

CHEERS GREET RUSSIAN MINISTER IN HOUSE

HEAD OF RUSSIAN MISSION AND NEW U. S. AMBASSADOR APPEAR BEFORE HOUSE.

SAYS RUSSIA WANTS NO SEPARATE PEACE

Russia Favors the Establishment of a Firm and Lasting Peace Between Democratic Nations—German Autocracy Renders Such a Peace Impossible.

Washington, June 23.—(United Press)—A storm of cheers greeted Boris Bakmetieff, head of the Russian Mission and new Ambassador to the United States when he told the House that Russia would reject any ideas of a separate peace. He declared that the statement that Russians want a separate peace has no foundation. He further stated that Russia favored an establishment of a firm and lasting peace between democratic nations.

"The German autocracy renders such a peace impossible," he declared. "New Russia is organizing armies for action in common with the allies."

R. W. LEIGHTON BUYS BACK HIS GARAGE

FOUNDER AND FORMER OWNER OF LEIGHTON'S GARAGE PURCHASES BUSINESS FROM JOHN E. ANDERSON

R. W. Leighton, founder and former owner of the Leighton garage is again proprietor of that institution, having purchased the business back from John E. Anderson to whom he sold the garage several months ago. Mr. Anderson, however, does not leave the institution entirely as he and Mr. Leighton have an agreement whereby Mr. Anderson is to operate the sales department of the Maxwell car in the Leighton garage, and Mr. Leighton in turn provides service for Maxwell car owners. During the time Mr. Anderson owned the plant Mr. Leighton was engaged in battery and welding work in the same plant and these branches will be continued as usual.

"Yes, the ownership has changed hands," said Mr. Leighton today when interviewed on the subject. "Mr. Anderson's pleasant associations with the plant, however, will continue in the sales department and while he is to remain with us in that respect the two branches of the garage are wholly divorced."

The Leighton garage was founded early in the life of the present automobile age and while not the oldest in town is one of the first modern and fully equipped garages in this section of the country.

North Powder News

Chautauqua Opened Thursday—Priscilla Club Meets—Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Gorham Have a Boy—Chris Garwood Seriously Ill—Large Crowd Attends Chautauqua—Dr. Law Victim of Miscreant.

North Powder, Ore., June 21.—(Special)—The North Powder Chautauqua opened on June 21st with a good crowd in attendance. The morning was devoted to the Juniors and they were highly entertained and delighted with their part of it. The story telling being their special delight. The afternoon was filled in by the Treble club and a lecture by the Supt. Mr. Hovis. The Treble club did all the entertaining in the evening as Mr. Jones got lost on his way to take the train from Cambridge, Idaho, and did not get in time to fill his part of the program. A large crowd greeted the young ladies who know well how to entertain a crowd. The

Two Militant Pickets Arrested By Police

Washington, June 23.—(United Press)—Escaping the police outside the suffrage headquarters, two militant pickets bore a banner to the White House. Policemen arrested them. Police called the affair a surprise attack.

GERMANS TRY VIOLENT COUNTER OFFENSIVE

FRENCH OFFICIAL STATEMENT DECLARES OFFENSIVE IS EVERYWHERE FRUITLESS

ENEMY LOSSES HEAVY FRENCH SUCCESSFUL

Fighting Extends Along Front of Eighteen Miles—Scattered Drives Along Various Points Where French Commanded High Ground, Consolidated Into a General Drive.

Paris, June 23.—(United Press)—Germany's assault against the French lines reached a stage of general counter offensive with violent fighting around Vauxeillon, Filain, Royer, Friedmont, Chavigny, Chevreux and other points. The French official statement declared that the offensive was everywhere fruitless.

The enemy losses were heavy. The French raids were successful.

For nearly a week the Germans have apparently been preparing a powerful drive where the French fought their way in near Laon. The fighting extended over a front of eighteen miles. Three days ago the Germans began making powerful drives along various points where French commanded the higher ground. These scattered attacks today consolidated into a co-ordinated general drive.

Violent night bombardments preceded the offensive.

OREGON'S RED CROSS ALLOTMENT \$800,000

Portland, Ore., June 23.—(United Press)—The Red Cross campaigners determined voluntarily to increase Oregon's allotment from \$600,000 to \$800,000. The state, excluding Portland, raised three hundred and forty-eight thousand, according to today's totals.

Sherman and Wasco counties were asked to raise fifteen thousand dollars each but reported a total of sixty-one thousand and eighty-seven dollars today.

Chautauqua is being well supported by the local people and the promoters feel encouraged at the support they are getting at the opening.

Mrs. Martin Pierce and Mrs. Riley Dalton entertained their friends at a party at the Bungalow theatre recently. Five hundred was indulged in until midnight when a midnight luncheon was served. A large number were present and an enjoyable time is reported.

