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## LA GRANDE BOYS WILL SOON GO TO FRANCE ORDERS COME FOR HOSPITAL UNIT TO LEAVE TONIGHT

### LOCAL HOSPITAL UNIT IS INCLUDED IN NEW DIVISION

19,000 MEN, THE FLOWER OF THE NATIONAL GUARD TO MOVE SOON

RAINBOW DIVISION INCLUDES MANY BRANCHES

Cavalry, Infantry, Engineers, Machine Gun and Artillery Companies From Forty-Second Division Named in Dispatch.

Washington, Aug. 14.—(United Press)—The Field Hospital company recently organized at La Grande, Oregon, Major J. P. Graham commanding, will form part of the new Rainbow Division which will leave soon for Europe.

The war department has announced that the forty-second division, called the Rainbow Division, comprising nineteen thousand men will soon be sent to Europe. The division is composed of the flower of the National Guard organizations of many states, including cavalry, infantry, engineers, machinemen and artillery companies. Major Douglas MacArthur, of the engineer corps, formerly press censor, is chief of staff of the new division. Brigadier General W. A. Mann, chief of the military bureau, was selected division commander.

### CHERRY FAIR HAS KING AND QUEEN

The final decision for the Cherry Fair was made Thursday evening. Master Archer Antles will be king and Miss Byrle Conley will be queen. The juvenile king and queen will be dressed in Queen Elizabeth and Sir Walter Raleigh style. The coronation which will be a unique feature of the program, will take place in the forenoon. Manager Elson is doing all in his power to make the fair a success in every particular. Among the principal speakers are Hon. R. M. Stansfield, Bruce Dennis and Agriculturist Paul Spillman.

Dinner will be served by the Methodist Ladies at the Guild Hall on the fair grounds.

### MARTIAL LAW IS PROCLAIMED OVER SPAIN

Madrid, Aug. 14.—(United Press)—Martial law has been proclaimed throughout Spain as the result of renewed strike disorders. Strikers and soldiers engaged in a number of conflicts. Many were wounded. Stern measures have been taken to repress disorders in Barcelona. It is reported that order has been restored there today.

### ROWED BOAT OVER WHEAT NOW MAKING 20 BUSHELS

Atchinson, Kansas, Aug. 13.—(Special)—Wheat which Harvey Whittier rowed over in a boat June 10, was cut June 27 and is now threshing out 20 bushels to the acre.

Can you beat it? The field is in the Delaware bottoms, near Muscotah. After the June flood Mr. Whittier actually rowed a boat over the wheat, and kissed the crop goodbye. But the water went down and the wheat came out in fine shape. It is now being threshed and is making as good or better than the average field that was up out of the way of the flood.

### Germans Active At Cornillet

Paris, Aug. 14.—(United Press)—Repeated German attacks on French outposts at Cornillet and successful French raids on northwest Rheims are reported officially. German attacks were repulsed. Artillery is active in Belgium.

### CHINA DECLARES WAR ON GERMANY AND AUSTRIA

CHINESE LEGATION IN WASHINGTON NOTIFIED IN PEKING CABLES

Washington, Aug. 14.—(United Press)—China declared war against Germany and Austria beginning at ten o'clock this morning. The Chinese legation was informed in Peking cables.

### PORTLAND MARKET LETTER August 13, 1917.

The market of the week opened at the Portland Union Stock Yards with splendid vim and spirit. The Eastern hog wave seemed to have struck Portland about the time of the opening market and prices were boosted 25c in that department which had a sympathetic raise in the steer market and the lamb market. All other departments continuing steadily.

**Cattle**  
Receipts 1600. Market was active to strong, 25c higher on steers. The cattle offered in the week's opening, with the exception of two or three carloads, were not as good as what was offered in the yards last week. The general feeling, was, that in spite of the large number offered, cattle were a little stronger than at the close of last week. Some, so called half fatted steers, crossed the scales at \$8.00 to \$8.50, and quite a number of good to choice cows were offered and changed hands at 7c. The following quotations obtained.  
Best steers, \$8.25 8.75; good steers, 7.25 8.25; good cows 6.00 7.00; ordinary 4.00 6.00; heifers 6.25 7.25; calves 8.50 9.50; bulls 4.50 6.00; Stks. and Fdrs. 4.50 6.75.

