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Red Cross Fund Hovers Near \$15,000-Drive Ends Monday

CONGRESS PREPARES ATTACK ON COAL TRUST

SENATE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE PLANS HOLDING HEARINGS ON COAL SITUATION

MAY REGULATE ENTIRE PROBLEM IN ALL PHASES

To Secure Speedy Action Coal Plan May Be Added to Lever Bill--The House and Senate Continue to Debate Lever Bill Today--Senator Stone Holds Floor Most of Time.

Washington, June 22.--(United Press)--Congress is preparing to attack the coal trust. The Senate Interstate Commerce Committee is planning on holding hearings for the government regulating the sale, transportation and distribution of the nation's coal supply during the war.

To secure speedy action a plan may be adopted to amend Lever food control bill which will give the President or the Federal trade commission full power over the coal situation. Confident of the early passage of the food control legislation, Hoover today is shaping the great distribution machinery of the country. A patriotic appeal made to producers, middle men and consumers to voluntarily agree to keep distribution machinery working properly until the Lever bill passes.

The House and Senate continued to debate the Lever bill today. Senator Reed held the floor of the Senate nearly all day. According to the program of the House they will pass the measure tomorrow. It will go before the Senate agricultural committee Monday.

POLICE HAVE STOPPED SUFFRAGE PICKETING

Washington, June 22.--(United Press)--The police have stopped all suffrage picketing. Shortly after the Superintendent of Police Pullman issued the order this morning the police attempted to peacefully dissuade Miss Lucy Berns and Miss Katherine Morey, from carrying a big yellow banner but were not successful. The police took them to headquarters where they were later released.

Speed Em'Up Races Attract Attention

The following letter tells of the plans of Frank Richardson Pierce, a well-known Seattle writer, to visit La Grande during the Speed 'Em Up races and shows the attention that event is attracting in the Northwest: June 29th, 1917.

La Grande Motor Club, La Grande, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Neal:--Am a bit slow in replying to your letter, May 23d, in re the La Grande "Speed 'Em Up". I have been doing a little missionary work for the La Grande races and while I cannot find time to ride over myself, a bunch of the boys are going to ride over, some of them will arrive several days before the races and make a regular vacation of it.

Personally I am coming over by train as special reporter for Motorcycling and Bicycling of Chicago, and the Pacific Motorcyclist of Los Angeles. The fact that these magazines are willing to spend perfectly good money to send a man on a several hundred miles trip show what they think of your race meet. Both magazines expect to devote a good many pages to the story and pictures. I gather this from instructions written me. In fact Motorcycling and Bicycling, inform me they consider it the "Dodge City" event of the year and are going to feature it accordingly which ought to be cheerful news for every rider in the country knows what Dodge City has been in the past.

As soon as I arrive will get in touch with you. I suppose I can count on you to the end that an interesting story of what happens goes to both maga-

REGISTRATION TOTAL CLOSE TO TEN MILLION

Washington, June 22.--(United Press)--Wyoming and Kentucky wired the total of their registration figures. The national total is nine million six hundred and forty-nine thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight.

Attorney Walsh Acts For Paper Consumers

Washington, June 22.--(United Press)--Attorney Frank Walsh, acting for paper consumers, demanded that the Federal Trade Commission immediately exercise the power conferred on it and break up the "illegal combination which is arbitrarily fixing prices on newsprint paper."

SITUATION IN RUSSIA IMPROVING SAYS ROOT

CHAIRMAN OF AMERICAN MISSION THINKS ONLY DANGER LIES WITH POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES OF GERMANY

Petrograd, June 22.--(United Press)--"I find the citizens of Petrograd pessimistic but I think the situation in Russia is improving," declared Chairman Root of the American Mission, to the United Press. "The only danger comes from Germany. The incident of the deportation of the Swiss socialist, Robert Grimm, was very significant. Through the failure of his efforts Germany has lost hope of a separate peace."

The Petrograd press enthusiastically discussed the meagre reports indicating a democratic revolution in Spain.

Fourth Of July Program At Park

Misunderstanding of the Fourth of July program at Riverside park, under direction of the Grande Ronde Chautauqua association has led to confusion as to the actual plan adopted by the directors several weeks ago. The park itself will be open to the public and free to all that day.

