

CANADIANS ARE STILL CRAWLING NEARER TO LENS

DESPERATE GERMAN COUNTER ATTACKS FAIL TO MAKE ANY GAIN

PICKED ENEMY TROOPS REPULSED TODAY

New Advance Posts Are Established On Outskirts of City—Hold On Firmly.

(BY WM. PHILIP SIMMS)
With the British Afield, Aug. 23.—(United Press)—Over thirty consecutive, desperate German counter attacks gained only a few yards at one point near Lens. The Canadians today repulsed picked German troops and are still crawling inch by inch into the city. New advance posts established are firmly held on the outskirts of Lens.

London, Aug. 23.—(United Press)—Lens is the hottest point on the British front. Despite all resistance the Canadians have advanced, circling the lines slightly.

It is estimated that the Allies' great offensive has cost the Central powers one hundred thousand dead and wounded, and at least twenty-one thousand prisoners on the British, French and Italian fronts. Despite the tremendous losses the Germans started a drive against the Russians on the Riga front.

American Liner Is Sunk By Torpedo

Boston, Aug. 23.—(United Press)—The Leland liner Devonian has been sunk, according to a cable the local officers of the company received today.

The ship was west bound, from Liverpool to Boston. Details of the sinking are lacking, but it is believed she was torpedoed. There were no passengers.

A. N. Peere, formerly of the O. W. here left for Portland last night in search of a new location.

BRITISH ARE SUCCESSFUL IN AIR RAID

London, Aug. 23.—(United Press)—The admiralty announced successful British air raids on Zebrugge Harbor and the Chistilles Aerodrome. A number of hits were observed. All of the British machines returned.

Joseph Personals.

Joseph, Ore., Aug. 23.—(Special)—Mrs. Delbert Stanford, of Enterprise, was in Joseph for a few days last week visiting her mother, Mrs. J. P. Desler.

Letters received from Truley Stuber, a consumptive patient in the state hospital, states that his condition is improving rapidly. It is to be remembered that the state sent Mr. Stuber to the hospital for treatment.

Two bright white lights were seen in the northern sky about 10:30 p. m. on Tuesday the 21st. These were similar to the lights which accompanied the aurora borealis a few weeks ago.

A U. S. marshal was in Joseph the first of the week and subpoenaed two witnesses to appear in the case of State vs. Robt. Wright.

Mrs. H. A. Sonney left Friday for her home in Baker after a visit in Joseph with relatives.

Hospital Notes.

The little son of T. S. Tippet of Imnaha, was operated upon in the Joseph hospital last week.

Mrs. Allen Owensby and infant daughter left the hospital for their home on the Imnaha River last Saturday.

Z. T. Humphreys who was operated upon in the Joseph hospital last week, has recovered and returned to his home on Snake River.

Miss Bertha Womack, who has been a patient in the hospital returned Saturday to her home on Marr Flat.

Dr. Gregory was called to Wallowa last Saturday to perform an operation.

Sneak Thief Robs Automobiles of Keys

Someone evidently has a mania for auto keys for within the last two days eight keys have been reported stolen from standing machines. Whether the thief intends to use the keys in the future or not is a matter of conjecture among the victims.

Among those who report the loss of keys is E. E. Kirtley whose car was standing in front of his home, 1701 4th when the theft occurred. Mr. Kirtley wired to his wife, who is visiting in Chehalis, and secured another key this morning.

Will Church, another victim, was not so fortunate. Mr. Church drives a Haynes and was unable to find another key for his car so had to wire cast to the factory. It was necessary to tow his car to the garage last night from in front of the Arcade theatre where it had been standing.

Dr. A. L. Richardson, J. J. Carr and Dr. Dora J. Underwood also report the loss of keys. The switch was also taken from a new car in Smith's garage.

Mrs. C. E. Short of 1610 Oak St. discovered yesterday that someone had tampered with the gears and lights of her car during the night. Several movable articles were taken. The intruder had evidently tried to start the car.

Joseph News Items

Joseph, Aug. 22.—(Special)—A good wet rain was enjoyed by residents of Joseph (and others) last Saturday evening about six-thirty p. m.

Miss Alice Mosher, of Elgin, is visiting at the home of her friend, Miss Jean Patten.

