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## COMPANY L TO BE STATIONED AT LA GRANDE

ARRIVE LAST NIGHT AND PITCH CAMP ON RACE TRACK

WILL DO OUTPOST DUTY 136 MEN IN COMPANY

Will Be Located Here Permanently Until Further Orders Are Received—Boast of Singers and Athletes.

Company L, O. N. G., 136 strong, arrived last night at midnight to take up their quarters here. They are camped at the race track and will be located here until further orders are received. While here the company will do outpost duty only 70 of the men to be permanently located in the city.

The company is under the command of Captain Conrad Starlin and First Lieutenant Oscar Chenoweth.

The camp this morning presented a busy appearance. Ten white tents had been raised and from all sides came the sounds of sawing and hammering. At the door of the mess house apron clad soldiers doing K. P. duty were busy peeling spuds for the noon meal.

The boys report royal receptions at all points on the trip up. At every stop they were greeted by crowds of people. They lay special emphasis on The Dalles for at that city they were presented with sixty fine, large water-melons.

Soldiering is not the only thing the Company L boys can do. They have a chorus which they claim can produce anything from ragtime to grand opera. They promise music every evening.

Then too, they have a baseball team that has played twenty games and is still undefeated. Among their star athletes are Corporal Carl Penton, University of Oregon baseball, basketball and football man, Corporal E. E. Shaw and Sgt. A. R. Morton, basketball men of not from Dallas. These three men were on the Dallas basketball team that toured the United States in 1908 and '09 and lost the championship of the U. S. by but three points to Buffalo, N. Y.

Among the men who will be remembered by La Grande people are Lawrence Lynneen, former city editor of the Observer, and Carl Penton, Harry Kuck and Laird Woods, University of Oregon men.

Company Clerk Kuck and Corporal Leon Elder stopped off at The Dalles and are coming the rest of the way by automobile. They are expected late today or tomorrow morning.

J. Garfield King, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. offered the boys the privilege of the reading rooms of the "Y" at all times where they will find plenty of writing paper for "that letter home." The gymnasium and swimming pool will be open for their use from 2 to 5 p. m. on Tuesdays and Fridays. The boys were delighted at the hospitality of the "Y" and expressed their appreciation.

## ANSWER SENT TO POPE'S NOTE BY PRESIDENT

Washington, D. C., Aug. 28.—(United Press.)—The State Department has announced that the President's answer to the Pope's peace offer has been forwarded.

## RUSSIANS RETIRE WITH-OUT BEING ATTACKED.

Petrograd, Aug. 28.—(United Press.)—Without having been attacked the Russian infantry on the Boyany sector retired, permitting the enemy to occupy their positions, it is officially stated.

## SHOT HER HUSBAND.

Mrs. De Saulles, Who Killed Athlete, Coolly Awaits Trial.



"The coolest woman ever charged with murder," is the verdict of Nassau county (N. Y.) officials on Mrs. Blanca De Saulles, now in jail at Mineola for killing her husband, once famous as a Yale football star. Trouble had been brewing between the couple since their divorce over the custody of their four-year-old son, the courts having awarded the lad alternately to the father and mother. Mrs. De Saulles was the most beautiful girl in Chile and is heiress to wealth, which will be used in defending her.

## Conservation Hits Wearers Of Silks

Chicago, Aug. 28.—(United Press.)—Milady's knees must freeze. The fashion Art League announced that women must wear half hose to conserve the supply of cotton and silk. Other articles of milady's clothing are to be stripped of silk trimming, lace and ribbons.

## SMOKE PRODUCERS USED SUCCESSFULLY

Atlantic Port, Aug. 28.—(United Press.)—A French steamship arriving here today reported the successful use of smoke producers during submarine attacks. The smoke prevented the naval gunners from continuing firing.

