

GERMANS SEE NO HOPE FOR PRESENT PEACE

PESSIMISTIC VIEW FOLLOWS MICHAELIS' SPEECH TO REICHSTAG

DECLARES ALLIES HOPE TO ANNIHILATE GERMANS

Attitude shows that no desire for peace exists; Denies Central Powers inspired Pope's Note.

Amsterdam, Aug. 22.—(United Press)—Berlin doesn't see any present hope for peace despite the Pope's plea. Berlin dispatches indicated a pessimistic view following Michaelis' speech to the main committee of the Reichstag. Michaelis declared, according to today's Berlin dispatches, that the Allies war aims prove that their intentions are to annihilate the Germans, showing that no peace desire exists. He denied that the Central Powers inspired the Pope's note. The Germans welcome the Pope's proposal. Michaelis said they regarded the peace proposal sympathetically.

PRESIDENTIAL ACTION HITS J. COAL DEALERS

Washington, Aug. 22.—(United Press)—Thousands of small coal operators were put out of business by the President's establishing a price of approximately two dollars a ton for bituminous coal at the mines, according to Chairman Peabody of the Defense Council's coal committee.

FIFTEEN FOREST FIRES IN YAMHILL COUNTY

Salem, Aug. 22.—(United Press)—Fifteen forest fires have been discovered in the timber land in Yamhill County selected for the colony of Belgians, according to the report of District Fire Warden Mendenhall.

German sympathizers wishing to damage the land as much as possible before the Belgians arrive, are blamed.

Fires Getting More Serious.

Spokane, Aug. 22.—(United Press)—Forest fires in eastern Washington Idaho, Panhandle and western Montana are getting serious. It is estimated that two thousand men are fighting the flames now.

Additional Money Raised from Incomes

Washington, Aug. 22.—(United Press)—Advocates of the conscription of wealth won a decisive victory today when the Senate adopted the Gerry amendment raising forty million dollars additional revenue from incomes.

CHRISTENSEN BOUND OVER TO GRAND JURY

A telegram received by Sheriff Lee Warnick from the U. S. Commissioner General at Washington, D. C. states that Harold Christensen, recently arrested on a charge of evading the draft law, arrived at New York Sept. 2, 1915 on the Oscar II. He gave his age at that time as 51. He claims to be 33 now. Christensen has been bound over to the Grand Jury and is now out on bail waiting trial.

ITALIANS TAKE MANY PRISONERS IN BIG DRIVE

Rome, Aug. 22.—(United Press)—The prisoners taken by the Italians in their offensive reached a total of over thirteen thousand men and three hundred and eleven officers this afternoon. It is also announced that thirty guns and a great quantity of booty has been taken.

BEATING THE HOT WAVE.

Sweltering Kiddies Find One Way to Keep Cool.



Photo by American Press Association.

Hot waves which have swept over the country lately caused untold suffering among the poorer classes in the big cities. These youngsters found an excellent way for to cool in a municipal swimming pool.

Alden Haller Doesn't Want To Be Exempt

Alden L. Haller of Bridgeport, Oregon, who was called before the exemption board this morning, although entitled to exemption has at his request, been granted an extension of time in which to sell his property. Mr. Haller has 50 head of cattle, 5 head of horses and owns 200 acres of land in Baker county and other personal property. When told that he was entitled to exemption he replied that all he wanted was time in which to dispose of his property and then he would be ready to go. He was given until Jan. 1, 1918.

TWO AMERICAN AVIATORS LOSE LIVES AT FRONT

Paris, Aug. 22.—(United Press)—Front dispatches confirmed the death of American aviators Chadwick and Biddle, and the capture of Corporal Harold Willis, of Boston.

Miss Ethel Sullivan returned yesterday morning after spending two weeks visiting friends and relatives in Portland, Seattle and Concrete, Wash.

W. L. and Hasie Landrum are on a fishing trip in Wallowa county.

Danger Of Forest Fires Imminent

Mr. J. Garfield King this morning received the following telegram from the Oregon Forest Fire Association: "Fire weather conditions predicted with north and east winds."