**Hogs**  
About 1200 hogs found their way into a strong and active market, in which the buyers seemed to foresee their calamity with the result that they made a grand march down the hog alley and cleaned up all offerings within the first hour of the market at an advance of something like 25c over the close of last week, and 40 to 50c over the corresponding day of the previous week. The market warrants the following quotations:  
Prime light 16.15 16.25; prime heavy 16.00 16.15; bulk 16.00; pigs 14.50 15.00.

**Sheep**  
A little strength was gathered in the sheep house during the open hour of the week's work, and most valley lambs were turned over at an advance of 25c. The transactions of the sheep houses were a little more active than they had been for the past two weeks and the general tone seemed to indicate an upward tendency through the day. The transactions established the following quotations:  
Yearlings 8.75 9.50; wethers 8.00 8.50; ewes 3.50 7.00; western lambs 12.00 12.75; valley lambs 11.50 12.00.

**Golf Tourney Starts Today**

Gearheart-by-The-Sea, Ore., Aug. 14.—Play in the Oregon golf championship tourney started here today with the women's qualifying rounds. The men will play their qualifying rounds Wednesday. Pendleton, Walla Walla, Aberdeen, Portland, Salem, Seattle, Baker and Astoria are among the northwest towns represented in the entry list.

### "LADIES ROAD" BATTLE EQUALS VERDUN COMBAT

"LE CHEMIN DES DAMES" SCENE OF FIERCE FIGHTING EVER DAY

NO ONE BUT SOLDIERS REMAIN AT FRONT

Survivors Tell Stories of Attacks Launched by Germans in Desperate Attempts to Take Ground Lost.

By HENRY WOOD

(United Press Staff Correspondent) With the French Armies at the Aisne, July 25.—(By Mail)—"Le Chemin des Dames," the historic "Ladies' Road", is no longer a place for ladies.

It is only a place for men—men who know how to fight and die. The daily battle now raging along the Chemin des Dames equals in intensity and fierceness the historic combats of last year at Verdun.

These Chemin des Dames attacks launched on a restricted front with all the concentrated resources that Germany has left for the purpose of retaking an observatory or obliterating a salient lack none of the determination and desperations of the Verdun assaults.

No war correspondent or civilian has even set foot on Ladies' Road since it was wrested from the Germans by the French. What takes place there can only be learned from the survivors who come back after a week's defense of the road. The story of one is the story of all—differing only details and not in kind. The following is one of many thousands:

"The battalions of chasseurs we were to relieve had passed an agitated period that included violent attacks by the Germans with ensuing influx and reflux.

"To reach our front lines we must cross the first and second lines of the famous Hindenburg position all of which in this locality has been captured by us. Our artillery has completely demolished every bombproof and shelter of the original Hindenburg lines, and for us it is a question of sleeping under the open sky and gimping stars.

"Our officers go forward to reconnoiter the ground. As the officers talk together a Boche marmite falls. A lieutenant is killed and another wounded. A little farther along, a rifle grenade mortally wounds another officer.

"We take possession of our sector and work hard to render it impregnable to a surprise attack. The Boches are only 50 yards away. At 3:30 in the morning they attack.

"From our front line we can see their infantry. They are so close to their own barrage that at one moment they are obliged to fall back to keep from being massacred by their own shells. "We have orders to die on the spot before abandoning our line. A hand to hand combat is quickly engaged.

"The Germans succeeded in getting into our trenches. We do not have enough grenades to beat off their attacks.

"But the waves which we drive back are quickly replaced with fresh troops and the hand-to-hand-fighting continues. A lieutenant in charge of a section after driving one German assault is surrounded by a second. The lieutenant shoots three German flame shooters. He finds that the defensive grenades they are using do not have a range sufficiently long and

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### Pope Renews Formal Peace Proposals

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS ARE SENT TO RULERS OF ALL NATIONS

APPEAL IS ADDRESSED TO ALL BELLIGERENTS

Address Is Understood To Be General In Form But May Serve As a Ground Work For More Detailed Discussion—It Is Believed He Favors Restoration of All Conquered States.

