatively moderate prices." Hoover explained the food control measures and declared "we are facing an amazing situation in this country having an entirely sufficient supply with the highest prices in history."

The average prices to consumers in those countries having food control are much lower than in the United States.

"The bill merely means the regulating of the distributing machinery to a war basis, Hoover said. "It is our purpose to mobilize spirit of self-denial and to eliminate waste, which can be done only by self sacrifice on a patriotic volunteer basis. If we can't do this we had better accept the German domination."

WARNINGS GIVEN BY SENATOR STONE TO SENATE

Washington, June 19.—(United Press)—Warning against "cold-blooded attempts to rob the United States treasury" was given by Senator Stone to the senate today. He carried the Denman-Goethals shipping board fight to the floor.

"Goethals contracted for steel at ninety-five dollars per ton and Denman refused these contracts and made tentative contracts at fifty-six dollars a ton," said Senator Stone. "I am compelled to say that I rejoice that such a man as Denman heads the shipping board."

The first war aeroplane bill, carrying an appropriation for six hundred million dollars, is nearing completion, and will be introduced in congress probably Friday, with the War Department's recommendation for a prompt and favorable action.

L.J. Lindsay Is Given Big Reception

Not it wasn't a political parade, a booster jaunt or a rah rah rally. It was only "Dick's" friends meeting him to wish him a long and happy ride on the truck of matrimonial bliss. They say he tried to slip away at the train but Company M was on duty so his chances simmered to nothing.

The facts of the matter is that L. J. Lindsay left for Condon last Saturday night and returned with his bride, formerly Miss Katherine Clarke, last night. While he was gone "Dick's" friends got busy and on his arrival here with Mrs. Lindsay they were met at the train by a reception committee—by the way it was some committee. The railroad boys were out in force, the band was full handed, Company M was well represented and even the town seemed to be out in force. With "Dick" and his blushing bride occupying the seat of honor on the truck, surrounded by the band boys, led by the American colors and followed by tooting autos, ringing bells, bass voices and shrill cries, we must acknowledge it was some reception.

They tell that "Dick" was taken from his bride to a drug store and there our information ceases but rumor has it that the "newlywed" was finally restored to his bride.