This makes it especially imperative for campers to be extremely careful during this dry season, says Lowell Williamson, head fire warden for Union County. If people are especially careful from now on we may possibly get through the season without any serious fires, he thinks. The State Forester has issued a statement that all burning of slashings under permit are to be discontinued until the dry season is over with.

At the present time there is a forest fire on the Minam Forest Reserve near Eagle Creek on the Minam River, not far from the mouth of Little Minam. Ranger Foreman of Cove and crew of men have been fighting it now four days and are still at it.

Another fire broke out Sunday back of Mt. Harris out of Elgin a ways. However this is under control. The Union and Wallowa County Fire Association also have a number of small fires under patrol but they are all well under control.

Fire Warden Oliver Young of Elgin went to the Navy as a volunteer yesterday and Jim Hallgarth has been appointed to fill the vacancy and began his duties today.

PEACE MOVE IN U.S. DENOUNCED BY REDFIELD

SECRETARY OF COMMERCE CALLS GERMANY "DESPERADO AMONG NATIONS"

Washington, Aug. 22.—(United Press)—Secretary of Commerce Redfield in the first formal utterance of any member of the President's cabinet since the Pope's peace proposal was received, scathingly denounced the peace movements launched in the United States. He declared that the world has two great opposing ideals, ideals of autocracy, and of democracy.

He called Germany a desperado among nations and declared that it was against her militant autocracy that America was fighting.

Mr. Redfield wrote the pacifist organization "In this fearful combat autocracy trembles on the edge of disaster this is the time you cunningly lift your voice in its behalf."

News Of La Grande

Leave For Clackamas—F. C. Crippen and William Vehrs left today for Clackamas to join the Hospital Unit.

Strikes Artesian Well—Mr. Woods a well driller, while drilling a well near the Grande Ronde Lumber Co. mill at Perry the other day, struck an artesian well at a depth of 183 feet.

Accepts Position in Walla Walla—S. L. Johnson, who has been acting agent of the American Express company here during the absence of F. A. Clyde, has accepted a position as agent for the same company in Walla Walla and left here Monday night to take up his new work.

Honor Guard Sends Dish Towels—F. C. Crippen and William Vehrs who left today for Clackamas took with them 6 dozen dish towels collected and made by the Honor Guard girls for the boys of the Hospital Unit.

Lights Installed—The Eastern Oregon Light & Power company at the solicitation of the Y. M. C. A. has installed two 300-watt lamps over the tennis court next to the Y. M. C. A. building for the convenience of the Home Guard who are drilling there twice a week.

Congregational Meeting Sunday—A congregational meeting of the Presbyterian church will be held Sunday morning, Sept. 2nd, after the morning service. Important business to be transacted, a full attendance is urged.

C. E. Holds Meeting—The C. E. Society of the Presbyterian church held its regular monthly business meeting last evening in the church. The activities of the Society are varied including Red Cross, social service, army service, and distribution of magazines for the soldiers, etc.

New City Editor—Maurice H. Hyde has taken the City Editor's desk on the Observer and began his duties last week. Mr. Hyde is a graduate of the University of Oregon and came here from Stansfield, Oregon where he has been editing the Stansfield Standard.

How To Dry Vegetables—How to dry vegetables and fruits is the subject of U. S. farmer's bulletin No. 841. O. A. C. Extension bulletin 187 gives directions on the same processes. A large assortment of pamphlets on the economical preparation of food has been received at the public library.

Returned From California—N. Nelson, Car Inspector for the O. W. R. & N. Co., returned Sunday from a trip to California. He visited with his son Arthur in San Francisco, and also took a run down to Santa Cruz. He reported the weather quite chilly in San Francisco but warmer in Santa Cruz.

