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TOLMINO MADE OBJECT OF BIG ITALIAN DRIVE

AUSTRIANS OFFER DESPERATE RESISTANCE TO ADVANCING TROOPS.

ITALIANS REPULSE ALL COUNTER ATTACKS

Take Five Hundred and Sixty-one Prisoners—All Enemy Attacks Are Fruitless.

London, Aug. 30.—(United Press.)—The Italians, having attained the practical dominance of the Banizza Plateau, have begun a vast flanking movement northwestward. Tolmino is the immediate object of this drive.

Front dispatches indicated that the Italians are forging ahead and have arrived at the front before the preliminary line of defenses of the Austrian city. Another Italian army has reached a point beyond Montecoro for a coincidental drive eastward on Tolmino. Austrians are offering desperate resistance.

Rome, Aug. 30.—(United Press.)—The Italians on Bainsizza Plateau repulsed the Austrian counter attack, it is officially stated. All enemy attacks were fruitless. The Italians took 561 prisoners.

WILL SOON MOBILIZE AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS

Conferences Will Discuss Details of Red Cross Christmas Sale Campaign

New York, Aug. 30.—(Special.)—It is announced at National headquarters here that the fighters against tuberculosis in the army will soon mobilize in training camps, as it were, for final preparation for the big drive of the coming year. This will take the form of six big sectional conferences covering the whole country. Final details will also be discussed for carrying on the Red Cross Christmas sale campaign, from which it is hoped to raise the \$3,000,000 necessary for this war work. The topic considered will constitute throughout a unified war program. How to provide adequate care for the thousands of men who will be rejected from the army because of tuberculosis or suspected tuberculosis, or who will be discharged because of this disease before the new army is sent overseas or after it is in France, will form the burden of the conference. Prominent authorities on tuberculosis will be among the speakers.

The conferences are as follows: The New England Conference, Rutland, Vt., October 4 and 5; the North Atlantic Conference, Baltimore, Md., October 18 and 19; the Southern Conference, Chattanooga, Tenn., November 9 and 10; the Mississippi Valley Conference, St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minn., October 8, 9, and 10; the Southwestern Conference, at the Grand Canyon of Arizona, October 22 and 23; the Northwestern Conference at Portland, Ore., October 15 and 16.

OREGON MUST PLANT MORE WHEAT IN 1918

GOVERNMENT WILL EXPECT 50 PER CENT LARGER CROP NEXT YEAR

Portland, Ore., Aug. 30.—(United Press.)—W. J. Kerr, president of the Oregon Agricultural College, announced at a meeting of the state grain committee today that the Government expects Oregon to produce 50 per cent more wheat next year. Oregon must plant 236,000 more acres of wheat and 15,000 more acres of rye. Max Houser announced that the Government would permit the storing of seed grain. An intensive state wide campaign is planned to increase the wheat acreage and show farmers the best way to plant and cultivate grain.

NO AUSTRIAN PEACE.

Frank L. Polk Denies Any Negotiations With Empire.



Washington, Aug. 30.—(United Press.)—The State Department today denied any negotiations with Austria for a separate peace.

Cigarette Causes \$40,000 Mill Fire

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 30.—(United Press.)—A cigarette thrown into the fuel box in the boiler room of the Owen Lumber Company's plant set the mill afire. The plant was completely destroyed.

Serious Fires In Wolf Creek District

BAKER, Or., Aug. 30.—(Special.)—What threatens to be a dangerous fire is burning over 100 acres on Wolf Creek west of North Powder, in the Whitman Reserve, it was reported to the local office today, and I. E. Jon left this morning to assist in the work of checking the flames. Another fire north of Wolf Creek, at the head of Ladd Creek, has also been reported, but the extent of this is not as yet known. The Wolf Creek fire has been burning for several days, but had not reached dangerous proportions until today, when it was necessary to send a large force of firefighters from North Powder.

HOSPITAL BOYS WILL BE HERE SATURDAY NIGHT

The La Grande Hospital Unit will pass through La Grande Saturday at 7 p. m. and will stop for 10 minutes.

