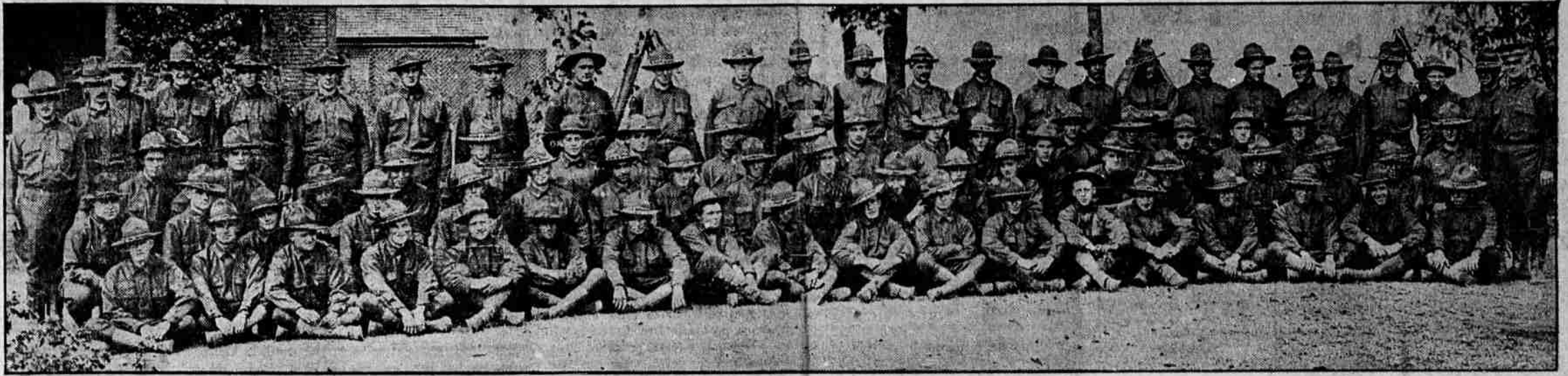


La Grande Hospital Boys Will Be Here Tomorrow Night



Above is the Latest Picture of the La Grande Hospital Unit, Photographed Especially for the Observer

GOVERNMENT IS LOOKING FOR GERMAN SPIES

SLEUTHS WATCH FOR EVIDENCE OF TEUTONIC FRIGHTFULNESS

GUARD AGAINST THE DANGER OF POISON

Many of Kaiser's Agents Arrested Quietly—Government Does Not Want To Antagonize Loyal Germans.

Washington, Aug. 31.—(United Press)—Government sleuths are watching for evidence of Teutonic frightfulness among the Kaiser's spies in all parts of the country, it was learned today.

The government knows there are plenty of Boche apostles scattered through the United States who would be delighted with a chance to feed children poisoned candy, sprinkle poison in wells and reservoirs and do other things of the sort.

Every effort is being made to "spot" these pleasant creatures. Many of them have been arrested quietly.

So anxious were the Kaiser's agents to poison children in Roumania that they flew over that land in aeroplanes and dropped sacks of poisoned candy, which the children ate and within 24 hours died in agony from the effects of the tainted sweets.

The government wants to control this situation and at the same time avoid engendering suspicion and hatred of loyal Germans among the country's citizens.

In announcing that it had found tetanus germs in samples of court plaster distributed by anonymous peddlers in various parts of the United States, the department of justice prefaced its statement by saying that it did not "share in any sensational view as to the manner in which the court plaster became infected."

"But," added, "the public is cautioned against purchasing this remedy except from approved sources, the warning being particularly directed against purchases in small packages from street peddlers and vendors."

Jean Cronos, the Kaiser's chef who poisoned the prelate's soup at

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Child Labor Law Unconstitutional

Greensboro, N. C., Aug. 31.—(United Press.)—The Federal child labor law, becoming effective tonight, has been declared unconstitutional by United States Judge Boyd.

Duck Season Will Open October 1

The duck season does not open until October 1. A great many hunters are going out tomorrow. If they go duck hunting before October 1 they will be promptly arrested.

JOHN WALDEN,
Deputy Game Warden.

