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## THE PRESS SAYS "NO" TO POPE'S PROPOSALS

CONSIDER CONDITIONS INDICATE PRO-GERMAN TREND

ALLIES WILL REJECT PROPOSALS IS BELIEF

Italians Declare Pope Failed To Include Principal Points For Which Allies Are Fighting.

London, Aug. 16.—(United Press)—With new emphasis following the official publication of the peace proposals of the Pope, the British press answered "No" to the proposals, looking toward the end of the war. The conditions outlined by the Pope are considered as indicating a stronger German trend than an unofficial outline.

Rome, Aug. 16.—(United Press)—The Pope's peace proposals are certain to be rejected by the Allies, the Italian press believes. They unanimously declared that the Pope failed to include the principal points for which the entente allies are fighting.

## Four Killed In Airplane Raid In Venice

Rome, Aug. 16.—(United Press)—Four were killed and twenty-seven injured when Austrian airplanes raided Venice Tuesday.

The hospital was struck, two patients killed and twenty-one injured. It is reported several raiding airplanes were downed. Italian airplane destroyers fought the raiders.

Bishop Paddock Here.

Bishop Paddock arrived last night from Baker and remained over night. He had been to Sumpter where the Episcopal church was the only one saved from the fire. He tendered the use of it to the other religious bodies of the town who had lost their buildings. The guild hall of the church he placed at the disposal of the lodges. He left this morning for Pendleton.

The Rev. Charles H. Powell, of the Cove, was over this morning to meet Bishop Paddock and accompany him to Pendleton.

## HERO OF THE FRENCH ARMY RECEIVES SIGNAL HONOR

Captain Garandeau, Who Began War As Sergeant Awarded Legion of Honor For Recovering Body of French Officer Under Fire.

By Henry Wood, United Press Staff Correspondent) With the French Armies, July 15—(By Mail)—Captain Garandeau, who began the present war as a sergeant, has been awarded the Legion of Honor for recovering under most exceptional circumstances the body of a French officer killed just in front of the German trenches.

While French machinegun operators, hundreds of yards behind the French lines, executed a barrage fire of protection over the dead body, Garandeau in full daylight and under the eyes of both the French and the Germans crept face downward to the spot, and attaching the body to his leg with a rope, successfully dragged it back into the French lines.

The dead officer, Lieutenant Seve by name, together with his orderly named Ollmo, had been killed during a night raid on the German trenches. Immediately afterwards another party had left the French trenches for the purpose of bringing back two bodies, but after searching all night in vain, came back in the morning empty handed.

During the course of the forenoon, the French finally succeeded in locating with strong field glasses the bodies lying in the tall grass just in front of a German trench and where any effort to recover them would be in full view of the enemy.

As it was certain that if the bodies were left there till night, the Germans would be able to ambush anyone who sought to recover them, Cap-

## Hospital Boys Are Busy At Clackamas

Clackamas, Oregon, Aug. 16.—(Special)—The hospital unit under command of Major Graham and 77 enlisted men arrived Wednesday morning. Strenuous half day was spent arranging sleeping quarters, kitchen, etc. The medical examination and muster will be held Thursday. An average of ten per cent are usually rejected. Lieutenants Plamondon and More and the men are jubilant over the prospect of going to the front soon.

The following registered at the Imperial Hotel, Tuesday: F. A. Charbonneau and wife of La Grande; H. C. Street, La Grande.

## CAN'T STARVE ENGLAND SAYS LLOYD GEORGE

London, Aug. 16.—(United Press)—Premier Lloyd George announced the English food situation is better than for many years. He declared the stock of wheat now exceeded last year by sixteen million bushels. He declared it impossible for submarines to starve England. Discussing the military plans Lloyd George declared he intended to make one big move this year, but the Russian claw of the nipper broke.

HOME GUARD AUXILIARY WILL DRILL ONCE A WEEK

Members Who Live Near Palmer Mill to Work Near Home One Night To Save Walk.