Electrically charged rods are used for driving rebellious cattle on the ranches of western Texas. It is estimated that this year's business in electric ranges will be in the neighborhood of \$3,000,000.

Company L To Fight Fire

Captain Staffin received authority today to send 50 men to fight the forest fire which is endangering the city water supplies. They will leave in automobiles this afternoon.

BEND MILL IS RUSHED. Portland, Aug. 30.—(Special.)—J. B. Keyes, manager of the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Company of Bend, is in Portland yesterday. His report, he reports, is operating two shifts a day. The company's box factory is running to capacity and the planing mills are operating steadily. "We are employing about 500 men," he said, "and have had little labor trouble. We have increased wages three times since the first of the year. Most of our men are getting 50 per cent more money now than a year ago."

NEW YORK HAS BIG PATRIOTIC DEMONSTRATION

TWO MILLION PEOPLE SEE 30,000 SOLDIERS IN SEND-OFF PARADE.

New York, Aug. 30.—(United Press.)—This city had a real war thrill. Thirty thousand soldiers, comprising the Twenty-seventh division, marched down Fifth avenue in a great send-off parade. The police estimate that 2,000,000 people crowded the streets. The parade lasted five hours. All the principal stores and the stock market closed. This was the greatest patriotic demonstration New York has ever witnessed.

PEOPLE'S COUNCIL TO HOLD CONVENTION

Fargo, N. D., Aug. 30.—(United Press.)—The peoples' council has called a convention scheduled to meet here Saturday, according to the statement of Mayor Stern.

SHIPYARD WORKERS WILL NOT STRIKE

Washington, Aug. 30.—(United Press.)—Pacific Coast shipyard workers will not strike. A. J. Beres, secretary-treasurer of the Metal Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor said. He declared that the recently announced adjustment board would be given first trial.

AMERICAN SCHOONER BOMBED; CREW SAFE

London, Aug. 30.—(United Press.)—The admiralty announced the bombing of the American schooner Laura Anderson. The crew landed at Portsmouth.

Returns From Trip—C. M. Humphreys returned yesterday from a three weeks' trip in the east. He attended the convention of the Knights of Khorassan at Cedarpoint, Ohio, and after the close of the convention visited friends and relatives in Ohio, Indiana, and Missouri. This was his first visit to his old home in fifteen years. He reports business conditions good, crops looking fine, and generally speaking bright prospects for rapid progress. He says he enjoyed his trip immensely, and although he had a fine trip, he longed for a sight of the mountains, and was glad to get back to them again.

Spend Winter in Seattle—Mrs. Edna Oliver and children have gone to Seattle where they will spend the winter. Conductor Grady and family will occupy Mrs. Oliver's house at 804 Main St. during her absence.

Mt. Emily News

MT. EMILY, Aug. 30.—The dry weather continues and the air is filled with smoke and dust most of the time. The campers have nearly all decamped. This is well as the fewer people there are in the woods now the better it is. The situation is full of danger and needless risks should be avoided. The many fires raging in different sections should be a warning to everybody to avoid the mountains until rain has fallen.

Many berry pickers still have the detestable and inexcusable habit of breaking off the bushes in order to pick the berries a little easier, this is the same spirit in which our "inexhaustible" herds of buffalo were killed off, our "inexhaustible" passenger pigeons totally destroyed, "inexhaustible" forests of Wisconsin and Michigan wiped out, etc., etc. The time for anything to be ruthlessly and needlessly destroyed is and should be past. The extremely high prices of all manner of foodstuffs is abundant proof that the world needs everything that grows or can be made to grow. Anyone who goes to pick huckleberries without breaking the bushes off does not deserve any of this splendid fruit and ought to be made to do without it. The method may have been justified in the early days but now we have more and more people and fewer berry patches than ever. Sheep, fire, woodchoppers, loggers and slovenly pickers tend to reduce the supply every year and in time there will be no more of them unless steps are taken to prevent it.

