

GERMANS SEIZE RUSSIAN MILITARY SUPPLIES

FRESH FROM FRONT, WILL SPEAK HERE

FREDERICK COLEMAN WILL VISIT BROTHER AND BE ENTERTAINED BY PRESS CLUB.

LECTURES AT M.E. CHURCH TOMORROW NIGHT

American Newspaper and Automobile Man Will Be Guest at Banquet and Tomorrow Evening Will Give Public Lecture—Company M and Oregon Hospital Unit No. 1 Will Attend in a Body.

La Grande will have the pleasure tomorrow night of hearing a man who has been on the battle front in France and Belgium, Mr. Frederick Coleman, F. R. G. S. He will be the guest of the La Grande Press club at a banquet at 6:30 p. m. at the Foley hotel, and will speak at 8 o'clock at the Methodist church. The lecture will be free. Company M and Oregon Hospital Unit No. 1 will attend in a body. The public is invited.

Mr. Coleman is coming to La Grande to visit his brother, who is Mr. Louis C. Coleman of the La Grande postal service, whom he has not seen for 19 years.

Mr. Coleman has been a newspaper and automobile man. He was at one time correspondent and on the staff of the London Express. He reported for the Express the Boxer Rebellion in China and was attached to the Russian army. He covered the coronation of the king of Spain. Later he went into the automobile business and represented the White car in London. At the outbreak of the war he was a member of the Royal Automobile club, in which a number of Americans were members. He, with the rest of the club, volunteered their services and cars to the British government.

They served without pay and without any regular military status. Mr. Coleman was detailed to the cavalry section under General de Lisle and drove him about the front for three months, which gave him great opportunities to see actual fighting.

He is the author of a book "From Mons to Ypres With General French" and of another, "With the British Cavalry in Flanders." He is the author of an article in the number of the Saturday Evening Post, just out, entitled, "What You Will Find When You Get to France," addressed to the Young American Who May Fight in France.

For this reason the address will be especially valuable to the young men of Company M and of the Hospital Unit. It will also be of great interest to the parents and friends of the boys.

Mr. Coleman is a distinguished lecturer and has recently made a lecturing tour of New Zealand and Australia.

Dr. Hall and Dr. Bouvy were instrumental in setting the Press club to entertain Mr. Coleman.

Company M. Boys Appreciate La Grande

Members Present a Beautiful Music Rack to the Young Men's Christian Association.

Company M boys are appreciative. Today they presented to the Y. M. C. A. a beautiful music rack as a mark of appreciation for the kindness of La Grande people as represented by the Y. M. C. A. They also sent the following letter:

La Grande, Oregon, July 25.—To the Board of Directors of the La Grande Y. M. C. A.:—The men of Company M have a very deep feeling of gratitude and appreciation for the generous action of the board of directors of the La Grande Y. M. C. A. in throwing open the doors of the association building, and for the royal and unstinted hospitality with which all the privileges of the association have been extended to them.

Company M has learned to look upon the La Grande Y. M. C. A. as a home and there is not a man but who feels that he is a part of it.

The men have been wondering their wish to express their thanks in some substantial form. The committee

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Vacation! Would You Call This Strenuous Trip A Vacation?

Secretary J. G. King of the Y. M. C. A. Travels Over 200 Miles by Trains, Boat and Auto Stage, Attends Y. M. C. A. Conferences, Notes Progress of Home Gardening and Even Plays a Little Tennis.

Pretty soft! Was the way that Secretary J. G. King characterized his week's vacation. It was anything but a quiet vacation. He traveled over 1200 miles by trains, spent three nights on trains, went from Seattle to Bremerton on boat, from there to the Army Y. M. C. A. conference grounds at Seabeck, Wash., by auto stage which is a fifty mile trip.

He attended a number of conferences with the leaders and secretaries from all over the Northwest. It was decided that all secretaries that have been in the service for a number of years stay at the home field and keep their local work in good shape and assist in matters that will be of vital interest to the community, the government, and develop the coming generations for a better service to the country.

Mr. King had a conference with Harry W. Stone, General Secretary of the Portland Y. M. C. A., and learned of the new department that is being organized by all the Y. M. C. A.'s with the Portland Y as the headquarters. This department will be known as the distributing department of all information on matters of importance, and during holiday seasons will look after the distributing of packages to the boys at the front.

All the names of the O. N. G. are being catalogued by the association and no matter how small a detail happens relative to a company the associations will be able to furnish the information. Mr. King saw more evidence of war-like activities than the average person is able to see, from the filling of the mines for harbor protection, to battleships getting ready for service. He noted with interest that every saw mill between Portland and Seattle was running full blast and there were nearly thirty in number; also that where there were only a few home gardens in previous years, that this year there are hundreds.

The crops are looking fine in the Washington country. Mr. King lost out to A. E. Wakeman of the Multnomah club during the tennis tournament. He reports having a very fine time while taking part in the meet.

