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LIBERALISM MAY WIN IN GERMANY

SIGNS POINT THAT POLITICAL FREEDOM MAY BE WON BY THE PEOPLE.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCES PRECEDE REICHSTAG

Tomorrow Chancellor Hollweg Will Speak—Keen Interest Is Felt As To His Attitude On Electoral Reforms—Opinion Among Conservatives and Radicals Is That Reform Must Come.

Berlin, July 9.—(United Press)—Signs multiply that the political liberalization of Germany is impending.

A week's important conferences preceding the Reichstag session brought the situation to a head today.

Tomorrow Chancellor Hollweg is expected to make a formal statement. Tense interest is felt in political circles as to his attitude on electoral reforms.

From Conservatives to Socialists, all opinion in Reichstag is that a reformed electoral system must be applied in Prussia.

Thin Borkey Guilty Ching Ping Sentenced

Thin Borkey was found guilty by the jury this morning. The judge also passed a life sentence on Ching Ping the first Chinaman to be tried. Thin Borkey will probably receive his sentence next Saturday.

Ching Ping and Thin Borkey are supposed to be the two street gunmen who shot down Wm. Eng and were recognized by people on the street. The jury is now being chosen for the trial of Ching Ping. This is also a separate trial as the others have been in the past, and it is thought that in each case a separate trial will be granted.

Ching Ping has not been accused of shooting as far as is known, but found hiding with others in a pit he is accused as an accomplice in the affair. If this can be proved against him, his act is as punishable as the acts of the ones that did the shooting.

News Of Soldiers Not Allowed In Cables

BY W. S. FORREST
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Paris, June 17.—(By Mail)—Information relative to the individual members of the American expeditionary force in France will not be permitted in the news cables. The general staff announced today that such news must be transmitted to the folks at home by the officers and men themselves, not by the newspapers.

The fighters will be encouraged to write fully and often to those who are interested in them. This mail will pass through a lenient military censorship and upon its arrival in America may be given out to the newspapers by the relatives or friends.

The only exception to the general staff's ruling, according to plans outlined today will be in event of exceptional cases where individual acts of bravery or devotion to duty may possibly be communicated to the press officially at a later time. This will not happen, however, until American troops have been actually under fire.

FRENCH SUDDENLY TAKE THE OFFENSIVE

Sweep Forward Over One Mile Front and Capture First Line Trenches—British Raid German Trenches.

London, July 9.—(United Press)—Suddenly assuming the offensive, the French swept forward last night between Bovett's Ridge and Chevregny, recapturing the first line trenches over a mile front, Paris officially announced.

The British successfully raided German trenches southeast of Gargicourt. The Germans attempted German rads southeast of Loos, General Faige reported.

RUSSIA MAKES HEAVY DRIVE ON LEMBERG

POWERFUL OFFENSIVE IS LAUNCHED ON EASTERN FRONT.

SEVERAL VILLAGES ARE CAPTURED

General Karmeeff, Who Is Directing the Operations, Reports Complete Success—Seven Thousand Germans, One Hundred and Thirty-one Officers and Many Guns Are Taken.

Petrograd, July 9.—(United Press)—Russia centered her drive on Lemberg and Galicia with a powerful offensive west of Stanislaw. Several villages were captured, it is officially reported.

General Korniloff directing operations in this section, reported complete success.

One hundred thirty-one officers, seven thousand men, twelve heavy guns, thirty-six light guns and many machine guns were captured.

Farmers Respond To Nation's Call

Washington, July 9.—(United Press)—America's farms responded to the call of war. The Government estimated the total wheat crop at six hundred seventy-eight million bushels, thirty-eight million over nineteen sixteen.

The corn crop at three billion, one hundred and twenty-four million bushels.

White potatoes promise four hundred fifty-seven million bushels.

The promised increased wheat production is more than lost in tremendous decrease in last year's wheat supplies remaining on the farms.

Church Convention Ends Successfully

As the Christian Church Convention drew to its final close Sunday it was unanimously and ardently decided that this convention was the big-

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WATER PROBLEM SERIOUS SAYS MANAGER

PEOPLE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SITUATION AND APPARENTLY WASTE WATER.

"The water situation in La Grande is simply this," said City Manager Currey this morning. "The Commission has consented to give each of its water patrons an extra five thousand gallons of water during the month of July. There is sufficient water in the Beaver Creek reservoir to meet all requirements, but the pipe line is not large enough to carry the water demanded by the public at the present rate of consumption. If the water users will use a little care and cooperate with the water department by wasting as little water as possible there will be enough for all, but the patrons must realize that the city cannot furnish an unlimited quantity."

"It is not a question of sufficient water but a question of being able to deliver the water to the city reservoir. Water users should remember that a fire at this time would be a serious thing and that every available drop of water might be required, therefore they should, when they hear the fire bell shut off the water being used for irrigation and not resume irrigation again until they hear the two taps which announce the fact that the fire is over."

