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LA GRANDE TURNS OUT TO BID SOLDIERS GOODBYE

HOSPITAL UNIT LEAVES FOR CAMP ON SHORT NOTICE

MARCHING COMPANY IS AN INSPIRING SIGHT

Boys Bravely Keep up Spirit as Train Pulls Out

There's a long, long trail awinding
Into the land of my dreams
Where the nightingales are singing
And a white moon gleams.
There's a long, long night of waiting
Until my dreams all come true
Till the day when I'll be going
Down the long, long trail with you.

With bared heads and singing with voices that rang true and steady above the shouts of goodby, the 80 members of the Hospital Unit boarded No. 5 last night and disappeared down the track with the good wishes of practically the entire population of La Grande ringing in their ears.

It was an inspiring sight as the company of stalwart young men marched from the Y. M. C. A. through the streets to the depot. The band playing a lively march, led. Behind the boys came the crowds, some weeping, some laughing bravely but for the most part silent.

Down the street to the depot they marched. At the arch the band, still playing, parted and the soldiers marched through. Here they were dismissed for the final handshake and goodby.

Not until then did the crowd seem to fully realize the seriousness of the occasion. When the word came at noon that the boys were to leave it was surprise and excitement that was uppermost in everyone's mind. But at the depot it was different. As if suddenly become aware of the meaning of all of the bustle, the crowd stood around silently and waited. The boys, bravely trying to hearten parents and friends, laughed and chatted and a few responded in kind but for the most part they stood in quiet groups.

No. 5 was late and it was 11:30 before the special coaches were cut in. Then came the final handshake, the last goodby--the conductor waved his lantern, the bell rang and they were gone.

Word that the local company would be part of the Rainbow division which would be sent to Europe soon, reached La Grande late yesterday morning. The excitement caused by the announcement had hardly subsided when another dispatch came ordering the boys to entrain at once.

The departure time was announced as 9:30 p. m. and long before 8 o'clock the streets were crowded with people who wanted to be on hand. The boys of the corps hurried about through the crowd trying to get to get around aroundtreada around to all their friends. However the train was late and it was 11:30 before it finally pulled out.

The company will probably be camped at Clackamas until ordered to join Forty-second division which is the next group to leave for Europe.

The boys of the company who left last night were:

Major J. P. Graham
Lieut. J. J. Palmerton
Lieut. C. S. Moore

Sergeants, First Class
McManus, Elmer, M.
Edwards, Jess
Kelley, William C.

Sergeants.
Harding, Chas. R.
Russell, Ralph W.
Rice, Roy R.
Curry, Roy B.
Bassett, Ben V.
Foley, Jerome, J.

Acting Cooks
Read, Fred B.
McNamee, James P.

Horsehaeher.
Griener, Eugene, B.
Saddler
Berry, Vern, A.

Farrier
Furman, Arthur, F.
Privates First Class

Andrews, Jesse, V.
Boswick, Albert, L.
Callahan, Lanty, C.
Carpy, Kenneth, B.
Chadwick, Clifford, C.
Curry, Albert, R.
Devore, Arthur, E.
DeLaney, Harry, J.
Dunlap, Loeth, S.
Hamilton, William, D.
Happesett, Sidney, C.
Ingle, Clayton, M.
Johnson, David, J.
Lefell, Homer, V.
Larson, Melvin, L.

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Fractures Hip In Fall From Bicycle

F. E. Divens, manager of the local office of the Western Union Telegraph Company, fell from his bicycle last evening at 8:30 while retraining from drill and fractured his hip so severely that he will be incapacitated for work for about two months. He will probably be obliged to remain in bed for at least six weeks.

Mr. Divens was returning from Home Guard drill and, with a couple of companions, was riding rapidly down Fourth Street. At Spring Street he turned sharply to the right. The two following attempted to pass him on the left and Mr. Divens collided with the rear wheel of one of the machines and was thrown with considerable force to the pavement.

He was taken at once to the Grande Ronde Hospital.

Dr. C. P. Bacon, who is in charge said this morning that Mr. Divens had sustained an impacted fracture of the femur.

Mr. Divens came here from Washington about 6 weeks ago to take charge of the Western Union office. Mrs. Divens is in Huron at present.