At a meeting of Home Guard members at the Lane Chapel last night arrangements were made for the drilling near home of members of Companies A and C who live along North Second street and in the vicinity of Palmer mill. These men will drill once a week at home and the other night with the companies. This arrangement was made to save members living in that vicinity the long walk.

Eight men, a sergeant and a corporal compose the squad. The men in charge are Sergeant McEwen and Corporal Swan, both of A Company. Of the ten men five have seen service in the regular army and militia and five are new recruits.

The first drill will be held Friday night. On Tuesday night they will meet with their regular companies.

## PENALTY SEVERE FOR THOSE WHO EVADE DRAFT

MEN NOT APPEARING BEFORE BOARD AUTOMATICALLY DRAFTED

Portland, Or., Aug. 16.—(Special)—From now on the fate of the man who tries to evade his duty under the draft law will be anything but enviable.

Failure to appear for physical examination when called up by his local exemption board will not help the slacker. In fact, it will be about the shortest cut he could take to get himself drafted automatically into the army without further consideration.

If a man does not appear before his local board when called—unless he applies by reason of absence from his district to have his examination transferred to another board, or can give very good reason why he was unable to appear—his name will be certified to the Adjutant General of the state as having been called for military service and not exempted or discharged.

The Adjutant General, who acts under instructions from Washington, will give him one more chance, and only one, to clear his record.

A notice will be sent to the address on his registration card directing him to report within five days, either in person or by mail or telegraph, to the Adjutant General. If he doesn't report as directed, at the end of the five days he becomes automatically drafted in the army of the United States.

Failure to appear for duty will then become equivalent to deserting from the army. Men who desert from Uncle Sam's army in time of war are not treated very kindly. They are classed in the same category as traitors.

Such men will be rigidly hunted down by the military authorities. They either will be compelled to serve, or court martialled as deserters. In time of war a court martial can inflict the death penalty for desertion.

HONOR GUARD MEETING TONIGHT

The Honor Guard Girls will meet at the City Hall tonight for their regular meeting. They expect to complete the housewife kits they have been working on.

A STATEMENT.

Mr. Christensen's advertisement in last night's Observer in which he offers to throw me five times in an hour strikes me as a huge joke and the very cheapest kind of advertising and must appear very interesting to the local sport lovers, who on June 19th witnessed the undersigned put such a crimp in his anatomy and tied him up so effectively in less than one fifth of the time stipulated in his handicap bluff that he was unable to again make his appearance on the stage, to say nothing of going on for another fall. He was licked so badly he couldn't even talk.

His reference to "being a good fellow" in his first match probably refers to when he kicked me in the eye, thereby decorating same neatly for a couple weeks.

Further, as stated over my signature in The Observer, I agreed in good faith to give Mr. Christensen a return match but his manager and promoter failed to post the purse as per agreement and made remarks which caused the wrestling followers to lose confidence in the match and there was no other alternative but to cancel the arrangement.

Now that Mr. Christensen has invited comment, I will call the local wrestling fans attention to his handicap match with J. Nooragard in Enterprise in June in which he offered to throw the little fellow (who weighs only 160 pounds) three times in an hour and he failed, again demonstrating that he allows his aggressiveness to dictate to his better judgment and that a challenge as issued in The Observer is looked upon by myself and the some five hundred fair minded admirers of clean sports who saw me defeat him on June 19th, as the cheapest variety of advertising and means of publicity and a huge joke.

I work for a living, I have never lost a day since I arrived in La Grande and do not depend upon wrestling for my existence and am proud of my past record, which stands without a blemish and I hereby pledge that any time I appear before the wrestling fans they will witness a straight, honest match.

I ignore Christensen's bluff in last night's paper. JACK O'NEILL. 8.16-1t

## GRADUATES OF FIRST CAMP TO GO TO FRANCE

2000 RESERVE OFFICERS WILL BE SENT TO FILL GAPS

Washington, Aug. 16.—(United Press)—Over two thousand graduates of the first series of officers' training camps have been assigned to go to France. They will receive further intensive training there and will ultimately fill gaps caused by promotions and casualties. Other assignments will probably be made later.