If the afternoon program is to be charged for, of which there is doubt, the program and the charge will be confined to the pavilion itself. In the evening a small admission will be charged for those who want to see the master film "Civilization" but that will in no wise interfere with the park, the playgrounds, the picnic centers, the swimming holes or any other feature about the park. To all these the public is most cordially invited.

The citizens and countryside, the directors wish to announce, are most cordially invited to come to the park and be admitted to the grounds free of charge but attendance in charge programs at the pavilions is not compulsory.

The Chautauqua association at no time intended to charge at the park gates for the Natal Day program.

zines. If you can arrange it so I can wander around the pits during the race, visit with the riders before and after, it will help out wonderfully as in this manner I can get the pictures I want as well as the story.

Any suggestions or ideas of your own that you think of and can be worked into the story will help the cause and be appreciated.

While I think of it, what sort of train service is there between Walla Walla and La Grande, how long does it take to make the trip, etc. Some of the Seattle boys are also unable to take sufficient time off and may come over by train instead of riding, will excursion rates be extended as far as Seattle?

That is all I can think of at present. If you wish I will prepare a list of Seattle riders for your mailing list, though most of them, of course, are talking La Grande and have read the

KEEP THINGS GOING APPEAL RED CROSS CHIEFS

La Grande Committee Will Keep At Work Until Monday Night--Amount Subscribed Is In Neighborhood Of \$15,000--Another Thousand Or Two Will Be Needed.

National Red Cross committee generals are sending out appeals to all the large centers of the United States to keep up the drive for Red Cross subscriptions even if the allotments are raised.

This news this morning stimulated local committees which have been going at rather an easy gait since yesterday noon, to get out and hustle.

Pendleton, Baker and other larger cities of Oregon are responding to the call for oversubscriptions and the

COVE RAISES \$1200 FOR RED CROSS

CITIZENS, YOUNG AND OLD, SHOW SPLENDID SPIRIT AND QUICKLY RAISE BIG SUM

Cove, June 22.--(Special)--Cove has raised \$1200 for the Red Cross. This was done very quickly.

At the start, rather than be merged in with Union County and La Grande, Cove citizens voluntarily decided upon an apportionment for themselves of \$750. The first meeting was held Monday evening at the Baptist church. Twenty-nine members were received and \$175 raised mostly in cash.

But Cove underestimated her own ability in this worthy cause. The campaign was continued Tuesday and Wednesday. Everyone gave liberally and by Wednesday the committees had raised \$800.

So Cove went ahead and raised her own apportionment again.

Last night the campaign came to a close with an open air banquet at which four hundred were present and their purse strings were loosened by the alimentary canal route.

Before the banquet was over the new apportionment of \$1200 was in sight and the citizens were correspondingly elated. The \$1200 fund was completed today.

EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION TO MEET AT PENDLETON

Pendleton, Ore., June 22.--(United Press)--A special Round-Up program, a trip to Bingham Springs and a banquet will feature the annual convention of the Oregon State Editorial association which will be held here July 13 and 15. The program, now completed, includes a number of interesting discussions of the newspaper business during war times.

Women Rule Election.

Toledo, Or., June 22.--The women elected the day at the annual school election here Monday, electing Mrs. Edith Howell as director for three years, and Mrs. Esther Anderson as clerk for one year.

Bone-Dry Law Suspended.

Spokane, June 22.--(Special)--Superior Judge Hurn decided that the filing of the referendum petition with the secretary of state suspended the operation of the Washington "bone-dry" law. The auditor immediately reopened the liquor permit department and permits can now be obtained until July 1, when the National law makes shipment illegal.

poster which is in all the local motorcycle places. Yours for a speedy "Speed 'Em Up" FRANK RICHARDSON PIERCE.

American Flag Flies Over Base Hospitals

British Headquarters, June 22.--(United Press)--The American flag flies over six base hospitals in widely scattered parts of the French war zone. American physicians replaced the British physicians and American women nurses are ministering to the wounded.

Found With Bullet Hole Through Head

Seattle, Wash., June 22.--(United Press)--Arthur Norman, a civil engineer for the Stone Webster company, was found in the back yard of his home this morning with a bullet hole through his head. His wife believes that a burglar shot Norman.

MEASURE IS SWEEPING IN APPLICATION

ALMOST ALL OF LIFE'S NECESSITIES INCLUDED IN THE BORAH MEASURE

Washington, D. C., June 22.--(United Press)--A sweeping measure authorizing the federal trade commission upon the direction of the President to fix the prices of life's necessities was introduced by Senator Borah today. Steel, coal, oil, farm implements, fertilizers, meats, bread, flour and other foods and articles of clothing, and of farmers and wage earners wear are included in the list.