New Books at The Library—Miscellaneous books recently purchased by the public library are: Hichens, In the Wilderness; Frank, The Unwelcome Man; Hall, Clover and Blue Grass; Woodbridge, The Drama; Matthews, Study of the Drama. The library has the following books on military training and the war: Ellis and Garey, The Plattsburg Manual; Moss, Manual of Military Training;

DECLARES HE HAS PROOF OF BIG SWINDLE

SENATOR LEWIS SAYS GOVERNMENT MUST CONSCRIPT WEALTH

Washington, Aug. 22.—(United Press)—Senator Lewis, of Illinois, dramatically attacked tax dodgers, declaring that the Treasury Department had proof of a three hundred and twenty million dollar swindle perpetrated on the government through perjury, fraud deception and different forms of individual and commercial trickery.

He said that if the government doesn't conscript the wealth to pay for the war the people will rise and seize the great corporations.

M. S. Tingley, Emma Mueller and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hyde were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Bartholomew Tuesday evening.

U. S. Infantry Drill Regulations; U. S. Field Service Regulations; Battlefields of Today (Map); Coleman, From Mons to Ypres; Hay, First Hundred Thousand; Aldrich, Hilltop on the Marne; Sherwood, Worn Doorsteps; Hoar, The Submarine Torpedo Boat; Talbot, Aeroplanes and Dirigibles of War; Cheradame, The Pangerman Plot Unmasked.

Returned to Kansas—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Corey and grand-daughter Irene Poston, of Dodge City, Kansas, who have been here for the last six weeks visiting their daughter, Mrs. E. J. Brown and family and sister, Mrs. C. H. Finn, returned home Wednesday morning. Mr. Corey is a conductor on the Santa Fe Railroad at that place.

La Grande Boys go to Texas—Paul D. Beck, Carl D. Beck and Clyde W. Spencer, La Grande boys who enlisted in the Army recently, left Vancouver Barracks, Wash., last night for Ft. Sam Houston, Texas where they will do construction work in the Aviation Corps. They have not as yet been assigned to any companies, but expect to have this done as soon as they get to Texas.

Celebrates Golden Wedding Anniversary—Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Gaskell celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gaskell. They were married fifty years ago in Lapeere County, Michigan, coming to this valley over twenty five years ago. The day was spent in reviewing old times, and a wedding dinner was served at three o'clock. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Gaskell, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gaskell, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Zurbrick, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ruhl, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gaskell, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Zurbrick, and quite a number of grandchildren of the elderly couple.

Visits Boys At Clackamas—Robt. Pattison returned this morning from Clackamas where he has been visiting his son Robert who is in the Hospital Corps. Everyone there is in fine spirits and enjoying themselves immensely, he reports. The camp has been condemned therefore all troops must be removed by the first of September. No one knows where they will be sent to, but they all hope that they will be permitted to come through La Grande on their trip. Five hundred of the Engineer Corps boys left Clackamas Monday for an unknown destination. Yesterday afternoon the boys all underwent a double vaccination, one for smallpox and one for typhoid. In ten days they will undergo another vaccination and in another ten days a fourth. No outsider is permitted to enter the real camping grounds, but there is a small park or enclosure adjoining where any friends may have the boys called out. Mr. Pattison yesterday called out quite a number and treated them to a watermelon feed which the boys greatly enjoyed.

Mrs. E. J. Mattice went to Portland today for a short visit.

Miss Nellie N. Stevens of Portland is stopping at the Foley and will be here a few days visiting friends.

BRITISH MAKING STEADY PROGRESS TOWARD LENS

IS HE STILL ALIVE?

Sister Says That Lord Kitchener is Not Dead.



Photo by American Press Association.

That Kitchener of Khartum is a prisoner in Germany instead of having been drowned when the cruiser Hampshire was sunk is still the belief of his sister, Mrs. Parker. She refuses, however, to state the grounds for her belief.

High School Will Have Military Drill

Military drill was adopted for the La Grande High school at the meeting of the school board last night. The work will not be compulsory but it is possible that credit will be given for the course. J. E. Fulkerson, instructor of mathematics, will have charge of the drill.

The board accepted the resignations of Sarah Smith and Jennie Cunningham and elected Miss Rotto. Mary Kirkwood and Hazel Radtke as grade teachers.

