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## LA GRANDE MEN WIN ARMY POSTS AS CAPTAINS

ANDREW R. MARKER AND RALPH HURON ARE APPOINTED

### MARKER IS TO HAVE INFANTRY COMMAND

Ralph Huron is to be Captain in the Commissary Department—Captain Marker Will Have Furlough and Arrive in La Grande on Aug. 18.

News was received in La Grande today that Andrew R. Marker had been commissioned captain of Infantry and Ralph Huron captain in the commissary department of the new Army.

It is not known whether Captain Huron will be given a furlough or not.

Probably no one in La Grande was more pleased than F. S. Ivanhoe, whose associate Mr. Marker was in the law.

"No one will lose more by Captain Marker going to war than I but no one is more glad to hear of his success," he said. Mr. Marker is in every way an exemplary man.

"His appointment as a captain of infantry in the face of his recent operation and the most fierce competition is a wonderful tribute to his qualities as a man.

"The officers of the army recognize him as a leader of men, with the capacity and executive ability to take charge of one hundred and fifty men and make them into military machine.

"I had kept Mr. Marker's position with me open, as I had not felt free to make other arrangements, until I heard from him as to whether or not he had been successful.

"The next regular meeting of the state board will be on September 19, at which time, it is said, a choice will be made."

## Fire Rages In Sumpter; S. O. S. Sent To Baker

Baker reports that Sumpter is afire and in danger of complete destruction.

The town has asked for help from Baker. Part of the district is reported as already destroyed. The fire is spreading.

## Boys Leave For A Week's Outing

Quite a number of the M. I. A. Scouts and the Y. M. C. A. preps and juniors left this morning at 5:15 for the Hall ranch at Catherine Creek for a week's outing and camping trip, expecting to return next Friday.

They were taken out in five cars driven by five of the prominent men of the town who are friends of the Club.

One young lad, Russel Stewart, who happened to be in Pocatello, was so anxious to be included in the list that he wired from that place for them to reserve a place for him as he sure did want to go with the party, and he came over last night on the midnight train in order to go with the boys this morning.

Anyone wishing to communicate with the camp can do so by phoning the Hall Ranch on Catherine Creek.

Red Cross Exhibit

A very interesting exhibit of Red Cross articles is in the window of the J. J. Carr furniture Co. and is attracting quite a good deal of attention.

## Weather Man Predicts Showers

Portland, Aug. 13.—(United Press)—The U. S. weather forecast: "Showers tonight, fair tomorrow."

## DR. HOLT IS ACTING STATE HEALTH OFFICER

FORMER LA GRANDE PHYSICIAN IS REPORTED TO BE SUCCESSOR OF ROBERG

The Evening Telegram of Saturday printed the following: "STATE HEALTH OFFICER BEGINS ACTIVE SERVICE"

"Dr. Roberg Leaves Post To Take Charge of U. S. Army Hospital.

"Dr. David N. Roberg, state health officer who recently received a commission as captain in the medical reserve corps U. S. A., left for San Francisco today to take charge of the laboratories of the Letterman General United States Army hospital. He has been chosen by the government for this post because of his fitness to handle the work.

"No successor has yet been chosen to fill the position of state health officer, but Dr. R. E. L. Holt, who recently came to this city from La Grande, is temporarily in charge.

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When shown the above clipping Dr. C. T. Bacon, of La Grande, member of the state board of health said: "When it became known that Dr. Roberg would be called away, it was suggested that a meeting of the state board be held to fill the vacancy.

The chairman of the board decided that the matter could wait until the regular meeting of the board in September and authorized Dr. Roberg to place a physician temporarily in his place at a salary of \$2000 a year instead of \$4000 a year until the state board met.

Dr. Holt was formerly a well-known La Grande physician. He recently sold his interest in the Grande Ronde Hospital and moved his family to Portland.

## Smeltersmen Indicate Desire For Strike

Butte, Aug. 13.—(United Press)—Early balloting indicates that twenty-four hundred Anaconda smeltersmen will vote for a strike.

A full vote of unionists is expected. Two-thirds majority is necessary to call a strike.

## China Will Declare War Tomorrow

Tokio, Aug. 13.—(United Press) It is semi-officially stated that China will declare war on Germany and Austria tomorrow.

## HOOVER'S NEW NATIONAL MENU TO BE OUT SOON

PLANS TO CUT PORTIONS AND PRICES IN HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS

### FOOD ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES PLANS

Government Is Prepared to Take Over Whole Wheat Harvest If Necessary To Conserve Supply.