AGREEMENT ON DATE HELD UP BY LAFOLLETTE

ACTION MAKES CERTAIN APPLICATION OF CLOTURE FRIDAY.

Washington, Aug. 30.—(United Press.)—Charging an attempt to gag wealth conservation advocates, Senator La Follette prevented a unanimous agreement to fix the date for the Senate to vote on the revenue bill.

La Follette's stand, if unchanged, makes practically certain the application of the cloture Friday, bringing the vote on by next Wednesday. Underwood denounced money slackers and declared he has no patience with a man who hesitates to respond with his dollars to the country's needs.

RE-ADOPT DEATH PENALTY TO RESTORE DISCIPLINE

London, Aug. 30.—The Russian provisional government partially re-adopted the death penalty to restore discipline in the army, according to a Central News dispatch.

Moose Officers For Year Are Installed

Last night the Moose Lodge held a meeting at the lodge room in the Eagle's Hall, at which time six candidates were initiated into the intricacies of the order.

The following officers were installed, after which refreshments were served: Dictator, George Young; vice dictator, W. C. Hansen; prelate, Jap Stevens; secretary Harry Swart; treasurer, R. J. Kitchen; master-at-arms, C. E. Stitt; trustee, J. G. Hofus; inner guard, Fred Smith; outer guard, Don Shanks.

George Young gave a few remarks on his trip to the Supreme Moose convention in Pittsburg, and from time to time at the meetings he will give a detailed report of each day's work at the convention. The next convention will be at Mooseheart in 1918, and at St. Louis, Mo., in 1919.

In honor of the installation, Jap Stevens, prelate, gave the following address:

"As, a short time since, I passed the 67th milestone in my life, and while quietly meditating at home, a few thoughts came to my mind and I concluded it would be best to jot them down. Therefore my brothers, I have prepared this paper, and I trust that the sentiment expressed therein may meet with your hearty approbation.

"Worthy dictator, officers and brothers: Another year has rolled around and once more our officers have been installed and taken their respective chairs for the ensuing year. I assure you, one and all, that while I should have much preferred that some brother other than myself had been elected to fill the office of prelate, nevertheless, I plainly saw that it was the unanimous wish of the lodge that I retain the office, therefore, in order that harmony and good feeling might prevail, I accepted, and right here brothers, let me say that I thank you for the honor you have conferred. When one has the good will of his fellowmen, and knows in his heart that he is looked upon as a man faithful to his trust, in whatever vocation he may be placed, it not only encourages and lifts him up, but makes his life brighter and better. Is this not so? In my office I am called upon to offer the prayers as laid down in our ritual. While these devotional exercises are being held we should all bow our heads in reverence to a Supreme being, meditate for a moment on those things that are right and just, and pure and good, in honor to Him who doeth all things well.

"Now, brothers, let us lay aside all prejudice, petty jealousies, dissensions. Let us work in harmony. Let us be pure. Let us give aid to those in need. Let us return good for evil. Let us 'do unto others as we would have others do unto us.' Only by so doing we are not only fulfilling the principles inculcated in our ritual, but we are bound to progress. Therefore, in conclusion, I will say, let us all, with one accord, boost for No. 850. We will thus realize our ambition—that of being second to no order of Moose in Eastern Oregon.

"Last, but not least, brothers, let me impress it upon you, remember your obligation. "I thank you."

Wilson's Note to Pope May Bring Peace, is Belief

NEW ARTILLERY HEAD. General March is Appointed to Command Americans Abroad.



Brigadier General Peyton C. March, who is in France and has been designated by the war department as chief of artillery for all American forces abroad, was graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1888 and has seen active service in the Philippines. He was appointed military attaché to observe the Japanese army in the Russo-Japanese war.

Hip-pockets For Women's Skirts

Chicago, Aug. 30.—The Fashion Art League announced that old fashioned hip pockets will be stylish in women's skirts. Mme. Margaret Johnson recommended that navy blue be endorsed by the league. She said that blue would give the desired military effect and save khaki dyes for the Government.

