

BOYS BEGINNING TO "GET ON" TO ARMY LIFE AND LIKE IT

MEMBERS OF HOSPITAL UNIT WRITE CHEERFUL LETTERS BACK HOME

BULL DOG AND GUINEA PIGS COMPANY MASCOTS

Expect To Leave for the East About September First — Will Pass Through La Grande.

Clackamas, Ore., Aug. 22.—(Special Correspondence)—The Field Hospital Unit has a mascot, a white English bull-dog. Four of the fellows bought him in Portland and the rest of us helped to pay for him Monday as he is an expensive dog.

Some of the other fellows brought back a pair of guinea pigs and fixed up a box to keep them in.

Several of the companies have dogs for mascots, one company has an angora goat and another company has a fawn. They did have two but a horse killed one of them by kicking it.

From all we hear we expect to go through La Grande some time about the first on our way to the east as we are now part of the First Rainbow Division. We have all been vaccinated and everybody is feeling better, though most of them have sore arms which is to be expected.

They are making several changes in the personnel of the Unit. Jack Cody, cook for Co. M, transferred to our company.

Anxious to Join.

Some of the other men are getting transferred to other companies and lots of the others want to get in with us because they are anxious to see actual service and they will have a better chance with us because we will likely be there long before they are if they stay where they are.

We are almost fully equipped, each man has two suits of wool clothing, a rain coat and wool overcoat that have not been issued yet. Each man has three blankets and a half of a shelter tent for his bed and also a straw mattress which is some class as we have spring cots to sleep on.

La Grande Men Call.

There have been a number of La Grande people out to see us. Among them were City Manager Fred Curry and Pat Foley, Mr. H. J. Ritter, and lots of the fellows have had friends and relatives come out to see them.

Company A, B, and C Engineers were here for a few days, but left Monday. Company A south and B and C north.

I wish the people of La Grande could see what the Y. M. C. A. means in the training camp. It furnishes entertainments of all kinds—smokers where the men of the different companies try out, and many other things such as books and magazines, tables to write on, paper and envelopes.

Your truly,

SIDNEY C. HAPPERSETT.

P. S.—Thanks for The Observer. They go the rounds and the boys sure appreciate it as well as I do.

FROM REVEILLE TO RETREAT

A message from Squad Tent No. 11, La Grande Field Hospital Unit.

Clackamas, Ore., Aug. 21.—(To The Observer)—After being in camp for nearly a week we have settled into the routine of army life and like it better all the time.

Yesterday the three companies of engineers left and last evening the four boys of our company who were rejected bid us good-bye so it is naturally lonesome today.

This morning we were inspected and immediately afterward were "shot in the arm." That is we were vaccinated in one arm and inoculated in the other. Several of the boys fainted from the effects of the vaccine and this evening finds a lot of sore arms.

Otis Palmer says to send down a carload of girls. I hope he doesn't want them all himself. However, girls are not an attraction to all, for all Harry DeLaney needs to make him happy is a full stomach and one letter a day.

On the way down, while passing through a tunnel, "Cub" Benson Burnett figured out a new get-rich scheme. He is going to get a flock of hens and drive them back and forth through the tunnel. "Cub" says that as the hens come out of each end of the tunnel they will think it is morning and lay an egg. Some scheme!

Our mascots, consisting of a pure white bull pup and a pair of guinea pigs are great favorites with the boys, but "Cub" is not satisfied with the company mascots so has one of his own, in the shape of a dog he calls "Keno."

Each morning and afternoon "Walt" Stringham, the company bugler, might be seen wending his way across the grounds to the woods where the

Four Day Carnival Here Next Week

A Big Four Night's Patriotic Celebration is the way the posters describe the carnival to be held in La Grande August 29-September 1 under the auspices of the Home Guards. The management of the show promises something good and in view of the fact that about 20 percent of the gross proceeds go to the Home Guards it is expected that the attendance will be a record breaker.

The vacant lot between the depot and the freight house will be the scene of the "Big Four Nights" and everything will be there from the Merry-Go-Round to the peanut wagon and leather-lunged speelers.