## Improves His Residence.

T. B. Johnson is making extensive improvements to his fine residence on First St. and O Ave. The superstructure is now up and with an adequate complement of artisans he hopes to have the addition completed by the time snow flies, which will not only add to the comfort and convenience of the family, but add to the attractiveness of a magnificent home in an already attractive part of our beautiful city. Mrs. Johnson, whose health is somewhat impaired, is spending the time at Hot Lake and avoiding the noise and confusion necessary upon such an occasion.

## NEW REGIMENT WILL BE RECRUITED ON COST

Camp Fremont, Menlo Park, Aug. 28.—(United Press.)—Captain Parrish has announced that Company A, Oregon Engineers will be made the nucleus of a new regiment recruited on the Pacific Coast district. A recruiting campaign is already planned.

## DRAFT READ TO CABINET THIS AFTERNOON

Washington, D. C., Aug. 28.—(United Press.)—The completed draft will be read to the cabinet this afternoon, and immediately afterward the list has been ordered prepared for publication tomorrow morning.

The C. S. Dunn family motored to Beaver Creek Sunday. Miss Prudence Kame accompanied them. They report a fine trip.

## WAR CONGRESS WILL SPEND 30 BILLION

OVER 23 BILLION DOLLARS NOW PENDING; 7 BILLION ALREADY SPENT.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 28.—(United Press.)—The present war congress will be a thirty billion dollar session. Of this colossal sum, seven billion has already been appropriated. Over twenty-three billion dollars are pending.

Democratic House Leader Kitchin announced that he would attempt to secure the passage of eleven billion five hundred million dollars in bonds and war bill in one legislative day.

The Senate resumed the debate on the proposed increase of newspaper, periodical and postal rates. A strong fight is being made. The Senate defeated a proposed 3-cent letter postage rate this morning. This is considered as an important victory for those opposing heavier taxes on the people.

## MEN RETURNED FROM PERSHING'S FORGES

Washington, Aug. 28.—(United Press.)—Between 25 and 40 men, seeking service with Pershing's forces, returned to the United States because of fraudulent enlistments, extreme youth, and other disqualifications.

## \$80,000 For Laundry.

American Lake, Wash., Aug. 28.—The men who will go into training here next month will spend \$80,000 a month to keep their clothes clean.

That's today is the estimate of Mark L. Davis, who will handle the laundry business for the camp. All Tacoma laundries will share in the work and it is estimated that all will be required to run 24 hours a day to handle the added business. Thirty or forty vehicles will be required to gather and distribute the laundry in the camp. The soldiers will have their washing done for less than is ordinarily charged.

## DEATH RATE INCREASING IN GERMANY

AUTHORITIES TRY TO CONCEAL DYSENTERY EPIDEMIC.

Berne, Aug. 28.—(United Press.)—Germany is suffering from an almost nationwide epidemic of dysentery. The German mortality rates have jumped from 50 to 100 per cent since the beginning of the war.

Tuberculosis is ravaging, due to the weakened condition of the people through lack of food, it was learned from a reliable source. The German government is frantically endeavoring to conceal this dysentery epidemic. All cities have stopped the publication of mortality statistics.

## CHEERS GREET U. S. PROMISE TO AID RUSSIA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO RUSSIAN CONFERENCE ELECTRIFIED ASSEMBLY.

Moscow, Aug. 28.—(United Press.)—The President's message to the Russian conference electrified the assembly.

The promise that the United States would aid Russia with all moral and material power was greeted with thunderous cheers. The entire statement produced a deep impression.

## FIRE DESTROYS BIG HOTEL AT MEDICAL SPRINGS

LOSS OF \$20,000 ONLY PARTIALLY COVERED BY INSURANCE

The Medical Springs Hotel, at Medical Springs, 32 miles southeast of Union, was totally destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The loss is between eighteen and twenty thousand dollars and is only partially covered by insurance.

The fire started from a defective flue and was beyond control before it was noticed. With no adequate fire fighting facilities except a garden hose it was impossible to check the flames and the building was burned to the ground.