LENS BECOMES DEATH TRAP AS FOES APPROACH

CANADIANS CAPTURE POSITIONS ON 1000 YARD FRONT--MILE DEEP

BY WM. PHILLIP SIMMS

With the British Armies, Aug. 15.—(United Press)—The Canadians stormed and captured positions on a thousand yard front to a depth of nearly a mile in the new general assault of Lens. The result of today's attack is that Lens is now only a death trap. If the Germans continue to hold the city, possession will cost them dearly.

Canadians captured Hill seventy in the first rush.

Rosewood, Cite of St. Laurent, Cite of St. Emille, part of Cite of St. Elizabeth and a portion of Hugowood were quickly taken. A number of other important mining centers and positions about Lens were taken.

Hundreds of Germans were made prisoners.

The British captured the day's objectives in the first push. They are now consolidating the new positions.

Portland.—Five contracts, aggregating \$271,123.15 for grading 17.6 miles of upper and lower Columbia highway to make ready for paving next year, were awarded by state highway commission.

HOLT'S NEW POSITION CAUSES A STIR

OREGONIAN PRINTS AN INTERESTING ACCOUNT OF HOW FORMER LA GRANDE PHYSICIAN ASSUMED OFFICE

Dr. R. E. Holt's appointment of Temporary Holding of the Office of State Health Officer is creating Quite a Stir--The Oregonian Sunday Had the Following Account in the City Edition Which Does Not Reach La Grande:

HEALTH OFFICER ON JOB JOLTS BOARD
Dr. Robert Holt, of La Grande, Announces He Is Dr. Robert's Successor

OFFICE KEYS ARE PROOF
Three Members of State Board of Health Surprised to Learn of Incumbent, About Whom They Were Not Consulted

At least three members of the Oregon State Board of Health were greatly surprised yesterday to learn that Dr. Robert Holt, of La Grande, late Major of the First Field Hospital Company, Oregon National Guard, is

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LAWYER'S PLEAS NOT ALLOWED BEFORE BOARD

NEITHER WRITTEN OR ORAL ARGUMENTS TO BE PERMITTED

Portland, Ore., Aug. 15.—Uncle Sam is determined that no fine-drawn legal technicalities or splitting of hairs be permitted to influence decisions on claims for exemptions or discharge from military duty.

Therefore, local exemption boards have received positive instructions not to permit any applicant for exemption or discharge to be represented before the board by an attorney, nor to submit written legal proofs or make oral argument.

This ruling does not interfere in the least with the rights of claimants, for the affidavits and supporting affidavits he is required to submit to the board in proof of his claims, on blank forms furnished by the board, thoroughly safeguard his interests if he adheres to the truth. The penalty for false statements on his part, on the other hand, is very severe.

The purpose of these affidavits is to make available the exact facts in the case, without adornment or embellishment of any kind, so the board may decide each case on its merits alone.

Obviously, if an applicant could be represented by a lawyer, and either the lawyer or the applicant himself were free to make an argument to the board in support of the claim, a persuasive talker might influence the board in spite of itself. Members of the boards are only human.

Ordinarily, the board will decide on each claim on the evidence presented in the affidavit of the applicant and the supporting affidavits, without asking any questions of the applicant. But where the board is not fully satisfied with the evidence presented, it will investigate the fact stated in the affidavits by interrogating the applicants or other persons.

The Government desires to exempt any man who is really entitled to exemption or discharge. It is thoroughly determined that no man not entitled to it shall be exempted or discharged.

Administration Wants To Know Debate Topic

Washington, Aug. 15.—(United Press)—Administration leaders have determined to force the executive session of the Senate late today to decide whether peace terms or war aims shall come up for debate on the floor.

A STATEMENT.

To the public and wrestling fans: Since my last match with Jack O'Neill here in which I lost on account of being a good fellow and taking Mr. O'Neill's word that he would give me a return match, ever since then he has put me off and finally did agree to meet me again. And finally just a few days before the match he has called it off. Now, first to show Jack O'Neill up to some of his beloved friends, I hereby challenge the said Jack O'Neill to a handicap match and agree to throw him five times within one hour or forfeit the sum of \$300.

If Jack O'Neill is game to accept this challenge, the match will take place at the Zuber Hall on Friday, the 17th of August.

The \$300 will be deposited with any business man Jack O'Neill may name. Yours very truly,
HAROLD CHRISTENSEN.