Five Dollars For One Hundred Year Old Night-Shirt

London, Aug. 10.—(By mail.)—(United Press.)—They made them of more durable stuff back in the days of King George IV.

A night-shirt worn by the wild-monarch, whose escapades enlivened England a hundred years ago, was exhumed in a museum here today and sold for five dollars to a curio dealer. The five went into the coffers of a war charity.

LOCUST WOOD USED FOR MAKING NAILS

War Brings To Light Unusual Industry In Country South of Spokane

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 30.—(Special.)—The war has brought to light an unusual industry in Columbia county south of Spokane where locust trees are being cut and from them are manufactured wooden nails used in the construction of ships for the government. One contractor has orders for more than 300,000 of these nails which vary in length from a few inches up to two and one-half feet. Locust trees are used to make a nail superior even to oak. The demand for the timber is shown by the fact that this contractor pays 32¢ a ton for the trees as they stand. He cuts the trees himself and leaves all parts of the wood not suitable for nails for the owner of the grove. The timber is cut into square bolts and shipped to Portland for turning into six-pennies desired.

Washington, Aug. 30.—(United Press.)—Peace this Winter or next Spring as against at least two more years of war will result from the President's reply to the Pope, officials believe is the prospects ahead.

Military men believe that the President's note may bring peace. They declare that Germany is showing evidence of cracking under the strain and they believe the liberals will force the reconstruction of the German government.

Charleston, W. V., Aug. 30.—(United Press.)—"Peace talk won't stay America's hands.

"It's sword will not be sheathed until victory is won and the menace of aggressive autocracy is removed.

"America is fighting for the German people themselves. The navy will do its part."

Secretary Daniels delivered this message at today's ground breaking for the \$11,000,000 Government armor plate and projectile plant. Daniels declared that the Navy Department was building a fleet greater and more powerful than the country had dared to hope.

PEOPLE'S PEACE COUNCIL TO MEET AT HUDSON, WIS.

Minneapolis, Aug. 30.—(United Press.)—Louis Luchne, executive secretary of the People's Peace Council, announced that the organization would meet Saturday at Hudson, Wis.

New York, Aug. 30.—(United Press.)—Eastern delegates to the People's Peace Council expect to leave this afternoon on a special train for the convention.

The leaders said it would be at least a start for somewhere regardless of where they may end.

WIFE OF SENATOR THOMAS WALSH DIES

Washington, Aug. 30.—(United Press.)—Mrs. Thomas Walsh, wife of the Montana Senator, died today.

MILL EMPLOYEES DEMAND MORE PAY.

Chehalis, Aug. 30.—(United Press.)—Demanding an eight-hour day, the employees of the Palmer Lumber Manufacturing Company, struck this morning. The mill is closed.

TOMB IN GRANITE PEAK WILL HOLD REMAINS

Eugene, Ore., Aug. 30.—(United Press.)—A tomb carved in a granite peak on the north Sister of the Three Sisters Mountains in the heart of the Cascades will hold the ashes of H. H. Prouty, one of the county's greatest mountaineers. The tomb will face the north Sister, which Prouty climbed a year ago this month. The Mt. Masamas, an organization of mountaineers, will have charge of taking the ashes to the north Sister and the interment.

J. M. Carnes, wheat man of Imbler, is in town today.

SHIPPING BOARD ASKS CONGRESS FOR \$919,000,000

Washington, Aug. 30.—(United Press.)—The shipping board requested Congress appropriate \$919,000,000 for building and requisitioning of ships this year. If this is granted the board's total for the year will be \$2,290,000,000.

HOME GUARD EMERGENCY CALL

The members of A and C Companies, La Grande Home Guards, are directed to report at the Y. M. C. A. at 6 P. M. this date. The disposition of the matter in hand will probably not consume more than 30 minutes. All members will be expected to report. By order of H. E. COOLIDGE, Commander. August 29, 1917.