The hotel is a famous resort, owned and operated by Dunham Wright, an old Oregon pioneer. The springs are on the old Wright homestead.

A cottage and store across the street were saved only by heroic work.

## Grain Meeting Is Well Attended

About forty representative farmers, warehousemen and millers of both Wallowa and Union Counties attended the meeting held at the Y. M. C. A. last night, at which time H. A. Martin of Portland was the main speaker. The meeting was called to order by County Agriculturist Paul Spillman, who introduced Mr. Martin, who then gave a very interesting explanation of the new Federal Grain Inspection Law as applied to farmers, warehousemen and millers. This law is entirely new to this section and will take considerable time for everyone to become familiar with. Mr. Martin went on to Pendleton this morning where a similar meeting will be held. He expects to spend about a month touring the state explaining this new law.

## LEADERS SAY STRIKE WILL END BY MONDAY

DECLARE THEY WILL WIN VICTORY BEFORE LABOR DAY.

San Francisco, Aug. 28.—(United Press.)—The strike of the United Railways platform men will end before next Monday, Labor Day, and will be a victory for the men, the strike leaders predicted this afternoon. They declared that negotiations have been started which will result in the granting of \$3.50 for an eight-hour day.

## U. S. EXPECTS AUSTRIA WILL DECLARE WAR

Washington, Aug. 28.—(United Press.)—The tremendous increase of assistance that the United States is giving Austria's enemies is expected to cause a declaration of war on the United States.

The State Department said that if war comes it will be at Austria's initiation.

## President Will Fix Copper Price This Week

Washington, D. C., Aug. 28.—(United Press.)—The President will fix the copper price, probably around 20 cents a pound within the week. Eugene Meyer, the New York banker, is slated to be the copper director.

## CARDINAL GASPARRI.

Papal Secretary of State Decides to Resign Because of Ill Health.



Cardinal Pietro Gasparri's decision to resign as papal secretary of state is said to be due in part to his poor health and partly to the desire of Pope Benedict to exercise more direct personal control over the Vatican's policies. Cardinal Gasparri is strongly pro-French in his sentiments and has been unflinching in his efforts to effect a reconciliation between France and the Vatican. For eleven years he was a professor of the Catholic University of Paris.

## Bandits Kill Messengers; Get \$9,000

Chicago, Aug. 28.—(United Press.)—Two payroll messengers were shot, killed and robbed of \$9000. The five bandits escaped.

## PENDLETON ROUND-UP WILL BE BIG AFFAIR

The Pendleton Round-Up this year, to be held at Pendleton, September 20-21-22, promises to be the best yet. Champions of the world will meet for the first time when all will be together at one time. Among the special features will be the steer roping, the men's relay and the women's relay.

In the steer roping the following champions and experts will be seen: Geo. Weir of Monument, New Mexico, champion of the world, also his brother, Chas. Weir, an expert at the trick; Mr. Beason of Oklahoma, Tom Yarberry of Cheyenne, Eddie McCarty of Cheyenne, and Tommie Grimes of Universal City, California.

In the men's relay Allen Drumheller, of Walla Walla, "Sleepy" Armstrong, of Pendleton, Brayden Girkor, of Walla Walla, and Jim Parsons, of Polson, Montana, will vie with each other for the championship.

In the ladies' relay the following women will ride: Bertha Blanchett, of Pendleton, Mabel DeLong, of Walla Walla, Ruth Parton, of Toppenish, Wash., Donna Card, of Missoula, Mont., Nellie Parsons, of Polson, Mont., and Joe Cherry, of Pendleton. In these relays some of the fastest relay horses in the world will be used and plenty of excitement is promised. Also some of the best bulldoggers and buckaroos ever beheld will be there.