"Another fact that should be borne in mind is that the five thousand extra gallons of free water is not so great an amount that it will be necessary to work the hose over time in order to reap the benefit of the extra gift. The rate applies only to lawns and gardens."

WAR BRINGS THE TELEPHONE TO DESERT



A British soldier in the Egyptian desert. It's a hot and dusty life for him, far from home, but in the course of his work stringing up telephone wires across the desert, he finds consolation in being able to talk to someone of his own country, even if it is by wire.

BIG EXPLOSION AT MARE ISLAND NAVY YARD

SIX PERSONS ARE DEAD AND THIRTY-ONE INJURED WHEN BLACK POWDER WAREHOUSE BLOWS UP.

Vallejo, Cal., July 9.—(United Press)—Six persons are dead as the result of the explosion destroying the Black Powder storehouse at the Mare Island Navy Yard early today. Thirty-one are injured.

The terrific explosion shook the Navy Yard at Vallejo and surrounding cities.

Secret Service Will Investigate.

San Francisco, July 9.—(United Press)—United States Secret Service will investigate the fatal explosion at Mare Island.

United States District Attorney Preston sent a squad of men to probe

AMERICAN SHIP IS SUBMARINED

London, July 9.—(United Press)—The submarining of the steamer Massapequa Saturday was announced by the admiralty. The crew landed at Ile De Serine off the Northwest coast of France.

Plan to Protect Fields.

Salem, July 9.—(United Press)—Harvey Wells, state fire marshal, and Jay Stevens, chief deputy, leave tonight for Pendleton and La Grande to confer with farmers and others about measures for protection of grain fields, warehouses against fires. Because of I. W. W. threats, extra precautionary steps are planned.

the affair and determine the causes of the blast. He declared he believed the explosion was accidental.

HERE ARE THE SERIAL NUMBERS OF UNION MEN REGISTERED

Here are the serial numbers of the men registered in Union County. Note your number. The Observer will later publish the numbers of those drafted.

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| Serial No. | Name |
| 1 | Robert Charles Hancock |
| 2 | John H. Clark |
| 3 | La Grande R. D. 1 |
| 4 | Eugene Bert Greiner |
| 5 | La Grande |
| 6 | Walter Henry Young |
| 7 | Alcel |
| 8 | Ray Russell Fuller |
| 9 | Cullen William Friswold |
| 10 | Nathan Taylor Gray |
| 11 | Harvey Routh McKennon |
| 12 | Joseph Terrel Gray |
| 13 | Willie Wesley Wright |
| 14 | Orion Robert Saunders |
| 15 | Imbler |
| 16 | Daniel Westenskow |
| 17 | La Grande R. D. 1 |
| 18 | Edgar Keltner |
| 19 | Alcel |
| 20 | Raitie Gordon Hudson |
| 21 | Geo. W. Temple |
| 22 | La Grande R. D. 1 |
| 23 | Jasper Jay Shaw |
| 24 | Alcel |
| 25 | John S. Morris |
| 26 | Elmer N. Speckhart |
| 27 | Gilbert C. Courtright |
| 28 | Walter Weaver Mathews |
| 29 | La Grande R. D. 1 |
| 30 | G. Carlyle Fuller |
| 31 | Alcel |
| 32 | Giles Daniel VanHousen |
| 33 | Lee Roy Brandon |
| 34 | La Grande R. D. 1 |
| 35 | Claude S. Woodell |
| 36 | Alcel |
| 37 | Bert Brown |
| 38 | La Grande R. D. 1 |
| 39 | Frank E. Greiner |
| 40 | Alonzo John T. Gower |

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| 28 | Robert Frank McKennon |
| 29 | Ralph Hudson |
| 30 | Oren Broadous Robinson |
| 31 | Roy Richardson |
| 32 | Charles Smith |
| 33 | William Brown |
| 34 | Scott L. Lamb |
| 35 | La Grande |
| 36 | Herbert John Speckhart |
| 37 | Alcel |
| 38 | John G. Traverso |
| 39 | Till Oliver Traverso |
| 40 | La Grande |
| 41 | John Irvin Woodell |
| 42 | Telecast |
| 43 | Loyd Bickford |
| 44 | Union |
| 45 | Clifford Wolf |
| 46 | Telecast |
| 47 | Leslie L. Haller |
| 48 | Guy Virgil Church |
| 49 | Hugh Clifton Hulse |
| 50 | John N. Young |
| 51 | Vitangelo Colonna |
| 52 | Frank Hogg |
| 53 | Leo Marion Hillyard |
| 54 | Raffaele Conserva |
| 55 | Cosmo Accetturo |
| 56 | Ray Ward |
| 57 | John B. Christensen |
| 58 | North Powder |
| 59 | Perry J. Adams |
| 60 | Telecast |
| 61 | Alva Cunningham |
| 62 | Herald Garman Hale |
| 63 | Leland James Hodgkins |
| 64 | William J. Barnes |
| 65 | William Earl Evans |
| 66 | Olen Meade |
| 67 | George Ackley |
| 68 | Clyde J. Wilson |
| 69 | Charles Oliver Devore |
| 70 | Albert Anderson |
| 71 | John R. Snider |
| 72 | Richard D. Hill |

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FIRST CALL OVER HALF A MILLION

FIRST DRAFT WILL SUMMON AT LEAST SIX HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND.