TRY TO SECURE A COMPROMISE REVENUE BILL

CONSCRIPTION FORCES FEAR LONG DRAWN OUT BATTLE

Washington, Aug. 24.—(United Press)—Because the wealth conscription forces threaten a long drawn-out battle, efforts have been started to secure a compromise revenue bill, eliminating consumption taxes, increasing the amount raised by the bill to two billion three hundred and fifty million, and increasing the income war profits taxes.

TRAMP EATS POISON INTENDED FOR OTHERS

"The Lee Gazette", of Lee, Illinois, received by H. L. Moore, of the Grande Ronde Meat market relates the following incident that happened to a Kansas farmer:

Mr. F., a farmer, was having threshers. His wife was busy preparing dinner for the men when a tramp stopped at the door and asked for food. Mrs. F. told him to wash, wait, and eat with the men. Soon Mrs. F. had need to go outside for more wood for the fire. When she returned the small daughter whispered to her that while she was out the tramp had thrown something into the pot of beans cooking on the stove. The wife went outside and told her husband, who advised her to serve the beans but not to taste them. Word was also passed among the threshers not to take any of that dish. At the dinner the beans were passed to the tramp who refused them, as did everyone at the table. Mr. F. left the table went into another room and returned with a revolver. Pointing it at the tramp he told him to eat some of the beans or be shot. The tramp ate. In less than two hours he died, the victim of his own hellish plot.

"windjammers" congregate to practice.

There is something going on each evening at the "Y".

Lyal Stringham seems to be the most popular man in camp for he has to use a wheelbarrow to get his mail to the tent.

Loeth Dunlap seems to have a weighty matter on his mind for he doesn't have a word to say.

"Shanty" Callahan received a box of candy from "somewhere" and the boys made short work of it.

John Stoddard writes on an average of 10 letters a day. He must have lots of friends.

Oscar Ayers is disappointed in Portland, for while in the city he saw only two "cops". He expected one on every corner.

The boys certainly appreciated the send-off given them by the La Grande people and would be pleased to hear from them at any time.

WALTER L. STRINGHAM
LYAL L. STRINGHAM
OTIS PALMER
"SHANTY" CALLAHAN
OSCAR AYERS
HARRY DELANEY
JOHN STODDARD
LOETH DUNLAP.

Mrs. H. B. Leiter and J. D. Meyers made a trip to Union yesterday on business. The "Birth of a Nation" was showing there and they report a fine crowd.

FURTHER CREDIT IS EXTENDED TO RUSSIA BY U.S.

U. S. LOAN TO RUSSIA AMOUNTS TO APPROXIMATELY \$275,000,000

Washington, Aug. 24.—(United Press)—The United States has extended further credit of one hundred million dollars to Russia, Secretary McAdoo announced today. Russia's credit now totals two hundred and seventy-five million, and is only the beginning of the efforts of the United States to assist the new Democracy to its feet.

Plans for furnishing fast supplies are completed. Officials believe that Russia will continue to fight. Secretary Lansing denied that the government is pessimistic. He admitted that Riga may fall, but military men say that Germany cannot spare sufficient men to make the Russian drive effective.

It is expected the capital will be moved from Petrograd to Moscow because of internal political troubles.

Washington, Aug. 24.—(United Press)—Russian Foreign Minister Tereschenko said in a message to the United States, that from the present conflict will rise a regenerated Russia.

ANACONDA MINES AND SMELTER CLOSED BY STRIKE

Butte, Mont., Aug. 24.—(United Press)—The Anaconda Copper Mining company closed the Anaconda smelter at noon today because of the strike. It will close the mines here at the end of today's shift, shutting down the district as tight as a drum.

The shutdown forces twelve thousand men out of work. The Great Falls smelter will be closed as soon as the present supply of ore is used. It is generally predicted the shut-down will force the government to take a hand in the situation because copper is essential in the manufacture of munitions.

Mrs. Lou Given and daughter went to Portland last night for a short stay.