W. L. Flower and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sanders and J. M. Lowery, took a trip to Imnaha the latter part of last week.

Miss Agnes Leslie, of La Grande, arrived in Joseph Saturday for a visit with relatives and friends here. On Sunday evening a few relatives enjoyed a dinner which was given in her honor at her mother's home. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Ross Leslie, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Leslie and family, Mrs. Anna Leslie and Miss Clara Leslie.

L. E. Caviness, T. H. Morelock and George Salladay returned Saturday from a fishing trip in the mountains. They brought home a nice string of fish. Nuf sed.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harlan, of La Grande, and Mrs. S. A. Weagel, also of La Grande, are guests at the home of Mrs. J. S. Harlan.

Miss Elizabeth Norton left last Thursday for her home in Cambridge, Idaho, after a visit in Joseph with her aunt Mrs. A. C. Duncan.

On Friday, the 17th, Mrs. H. P. Throe, a pioneer of Wallowa County, died after an operation performed at the Enterprise hospital.

Clara L. Fovargue was born May 2, 1854, in Elkriver Township, Clinton County, Iowa. She was married to Hans P. Throe, January 4, 1872. In November of 1877 they moved to Abalene, Kansas. After residing there for three years they moved to Oregon, making the journey by wagon. Three months after starting they reached the Grande Ronde valley. In 1887 they moved to Joseph where they have resided ever since.

Mrs. Throe was the mother of thirteen children, eight of whom are living and who attended the funeral. They are: Daniel T. Throe, Mrs. S. Ryenearson, Mrs. E. Guyan, Clarence C. Throe, Leo L. Throe, Guy F. Throe, Raymond W. Throe and Mrs. W. W. Graham. There are five grandchildren. Mrs. Throe died at 8 p. m. Thursday, August 16th, 1917, being 63 years, 3 months and 14 days of age.

She was a faithful wife, a loving mother, a good neighbor and a good friend to all.

Mrs. Throe was a charter member of the Silver Lake Rebekah Lodge, under whose auspices the funeral services were conducted.

The funeral services were held at the I. O. O. F. hall, Sunday, August 19, at 2 p. m., and was well attended. The floral offerings were numerous and very beautiful. Among them were three links presented by the lodge. Interment was held in the I. O. O. F. cemetery. A number of Rebekahs and friends, from Enterprise attended.

Enid De Boie is visiting her brother, Pike De Boie, in Joseph.

Mrs. F. J. Bailey left Saturday for Paradise after an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. A. J. Richardson. While at Paradise Mrs. Bailey will visit with her sister, Mrs. Oscar Bodmer.

Several Joseph ladies will attend a big 500 party which will be held in

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OREGON BOYS WILL GO TO FRANCE NEXT

WILL BE INCLUDED IN THIRD DIVISION TO BE SENT TO THE FRONT

Washington, Aug. 23.—(United Press)—The guardsmen who were originally intended to train at Palo Alto Calif., have been shifted to North Carolina, the war department announced. This indicates that after the first two Rainbow divisions have arrived in France the third will be composed of northwestern forces. The order affects Washington, Oregon and Idaho guardsmen.

ITALIANS TAKE 16,350 AUSTRIAN PRISONERS

Rome, Aug. 23.—(United Press)—It is officially announced that the Italians captured sixteen thousand three hundred and fifty Austrians, including three hundred and fifty officers.

The war office has announced new successes on the south wing. Dosso Faiti with strong positions has been captured.

News Of La Grande

Snapp Returns—Alvin Snapp of the La Grande Pharmacy and family, have returned from a three weeks' outing in the mountains.

Berries Plentiful—Mrs. M. Anthony and daughter Hilda, also Miss Bertha Berger, returned last night from a huckleberry trip up Mill Canyon. They report the berries quite plentiful.

Leave for Burns—Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Sturtevant of Formoso, Kansas, who have been visiting for the past week with their brother Joe Sturtevant and family of the Darland Apts. went to Burns this noon to visit another brother, Grant Sturtevant.

Returned to Enterprise—Mr. and Mrs. Sam Marshall, together with their son Oscar and wife who have been visiting with the Ed Meyersick family in the valley, also at Pleasant Valley, returned to their home in Enterprise this morning.