BATTLES LULL ON ALL BUT THREE FRONTS

ITALIANS PREPARING FOR RE- NEWED DRIVE ON TRIESTE

London, Aug. 31.—(United Press.)—Except for continued Italian attacks on three Austrian fronts there is a lull everywhere in European fighting zones.

Rome reported the Austrians strongly attacked the Italian positions at Bainsizza Plateau. It was indicated the Italians are preparing a determined and renewed drive against Trieste and are now within twelve miles of the Italian lines.

Crowd Attending Astoria Regatta

Astoria, Ore., Aug. 31.—(United Press.)—Astoria's 22d annual regatta opened here today. The city is crowded with visitors and decked in flags and bunting. The regatta ends September 3.

The regatta program, which includes all kinds of water and land races, began today. This is carnival day on the official program.

STREET RIOTS ARE SUPPRESSED BY GOVERNMENT

POSTALS CALLING POPULATION TO UPRISING ARE DESTROYED.

New York, Aug. 31.—(United Press.)—The Petrograd militia is busy suppressing anti-government riots and counter revolutionary activities. A special cable to the Jewish daily, forwarded and received, said: "Postals calling the population to an uprising against the government have been destroyed and attempts to start street demonstrations have been vigorously quelled."

The anti-government propaganda is due to a lack of food. Twenty persons are dead at Moscow, and many more are dying as a result of over-drinking. The liquor was stolen from a railway station.

J. A. WOODSELL PIONEER DIES VERY SUDDENLY

J. A. Woodsell, commonly known as "Doom" Woodsell, died very suddenly this morning at 11:30 at his ranch home, about 12 miles northeast of La Grande. He was not feeling well yesterday but was better this morning, and was working in the blacksmith shop on his ranch when he suddenly fell over dead. It is supposed he died of heart failure.

Mr. Woodsell was an old settler here, having come here in the early 60's, and had been farming near La Grande most of his life. He leaves a widow and two sons, John and Arthur, both of the Valley and a daughter, Mrs. Tuck Conley, also of the Valley. He is extremely well known and his death comes as a shock to his many friends in and around Union County.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

About 15,000 electric bulbs of eight different colors are illuminated each night in New York City's newest and largest electric sign.

COMPANY L GOES OUT TO FIGHT FIRES

Captain Staffin, of company L, this morning sent out fifty men on the five-forty train to help fight the forest fires that are raging within a mile of the Beaver Creek water shed. One fire is on the Indiana Mine road to the south of the water shed and the other to the east on the old Daley road. These men will stay until the fire is out.

SHIP-BUILDERS TO STRIKE FOR HIGHER WAGES

TWELVE THOUSAND WILL GO OUT SEPTEMBER 6, DECIDED.

Seattle, Aug. 31.—(United Press.)—Twelve thousand shipbuilders will strike September 6 unless the three companies concede to the demands for higher wages, Metal Trades Council leaders decided.

The first direct attempt to avert a strike will be made this afternoon when a conference committee is scheduled to meet the heads of the three companies.

If the companies maintain the present position and are unable to pay the increase without orders from the United States Shipping Board, the committee will serve a strike notice.

The Skinner & Eddy Corporation has signed the agreement, thus preventing a strike at its plant.

WILSON'S REPLY STANDS FOR JOINT ANSWER

London, Aug. 31.—(United Press.)—President Wilson's reply to the Pope stands as a joint answer of all the allies, Lord Cecil, Minister of the Blockade indicated today.

POPE WILL SHOW HOW ANSWERS COMPARE

Rome, Aug. 31.—(United Press.)—The Vatican stated that when the replies of all the belligerents are received, the Pope proposed to issue a statement showing the questions on which all agree, separating those on which the belligerents differ. The Pope proposes to make the differences a matter of general discussion.

BRITISH REPULSE ATTACK

London, Aug. 31.—(United Press.)—Repulse of an enemy raid north of Arleux en Forelle, following a heavy bombardment of the British forward positions, is reported today.

GOVERNMENT ACTION UPSETS GRAIN MARKET

Portland, Ore., Aug. 31.—The Government having established grain prices completely upset the Northwest grain markets.

The Government used Eastern standards in setting the prices. Northwest dealers are unable to figure how local markets are affected. Seattle and Portland are ignored as exporting points. Generally the Northwest Government prices are between 20 and 30 cents under the Chicago basic prices.