Business Activities At Russian Embassy

Washington, July 26.—(United Press)—The Russian embassy, on Sixteenth street near Scott circle, has been converted into a big office building by Boris Bakmetieff, the new Russian ambassador. The former stronghold of Romanoff diplomacy and magnificence has been turned into a great business office for the transaction of the American share of the new republic's business.

The library, where once the clinking of tea cups could be heard, will become a workshop for the new envoy and the clatter of the typewriters will supersede the cups. There is even a new office boy to greet visitors, though the same messenger now rushes names in to officials and guarantees audiences within ten minutes. An hour's wait was nothing at all under the old system.

There is a police detail on duty at the embassy, but this is more or less of a formality. It was said at the embassy today that none of the embassy staff would make their home in the building.

City Commission Lets Sewer Contract

Two Firms Reported—City Manager Confers With Chief Forester on Beaver Creek Dam—New Concrete Ordered Added to Present Structure—Shortage of Wood Pipe Reported.

The City Commission met last night and awarded the contract for the construction of sewer in section 7, district 1, to J. W. Stotts for \$448.

The report of the city manager was as follows: To the Hon. Commission: Herewith my report for the week

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RUSSIAN ARMY TURNED TAIL AND RAN

Artillery And Supplies For General Brusiloff's Great Offensive Are Undoubtedly Lost --- Wild Confusion Prevailed During Russian Retreat--- London Declares Rout Was Engineered By German Spies.

London, July 26.—(United Press)—Russia's routed army in Galicia may have lost all the artillery and military supplies the Allies had concentrated for General Brusiloff's great offensive.

Even if Premier Kerensky is armed with unlimited powers and succeeds in stemming the rout, the supplies of incalculable value have undoubtedly been lost.

Russian dispatches describe the wild confusion when the Russian eleventh army turned tail and ran.

Some soldiers shot their own comrades in the artillery so they might flee on military horses.

Big guns were abandoned. Great stores of ammunition were disregarded.

London detects the work of German agents. Germans, planted among Russians, apparently waited until the offensive attained its height with a great concentration of forces and supplies, then acted concertedly so that the greatest possible booty might fall into hands of the Germans.

Russians and Roumanians Take 2000 German Prisoners.

Petrograd, July 26.—(United Press)—The Roumanians and Russians in the Carpathians and Roumania took two thousand German prisoners, it is officially stated. The Carpathian offensive reached such strength, it is hoped the pressure there would force the Germans to let up in their drive against General Korniloff's troops.

The Roumanians distinguished themselves, performing prodigies of valor. The Russians are thoroughly loyal. The Provisional Government decided to hold a conference soon at Moscow with the principal representatives of all social organizations to discuss Russia's position, problems and future.

The organization will include peasants, soldiers, workmen, Cossacks and Congresses.

Front dispatches said five women in the Legion of Death were killed and wounded in their first engagement. Great preparations are being made to care for the wounded girls. It is expected they will be brought here immediately from the front.

GERMANS TAKE FRENCH TRENCHES

Paris, July 26.—(United Press)—Suffering terrible losses, the Germans succeeded in a desperate attack last night, in occupying part of the first line of French trenches, east of Hurbise, to the south of Labovele. The official statement declared the attack was made in great force.

SIAM SEIZES ALL THE AUSTRO-GERMAN SHIPS.

Bangkok, Siam, July 26.—(United Press)—Siam seized all the Austro-German steamers in its harbors as the first step after the rupture with the Central Powers. Every ship was found damaged. All mail of enemy aliens will be interned and all Teutonic business firms closed.

American Wind-jammer Submarined

London, July 26.—(United Press)—The American windjammer, Augustus Well, was sunk June twenty-first. The crew was saved, the Admiralty announced. Details are unavailable.

SMALL STREET CAR STRIKE NOT YET SETTLED

Seattle, July 26.—(United Press)—Legislation barring inexperienced persons from streetcars will probably be enacted before Friday night, a conference of employers and strikers is still on this afternoon.

HOSPITAL UNIT BOYS ARE AWAITING ORDERS

Preparations Being Made For Camp in Portland or Clackamas Station—Boys Drill Twice Daily.

The boys of Oregon Field Hospital Unit No. 1 are awaiting orders. How soon these will come is not known, but it is known that preparations are being made in Clackamas or Portland to secure the boys a camping place. It is also expected that a member of the army hospital corps will arrive here soon to drill the boys and start their training for their duties.

The boys are drilling twice daily at the High School grounds. Tomorrow night the boys will attend the Coleman lecture in a body at the M. E. church.

COUNTY SCHOOL Supt. RETURNS FROM TRIP

Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe Welcomes Educational Leaders to Oregon, Attends National Convention and Visits Sons in California.

Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe returned last night from attending the National Education Association at Portland and also visiting her sons in California. She is back at work at her desk and happy to be back after a wonderful trip in which she gained many new impressions of value in her work.

The night that Mrs. Ivanhoe left here she was fortunate to get on the same train that was carrying a number of distinguished educators from the East, among them Mrs. Ella Flagg Young and Mrs. Bradford, later elected the National President. They were holding a patriotic rally on the train and representatives of the various states were called on, among them Mrs. Ivanhoe, who thus had the honor and privilege of being the first to welcome the distinguished party to Oregon. Mrs. Ivanhoe attended the meetings of the National Educational Association which she found of great interest and value.

Mrs. Ivanhoe then visited her sons in California and was pleased to find that her son, Forrest, who is in the U. S. navy had been promoted to be pay clerk in the paymaster's department. He is now a commissioned officer. At Goat Island she witnessed many of the naval preparations which are under way and was invited to address one hundred and fifty boys in the naval training yeoman's school. She was the first woman who ever addressed them and she told the boys that the women of the country were back of them in their great services to the nation.

All over the country and especially in San Francisco Mrs. Ivanhoe observed the country's preparations for war and evidences of the patriotism that is felt and displayed.

Mrs. Ivanhoe also visited her second son who is employed by the Standard Oil Co., in San Francisco.

BRITISH LOSE TRENCHES EAST OF MONCHY

TOMMIES ARE FORCED TO EVACUATE WHEN ARTILLERY DESTROYS THEIR SHELTER.

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS. BRITISH HEADQUARTERS—The retirement of the British forces on a small front east of Monchy was forced by the obliteration of the Tommies' trenches.

The Germans made a concentrated artillery attack and then four hundred troops, armed with flame throwers, charged.

This is the only spot on the British front where there were infantry actions, except in raids.

Artillery fire is exceedingly intense on many sectors.

It is evident the coast sector is likely to rival Lens as a storm center for German shells.

Nieuport was bombarded from ten o'clock last night until five this morning. Projectiles of all calibres were hurled.

DRAFT OF ALIENS IS PLANNED

Washington, July 26.—(United Press)—The United States is negotiating with the Allies to legalize the drafting of many hundreds of thousands of aliens here to fight under the American flag.

Before the time for the second draft, levy the necessary abrogation of treaties and congressional action will bring the aliens under the draft law.

The Weather.

Portland July 26.—(United Press)—The U. S. weather forecast: "Fair and cooler."

DRAFTED MEN MUST WAIT FOR LISTS

WHEN OFFICIAL LISTS ARRIVE THEY WILL BE POSTED AT COURTHOUSE

THEY WILL ALSO BE PUBLISHED IN OBSERVER

After the Lists Arrive the Men Drafted Will Have Five Days in Which to Appear for Physical Examinations and Seven Days in Which to File Exemptions—Much Work Falls Upon the County Clerk.

The local exemption board in Union County will consist of County Clerk McCormick, Sheriff Warnick and Dr. M. K. Hall.

It will be a week before the official draft list is received from Washington and until that time the drafted men have nothing to do. They are to wait until the official lists are posted at the courthouse and published in The Observer. Then they have five days after receiving their notice to appear for physical examination and seven days in which to file their claims for exemption.

A tremendous amount of work has been thrown on the county clerk in connection with the draft, for which he receives no extra pay.

After the local board is through with its work the district exemption board at La Grande will pass on the exemptions of the married men and those in certain industries.

The official master lists, containing the draft numbers just as they were drawn at Washington, are expected to arrive in La Grande within the next week and they will be posted at the courthouse. The lists published in the papers probably contain some inaccuracies owing to errors in transmission and registered men should consult the master lists when they arrive.

It is expected that the official lists will contain the names of many more that were not published.

Meanwhile all speed will be used to get the first drafted men into training. It is settled that rigid military law applies to drafted men as soon as they are notified they are held for service. Unless the plans are changed the office of the local boards will be the rendezvous. Upon notification the men will assemble at this rendezvous and start to the cantonment. The war department is debating whether to send them to camps in charge of military officers or allow them to go on their honor. The department leans toward the latter plan.

If any men summoned to the rendezvous fail to appear, a squad of soldiers will be sent to bring them. They are liable to penalty without leave. If the evasion continues, they will become deserters.

General Crowder declared the newspapers were his greatest aid in the registration and draft.

PROHIBITION VOTE TO BE ON WEDNESDAY

SENATE WET AND DRY LEADERS AGREE TO TAKE VOTE ON AMENDMENT

Washington, July 26.—(United Press)—The Senate will vote on the National prohibition amendment at four o'clock next Wednesday, according to a private agreement between the wet and dry leaders.

Part of the agreement is that the amendment must provide unless it is ratified within six years by the thirty-six states required to put it in the constitution, it dies.

Company M. Will Leave Here By Aug. 1

Company M is awaiting orders to move. It is regarded certain that the company will not be here after

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