Visitors Leave—The Misses Corolyn and Vilura Conkey left this morning after visiting here for some time with their brother C. H. Conkey of Island City. They expected to leave several days ago but did not receive their transportation until today.

Harvesters Busy—Ed Meyersick of the valley near the Cove is in town today. He reports that everyone is busy harvesting and that the crops are better than the farmers expected them to be.

Exemption Board Meets—The Local Exemption Board has examined the following men in the last few days: Fred A. Young of Burns, Oregon; Raymond Smith of Tonopah, Nevada; Thos. Iverson of New Hampton, Iowa; Robert Wm. Smith of Cathlamet, Wash.; Jos. Anderson of Allegan, Mich.; Fred Sumquist of Spokane; Frank C. Batheholder of Boise; C. L. Bales of Pueblo, Colorado; George Lawrence Dutton of Concordia, Kas.; Cor De Greve of Butte, Montana; and Conrad E. Schiffner of Walla Walla.

Moose Give Social—The Moose Lodge gave a social and dance last evening which about three hundred Moose and their friends attended. First the following program was given in the lodge room of the Eagles' Hall: Vocal solos "Sunshine of Your Smile" and "Don't You Ever Get Lonely", with violin and cornet obligato, accompanied by the Arcade Orchestra, which was heartily applauded; an instrumental duet, piano and violin, by Miss Donno and Master Floyd Smith, which was accord; a fancy dance by Baby Swartz, one of the best numbers in the program; a short talk by Mr. Stewart, Past Dictator of the Lodge, and a vocal solo by Mrs. R. J. Kitchen, which was enthusiastically received. The program was greatly enjoyed and the Lodge appreciates the services of the Arcade Orchestra as well as the others on the program. After the program watermelon and ice cream and wafers were to be had in the banquet hall, and dancing was in order downstairs in the dance hall until shortly after midnight. The affair was one of the most enjoyable and successful that the Moose Lodge has undertaken for a long time, and the committee in charge deserves due credit for putting on such a successful entertainment.

BIG FIGHT ON OVER WEALTH CONSCRIPTION

BOTH SIDES ORGANIZE AND PREPARE FOR VIGOROUS FIGHT

Washington, Aug. 23.—(United Press)—The American Federation of Labor has joined forces in working for the conscription of wealth and war profits. Taxation wiping out every penny of war profits Gompers advocated in a statement to the United Press.

Meantime a movement, started by Senators Johnson and La Follette, has gained such headway that the opponents of wealth conscription have been compelled to organize and start a vigorous fight to save the committee measure.

UPHOLDS MINERS' DEMANDS

Missoula, Aug. 23.—(United Press)—Congresswoman Rankin says the demands of the Butte miners are just. She suggests that the government control of the mines is the only solution of the labor problem.

Thirty Percent Of Smeltersmen Quit

Butte, Aug. 23.—(United Press)—The smeltersmen strike at Anaconda began today. Thirty per cent of the smeltersmen are reported to have quit. The prospect of a strike of Metal Trades Unions in Butte, Anaconda and Great Falls again looms up.

A referendum is being held to determine whether the Council should make new demands.

PLENTY OF COAL FOR LA GRANDE THIS WINTER

W. G. SAWYER RETURNS FROM EAST WITH PROMISE OF GOOD SUPPLY

Mr. W. G. Sawyer, of Sawyer-Holmes Mercantile Co. returned today from Salt Lake, where he had gone to investigate the fuel situation. On his return Mr. Sawyer had a conference with the city authorities and satisfied them that his company is doing everything possible to meet the situation and that there will be sufficient coal shipped to La Grande to meet the needs of the citizens during the winter.

Mr. Sawyer went equipped with letter of credit and offered to buy and pay cash for sufficient coal to supply the needs of the city during the winter. Orders for large quantities had been placed before. Mr. Sawyer found that the coal companies had adopted a policy of taking care of their old customers and not opening any new accounts. He was assured by the coal companies that his orders would be taken care of and a steady stream of coal kept en route to La Grande but naturally his entire orders will not be filled at once.