## CATHOLIC KNITTING UNIT ORGANIZED

The Catholic Unit for Army and Navy Knitting, of La Grande, has organized with the following members: The Mesdames F. L. Meyers, J. E. Foley, J. C. Gulling, T. N. Murphy, J. A. Garrity, W. M. Peare, Anna Donovan, Mae Stevens, J. L. Munhall, De Lile Green, J. Roesch, C. P. Newlin, E. Bean, B. Kalin, L. Ferguson, A. Floyd, J. McKenna, H. Lavey, F. Newlin, H. M. Bay, A. Newlin, M. Heden, W. Casey, F. Dutli, J. P. Mossman, P. S. Ivanhoe, T. A. McKinstry, H. C. Grady, Van Valkenburg, N. Desilet, J. F. Corbett, J. Lynch, B. Rogers, R. Becker, R. Provost, J. Hillary, J. P. Hannon, P. J. Theisen, Chas. Reynolds, J. T. Ridenaar, E. Donnelly, A. E. Miller, J. G. Snodgrass, and the Misses M. Mueller, M. Newlin, J. Ryan, Laura Dunn and Eileen Peare. Anyone wishing to become a member and contribute to the cause can phone either Mrs. W. M. Peare, secretary or Mrs. T. N. Murphy, chairman.

## AUSTRIANS FAIL IN ATTEMPTS TO STOP ITALIANS

FLEEING ENEMIES FAR IN ADVANCE OF VICTORIOUS ITALIANS.

VICTORIES CAUSE WIDESPREAD ALARM

Morale of Austrian Troops Constantly Decreasing; Seething With Discontent.

Washington, Aug. 28.—(United Press.)—The Italian embassy here has received dispatches declaring that Trieste is being evacuated. The Austrian high commander has ordered the civil population to leave the town. Hourly the Italian offensive becomes a more certain military decision.

The Austrians on Monte Santo sector are reported to be so far ahead of the pursuing Italians that no trace of them can be found except stacks of abandoned ammunition, guns and food.

Emperor Charles spent the entire day of August 22 on the Austrian front and saw Tarnovo captured and one fort on the Carso front destroyed.

London, Aug. 28.—(United Press.)—Austrians are vainly endeavoring to stem the victorious Italians who are now pushing forward from Monte Santo. The Austrian troops failed to stop them.

The morale of the Austrians is constantly decreasing. Austrian commanders were forced to order a general retreat at several points to prevent flanking moves.

Swiss dispatches say that Austria is seething with discontent. Italian victories are causing widespread alarm.

## GERMANS LOSE OVER FIFTY THOUSAND MEN.

French Headquarters Aug. 28.—(United Press.)—Germany lost over 50,000 men in the Flanders battle alone since July 1, according to a conservative estimate.

## War Insanity Spreading.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 28.—(United Press.)—War insanity is sweeping the northwest. This today is the declaration of Portland physicians. However instead of calling the disease war madness, they use the term demented anxieties.

One hundred cases have developed in Portland alone since June 1.

Lydia M. Hug, telephone operator at Summerville, is in town today.

## D. L. T. CLUB HOLDS RE-UNION AT PARK

The D. L. T. Club of 1914 held a re-union at the park last night in honor of Lucille Mulkey, of Seattle, who is now here for a few days. A picnic lunch was eaten about seven o'clock by the light of candles and the firelight. The members present were: The Misses Florence Happersett, Minna Ash, Helen MacDonald, Nita Hunter, Charlotte Jones, Blanche Black, Lucille Perce, Miriam Smith, Lucille Mulkey, Inez Knowles, Wilma Oesterling, and Mrs. Chas. Binger, the only member absent being Miss Leona Newlin who happened to be in Portland at the time. Additional guests were the Misses Carol Currey and Bessie Beuhler. A most enjoyable time was had reviewing old times.

## BRITISH MAKE GRAIN ON 2,000 YARDS FRONT

London, Aug. 28.—(United Press.)—Haig reported that the British have advanced on a 2,000-yard front toward Julien on the Poelcapelle road. The French announced that violent artillery attacks were made over half a dozen sectors on the French front. The Germans are unable to attack.