The Priscilla club met at the home of Mrs. Will Pearson last week out in the River Dale section. Five hundred was played. First prize went to Mrs. Ben Hoover and the consolation to Mrs. Herman White. Refreshments were served to an appreciative crowd after a long auto ride. Some of the ladies claimed that one of the autos carried down in the mud and they carried enough debris to get it out to hard surface the roads so that there has been no trouble since at that place.

A large number of people in North Powder and vicinity attended the stock show and several attended two and three days. The report a good time and only hope that the Union People will return the compliment and attend the Chautauqua.

The birth of a boy is reported to Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Gorham on the 9th of June.

Homer Carnes is one of the progressive ranchers in this section. He has planted fifteen acres of potatoes.

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RED CROSS WORK IS STILL GOING ON

Managers Of Big Drive Are Confident That Union County Will Make Splendid Showing-If You Haven't Been Solicited, Give Voluntarily-Big Banquet Is Monday Night At Which Final Reports Will Be Received.

While it is yet too early to gloat over what seems certain to be a creditable victory, ardent workers and friends generally of the Red Cross drive, both here and in the county at large, confidently anticipate that if the teams will still keep on going until the last minute and the public not yet solicited freely offers its donations, the sum total given in and about La Grande, and the other centers of Union County, will be entirely to the credit of the community. From the start general offices at Portland have had Union county listed as one of those sections which have properly kept the faith. Likewise other counties were boldly held up as inefficient.

Sidelights on the Drive. That it is an honor to be called upon to contribute to the Red Cross fund has been philosophically asserted by General Chairman F. J. Holmes continuously during the campaign. His theory was last evening proven correct when one splendid citizen voluntarily came forward and contributed \$20.00 and likewise expressed chagrin that the committee hadn't solicited him. The individual was convinced that it was an oversight and not a willful slight.

Banquet a Big Event. Although there is much in the way of entertainment set down for Monday evening, the 80 or 90 men and women who took an active part in the Red Cross drive are not to be denied the privilege of attending the banquet at the Foley hotel next Monday evening at 6:30 when the final reports will come in.

Just what the amount will be, no one can tell for it is impossible to strike a total at this time. Various committees continue to work for fear that the sums guessed at may be inflated guesses and that the final figures will not be near as large as many estimate.

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WALLOWA COUNTY CITIZENS GIVE LIBERALLY TO RED CROSS

WALLOWA'S RED CROSS DRIVE

Enterprise	\$6,000
Wallowa	\$3,000
Joseph	\$3,000
Total	\$12,000

Each city was given its surrounding territory. There is no doubt that the total quotas will be raised and probably more, too.

Enterprise, June 23.—(Special)—Enterprise will more than raise its quota of \$6000, according to those in charge of the Red Cross Drive. The exact totals will not be known until Monday night, but it is certain that Wallowa County will more than raise its \$12,000. People here and in the surrounding cities and country, have given freely and willingly.

Enterprise, June 23.—(Special)—The Record-Chief says: With Red Cross week half gone, workers in all the towns believe the

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ALL IS READY FOR OPENING OF CHAUTAUQUA NEXT WEDNESDAY

Much effort to enhance the conveniences at Riverside park for Chautauqua patrons have been instituted by the directors this year. Among them is the building of bleachers in the rear of the pavilion. To those upon whom lot has fallen in the past to sit far in the rear, it has been hard to see the platform and frequently difficult to hear. To obviate this inconvenience a structure has been built about the fire place which will seat a couple hundred people on an elevated frame, running well up to the ceiling. These will be preferred seats, of course, and while probably not adding much to the seating capacity will immensely improve the rear of the pavilion facilities.

Salvation Army in Lodge. The Salvation Army has been assigned the lodge duties. This ever-popular organization will provide meals of all kinds and be ready to wait upon the public which finds the lodge-restaurant in the park useful. General satisfaction is expressed everywhere upon the news that Miss Childers and her band of stalwart followers are to serve the meals.

Camping Grows a Pace. Workingmen are diligently employed at this early date toward erecting tents and doing other needed work. Reservation of tenting space has speeded up during the protracted good weather. There are some Chautauqua tents yet to be had and those contemplating renting them should speak quickly, or they may be left behind.

Begins Wednesday Evening. The program begins Wednesday evening with the Manikins a special children's feature, and the address by Rev. J. W. Broucher.

Get Tickets Early. It will be a big convenience to the directors if the patrons will attend to their season and membership tickets early.

No Charge July 4th. The directors again request the Observer to emphasize that at no time was a charge contemplated for admission to the park proper July 4th.

Another Submarine Hit By Vessel Fire

From An American Port, June 2. — (By United Press) — Another submarine was fired at and hit, according to the ship's crew reaching port today. The submarine appeared six hundred yards off and launched a torpedo. The stern gun of the ship fired and shot away the submarine's periscope, throwing it high into the air. The submarine disappeared. The vessel was not damaged.

PACIFIST ORGANIZATIONS FIGHT DRAFT

PROGRAM AS LAUNCHED IF CARRIED OUT WOULD UNDERMINE SELECTIVE DRAFT SYSTEM.