News Of La Grande

On Furlough—Ensign Childers, formerly of the Salvation Army here but recently of Bellingham, is on a four-day furlough, and went out to Vincent Thursday to join her mother who is camping there.

O. A. C. Athletic Here—Everett May, formerly Manager of Athletics at the Oregon Agricultural College, is here from the Presidio on a leave of absence and will visit friends here until Sunday evening. He has been given the commission of 2nd Lieutenant and is due to report at American Lake, the 29th of this month.

Arrive To Make Home—Mrs. J. B. Fisher and daughter Gladys, formerly of La Grande but recently of Walla Walla, arrived last night to make their home here for the present. Mr. Fisher recently bought the dining room and grill at the Foley Hotel.

Small Fire Calls Out Department—At about eight o'clock this morning fire, caused by some children playing with matches, broke out in the Cook home in Connerdale. The fire department was called out but by the time they arrived the fire had already been put out. No serious damage was done, the wood left being scorched a trifle.

Hospital Unit to Meet—The Auxiliary of the La Grande Hospital Unit will meet at the city hall next Monday night. At the meeting held last Friday evening Gladys Winters, the vice president gave a report of the executive committee. Mrs. George Carpy gave an interesting talk on the work being accomplished by the Lewiston auxiliary and Miss Maomia Williamson, who had visited the Unit at Clackamas, told in a vivid manner of the many pleasing and harmonious incidents connected with her brief visit in camp with the boys. All interested are expected to be present next Monday night as it will then be decided what the Auxiliary will do for the boys as they pass through on their way to the east. Remember there are no membership dues.

HOUSTON SCENE OF NEGRO RIOT; SIXTEEN KILLED

REGIMENTS WILL BE MOVED FROM THE CITY IS PROMISE

Houston, Aug. 24.—(United Press)—Sixteen are known to be dead and eighteen wounded, many probably fatally, as the result of last night's negro troop rioting.

Illinois guardsmen arrested over a hundred rioting negroes. Fifty are believed to be free.

The governor placed the city under martial law this morning. Troops guard the street cars and every street leading to Camp Logan where the negroes are stationed.

Washington, Aug. 24.—(United Press)—Secretary Baker announced today that the regiments containing the rioting negro troops at Houston would be moved from the city.

CHRISTENSEN BIRTH RECORD ARRIVES HERE

Attorney R. J. Green today received the birth certificate of Harold Christensen, the wrestler, showing that he was born January 4, 1884, at Copenhagen, Denmark. Mr. Green had telegraphed for it to New York, where it was found in Christensen's trunk and mailed to La Grande. Mr. Green has now taken up the matter with United States District Attorney Reames and notified the latter that the birth certificate shows that Christensen was 33 years old on Jan. 4 of this year and requesting that any action against him for not registering be dismissed.

CANADIANS OCCUPY GERMAN TRENCHES IN HEART OF LENS

Bad Fires Are Burning Near Kamela

A bad fire, burning a 3-4 mile strip is raging in the Blue Mountains near Kamela, according to a telegraph received from Lowell Williamson, district fire warden, this afternoon. The telegram states that the fire is burning in three places and looks like it might do considerable damage before it can be put out because the dry condition of the timber.

Forty men are fighting the blaze.

FRENCH MAKE BIG GAINS ON VERDUN FRONT

WHOLE GERMAN REGIMENTAL STAFF WITH MAPS CAPTURED

Paris, Aug. 24.—(United Press)—The French advanced over a mile further between Avocourt Wood and Dead Man's Hill in the resumed Verdun offensive, the war office announced.

It is stated that the French occupied all of hill three hundred four. Dead Man's hill was found to be pierced by many tunnels.

The French made prisoners of the entire German regimental staff with maps, papers and materials, in one tunnel. Seven hundred German's were taken prisoners in another.

Pershing witnessed the assault.

The United Press front dispatches reveals the use of new French field artillery of fifteen and seventy-six hundredths inches diameter.