Washington, Aug. 13.—(United Press)—Hoover's war on high prices turned on restaurants today. Experts began compiling full details of American eating habits.

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Establishing of buying agencies at all the principal terminals, licensing of elevators and mills, fixing of prices to be considered fair, regulation of the middleman and of grain exchanges, with the elimination of trading in futures, are the chief features of the plan.

The minimum price of \$2 for wheat fixed by Congress does not become effective until next year, but the Administration proposes to exercise a very thorough control over this year's crop through powers conferred under the food and export control bills.

"The disturbance to the world's commerce and short supplies has caused a greater disruption of the normal markets for wheat than any other cereal."

"1. As a result of the isolation of certain of the world's wheat-producing countries by either belligerent lines or short shipping, the normal determination of the prices of wheat by the ebb and flow of commerce is totally destroyed."

"2. In order to control speculation and to obtain more equitable distribution of the available wheat and flour between their countries, the allied

## STRIKERS AGREE NOT TO RETURN WITHOUT RAISE

San Francisco, Aug. 13.—(United Press)—Fifty more United Railroads' platform men have signed the pledge not to resume work until wages are advanced and hours shortened, strike leaders have announced.

They declare that twelve hundred and fifty men will quit by tonight which will practically tie up the system.

## SUBMARINE BATTLES WITH STEAMSHIPS

New York, Aug. 13.—(United Press)—A half an hour engagement is reported between a German submarine and an American steamship off the Irish Coast. Neither scored a hit.

## FIVE AMERICANS LOSE LIVES WHEN SHIP IS SUNK

"CITY OF ATHENS" EN ROUTE TO CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA, MINED

### FOUR OF CREW AND TEN OTHER PASSENGERS LOST

Vessel Was Almost in Sight of Destination When Catastrophe Occurred—Passengers Were Missionaries.

Washington, Aug. 13.—(United Press)—Five Americans were lost when the American vessel "City of Athens" was mined off Capetown, South Africa, last Friday.

Four members of the crew and ten additional passengers were lost.

The vessel carried missionaries from Brooklyn and New York, to Capetown. The destination was almost in sight when the vessel sank.

Nineteen missionaries were saved.

## HERE ARE THE MEN WHO GO TO THE FRONT

LOCAL EXEMPTION BOARD HOLDS ITS FINAL MEETINGS

The local exemption board held their final examination of the affidavits for exemption and out of the twenty-two men that had been called to be examined, found thirteen not exempted, which makes two more than necessary as the quota for Union County is eleven men.

The following are those not exempted and in the order in which they will have to go, provided they are not excused by the Appeal Board:

- Serial No. 436—Elmer Potter La Grande
- 854—James L. Collins
- 1095—Lester Dallas Butler
- 783—Joseph Edgley Dalton
- 676—John Franklin Spahn Elgin
- 275—John Henry Stowe La Grande
- 509—John Alfred Groupe
- 564—Sidney Montgomery
- 945—Rhuell Gresham Tompkins North Powder
- 1267—Frank Oscar Harris La Grande
- 536—Harvey Corbin Street Union
- 1495—Louis Edward Ingram Allec
- 126—Ben Harrison Comstock

There were two who are already in the service, namely: Jay Conley, of Allec, and James Bernard McLaughlin, both of whom have already enlisted in the Hospital Unit.

Three were physically exempted: Charles Anderson Riley, Alexander Dee Davis, and Harley Hamor Richardson, all of La Grande.

Four were exempted for the following reasons:

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## NATIONAL ARMY WILL MOVE IN 3 INCREMENTS

THIRTY PER CENT AT TIME WILL BE SENT TO CANTONMENTS PROVOST GENERAL ANNOUNCES

Washington, D. C., Aug. 13.—(United Press)—The national army will move to cantonments in three increments, thirty per cent in each, September fifth, fifteenth and thirtieth, Provost Marshal General announced today.

Dates specified are for entrainment at home stations. The last ten per cent will follow as soon after September thirtieth as possible.

## Argentine Minister Resigns To Fight Duel

Buenos Aires, July 7.—(By Mail)—Dr. Gomez, the Argentine minister of the interior, is at his official desk again after having resigned to fight a duel with Marco Aurelio Avellaneda, a member of the chamber of deputies, who found fault with him because the federal government took the governorship of Buenos Aires province away from Dr. Marcelina Ugarte.

