

UNITED STATES IN THE FIGHT TO A FINISH

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NO SEPARATE PEACE WILL BE GRANTED

United States Is Committed to Fight Through to a Finish With the Allies—We Have So Far Refused to Support France in Her Effort to Make Recovery of Alsace-Lorraine a Peace Condition.

Washington, Aug. 1.—(United Press)—The United States will state its specific peace terms only when Germany is bested. This is the decision of the government as the Allied Democracies enter the fourth year of the war.

Behind it is found the reasons for America's refusal to support the re-creation by France of Alsace-Lorraine as a peace proviso.

It further reveals that the United States is committed to press through to a finish. It is authoritatively stated that an understanding exists that there will be no separate peace.

POLITICAL PULL NOW A THING OF THE PAST

POLITICIANS AND CONGRESSMEN ARE STAGGERING UNDER THE BLOW

WASHINGTON IS NOW A WORLD WAR CAPITAL

What the Nation Needs and What the Business Men Who Have Been Called to Aid the President are Trying to Get is Dollars for Dollars—Value and Business Efficiency.

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Wash., Aug. 1.—"Political pull" died a sudden and violent death when America went to war. It was, in fact, first on the casualty list of "old-established customs" which have met a sad fate since Uncle Sam began to battle for democracy. Careful investigation today proved this.

The politicians, congressmen, senators, professional lobbyists and "influential citizens" are still staggering from the blow.

But bit by bit it is being borne in upon their consciousness that Washington is a great world war capital.

Go into any of the teeming department offices today and you hear men on all sides dicking frigid and squelching replies to judges, county chairmen, state and local politicians from Maine to California and from the Great Lakes to the Gulf explaining to them crisply exactly what has happened.

Here's an example, heard in the office of a cabinet member replying to a plea for a special favor, regardless of the welfare of the nation, from a certain big politician and office holder in the middle west:

Dear Judge:

"I have your letter concerning Blank Blank Blank. I must decline to make any recommendation to the Secretary of Blank concerning the disposition of a matter which is, after all, his own business.

Very truly yours,"

Today came a letter from a Chamber of Commerce Secretary in a mid-western city begging a once influential Washington politician to use his influence in "putting across" an aviation training camp for his particular city. The politician sat down and wrote this reply:

"Can't waste your time trying to get politicians to plug for you. Don't send a lobby down here to 'put the thing over.' It won't do you a bit of good.

"Politics has been absolutely eliminated from this war. Merit alone wins. Make your application direct

Seattle Strikers Claim A Victory

Seattle, Aug. 1.—(United Press)—Seattle street car service starts Thursday morning. This was assured this morning, after an all-night conference with the Union Conference committee.

President Leonard, of the Traction Company, submitted an agreement formally passed upon at mass-meetings of the strikers at Seattle and Tacoma this afternoon. The strikers' vote was considered purely formal as the agreement has the endorsement of the Strikers' Conference committee. Union leaders claim practically a complete victory. Strikers gained the recognition of the Union and arbitration of other points.

NOTED MEDICAL MAN TO SPEAK HERE FRIDAY

DR. FRANKLIN C. WELLS, EQUITABLE MEDICAL DIRECTOR, TO ADDRESS O.-W. EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC

Dr. Franklin C. Wells, medical director of the Equitable Life Assurance Co., is making a tour of Eastern Washington and Oregon to deliver lectures among the O.-W. employes. He will be at the Methodist church, La Grande, Friday, August 3, at 1:30 to 2:30 p. m. The public is invited. Employes from various other industries, lumber, mills, etc., are especially invited to attend.

Dr. Wells is accompanied by C. G. Sutherland, assistant general manager. Dr. Wells will speak on "The Conservation of Human Life."

to the proper authority for what it is worth from the standpoint of war efficiency. That is the only basis on which it will be considered anyhow.

"All the government departments have been three weeks' ahead of congress at every jump in the road since war began. They're forced congress into everything it has done and they have not time to listen to wishes for political favor.

In peace times department heads had time to listen. Some of them did. But not now. They don't have to. For the first time in their lives they are in a position to tell congressmen, senators and professional politicians to go to hell, and they certainly are doing it."

The selection of Des Moines as an army cantonment site is another case in point.

