

## C. M. HICKEY IS VICTIM OF AUTO ACCIDENT

DIES FROM INJURIES RECEIVED WHEN AUTO-TRUCK OVERTURNS

PINNED UNDER CAR; COMPANION UNHURT

Was Eastern Oregon Representative For Chilcott-Mash Automobile Company of Seattle.

An auto accident that cost the life of C. M. Hickey, Eastern Oregon Salesmanager for Chilcott-Mash Automobile Company of Seattle, occurred at three o'clock yesterday afternoon when the truck in which he was riding overturned on a steep grade near Elgin. E. H. Mahoney of Seattle, who was with him, was unhurt.

The two men were driving from Wallowa and encountered a bad grade just before reaching Elgin. Mr. Mahoney, who was driving, seeing that the hill was steep and fearing to attempt the curve ahead at the speed he was going, endeavored to scrape the bank to hold back the machine.

The car however had gained so much momentum that when it struck the bank it bounced back and overturned, catching Mr. Hickey below the knee with the top.

Mr. Mahoney, who was unhurt, ran to Elgin to summon aid and the victim was hurried to the hospital at La Grande, where he died about nine o'clock last night.

Mr. Hickey was about forty-five years of age and unmarried. His body is at present in the Bohnenkamp chapel and will be sent to Chicago tonight.

Mr. Chilcott will arrive from Seattle tonight.

## HE'S ONLY A PRIVATE.

Another Vanderbilt Has Joined Forces of Uncle Sam.



Photo by American Press Association.

Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., is one of the latest members of that wealthy family to join the United States forces. He's a private in the New York national guard.

## U. S. IS TO ANSWER POPE SEPARATELY

IT IS OFFICIALLY STATED THE PONTIFF'S COMMUNICATION REQUIRES INDIVIDUAL REPLY

Washington, Aug. 18.—(United Press)—The United States will probably speak only for herself when answering the Pope's plea.

It is officially stated the Pontiff's communication required an individual reply.

Germany Answers Pope.

Rome, Aug. 18.—(United Press)—Germany is assured of the Pope's moral adhesion to his peace proposals, according to press dispatches. Austria declared its readiness to initiate negotiations.

## Sumpter People in Need of Aid

Many people are destitute in Sumpter. An appeal has been issued for funds. Any amount large or small may be left at either of the local banks and it will be forwarded to the relief committee.

## GREAT BRITAIN FORBIDS RAILROAD EMPLOYEES TO STRIKE

London, Aug. 18.—(United Press)—The munitions war act was applied this morning to a threatened strike of forty thousand railway engineers and firemen. This prohibits a walkout and requires the submission of the railway employees' eight-hour day demands to the Labor Minister.

## Starr Resigns to Join New Army

District Attorney of Wheeler County Wins Commission—W. G. Trill Appointed.

Salem, Aug. 18.—(United Press)—Governor Withycombe received today the resignation of J. K. Starr, district attorney of Wheeler county, and appointed Wallace G. Trill, formerly of Wallowa county, to the position. Starr resigned because he had won a commission in the new army.

## HOSPITAL BOYS ARE BUSY AT CLACKAMAS

DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES AT ATHLETICS—CONCERT ENJOYED—COOKS MAKE REQUEST

Clackamas, Ore., Aug. 17.—(Special Correspondence)—Oregon Field Hospital Unit has already distinguished its self in athletics by out pulling the best men in the Infantry companies which is quite a stunt as they have over a thousand men to pick from.

The night before the Portland Honor Guards sent a number of their young ladies out and they gave us a most enjoyable evening in the Y. M. C. A. tent.

They brought a violinist and several singers and readers and gave us quite a concert, helped out by two of the soldiers who each sang a number of pieces.

The boys certainly enjoyed and appreciated the crowd that came to see them off when they left La Grande and all felt that La Grande and Eastern Oregon were with them.

We stopped about an hour in Portland but never got off the train and when we got here the first thing we did was to get something to eat.

The food is good and the boys seem perfectly satisfied, we had the cook from Co. M. over the first day to help our cooks get started and he has been over pretty regular ever since helping them to get used to cooking in the open for so many men.

Last night the Engineers came into camp and that makes the last bunch to get called into camp; there are three companies of them.

The first night we used one their rows of tents but yesterday they put us up a new row of tents and we had to move our beds next door as the new tents were just back of the old ones.

We have spring cots to sleep on instead of canvas and they are more comfortable to sleep on.

The 3rd Oregon band is camped here and at present they are practicing at the other end of "Y" tents they are quite a band.

They have closed camp here which means outsiders can't get in but they have a park and anyone who comes out can go in there and have any of the soldiers called they want to, as they are allowed in there at any time.

The cooks have a request to make of the Honor Guard Girls: They wish they would send them a lot of dish rags and wash clothes as we have to supply our own and it is quite an item.

We have one good joke on our selves the first morning all of us got up at five instead of six except the sergeants they knew better.

The trouble is we are near the Pendleton Colony and they get up at five and the Infantry at six.