BOY SHOOT HIMSELF WITH RIFLE WHILE RIDING

Ashland, Aug. 24.—(United Press)—Robert Miller, aged fourteen years, holding a rifle between his legs while riding in the front seat of a wagon shot himself through the head. As the shot struck, the boy leaped from the wagon and hit the ground dead.

HEADQUARTERS WIPED OUT BY ITALIAN BOMBS

Washington, Aug. 24.—(United Press)—Two Italian bombs wiped out the Austrian Military headquarters at Tolmino Sector, killing the commanding officers, according to Rome dispatches the Italian embassy received today.

The Italian offensive victoriously continues.

Mrs. W. Harris of Kamela, came down this morning for a few days.

Mrs. H. V. Denny, of The Dalles, arrived last night for two weeks' visit with friends and relatives.

Mrs. R. A. Brichoux and daughter Agnes of Pendleton passed through here Thursday on their way to Lostine where they expect to visit for about a week.

Mrs. Blackburn and daughter, of Arlington, arrived this noon for a few days' visit with Mrs. Roy Ward.

Chas McCrary and wife went to Portland last night for an auto truck. They expect to make the return trip in the truck.

Taken To Hospital—Mrs. E. Griffin, who has been ill almost all summer was taken to the hospital this afternoon.

Bishop Glorieux Low.

Portland, Aug. 24.—(United Press)—The physicians attending Bishop Glorieux, of Idaho, probably the best known Catholic clergyman in the west, announced that he probably wouldn't live through the day.

London, August 24.—(United Press)—The Canadians have pressed still further into Lens, General Haig reported.

The enemy losses have been particularly heavy. The Canadians now hold the German trenches near the heart of the city.

BRITISH LOSE TWENTY-ONE TANKS TO THE GERMANS

Berlin, Aug. 24.—(United Press)—The Germans destroyed twenty-one British tanks south of Ypres, on the Menin road, it is officially announced.

POPE'S EXPLANATION PUTS DIFFERENT LIGHT ON NOTE

Washington, Aug. 24.—(United Press)—The Pope's explanation of the atonement for wrongs to Belgium must be particularly considered as it gave a distinctly favorable trend to the official peace thought.

This feature of the Vatican's statement created undisguised surprise in the state department. A more friendly feeling toward the Pope's peace proffers is manifest.

PLOT TO BURN FOOD STUFFS DISCOVERED

Cincinnati, Aug. 24.—(United Press)—An alleged state-wide plot to destroy food stuffs was revealed when Joseph Herschberger, assistant state fire marshal, discovered a fire plant at a large wholesale food house.

20,500 AUSTRIANS TAKEN PRISONERS

Rome, Aug. 24.—(United Press)—It is officially stated that Austrian prisoners have reached a total of twenty thousand five hundred.

HOGS DROP BELOW \$18.

Chicago, Aug. 24.—(United Press)—Hogs dropped below eighteen dollars today, two dollars under the recent twenty-dollar mark.

Glen Conkey went to Portland last night to be gone a short time.

Miss Eileen Pearce went to Portland last night for a short stay.

Mrs. T. B. Johnson is spending several weeks at Wallowa Lake Park.

W. L. Landrum is back to work again at the Post Office after a two weeks' vacation.

Mrs. Sam Winchester and baby returned to Enterprise this morning after a short visit here with her sister Mrs. C. B. Key.

Mr. and Mrs. George Young returned this morning from an extended trip through the East.

Mrs. L. C. Terry and son left this morning for a few days stay on their far mear Summerville.

The Thursday Night Club met last night at the home of Mrs. H. M. Day and sewed for the Red Cross.

Returns to Spokane—The Misses Fannie and Mary Sommer and their niece, Miss Carolyn Rosenthal, expect to return to Spokane tomorrow night where Miss Rosenthal will enter school soon. They have been here for the past three weeks visiting old friends and looking after property interests.

CREW SAVED ON SHIP SUNK BY TORPEDO

Washington, Aug. 24.—(United Press)—The crew of the torpedoed Leland liner, Devenian, including sixty-five Americans was saved, the state department advised.