Sioux City was wild for the camp. It learned that its big lobby, its letter writing campaign, its personal pleas from Senator Kenyon and all the other frantic efforts it had made to land the camp had been of no avail and that St. Paul had been the chosen spot.

Immediately Sioux City set up a plot against St. Paul. It produced exhaustive reports to show that St. Paul was the only "wet" spot for many states around and that Sioux City was morally better than St. Paul for the troops.

Results: The war department recalled its decision in favor of St. Paul.

Off for home went telegrams from the Sioux City lobby yelling "hurrah, we've won."

But no sooner had they turned away from the telegraph office and hot-footed it back to the war department to hear the sweet word that Sioux City had been chosen than they were met with the announcement that the camp would go to Des Moines.

Now not only had Des Moines never asked for the camp, but it was the home of Senator Cummins, who was looked upon as not at all friendly to the administration and who never lifted his voice to make a single plea either for or against the location of that camp.

The Sioux Cityites were furious. They were informed that after they had succeeded in spiking St. Paul guns Sec't. Baker had called for the War Board's report on the list of available cities, and finding Des Moines next on the list after St. Paul had quickly marked off St. Paul and substituted Des Moines.

These are only a few of hundreds of instances in America's war capital every day which show the way the cold and uncomfortable political wind blows.

SHIP BUILDING TO BE RUSHED SAYS CAPPS

BOTH STEEL AND WOODEN SHIPS MUST BE BUILT IN A HURRY

NEED IS URGENT THE ADMIRAL SAYS

New Chairman of the National Emergency Fleet Corporation Signals For Full Speed Ahead—Situation Is More Serious Than Most People Realize, He Says.

Washington, Aug. 1.—(United Press)—Both steel and wooden ships must be built quickly.

Admiral Capps, chairman of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, so told shipbuilders here today.

"Matters brought to my attention this morning indicate the vital necessity of pressing the construction program. We're in the war far more seriously than most people realize," he said.

Arthur Riber of Dixie has accepted a position as sweeper on the railroad from Huntington to La Grande.

C. G. Presby, of Pendleton, representing the International Correspondence Schools is here and staying at the Foley.

PRESIDENT WINS ANOTHER BIG VICTORY

Washington, Aug. 1.—(United Press)—Yielding to the President's demand for the elimination of the so-called Congressional War committee, the House and Senate conferees on the food control bill reached an agreement this afternoon.

The Senate will vote on the Shephard prohibition constitutional amendment this afternoon. The Senate rejected by sixty-two to four the Hardwick bone-dry amendment to the prohibition amendment.

Later the Senate voted fifty-six to twenty-three to adopt the Harding amendment providing the prohibition amendment shall be inoperative unless ratified by the states within six years.

Receives News of Death.

J. H. Blumenstein has just received word of the tragic death of a cousin, Hans Blumenstein, in Switzerland. The young man was only twenty-two years old, a subordinate officer in the Swiss army and was drowned in Lake Geneva while saving a comrade from death. He had intended to come to Oregon after the war is over. He had been a bank clerk in civil life and was highly educated. The letter contained no other news and is the first one received in many months. The deceased was a second cousin of Robt. Blumenstein, the Elgin postmaster, Mrs. E. R. Head and J. H. Blumenstein of this city.

ALICEL NEWS ITEMS

Alicel, Ore., Aug. 1.—(Special)—The theme for next Sunday morning sermon at the Alicel Church will be, "The Fellow Who Went Back on His Best Friend." Every one invited.

The Junior League of Alicel will spend next Tuesday at the park.

The Alicel young people, led by Rev. Richards, climbed Mt. Emily by way of the "Evans Trail." There were 27 in the party and in spite of weary bodies, all reported the best kind of a time.

Elmer Speckhart went to Wallowa Lake Sunday.

Andmer and Mrs. Playle are spending a few days at Wallowa Lake. Harvesting has begun on several of the big ranches.

HOSPITAL SHIP IS ASHORE.

Hallfax, Aug. 1.—(United Press)—A hospital ship carrying nearly six hundred wounded and sick Canadians is ashore near Chebucto Head outside of the harbor. The ship is resting easily; the sea is smooth.

THREE HUNDRED DEAD, RESULT OF HOT WAVE

EIGHT HUNDRED WERE PROSTRATED—EAST IS SWELTERING

MIDDLE WEST IS RELIEVED BY RAIN STORMS

In New York Alone the Deaths Reached Fifty and Prostrations One Hundred and Fifty—Brooklyn Reports Seventeen Deaths and Fifty Prostrations—Factories in Many Cities Closed—Heat Record in New York Almost Broken.