Rome, Aug. 14.—(United Press)—The Pope has renewed his formal peace proposals. Specific and concrete conditions which the Pope believes may form a basis for world peace, were sent to the rulers of all nations.

The appeal was addressed to neutrals, as well as belligerents. It is understood to be somewhat general in form, but of such a nature as to form a groundwork for more detailed discussion.

It is understood that the Pope desires to furnish common ground for discussion through a preliminary understanding. It is believed that the Pope proposes the restoration of all conquered, independent states, amicable adjustment of control of all disputed territory or territory likely to affirm cause for future war. Observator Romano, the official Vatican organ, will print the Pope's peace conditions tonight.

### Sumpter In Ruins; Loss \$200,000

Baker, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special)—Sumpter is today a smoldering mass of ruins.

The loss is estimated as high as \$200,000 and it is known that the insurance carried is comparatively small.

Every business house and nearly every residence, church and hall have been leveled by the flames. More than 300 persons are without homes and every effort to relieve the suffering is being made.

### STARKEY MAN HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Jack Starco of Starkey had a narrow escape yesterday while gringing a band of horses to town from up the river. Just below Perry a freight train startled the horses, and they stampeded. He drove them away from the track the first time when they circled again and rushed back to the track. The freight train ran over one of the horses killing it, and ran into the horse Mr. Starco was riding, he being unable to stop the horses. The collision resulted in throwing Mr. Starco and the horse to one side, both escaping without serious injury.

### THREE RECRUITS JOIN THE ARMY

Three new men were examined and accepted yesterday by the Army Recruiting officer over the postoffice. They are Chas. S. Gibson, Geo. C. Brown and Darrell C. Fulp, all of La Grande who have applications in for enlistment in the Baker's company. Thos. F. Jones, who had enlisted in the Hospital Corps has changed to the bakers' company. They will go to Portland some time this week for final examination.

### U. S. MUST RAISE 9 BILLIONS

Washington, Aug. 14.—(United Press)—Nine billion dollars additional in bonds or revenue or both must be raised to pay the expenses of the United States during the fiscal year ending June 30th next, Majority Leader Kitchin stated this afternoon after a conference with Secretary McAdoo.

This makes the total expenditures for the year fourteen billion dollars.

The bond bill authorizing the four billion dollar loan to the Allies must be passed at this session. Another bond bill totaling two billion dollars to meet current government expenditures may be passed before adjournment.

### MEMBERS WILL TAKE TRAIN AT NINE THIRTY TONIGHT

Home Guard Non-Coms Named Tonight

The two companies of the Home Guard meet at 7:15 tonight on the High School grounds. Special interest is attached to tonight's drill as all non-commissioned officers of both companies will be appointed.

### MIDDLE WEST CROP OUTLOOK BEST EVER SEEN

MAC WOOD, JUST BACK FROM CHICAGO SAYS CROPS ARE UNEQUALLED

Crops throughout the Middle West were never as good as they are this year, according to Mac Wood, manager of the Golden Rule store, who returned yesterday from Chicago where he attended the annual convention of the Retailers Commercial Union last July 23 to Aug. 8.

Mr. Wood was enthusiastic over the crop situation in these states. "The crop outlook is the best ever seen," he said, "No statement can be made too strong about it. From North Platte, Nebraska to Chicago one fairly gets sick of seeing crops. Fields of corn, wheat, oats, barley and potatoes stretch out miles after miles as far as the eye can see. We need not worry about the food problem.

"The increased acreage in this district is due to the killing of the winter wheat. This land was re-sown in the spring. This has been no drought or hot winds such as we have had here. The crops in the western states are hardly average."

Mr. Wood was one of the three Oregon merchants who attended the convention which was held for the purpose of allowing retailers to buy direct from the factories. The Union is composed of merchants from the West and Middle West. Membership is limited to one member from a town.

Between 500 and 600 merchants and buyers were present.