Yours truly  
SIDNEY C. HAPPERSETT

## Cuba Gives U. S. Training Grounds

Washington, Aug. 18.—(United Press)—It is announced that Cuba gave the United States a training ground at the eastern end of the island. Troops will be sent there soon.

## GERMANS PUT FRENCH PRISONERS IN FRONT LINE

Paris, Aug. 18.—(United Press)—The Germans have organized twenty-six battalions of French military prisoners for work in dangerous positions on the front line according to revelations of H. Galli, members of the Chamber of Deputies. The government has formally protested.

## FOUR FAIL TO PASS FEDERAL EXAMINATIONS

Clackamas, Ore., Aug. 18.—(Special)—W. D. Hamilton, Grover J. Duffey, George A. Dixon and J. C. Caldwell, of the La Grande Hospital Unit failed to pass the Federal examination and will return to La Grande soon.

## COUNCIL IS FORMED FOR UNION COUNTY

ORGANIZATION TO BE DEVOTED TO PATRIOTIC SERVICE—T. J. SCROGGIN ELECTED CHAIRMAN

At the request of Bruce Dennis, director of work for the State Council of Defense, a meeting was called last night by Mr. T. J. Scroggin at which a County Council of Patriotic Service was organized. Mr. T. J. Scroggin was elected president, and Mr. Fred. B. Currey, secretary. Those present were:

A. C. Hampton, J. F. Phy, Vincent Palmer, T. J. Scroggin, Lee Warnick, Clarke Leither, E. E. Bragg, F. B. Currey, La Grande; F. E. Smith, Elgin; J. F. Hutchinson, Union; J. C. Paxton, Cove; Dunham Wright, Medical Springs.

At the suggestion of the State Council of Defense the work of the county council will be divided into the following departments, with a member of the council at the head of each committee:

- Food supply and conservation.
  - Industrial Labor.
  - Farm Labor.
  - Lumber
  - Transportation.
  - Home Defense.
  - Women's Work.
  - Publicity.
  - Sanitation.
  - Medicine and Morals.
  - Law.
  - Finance.
  - Co-ordination of Patriotic Societies.
  - Fuel Supply.
- Many of these activities are already under way but it will be the duty of

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## GERMANS TRY TO RECAPTURE LOST POSITIONS

FRENCH CONTINUE TO ADVANCE IN FLANDERS BRITISH SUCCESSFUL

Paris, Aug. 18.—(United Press)—The French continued to advance in Flanders, capturing the strong position of east Stenbeck. Progress was made on North Bixchoote, along the Langemark Road. A brilliant counter-attack on the right bank of the Meuse threw the Germans from the positions that they captured last week.

London, Aug. 18.—(United Press)—For the third day the Germans continued throwing masses of troops against the newly won British positions near Lens.

All attacks have been repulsed. The artillery was active last night. One hundred and fourteen German airplanes were downed during the past week, while only forty British air craft were lost.

## RUSSIANS THROWN FROM ENTRENCHED POSITIONS

Berlin, Aug. 18.—(United Press)—Sixteen hundred prisoners, one cannon and one machinegun were captured in the defeat of the Russians south of Groescie, the war office announced. The Russians were thrown from their entrenched positions.

## British Airplanes Drop Tons of Bombs

London, Aug. 18.—(United Press)—The Admiralty announced many tons of bombs had been dropped on German military establishments in Belgium, and the Thorout railway station raided. Fires were observed in ammunition camps. The British machines were not damaged.

Greece Under Martial Law. Athens, Aug. 18.—(United Press)—Martial law has been extended to include all Greeks.

Miss Margaret Taylor of Baker who has been the private nurse to Mrs. J. Garfield King the past two weeks left for her home at noon today.

## MAY RESUME OFFENSIVE.

Declared That General Sarrail May Make Advance From Monastir.



Photo by American Press Association.

A new allied offensive in the Balkans may result from a recent conference in Paris. It is planned, one report says, for Sarrail to advance from Monastir, while a big Italian army will make a flank move by way of Albania.

## EXPLOSION KILLS 20

AMMUNITION PLANT AT DRAGON, QUEBEC IS DESTROYED

Montreal, Aug. 18.—(United Press)—At least twenty were killed in a series of terrific explosions which destroyed the Curtis and Harvey ammunition plant at Dragon, Quebec, according to latest estimates.

Scores of employes in the big plant are missing, but it is believed many of the missing are safe.

The explosions wrecked forty homes and shook the country for miles.

The damage is estimated at about a million dollars. The plant was completely wrecked.

Wire communication with the town is cut off. A section of Canadian Pacific Railway was destroyed; all trains on that Division are cancelled. Nurses and doctors were rushed from Montreal.

## FRENCH SCHOOL MISTRESS RECEIVES WAR CROSS

Paris, July 20.—(By Mail)—(United Press)—Quesmy, a little village north of the Oise, counts July 7, 1917, as the proudest day in its modest annals. On that day a French general, with a guard of war-veterans in attendance came to pin the War Cross on the breast of Madame Pellequer, the local schoolmistress and mayor, for her gallant conduct.