Paid Adv. 8-15-17.

London, Aug. 15.—(United Press) A British destroyer was mined, the admiralty announced today. The captain, two officers and forty-three men were rescued.

BRITISH CHEER MARCHING SAMMIES

London, Aug. 15.—(United Press)—American troops marched through London streets today with tens of thousands cheering. London people showed more enthusiasm than since the British returned from South Africa.

HOME GUARD NON-COMS ARE APPOINTED

CAPTAINS OF TWO COMPANIES NAME SUBORDINATES AT DRILL

Captain A. W. Nelson of Company A and Captain J. H. Pearce of Company C, of the La Grande Home Guards announced their staff of non-commissioned officers at drill last night.

The complete list for Company A and a partial list for Company C is as follows:

Company A
Sergeants
F. C. Appling, First Sergeant.
Nolan Skiff, Quarter Master.
W. M. Nichols, Duty Sergeant.
Norman Frees, Duty Sergeant.
Harry Brenholts, Duty Sergeant.
W. R. Kivette, Duty Sergeant.
P. A. Foley, Duty Sergeant.

Corporals.
Floyd Charboneau
R. E. Swan
Fred Huffman
Nate Zwiefel
W. H. Pearce
Kenneth Evans
R. J. Sullivan

Musicians.
H. L. Browning
Andrew Loney
J. P. Caldwell

Hospital Detail
Harley Richardson
E. E. Vehrs
Signal Service Corps
P. A. Foley
Fred E. Divens
Charles Mulkey
Lester Huntley

Company C.
Sergeants
J. C. Henry, First Sergeant.
F. J. Holmes, Quarter Master.
A. B. Rogers, Duty Sergeant.
Asa Roberts, Duty Sergeant.
H. L. Lyons, Duty Sergeant.

Corporals
A. V. Andrews
W. H. Bohnenkamp
C. J. Black
Prof. A. C. Hampton
John Theiser

Captain Pearce states that he will appoint more officers later. Officers and non-commissioned officers school will be held tomorrow night at 7:30 at the Y. M. C. A. After this week the school will be held on Wednesday night at the same hour.

COVE CHERRY FAIR OPENS FINE SHOW

FINE DISPLAY OF CHERRIES AND SMALL FRUITS AND GOOD ATTENDANCE ARE NOTED

Cove, Aug. 15.—(Special)—The Cove Cherry Fair opened this morning with a good sized crowd and a fine display of cherries, raspberries and blackberries. The seventh annual event opened under favorable auspices, automobiles came from far and near, and the event was very enjoyable as a reunion of persons from the neighboring towns and cities.

President Powell called the meeting to order and delivered the address of welcome and called upon Rev. Mr. Pratt for the invocation.

The first speaker was Clarke Lelter who expressed the good will of La Grande citizens toward the annual cherry fair, and congratulated Cove upon its arrival at the dignity of a

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WAR MUST CONTINUE UNTIL GERMANS TALK REPARATION

Says Allies Would Destroy Germany

Berlin, Aug. 15.—(United Press)—The Vorwaerts asserts that the refusal of the entente powers to grant passports to Stockholm to the Socialist conference, shows that England and America are determined to destroy Germany.

CORPORATION WILL CONDUCT WHEAT SALES

MACHINERY FOR WHEAT CONTROL COMPLETED--COMMITTEES NAMED

Washington, Aug. 15.—(United Press)—The creation by the food administration of a grain corporation, with fifty million dollars capital, to conduct government wheat purchasing sales, is officially announced.

The President has appointed three committees: Wheat purchasing division, price fixing board, and United States millers' committee, to carry on the work. The great machinery for wheat control is completed.

HOUSER OFFERS SERVICES AS GRAIN BUYER

Gives Entire Profits of Business To Red Cross--Last Year's Profits \$2,000,000.

Portland, Aug. 15.—(United Press)—Max Houser, world's largest individual grain dealer, has announced that he would give the entire profits of his great business to the Red Cross and will devote his entire time to the government's interests as coast grain buyer without pay. His private business has been placed in the hands of a manager to be run for the Red Cross.

Houser's profits last year are reported to have been between two and three million.

O. W. Picnic Aug 18

To those interested in the O.W. R. and N. picnic Saturday, August 18, the following points are given:
First train--5:30 a. m. This train goes through to Joseph without a stop.