The Sawyer-Holmes Company will distribute the coal equitably among their customers as it arrives; the entire orders will not be filled at once but the needs of their customers will be met and at a fair and equitable price. Mr. Holmes stated that the company was willing to submit the question of the fairness of their prices to the city commission and to submit their books and costs to determine the reasonableness of their charges. He stated that they were anxious to do everything in their power as a public duty to meet the fuel needs of the public at a fair cost of doing business.

Mr. Sawyer stated that he was satisfied from the assurances that he received that there was no cause to worry about a coal famine this winter. Coal is arriving every week and it is being distributed fairly among the people. He expected that a steady stream of coal would keep arriving.

Charles Meyers Faces Embezzlement Charge

Charles Meyers recently a steward at the Foley hotel, was arrested in Portland Tuesday evening on the complaint of J. B. Fisher, proprietor of the Foley Hotel grill room. Meyers is charged with embezzlement.

According to Mr. Fisher, Meyers sold several meal tickets just before leaving Saturday night and failed to say anything about it, taking the money with him.

He will be brought back tomorrow for a preliminary hearing before Justice of Peace A. C. Williams.

NEW SCHEDULE OF COAL PRICES NOW IN EFFECT

Washington, Aug. 23.—(United Press)—The prices that the President fixed for bituminous coal are now in effect. Secretary Tumulty in a telegram to the St. Louis Coal company announced that the new schedule is effective immediately.

STRIKE CLOSES SHIPYARD.

Tacoma, Aug. 23.—(United Press)—The Wright shipyard was completely closed when fifty mechanics struck because the shipyard owners refused to recognize the Unions and the Union scale. Work is at a standstill.

THINK ALLIES WILL GIVE AID TO DEMOCRACY

CONFERENCES AT WASHINGTON LOOK FOR NEW LOAN TO RUSSIA

RUSSELL SAYS SINISTER INFLUENCE WORKING

Threatens To Disclose Names of Promoters Who Seek To Discredit Russia's Democracy If It Is Continued.

Washington, Aug. 23.—(United Press)—While the German troops are hammering the Russian lines, conferences held here are believed to forecast that speedy assistance will be given by the Allies to the new Democracy. They believe the assistance may take the form of a new loan enabling Russia to replenish her supplies and keep transportation systems running. Distressing developments in Russia have been rumored here for several days.

The state department admits receiving confidential reports from Petrograd which it carefully hides.

Commissioner Root consulted today with Secretary Lansing. Charles Edward Russell, member of the Russian commission charged that a sinister influence is working to discredit Russia as a Democracy, and to alienate Russia and the United States. He threatened to disclose the persons behind the propaganda if it is continued. He said that the pacifists were not responsible.

Personal And Society

Chas. Smelcer of Durkee in town today on business.

Helen Carrey and party motored to Pendleton this morning.

Ed Lawrence spent the week-end at Milton visiting friends.

Miss Muriel Moss left this morning for a week's outing in the hills.

J. A. Gaskill and H. McGoldrick, of Imbler, were in town on legal business.

Gus Levy and son Henry returned this morning from a trip to Union and North Powder.

C. A. Martin of Council, Idaho, went to Joseph this morning on a business trip.

Mrs. E. A. Stravens returned this morning from a six week's visit in Bellingham with her parents.

Miss Buesing of Hot Lake came over this morning for a few days' visit with her sister.

Howard Mortison of Spokane went out on the branch line this morning on business.

Mrs. Charlton leaves for Newport, Ore., in a day or two for a two weeks' visit with her parents.

Mrs. Pearl Schnackenberg from the Willamette Valley arrived last night and is visiting at the R. C. McLane home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Putman are spending a short vacation at Wallowa Lake Park having motored over this afternoon.

F. H. Anderson of the Pacific Paper Co. Portland, who has been here for a few days, went on to Union this noon.

H. A. Vincent, traveling salesman for Blummauer-Frank Drug Co. of Portland, passed through on his way to Baker this morning.

C. J. Hitchcock of Sweet Candy Co. of Salt Lake was calling on the local trade yesterday and this morning. He left for Baker this noon.

Mrs. Rose Mark, of Pendleton, returned to her home yesterday morning after a week's visit here with the Adolph Newlin family.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Gilpin and daughter Minnie of Enid, Oklahoma arrived this noon for a short visit with Mrs. R. A. Rhodes.