THIS WILL FILL ARMY AND NATIONAL GUARD

States Providing Heavy Quotas of Militia and Regulars Will Get Deductions—Leaves Based on New Estimates of Population—Rumor Says First Draft Will Be a Million.

Washington, July 9.—(United Press)—The first draft of men for America's new army will be upwards of six hundred eighty-seven thousand men, the War Department announced.

This number will be just enough to fill the regular army to its war complement, fill the National Guard to war strength and provide the first levy of five hundred thousand on for the National Army.

The states providing quotas of militia and regulars will have relatively less men to supply by draft.

Regulations issued today base the leaves on new population estimates with deductions for heavy enlistments. Idaho and Oregon are among these profiting from these deductions.

War Department gossip declares over a million will be drawn first levy. The number is officially withheld.

TWO MEN HURT BY FALLING OF VIADUCT

FALSE WORK GIVES WAY AND FALLS—NO BRACES CAN BE USED BECAUSE OF TRACKS

The false work of the viaduct which is being built on Second street fell this afternoon injuring two men, Benson and Weir. It is not known just how badly each are injured but Benson had one leg broken and was injured quite badly about the hip and received some scratches about the head. It was said that Weir walked

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SPEED EM UP ASKS O'NEILL TO WRESTLE

MR. C. D. EMAHISER ARRANGES MATCH BETWEEN LOCAL CHAMPION AND TED THYE OF SPOKANE.

The Speed 'Em Up management have made a special request that Jack O'Neill be given an opportunity to show his skill and prowess against a worthy opponent as an entertainment feature in the city during the races.

Mr. C. D. Emahiser has already found a suitable wrestler as a contender for the 175 pound Northwest Championship in Ted Thye of Spokane who is well known to many wrestling fans here.

Mr. Thye is recognized as one of the best wrestlers of his weight on the Pacific Coast today and has made many friends in San Francisco, Portland and other Coast cities by his gentlemanly conduct and clever wrestling.

He is a young man and he is a professional wrestler with a good record and always ready to wrestle if sufficient inducements are offered. O'Neill has been doing light work right along this summer in anticipation of further "mat trouble" and can be depended upon to be in condition when time is called.

While the date of this match has not been definitely settled, it will probably be July 21st.

It will be held in connection with an athletic carnival at the Arcade theatre.

AMERICANS GET NEARER TO THE FRONT

EXPEDITIONARY ARMY IS TAKING TRAINS TO THEIR NEW CAMP

THE SAMMIES ARE ENTHUSIASTIC AT MOVING

Major General Sibert Is Also Eager to Get His Men Near the Firing Line—Entire Population of French Town Cheers the Americans—Baseball Games Galore Yesterday Were Curiously Watched.

FROM A FRENCH PORT, July 9.—(United Press)—The American Expeditionary Army here is entraining for their trip to a new camp near the Battle lines.

Major General Sibert is enthusiastic as are his Sammies over the change which will bring the Americans near the fighting.

The entire town cheered the Sammies' departure.

Ball games galore were played yesterday in the French town. The people watched the games curiously from the field.

Soldiers Prepares For Those At Home

A case of home preparedness and genuine human sympathy is shown in the case of William Sprangle of North Powder who enlisted in the army lately. Soon after enlisting in the army he made application for membership in the Moose Lodge of this city. He was accepted and initiated last Wednesday night. In his will he left \$8,000 insurance to his sister as a life benefit to be turned over to the Mooseheart home at her death.

PATRIOTISM IS KEYNOTE AT THE N.E.A.

PREPAREDNESS, NATIONALISM, FOOD ECONOMY ARE AMONG THE TOPICS DISCUSSED.

Portland, Ore., July 9.—(United Press)—Preparedness, patriotism, nationalism.

That's the keynote of the war convention of the National Education association sounded here this afternoon by Robert J. Aley, president, at the opening session.

President Aley declared that the schools of the nation could do a most important work in the present war. He urged teachers to spread the gospel of national service.

Charles R. VanHise, president of the University of Wisconsin, as the personal representative of Herbert Hoover, explained the necessity of food economy.

Eight thousand delegates of the National Education Association and its 21 departments and 14 allied organizations are gathered here. The convention ends Friday night.

Tonight's The Dance For The Hospital Boys

Tonight the people of La Grande will have a chance to show their appreciation of their home boys who have joined the Hospital Unit, and who will soon be leaving for the front. A dance will be given tonight at Riverside Park in their honor. Tickets \$1. Proceeds go into the boys company fund, which will be spent for the benefit of all the boys when they get to the front. Everybody invited. On account of the warm weather the dance has been changed from Rex hall to Riverside park. Free bus leaves U.S. National Bank at 8:30, 9:15 and 10 p. m.