New York, Aug. 1.—(United Press)—More than three hundred perished and eight hundred were prostrated in the three-day hot wave throughout the country.

The middlewest is somewhat relieved by rains but the east continues to swelter.

In New York alone the deaths reached fifty, the prostrations one hundred and fifty. Brooklyn reported seventeen deaths and fifty prostrations.

New York, Chicago, Cleveland, Philadelphia, Detroit and Boston show the greatest number of prostrations. The past forty-eight hours were the hottest New York has known with two exceptions.

Factories closed in many cities.

American Steamer is Submerged

London, August 1.—(United Press)—The American steamer Montano was submerged, the admiralty announced. Twenty-two survivors landed.

Alleged Plotter Surrenders.

Honolulu, T. H., Aug. 1.—(Special)—H. R. Schroeder, one of the defendants indicted in the alleged plot of Hindus and sympathizers to free India from British rule, surrendered to the United States marshal here yesterday and was released on bonds of \$10,000. Schroeder will sail for San Francisco next Tuesday to answer to the indictment.

Mrs. Gantenbein Dies

Portland, Ore., Aug. 1.—(Special)—After an illness of less than a week's duration, Mrs. C. U. Gantenbein, wife of Circuit Judge Gantenbein, who is in training in the officer's reserve corps at the presidio, San Francisco, died at an early hour yesterday morning at Good Samaritan hospital.

Ex-Mayor Storey Dead

Portland, Ore., Aug. 1.—(Special)—W. A. Storey, former mayor of Portland, died Sunday night at 10:20 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Joseph C. Woltring, 105 East Twelfth street North. Some time ago Mr. Storey underwent an operation, and since then has been failing rapidly.

Cove Girl Appointed

Cove, Ore., Aug. 1.—(Special)—Miss Florence H. Severs, of Cove, graduate of the Library School of the New York public library, has accepted a position in the Oregon state library and will leave for Salem on August 15. Miss Severs was first assistant in the Cove high school two years ago.

MRS. T. H. GOODHUE'S BROTHER IS MISSING

Mrs. T. H. Goodhue received a telegram from London on the 21st saying that her brother, George MacLennan, Flight Commander of the British Aviation Corps in France, was reported missing on the 20th. Nothing more definite has been learned since then.

The Weather.

Portland, Aug. 1.—(United Press)—The U. S. weather forecast: "Warm and fair."

I. W. W. Leader Hanged At Butte

Butte, Aug. 1.—(United Press)—I. W. W. leaders at noon began sending telegrams to all I. W. W. locals in the west urging them to rush men to Butte to avenge the death of Frank W. Little, an I. W. W. leader, who was hanged this morning by a mob of masked men.

Telegrams of protest were sent to Congressmen.

A mass meeting of I. W. W.'s is scheduled for this afternoon. More trouble is forecast.

FAREWELL TO SOLDIER BOYS IS TOMORROW

COMMERCIAL CLUB WILL GIVE RECEPTION AT Y. M. C. A.—PUBLIC IS INVITED

All roads lead to the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow night. The farewell reception to the La Grande Hospital Unit and the boys of Company M, will no doubt be attended by hundreds of friends of the two companies, who will come and wish them "Good luck" and "Godspeed". There seems to be no question but that the time is nearing for the departure of the boys and it is up to La Grande to make this event one that will long be remembered by the boys. The Commercial Club is putting forth every effort to make the affair a success, and wants to make itself very clear as to who are expected to come.

The invitation is open to all. It is especially desired that the parents and friends of the boys attend, but the public is very cordially invited to come.

The program will consist of excellent numbers and a feature will be the orchestra, which will play several numbers from the balcony. Miss Florence Lynch will have a bevy of the younger set from the Honor Guard to handle the refreshment part of the affair. The boys room of the Y. M. C. A. will be fitted up as a high school and college room and the lobby and gymnasium will be decorated in military style. Mr. George Cochran will deliver a short address, conveying to the boys the best wishes of the people and to company M the thanks of the people for their assistance in many ways and their splendid behavior while in the City.