TEN THOUSAND ARE ALREADY ENROLLED

Pacifists Try to Have Exemption Clause Inserted in Regulations Permitting Persons Professing Conscientious Reasons Against War the Right of Escape.

Washington, June 23.—(United Press)—Two Pacifist organizations launched a huge campaign which if carried out, would greatly undermine the selective draft. These organizations, it is declared are attempting to open a channel for the escape of men from military service. Ten thousand are already enrolled. The efforts of the pacifists were confined to attempts to have inserted an exemption clause in the regulations specifically permitting persons professing conscientious reasons against war an escape from the selective draft. Their efforts failed. The most active organization is the American union against militarism.

The war department has been notified that these organizations will be unable to get behind the law.

Speed Em' Up Details Arranged

A vast amount of detail arrangements attendant to the annual automobile and motorcycle races, July 21-22, came up at the meeting of the executive committee and members last evening. Transportation, fixing charges to the races, concessions and booster trips were discussed. A committee consisting of A. W. Nelson, E. E. Vehrs and R. J. Green was named to take up the problem of transportation.

The arrangements for entertainment were set in motion. Proper street decorations was turned over to Messrs. Stoddard, Roy Green and Roy B. Curry.

The track is to be properly oiled to ally the dust and General Manager Neal and Messrs. Hamilton and Anderson were empowered to act.

The general admission was placed at \$1.00 each day and the scale for children under 14 is 25 cents. Twenty of the best parking spaces will sell at \$5.00 for the two days. Many others less desirable for \$2.50 and in addition to that there is ample space for hundreds of cars elsewhere on the grounds free. There will be no grandstand charges.

The question of concessions was taken up with Roy Green and he will confer with a committee consisting of Messrs. Neal and Stoddard.

R. J. Green and C. D. Emahiser were delegated to visit Wallowa on a booster trip at a nearby date.

To Reorganize National Defense Council

Washington, D. C., June 23.—(United Press)—The council of national defense will soon be reorganized on a four men basis, it was stated officially today.

It is planned to divide the war work into four departments, giving one member of the board authority over each department.

"Whether Or No"

Clocks give first hand information with second hand assistance.—Old Man Sage.

GOVERNMENT MAY COMMANDEER OIL-COAL

SERIOUSNESS OF SITUATION EXPLAINED BY SECRETARY DANIELS TO LAND COMMITTEE

NAVY OIL RESERVE MUST BE CONSERVED

Daniels Admits He Doesn't Know Where to Get Available Oil Supply for the Two Hundred Oil Burning Vessels Now Under Construction.

Washington, June 23.—(United Press)—Declaring the Government must soon commandeer all oil and coal in the United States, Secretary Daniels explained the seriousness of the oil situation to the Senate Public Lands committee today.

He declared that if commandeering is not done, the Government must immediately demand the opening up of all oil and coal fields and the said fuel supply must be regulated. The Government should be empowered to fix prices on both oil and coal.

The Navy's oil reserve must be saved, for the future, he said. With two hundred oil burning ships being built, Daniels admitted that he doesn't know the extent of available oil supply.

He said the Government would get as much oil as possible from the outside of the United States to conserve the domestic fields. Oil bases for conducting war will be built. If the war continues a year or two it would be very vital that to United States oil be conserved.

O.A.C. Alumni To Perfect Organization

E. B. Lemon, secretary of the O. A. C. alumni association, and Prof. E. B. Beatty will be in La Grande Monday night to organize the O. A. C. alumni into an efficient working organization. Mr. Lemon and Professor Beatty are traveling over the entire state organizing the alumni in order to better help conditions which are liable to result from war and other conditions. In notifying the alumni of the formation of an association the secretary wrote as follows:

"Every Alumnus is proud of the part the institution is taking in the national attempt properly to solve all of the problems presented by the great crisis in which we find ourselves now involved. Many O. A. C. men have enlisted—in every branch of the service. O. A. C. furnished approximately ten per cent of the men for the Presidio Training Camp at San Francisco. The food campaign in Oregon has been conducted, under the direction of the College, so effectively that it has attracted nation-wide attention. Thus far O. A. C. has met every emergency admirably; but it still has a most important duty to perform in which every graduate and former student must play an important part."

Alfred Cocchi Confesses Cruger Murder

New York, June 23.—(United Press)—Alfred Cocchi, at Bologna, Italy, confessed to the murder of Ruth Cruger, according to dispatches sent to police here.

It is reported that Cocchi made a clean breast when under interrogation by the Italian police.

Joseph Raises Over \$3,000 For Red Cross

Joseph, June 23.—(Special)—Joseph has oversubscribed the \$3000 mark set for that community. Already the committees are several hundred dollars past \$3000.

The business men all took hold heartily and \$4000 will probably be reached. Many new members were secured.

The Chautauqua crowd is increasing. The first day was a record breaker, but yesterday the crowd was still larger.

Women admire a brave man and love an audacious one.

Opposed to Fire Crackers. State Fire Commissioner Wells is opposed to fire crackers on July 4.