Farewell Banquet Given Pat Foley

The Volunteer Fire Company gave a farewell banquet at the Sommer Hotel last night in honor of Capt. Pat Foley, who leaves tomorrow night for the Presidio at San Francisco where he will enter the training camp of the Officers' Reserve Corps.

Those present at this banquet were: P. A. Foley, L. L. Snodgrass, Frank Bay, Nate Zweifel, L. M. Hoyt, S. A. Weengel, H. Bohnenkamp, J. H. Keeney, Rube Zweifel, C. L. Mackey, Frank Bradley, Ex-Chief Joe Homes.

## COUNTER PLOT TO RESTORE CZAR LEARNED

Petrograd, Aug. 16.—(United Press)—A counter revolutionary plot aiming at the restoration of the Czar to the throne has been discovered, it has been learned.

Personal Mention

Mrs. Lot Snodgrass of the Milinery department of West's store returned this morning from a five weeks' combined business and pleasure trip. She visited near North Yakima and also in Minnesota. She also attended the Style Show at Chicago, and all in all reports a very fine trip.

Walter Nelson of Hot Lake and Edith Hughey of Baker were married yesterday in the Grande Ronde Valley-house by Rev. Chas. A. Edwards.

Rev. and Mrs. S. M. Roberts of the M. E. Church South, returned Monday night from an extended trip through the East.

Miss Ethel Richey of the Golden Rule left today for a two or three weeks' vacation. She went by auto from here to Pendleton and from there she will go up into Idaho on a visit.

Mr. Cook of Woodard-Clarke Drug Co. who has been helping at Silverthorn's during inventory, has accepted a position with Frank Evans in his drug store at Payette, Idaho.

Mr. Del Bergen of Silverthorn's who went to Portland last week on account of the illness of his wife, will not be back.

The Misses Fannie and Mary Sommer and their niece Miss Carolyn Sommer who are here from Spokane, spent a few days in Union the first of the week.

A party of folks drove to Pendleton Sunday in cars. They were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Monaghan and children of Heppner, (Mr. Monaghan is a stock man of that place.) Mr. P. Connell, wealthy sheep man from Heppner, Miss Anna O'Rourke, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Monaghan who has been visiting Miss Anna Klees, Mrs. Marion Klees and daughter Miss Anna. Mr. Connell had been looking over his holdings in the vicinity, while the Monaghans have been spending about two weeks at Hot Lake. They had both motored over from Heppner, and on the return trip took Mrs. Klees and daughter over as far as Pendleton where they visited with their daughter and sister Miss Lotanda Klees who is in the employ of the O. W. R. & N. Co., there.

FIRE BURNS WOOD PILE. A small fire that destroyed a portion of the wood pile belonging to the Sawyer-Holmes Mercantile Co. broke out this afternoon at 3 o'clock. It was extinguished before much damage was done.

## Changes Stripping Kaiserism Of Power

PRESIDENT EXPECTED TO MAKE SECOND APPEAL TO LIBERALS

Washington, Aug. 16.—(United Press)—Political changes in Germany are stripping Kaiserism of powers. The President appealed once to the Liberals to cast off their yoke. It is strongly believed that he will send a second appeal.

Allied diplomats say that eventually the seed will grow and bear fruit. The British Embassy stated that peace can come only with realization of the Allied war aims.

Liberal diplomats say there must be a constructive answer to the Pope. The League of Democracy, already working in Germany must be encouraged by the Pope, the Allies and the United States insisted. A summary refusal would indicate a determination to thwart every peace move.