CANNOT HAVE PEACE WITHOUT VICTORY: LODGE

Washington, Aug. 22.—(United Press)—Senator Lodge predicted that before the war ends it will be necessary for the government to take sixty, perhaps eighty per cent of the war profits. Lodge defended the revenue bill as it now stands. Lodge declared that peace is now impossible. He said peace without complete victory for America and her allies is impossible.

AMERICAN AND FRENCH SAILORS FRATERNIZE

An Atlantic Port, Aug. 22.—(By United Press)—American and French sailors do not wait until they arrive in France to fraternize. The French tars are here with French ships lying in the harbor, while American sailors by the thousands are at a navy-yard nearby. Residents witnessed a novel sight recently. Four of Uncle Sam's sailors and four from France paraded the main thoroughfare on a sight seeing tour. The men were paired and each man wound his arm about the other's waist.

Pals they were despite the fact that they could not understand each other's language. Apparently it made no difference. Hundreds turned to watch them and momentarily reflect, perhaps, on the significance of the comradeship.

Big Sugar Contract Let.

Washington, Aug. 22.—(Special)—Contracts for 100,000 tons of sugar have been placed by the government for army and navy requirements at a price to be fixed by the food administration.

At present prices the order will total between \$12,000,000 and \$15,000,000.

RESUME OFFENSIVE BETWEEN LENGEMARCK AND FRAYENBERG

GERMAN COUNTER ATTACK FAILS TO DENT LINE

General Haig Reports Germans Unable to Stop British Advancing On Lens.

London, Aug. 22.—(United Press)—The British troops this morning resumed the offensive between Lengemarck and Frayenberg.

The German's violent counter attack failed to dent the newly advanced British lines around Lens last night. The British are still advancing, General Haig reported.

AUSTRIAN CASUALTIES REACH 35 THOUSAND

BY JOHN H. HEARLEY
With the Italians Afield, Aug. 22.—(United Press)—Austria's casualties in the continued Italian advance have reached thirty-five thousand dead and wounded, headquarters has estimated. The Italians captured Desola, Britof, Vanale, Bombrez and Ross. All were found to be destroyed.

HOTEL PENDLETON IS SOLD

N. D. Swearingen Buys Lease and Fixtures From Collins and Good.

Pendleton, Ore., Aug. 21.—(Special)—N. D. Swearingen yesterday purchased, from H. W. Collins and George E. Good, the Hotel Pendleton lease and fixtures and assumed active management. The hotel is one of the best of the smaller institutions of the Northwest and has been but lately renovated.

Mr. Collins and Mr. Good only a few weeks ago bought the interest of Fred Block, of Portland, in the establishment and Mr. Good has been acting manager.

Mr. Swearingen is an old resident of Pendleton and but recently sold the French restaurant and rooming-house, which, with his brother, he had operated here for the past ten years.

Murderer Escapes.

Salem, Aug. 22.—(United Press)—Jans Hassing, convicted wife murderer, a life term, escaped from the penitentiary today.

HOSPITAL UNIT WILL GO EAST NEXT WEEK

BOYS EXPECT TO PASS THROUGH LA GRANDE ON SPECIAL TRAIN

City Manager Currey returned today from a visit to Portland, where he was called on matters connected with the Oregon Patriotic Service League, being secretary for Union county.

While in Portland, Mr. Currey took a run out to Camp Withycombe and called upon the La Grande Hospital Unit boys and the boys of Company M.

Mr. Currey found the Hospital boys all in fine spirits and felling well, none in the hospital. They have just been given their anti-typhoid serum and seem to be getting over it nicely. They now have their uniforms and present a real soldierly appearance. Their hospital equipment has arrived and will fill three flat cars on their way east.

The boys expect to leave for Long Island New York, next Wednesday or Thursday and will pass through La Grande.

The people will be notified when they leave so that they will have another opportunity of seeing the boys. The unit will travel in a special train consisting of two coaches, a dining coach, (tourist) and one standard coach for the officers, and three flat-cars for their hospital equipment.

The hospital unit now has a full quota of doctors, the following being added: Dr. Waffle, formerly of Pendleton; Dr. Vincent, of Astoria; Dr. Frost, of Forest Grove.

All the boys sent many messages through Mr. Currey to the folks at home.