### HONOR GUARD GIRLS ELECT OFFICERS

The Honor Guard Girls met at the City Hall last night at which time the following officers were elected: Captains: Dora Van Fleet and Mildred Bush; lieutenants: Under Capt. Van Fleet: Stella Desilet and Eileen Pearce; under Capt. Bush: Blanche Black and Carolyn Palmer; Corporals: Under Lt. Desilet: Lois Given, Louise O'Connell and Leah Swallberg; under Lt. Pearce: Lena Robertsan, Etha Hoffman, and Reba Williamson; under Lt. Black: Jeanette Stoddard, Violet Rush and Leona Newlin; under Lt. Palmer, Gladys Currey, Florence Lynch and Eva French.

The girls also sewed on some household kits for the 2nd Oregon boys.

### PRESIDENT NAMES 178 NEW GENERALS

Washington, Aug. 14.—(United Press)—The President today sent the Senate the names of thirty-seven new Major Generals and one hundred and forty-one Brigadier Generals.

### Will Not Change Attitude

London, Aug. 14.—(United Press)—The executive committee of the labor party has decided not to change their attitude towards the Stockholm Socialist Conference.

### Swimming Tank Open

The Y. M. C. A. swimming tank, which has been closed for a few days for the purpose of taking measurements and getting figures on a new filter system, will be reopened tomorrow afternoon. The new system has been ordered and will be installed as soon after its arrival as possible.

BOYS ARE READY AND WILLING TO ANSWER THEIR COUNTRY'S CALL

ALL EXPECT TO BE ON WAY TO FRANCE

Major Graham and the Rest of His Command All Say "Fine" When Told That They Have Honor of Being in First National Guard Division To Go to the Front.

The La Grande hospital unit will leave tonight at 9:30.

Orders were received today to en-train on Number 5.

No destination has been given out. It is taken for granted that the boys will go to Camp Withycombe at Kamias station.

Ben Major Graham was informed it was to be the honor of the La Grande company to be with the first National Guard division to go to France, he said: "Fine."

When the rest of the company were also informed by The Observer of the honor that had come to them they could hardly retain their enthusiasm.

There will be a big crowd at the depot tonight, and the boys will be given a parting, rousing farewell. The boys are in fine spirits and eager and ready to go.

### Beautiful Scenery Is Seen On 420 Mile Trip

Mr. E. E. Kirtley and son, Everett, returned Saturday afternoon from a three weeks' trip to Portland, Tacoma, Chehalis, Olympia and Rainier National Park. In an interview in regard to his trip Mr. Kirtley grew very enthusiastic concerning the side trip to Rainier National park. They left here one morning motoring through to Heppner that day, on to The Dalles the next day, to Portland the next day to Chehalis on the fourth day. After spending a few days with Mrs. Kirtley's father, Mr. Francis Donahoe of Chehalis, they went on up to the National Park, spending the first night at Longmeyer's Inn and motoring up the next day to Narrata Falls, taking ponies from there on up to Paradise Inn. This hotel, he states is one of the best he has ever seen. He says the service is of the very best, good meals, nice beds well taken care of, a beautiful dining room and a large lobby almost entirely enclosed with large windows which give views of Mt. Rainier. The lobby floor is of hardwood, and is used by those who care to dance in the evening.

A most peculiar feature of the place is the unusual presence of both snow and green grass in such close proximity. He states that on one side of the hotel, up next to the building, there are ten feet of snow. Just beside this is a plot of grass that looks as though it might be someone's lawn with flowers scattered throughout the lot. Just beyond this, in a little draw where there is shade, is another spot all covered with snow. Beyond this is another stretch of grass about one hundred feet wide and quite long upon which about one hundred tents are situated. Coasting, skiing, snowshoeing, and other winter sports are very much in vogue, and he says that suits may be rented there for those who have no coasting sleds. These suits in themselves are worth mentioning. They are made of the peculiar khaki cloth in the trouser effect both for men and women, but the odd feature of them is that each has a leather seat, and instead of coasting on sleds, they just sit down and slide.

They also visited in Olympia and at Priest Point. Olympia's picnic and outing place, also about six lakes in the vicinity of the Capitol. They also went to American Lake where a great number of troops are now in training.

Durant, which is on one side of American Lake, is the scene of immense activity at the present time. The U. S. government is erecting a "city" there, according to Mr. Kirtley's statement. They are putting up

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