PORTLAND PASSES TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND MARK

Portland, June 22.--(United Press)--Portland this afternoon passed the two hundred thousand dollar Red Cross allotment. Raised two hundred and thirty-two thousand three hundred and sixty dollars. The city and state together raised five hundred and four thousand five hundred and thirty-eight dollars. Portland has subscribed forty-five thousand five hundred and sixty-six dollars within the last twenty-four hours. The campaign here continues.

Red Cross Fund Expected To Exceed Mark

Washington, June 22.--(United Press)--The hundred million dollar Red Cross mark which was originally fixed will be greatly exceeded by Monday night if present returns continue to come in. It is expected that the seven million five hundred thousand dollar stage is passed today.

Marines Are Recruiting.

Washington, June 22.--(Special)--Men who registered on June 5 under the selective draft law are at liberty to enlist in the U. S. Marines at any time prior to their selection for military service, while any man of registration age who failed to register will not be accepted for enlistment with the "Soldiers of the Sea," it was announced at Marine Corps Headquarters today.

Recruiting officials say this "first to fight" organization will reach its authorized strength of 30,000 men before the close of the present month, after which a waiting list for enlistment will be maintained.

Pioneer Day Program.

Fred J. Holmes has appointed Mrs. Mae Wood chairman of the program committee of the Pioneers' Day, July 5, at the Chautauqua grounds. Those wishing to confer with regard to program matters, should consult with Mrs. Wood.

GERMANS BELIEVE SUBMARINES WILL WIN

NO DISCOMFORTS, INCIDENT TO ACHIEVING OF A SUBMARINE SUCCESS, ARE TOO GREAT

Copenhagen, June 22.--(United Press)--Berlin and all Germany are submarine mad. Men and women with faces pinched for lack of adequate food are heroically and single-mindedly fixed in their belief that a thousand submarines will win the war for the Kaiser. No discomforts incident to the achieving of this success are too great.

This picture of Germany, contained in letter, was received by a friend of a high German official. Despite the lack of food the writer declared the Germans had complete confidence in the submarine mastery of the war.

AMERICAN FREIGHTER PROBABLY SINKS SUB.

Baltimore, June 22.--(United Press)--One or more of nineteen shots fired at the periscope by the gun crew of the American armed freighter Norline is believed to have reached its mark.

The Norline arrived at an American port today. Captain Foster believes the submarine was sunk. He said the super-structure of the submarine was completely wrecked.

State Fire Marshal Appeal Sane Fourth

Salem, June 22.--(United Press)--Fearing that persons plotting destruction might take advantage of the Fourth of July celebrations to throw bombs and start fires, calling the results accidents, Fire Marshal Wells appealed today to the patriotic citizens of Oregon to use extra precautions this independence day.

BRITISH RAID SCATTERED ED POINTS ALONG LINE

London, June 22.--(United Press)--The British successfully raided widely scattered points along the German line, General Haig reported. A number of Germans were killed and wounded. A few positions were captured.

UNION NEWS ITEMS.

Boys of Company M Are Guests at Banquet Given in Their Honor by Union Livestock Association.

Union, Oregon, June 22.--(Special)--The boys of Company M were guests at a banquet and dance Wednesday evening given in their honor by the Union Livestock Show association. Miss Eleanor Davis and Mrs. Edith Pih were the soloists of the occasion. The boys did ample justice to the sumptuous spread and showed their appreciation in every way. Let us here say that we appreciated the visit of the boys to the fullest extent. They represent the flower of the land, who in offering their services to their country are making the supreme sacrifice. After the feed Tony Smith entertained the crowd with some comedy stunts which were greeted with roars of laughter, and the male quartet of Company M gave several numbers which were greatly appreciated by all. Concluding the program at the hall was "The Star-Spangled Banner" sung by all. At the dance hall, everything was very informal and everyone took part. The civilians present were rather left "out in the cold" so to speak, for the soldiers were lions of the hour. We hope that it will be possible for those who were not able to attend Wednesday night to do so over before they leave La Grande. The comrades of the Civil and Spanish-American wars were also guests of honor at the banquet.

The Weather.

Portland, June 22.--(United Press)--The U. S. weather forecast, cloudy, easterly winds.