## CHRISTENSEN IS PLACED UNDER ARREST

WRESTLER CLAIMS TO BE 33; OTHER PLACES GAVE AGE AS 28 YEARS

Harold Christensen, a wrestler who has been in La Grande for some time, was arrested at 11 o'clock this morning by Sheriff Lee Warnick on a charge of not having registered and is now lodged in the county jail pending further investigation. The arrest was made at the request of United States District Attorney Reames at Portland.

Christensen says that he is 33 years of age and does not have to register. In several places it is said that in his wrestling publicity he gave his age as 28 years.

Christensen engaged R. J. Green as attorney who wined for his birth papers from New York. He states that Christensen is a Danish subject and would not have to register unless between 21 and 31. As a Danish subject he says Christensen would not be subject to draft and would have no object avoiding registration.

Quilts Stolen From Line

WARNING!—Do not leave clothes on line after dusk. Last evening two new quilts, which had been hung out to air, were taken from the line in the back yard of Mrs. Klees' home on 4th and Spring St. while the family were sitting on the front porch. It was just beginning to get dusk when Mrs. Klees thought she would bring them in but when she went out to get them they were gone. They had been there but a short time.

## BRITISH AND FRENCH PUSH ON WITH FURY

DELIVER TERRIFIC BLOW TO GERMANS ON SIX-MILE FRONT

FIGHTING AT LENS EXTREMELY BLOODY

Canadians Crush Germans Like Flies in Fierce Counter Attacks—German Attacks Repulsed.

BY WM. PHILLIP SIMMS British Headquarters, Aug. 16.—(United Press)—The British swung another terrific blow against the Germans, attacking on a front of six miles.

Simultaneously the French struck. The forces of both nations are pressing forward with relentless fury.

Sidestepping to the left the British delivered a blow at Northeast Ypres, while the Germans were still staggering in bloody confusion from the Lens assault.

Haig's forces advanced, after perfect preparation from opposite Polygon Kood to junction with the French. Fighting at Lens was extremely bloody during the night. The Canadians crushed the Germans like flies in the counter attacks. The German attacks were repulsed.

HAIG CAPTURES LANGEMARCH.

London, Aug. 16.—(United Press)—It was announced in the Commons that Haig had captured Langemarch, taking twelve hundred prisoners and capturing five guns.

HOGS TAKE ANOTHER JUMP

East St. Louis, Aug. 16.—(United Press)—Hogs jumped twenty-five to fifty cents today, reaching a record price of eighteen dollars and forty-five cents.

Rebekah Delegates Attend Initiation.

Last night Mr. and Mrs. M. Elledge, Mrs. E. J. Brown and Miss Florence Stanfield motored over to North Powder to attend a Rebekah Lodge initiation. The Baker team had charge and initiated two new candidates. The work was done in the usual Baker style,—fine. After the initiation ceremonies, a dandy chicken supper was served. There were about seventy-five present, mostly from North Powder and Baker. The La Grande people who were there report a splendid time.

School Opens September 10

City Superintendent of Schools today announced that school would open in La Grande on September 10.

## EVERY SAMMY TO HAVE PRIVATE SECRETARY

(By George Martin, United Press Staff Correspondent) Washington, August 16.—Every Sammy in France will have a secretary to write letter to his folks if he is too badly wounded or too busy swatting the Boches to do it himself.

Adjutant General McCain has arranged the same secretariat system for the first 687,000 draft Sammies in cantonment camps in this country this fall. And for the militiamen, likewise.

"Our plan to enable friends and relatives of American soldiers to get prompt information as to their welfare," said General McCain today, "will require, for every million men, about 1,200 officers, enlisted men and field clerks."

World headquarters for this organization, which is already at work, will be in the State, War and Navy Building in Washington. It is known officially as "The Statistical Division."

In addition to writing letters and post-cards, the duties of members of the division will include:

Gathering information concerning individuals at general, divisional, regimental and company headquarters, field and base hospitals, ports of embarkation and camps in this country where troops are mobilized and trained.

Handling inquiries concerning prisoners of war, both German prisoners in America and American prisoners in Germany.

A big training school for these

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