Mme. Pellequer is one of those modest heroines whom France has reason to be proud of. When the war broke out Mme. Pellequer was teaching school in Quesmy, while her husband was similarly employed at the neighboring village of Maucourt. Her husband left for the front, and she took over his pupils.

The Germans occupied Quesmy, and found Mme. Pellequer installed as mayor, maintaining order and attending to everything. She it was who first refused to salute the invaders, who, for once, overlooked this insubordination.

On one occasion, the commanding officer visited the school and remarked that the provinces of Alsace-Lorraine were indicated on the map which hung in the class-room as forming part of France. He pointed out this fact and asked Mme. Pellequer why they were separated from the German empire. "Because they belong to us," she answered simply. Then, at last, the French returned in March, and the report they made of the noble work accomplished by Mme. Pellequer, has earned her the distinction reserved for the heroes of France.

## THREE VALLEY FARMERS BUY 1280 ACRES

COLON R. FRAZIER WHEAT LAND SOLD TO CHAS. PLAYLE FLOYD MCKENNON AND CHAS. WEBSTER

PRICE IS OVER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS AN ACRE

Land Was Held in Trust for Heirs by Charles R. Frazier, Prominent Business Man of Portland—It is on the Sand Ridge and is Considered One of the Best Wheat Producers in the Valley.

One of the biggest farm deals consummated for some time was closed last night when Charles Playle, Floyd McKennon and Charles Webster bought the Colon R. Frazier farm of 1280 acres on the Sand Ridge for approximately \$150,000.

This farm was accumulated by Colon R. Frazier one of the pioneers of the valley now deceased, and on his death was devised to George and Marie Frazier (now deceased) and was held in trust for the heirs in the name of Charles R. Frazier, a prominent business man of Portland and a nephew of Colon R. Frazier. Representing the heirs was Hon. Berry Wright a prominent attorney of Rome, Georgia. The minor children of Marie Frazier living in Georgia. Representing the purchasers was C. H. Finn. The deal was negotiated by Ray W. Logan of the Security Land and Savings Co., representing the trustee, Charles R. Frazier.

Of the 1280 acres Charles Playle bought 670 acres, Floyd McKennon 450 acres, and Charles Webster 160 acres. All are well known farmers. The farm is considered one of the best wheat producers in the valley and in recent years has been farmed by Charles Playle who has brought it up to its present fine state. It is one of the show places of the valley with not a weed on it. With their new purchases Charles Playle will have approximately 675 acres of land, Floyd McKennon will have 500 acres, and Charles Webster 640 acres.

## French Raid Germans and Drop Bombs

Paris, Aug. 18.—(United Press)—The war office reported that one hundred and eleven French airplanes raided German military establishments, dropping thirty-five thousand pounds of projectiles.

Seven German machines were downed and eight others and a balloon were damaged.

Two French machines failed to return. The German airplanes bombed Nancy but the town was not damaged.

## BRITISH AND GERMAN SHIPS IN ENGAGEMENT

London, Aug. 18.—(United Press)—The Admiralty reported an engagement between British and German scouting ships. One German destroyer and several mine sweepers were damaged. The biggest type of British scout cruisers engaged the Germans scoring a number of hits before the Germans escaped. German submarine participated. The British were undamaged.

## Suffraget Pickets Sentenced to Jail

Washington, Aug. 18.—(United Press)—Six suffraget pickets who refused to pay ten dollar fines were sentenced to thirty days in jail.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Andrews, went to Wallowa Lake Saturday morning, to fe gone a week.

## Men in First Draft to Be Moved Soon

Portland, Or., Aug. 18.—The men called out in the first draft from Oregon will be mobilized within the state directly under the supervision of the local exemption boards in each county.

Each local board will attend personally to the assembling, subsistence, and finally, the entrainment for the mobilization camp, of all the men called to the colors from its county or district.

Plans of the War Department provide for the mobilization of men drawn in the first draft, in four installments during September and early October.

Thirty per cent of the net quota of each county will be called out on September 15. Another 30 per cent is to be called on September 15, a third 30 per cent on September 30, and the final 10 per cent as soon thereafter as practicable.

After the men have reported at the point designated by their respective local exemption boards, they will be fed and provided with sleeping accommodations by the boards, at the expense of the Federal government.

They will be subject to the orders of their board until they are actually entrained for the mobilization camp. Disobedience will be punishable as severely as disobedience to the orders of a military officer.

So far as possible they will not be called to assemble more than 24 hours prior to the time set by the local board for their entrainment. Transportation will be provided by the board.

## U. S. SOLDIERS WILL SOON BE IN TRENCHES

Washington, Aug. 18.—(United Press)—It was indicated that the Sammies would soon be fighting abroad when the war department announced that it would start the publication of casualty lists on August twenty-seventh. This will not be the exact date of American participation.