The program is as follows, which starts at 8:30 p. m.:

Chairman, Mrs. F. J. Holmes, President Commercial Club
Music Orchestra
Accordian Solo ... Corporal Peterson
Solo "Senora" Miss Helen Biggs
Piano Duet
..... Walter and Lyle Stringham
Music Orchestra
Address Mr. Geo. T. Cochran
Trio, "Snowflakes"
Misses Gladys Black, Jeanette Stoddard and Mary Newlin
Piano Solo ... Mr. Walter Stringham
Quartet Company M
Music Orchestra

A committee is at work preparing the Neighborhood Club's year book of study. There is some talk of laying aside the study work and using the time in doing Red Cross work.

Mr. Ward, of the shoe department of the Golden Rule, returned the first of the week after spending his vacation at Wallowa Lake.

Mrs. Ray Holland, a competent dressmaker from Spokane, is here looking for a suitable location.

Mrs. Ward of the J. C. Penney store is having a few days' vacation. Mr. Fisher, of Walla Walla, is in town for a few days.

Miss S. Blackmon is in Baker visiting relatives.

PROHIBITION AMENDMENT PASSED BY SENATE

Washington, Aug. 1.—(United Press)—The Senate passed the prohibition amendment to the Constitution by a vote of sixty-five to twenty. It will be submitted to various states for ratification.

FRENCH TAKE THIRTY SQUARE MILES OF LAND

MOST TITANIC CONCENTRATION OF MEN AND GUNS EVER KNOWN SUCCESSFUL

GERMANS DEFEATED IN FLANKING MOVE

Paris Statement Records Gains Along the Chemin Des Dames—All Counter Attacks Repulsed—Effort Made to Force Germans to Relinquish Submarine Bases on Belgium Coast.

Paris, Aug. 1.—(United Press)—The Paris statement reported further gains along the Chemin Des Dames. The French repulsed all counter attacks successfully and consolidated their gains.

Thirty square miles of territory were taken from the Germans in a most Titanic concentration of men and guns the world ever knew.

The entire movement was probably the greatest flanking move in the history of military science and was intended to force the Germans to relinquish their submarine bases on the Belgian coast.

BRITISH TAKE AT LEAST 5000 PRISONERS

London, Aug. 1.—(United Press)—A deluge of rain is turning the Flanders battle front into a sticky ooze and hampered the British drive.

General Haig reported that gains had been consolidated during the night and all German counter-attacks repulsed. Only offensive fighting is reported. Minor operations south of the Ypres-Comnes canal where British positions were improved.

With such extensive gains the utmost energy is required for consolidating the positions and from guarding their counter-attacks.

At least five thousand Germans were taken prisoners.

WOULD HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IF HE HADN'T BEEN HANGED AS A TRAITOR

Butte, Aug. 1.—(United Press)—Little's (the I. W. W. leader) neck was broken. Pinned to the body as it dangled from the railroad trestle was a note, "Enemies of the government beware."

Government agents are investigating Little's activities. Probably he would have been arrested, had not the mob hanged him. Little urged miners to cause so much trouble the soldiers couldn't go to France and demanded the farmers let their crops rot.

MRS. NOLAN PASSES AWAY

Freewater, Or., Aug. 1.—(Special)—Mrs. Nancy Nolan died Sunday at the home of her son, H. B. Nolan, four miles north of this city. She was born in Virginia September 4, 1817, and would have celebrated her 100th birthday this fall. One son and a large number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren survive her. The funeral was held yesterday in Walla Walla. Interment made in Mountain View cemetery.

ACCUSED OF HORSE STEALING

The case of State of Oregon vs Heribert Steel and George Evans came on for hearing this morning in the Justice court. The defendants were arrested at Emmett, Idaho and brought back here for trial. They were accused of larceny of three horses belonging to John C. Terry, which were in a pasture above Hilgard. They are accused of having taken the horses over into Idaho. They are being held to answer to the Grand Jury.

Troops to Move

Portland, Ore., Aug. 1.—(Special)—With equipment, supplies and impediments arriving at Camp Withycombe from the San Francisco depots at the rate of approximately two carloads a day, Adjutant General George A. White yesterday afternoon recommended to the Western department of the army at San Francisco that Battery A and Troop A be moved from the local armory to Camp Withycombe at once.

Japanese sashimi is raw tunny fish, sliced thin.