Second section--6 a. m. Stops at all stations on way.

Fare \$2.50 round trip.

The public is invited to make the trip.

Trains will return in the evening after the picnic.

Remember the date--Saturday, August 18.

SIBERT COMPLIMENTS AMERICAN SOLDIERS

American Headquarters France, Aug. 15.—(United Press)—General Sibert witnessed a great review of American soldiers in a driving rain storm. He declared the troops bearing was splendid.

MURDOCK TO SUCCEED PARRY ON COMMISSION

Washington, Aug. 15.—(United Press)—Victor Murdock, Kansas progressive, former congressman, has been nominated as a member of the federal trade commission, succeeding the late W. H. Parry.

SAYS DEMOCRACY MUST WIN OVER AGGRESSION

London, Aug. 15.—(United Press)—Lloyd George declared that the Allies are fighting only for victory of democracy over aggression. This utterance is considered significant because of the Pope's peace proposal.

ITALIAN PUBLIC DISFAVORS POPE'S PEACE PROPOSALS

Rome, Aug. 15.—(United Press)—The Italian public disfavours the Pope's peace proposals. The plan is considered especially untimely because it comes when the Allies and America are preparing for active participation and the Allies are making a maximum effort.

U. S. AND ALLIES WILL FIGHT UNTIL OBJECTIVE IS SECURED

POPE'S PEACE APPEAL DOES NOT CHANGE AIMS

British Diplomats Say Belgium, France, Serbia and Roumania Must Be Evacuated First.

Washington, Aug. 15.—(United Press)—War must continue until the Germans are willing to talk reparation, restoration and give guarantees. The United States stands with the Allies determined to fight until the objectives are secured. The Pope's peace appeal has not changed the United States' war aims, the state department announced today.

America's war aims coincide with the Allies' aims.

This summarizes the situation in the governmental and allied diplomatic circles, who are awaiting the delivery of the Vatican message. Both the United States and the Allies will answer the Pope.

British diplomats say that Belgium, France, Serbia and Roumania must be evacuated before peace discussion starts.

GERMANY WANTS PEACE AT ONCE LONDON THINKS

BY ED. L. KEEN

London, Aug. 15.—(United Press)—Germany is working with all her power for peace before the full weight of America is thrown against her.

This is the growing belief in London, following an over-night consideration of the Pope's peace proposal.

SPEED KINGS WILL RACE AT ENTERPRISE

Many La Grande People To Motor Over and Attend Races

Enterprise, Ore., Aug. 15.—(Special)—Enterprise's one-half mile track is already in first-class condition for its first real speed feast on Sunday, Aug. 19, when "North West Champions" and speed demons will race and vie for honors upon one of the best half-mile tracks in the country.

Local interest is at its height and from far and near comes the report that a record breaking crowd will be in attendance to see the riders and drivers race around the endless oval doing their "slides" and "skids" at a record breaking death defying pace. Interest is quite keen and all are anxious to see Farnham ride his "fastest machine upon the Pacific Coast" and do his record-breaking performances upon a half-mile track.

Local interest is also centered very keenly upon the two 1916 Northwest Grande Prix riders, "Red" Williams and "Jerry" Hollister and already motor lovers and enthusiasts are trying to pick their men and wondering who of the "Invincible Harley Combination" is going to be champion of the one-half mile oval.

Excitement is acute for it is no easy matter to pilot a racing car or motorcycle at break-neck speed around a half-mile banked track without tearing down a few rods of fence or ending up in a hospital.

The program for the afternoon will consist of:

- 1--3-Mile Race for Motorcycles--Free for all.
- 2--5-Mile Race for Motorcycles--Free for all.
- 3--Trials for Track Record.
- 4--10-Mile Race for Motorcycles--Free for all.
- 5--3-Mile Race for Local Riders (Wallawa Co.) \$30.00 Purse.
- Wild Bull-Dogging, Buckaroing, Side-Car "Stunts".
- 6--3-Mile Race for Autos--Free for all.
- 7--5-Mile Race for Autos--Free for all.
- 8--5-Mile Race for Local Drivers (Wallawa Co.) \$35.00 Purse.
- 9--Trial for Track Record for Car making fastest time.
- 10--10-Mile Race for Autos--Free for all.