Dr. Gomez promptly resigned his portfolio to challenge Deputy Avellaneda. As soon as his resignation had been accepted he sent his seconds to call on those of the deputy. The result was that the letter said he spoke of Dr. Gomez "purely from a political standpoint and without the slightest intention of reflecting upon his personal honor."

This was satisfactory, the duel was called off and Dr. Gomez was reappointed by President Irogoyen to the interior ministry.

## SOCIALISTS NOT TO BE ALLOWED AT CONVENTION

ALLIED NATIONS AGREE NOT TO ISSUE PASSPORTS TO CONFERENCE

London, Aug. 13.—(United Press)—The allied nations have agreed that no passports will be issued to Socialists desiring to attend the International Peace Conference scheduled for September.

Andrew Law, chancellor of the exchequer, announced that the United States, France and Italy have agreed with England that passports permitting the attendance of Socialists at the Stockholm conference be withheld.

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## Alleged Murderer Of Wm. McAllister Caught

Grants Pass, Aug. 13.—(United Press)—After a chase through the heart of the Cascades, Ralph Turpine, alleged murderer of William McAllister, last Friday was caught this morning at Klamath Falls.

## MANY RECRUITS GOING TO JOIN ARMY

The army recruiting officer over the Post Office has been doing quite a lot of work in the last week or two. Seven men left here last week to take the examinations and eight more are to leave tonight.

Those leaving last week were: Courtney, Montgomery, Judd Smith, Fuller, Temple, Gilbert, and Warder. Those expecting to leave tonight are Howard E. Richardson, Paul D. Beck, Guy W. Spencer, James F. Perry, Harley C. Owens, Herbert A. Mc Ginnis, Thos. F. Jones, and Edwin G. Olson.

These men have their applications in for enlistment in different lines of the service.

## Religious Objectors Will Be Sent To Camp

Washington, Aug. 13.—(United Press)—Drafted persons whose religion prohibits them from making war will be forwarded to the mobilization camps where they will compose the quota from their district to be assigned duty as non-combatants, Adjutant General Crowder announced.

Coquille—New shingle mill in operation on Catching creek on Bartlett ranch.

## TWO GERMAN PLANES ARE DOWNED

TWENTY-THREE KILLED AND FIFTY INJURED IN AIR RAID

### GERMAN ATTACKS ARE REPULSED AT AISNE

British Artillery Successful in Throwing Back Enemy With Heavy Losses in Flanders.

London, Aug. 13.—(United Press)—Two German airplanes which raided the south end and other towns Sunday were downed, the admiralty announced.

The machines were brought down off the coast of Flanders. One was a new type of German plane, the other a seaplane.

The admiralty announced that twenty German machines participated in the raid, killing twenty-three and injuring fifty.

### AUSTRIANS HURRIEDLY REINFORCING CARSO

Italian Airplanes Are Very Active Over All Fronts

Rome, Aug. 13.—(United Press)—Austrians are hurriedly reinforcing the Carso front, anticipating a strong Italian attack.

Italian airplanes are extremely active at Carso and other fronts.

### ACTIVE FIGHTING IN AISNE REGION

German Attacks on North St. Quentin Successfully Repulsed

Paris, Aug. 13.—(United Press)—Continued artillery duels in the Aisne region and renewed German infantry attacks on North St. Quentin are reported officially.

All enemy attacks are reported repulsed.

### BRITISH SUCCESSFUL IN FLANDERS, REPORT

London, Aug. 13.—(United Press)—The Flanders' battle entered its third week with Haig announcing nothing of special interest to report.

Sharp, brief engagements have marked the past forty-eight hours as the Germans endeavored to regain some ground that the British captured. British artillery have been extremely successful, repulsing the enemy attacks with heavy losses.

### U. S. Will Ask Germany About Americans Held

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—(United Press)—The United States plans to ask Germany through the Swiss government what was done with the captain and four American naval gunners taken prisoners when a submarine sank the "Campana", the state department indicated this afternoon.

### DISTRICT EXEMPTION BOARD MEETS TOMORROW

The district exemption board for Eastern Oregon will meet tomorrow at 10 a. m. The members are N. K. West, Walter M. Pierce, F. S. Ivanhoe, Dr. C. T. Bacon, and J. F. O'Connell. The meeting will be held in Mr. Ivanhoe's office. The duty of the board is to handle appeals of drafted men from local boards and also to pass on exemptions in certain industries.

### Ex-President Taft Is Improving

Clay Center, Aug. 13.—(Special)—Ex-President Taft is showing continued improvement, his physician said. It will probably be three weeks before he can walk. Taft commenced to eat regularly today.