Street Car Company Wants 6 Cent Fares

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 31.—(United Press.)—The Portland Railway, Light & Power Company will endeavor to secure permission to establish 6-cent fares. The carmen threaten to strike. The company claims it is impossible to grant the men's demands unless the increased fare is permitted.

PEACE CONFERENCE ST HAS NO PLACE TO MEET

Will Attempt to Hold Meeting at Washington Sunday; N. Y. Train Turned Back.

Minneapolis, Aug. 31.—(United Press.)—Secretary Louis Loehner, of the Orphan Peoples' Council, advised by the Midwest, announced that he would endeavor to hold the proposed peace conference at Washington Sunday. The officials leave for Washington tonight, and a special train bearing Eastern delegates, which left New York yesterday, will be turned back at Elkhart, Ind.

LEAGUE WANTS HIGHER PRICE FOR 1918 WHEAT

St. Paul, Aug. 31.—(United Press.)—The National Non-Partisan League issued an invitation to the representatives of the wheat growing states to meet here within two weeks and discuss the Government fixed wheat prices. The league wants a higher price, probably \$3 a bushel.

Italians Praise Wilson's Reply

Rome, Aug. 31.—(United Press.)—Italian newspapers editorially praised President Wilson's reply to the Pope's peace note.

Mazda electric incandescent lamps represented 84 per cent and carbon and gem lamps 16 per cent of the total lamp sales last year.

Government Fixes Wheat Prices \$2.20 Per Bushel

Washington, Aug. 31.—(Special)—Wheat price was fixed today at \$2.20 per bushel at Chicago. Labor representatives on the committee voted first for \$1.84 and farmers for \$2.50. After long discussion the compromise of \$2.20 was approved unanimously.

The committee report declares the deliberations were governed by three considerations—the fact that America is at war, need of encouraging the producer and necessity to reduce the cost of living to the consumer. In reaching its conclusion the com-

EFFORT MADE TO GET LONGER STOP HERE

RESENT PLAN IS TO MAKE STOP OF THIRTY MINUTES WELCOME PLANNED

A phone call has been received by City Manager Fred Currey from Col. Dentler, district commander, stating that the La Grande Hospital Unit will arrive here tomorrow night on No. 18 at 8:25.

So far as is known now the boys will only be here thirty minutes but Mr. Currey is communicating with Senator Chamberlain with the effort of allowing the boys to come in on No. 18 and remain until No. 6 leaves at noon Sunday.

Undoubtedly everyone in town who can possibly get away will be at the train to greet the boys. The mothers, sisters and sweethearts and also friends of the boys are preparing chicken, cakes, pies and other "odds" to be given the boys when they get here. Everyone is anxious to see them remain for at least a few hours, and excitement and the bustle of preparation are at their height.

EXPECT NEW OUTBREAK OF SUB WARFARE

WILSON'S ANSWER TO POPE WILL STIR UP RENEWED ACTIVITY, BELIEF.

Rome, Aug. 31.—(United Press.)—Intense concentrated submarine warfare against the United States and England, may result from President Wilson's declaration to the Pope's peace appeal.

Diplomatic circles revealed the belief that the central empires through so-called democratic decrees and discussions are aiming to influence American opinion. The President's reply shows this to be a failure. Germany's next step, diplomats believe, will be a new outbreak of submarines.

U. S. Will Use Vigorous Measures Against Subs

Washington, Aug. 31.—(United Press.)—The United States is planning new and vigorous measures to meet the reported German attempt to

increase the submarine frightfulness. The navy department expressed confidence today that the increased submarine activity would fail.

New Ships Added To Fleet.
San Francisco, Aug. 31.—(Special)—The Southern Pacific company announced today an important addition to its Atlantic fleet in the steamship "El Almirante" a modern freight carrier of 8,500 tons carrying capacity, just placed in commission on the run between Galveston and New York. Another vessel of the same type is under construction.

STRIKE FUND OF \$250,000 RAISED.

San Francisco, Aug. 31.—A strike fund of \$250,000 will be raised, it became known today following an announcement that 12,000 Seattle ship yard workers will strike.

Tungsten is now used as an electric battery element.