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LLOYD GEORGE SAYS AMERICA WILL WIN WAR

"WILL TRIUMPH BE-
CAUSE SHE HAS NEV-
ER KNOWN DEFEAT."

ASSERTION APPLAUDED
BY ENORMOUS CROWD

Premier Declares Subma-
rine Can Never Lessen Al-
lies' Strength; Reiterates
Defiance to Campaign.

Birkenhead, Eng., Sept. 7.
—(United Press.)—Lloyd
George declared today that
America has never known
defeat, and on this occasion
she will triumph again. A
great crowd thunderously
applauded this assertion.

The Premier admitted
that the Russian situation is
disquieting. He declared
that he had complete confi-
dence that the Russian lead-
ers would repair the dam-
age. He said that the Rus-
sian revolution has postponed
the allied victory. He re-
iterated the defiance to the
submarine campaign, de-
claring that he was absolute-
ly confident that submarines
would never be able to less-
en the allied strength.

Earley Morning Murder Baffles Police, Almost

Portland, Or., Sept. 7.—
"Someone's being murder-
ed," cried the voice over a
telephone about 2 o'clock
this morning. The voice
wanted the police to "come
in a hurry." The police did.
The blue coats marched up
one street and down another,
behind buildings and in vac-
ant lots. All they found was
a meandering cat and a vag-
rant dog—and silence.

Then there was an ear-
piercing shriek. The officers,
led by the noise, went to the
County Courthouse. The
corner of the upper floor oc-
cupied by the insane ward
was ablaze with light. A
face—easily seen from the
street—was at the window.

Another shriek. "I want a
drink of water," the man
yelled. The cops went back
to police headquarters.

Fuller Funeral Held Yesterday In Baker

The funeral of Walter F. Fuller was
held yesterday at Mt. Hope cemetery
at Baker, Oregon.

Walter F. Fuller was born at
Scipio, Utah, May 14, 1878. Came to
Oregon in 1900 and resided in the
vicinities of Baker and Sumpter until
the year of 1912 when he came to
La Grande and hired out to the U. W.
R. & N. Co., as brakeman in the month
of August which position he held un-
til he met his death near North Fork,
Ore., in a railroad accident killing
him instantly, Sept. 3, 1917.

He is survived by his wife, Grace,
three children, Lue Dec, George Ed-
ward and Linn Z.; three brothers, Ed-
ward, James and Peter Neilson; and

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SHE SOWED THE SEAS WITH DEATH



This German submarine was sowing mines along the French coast in the path of the transports conveying United States troops to the French front. The submarine ventured in too far, in its desperate attempt to plant death for the Sammys, and was washed aground. The crew, unable to float the vessel, set it on fire before surrendering. The submarine is too badly damaged to be remodelled for the allies' use, but it will plant no more seeds of death in the path of Uncle Sam's armies. The havoc caused by the fire can be seen particularly at the right of the picture.

WILLARD COUCH DIES AFTER A BRIEF ILLNESS

PROMINENT FARMER AND
STOCKRAISER SUCCEUMS
TO PARALYSIS.

Willard Couch, a prominent farmer
and stockraiser, of Ladd Canyon, aged
56 years, died last night at 9 o'clock
at Hot Lake. He had been stricken
about seven days ago with cerebral
hemorrhage, causing paralysis.

Mr. Couch was born in Linn County,
Mo., Sept. 30, 1860. He came to Ore-
gon in 1876 with his father and moth-
er who settled in Union County, near
Island City.

Mr. Couch bought a farm 23 years
ago near Ladd Canyon and took up
general farming and stock raising in
which he was successful.

He is survived by a widow and one
son, Roy L. Couch, and the following
brothers and sisters: Mrs. M. L.
Carter, of Cove; U. G. Couch, of Is-
land City; L. Couch, of Wallowa; W.
R. Couch, of Lewiston, Idaho; John
Couch, of Wallowa; Mrs. J. E. Robert-
son, of Hood River.

Mr. Couch was held in high esteem
in the community and his death will
be a great shock to his friends as few
knew he was ill.

The funeral will be held Sunday at
1 o'clock at the family home at Ladd
Canyon. Elder G. E. Mayfield, of
Elgin, will officiate. Interment
will be in Odd Fellows Cemetery.

NAVAL ATTACK ON PETROGARD IS EXPECTED

GERMAN FLEET REPORTED TO
BE GATHERING IN THE
BALTIC.

London, Sept. 7.—(United Press.)—
Germany may be preparing a naval
bombardment of Petrograd. Subma-
rines, destroyers, minesweepers, cru-
isers and warships have been reported to
be gathering in the Baltic, a fleet is
reported today to be gaining en-
trance to the Finland Gulf 100 miles
from Petrograd.

GERM CHASERS ARE PROVIDED FOR CANTONMENT CAMPS

BY GEORGE MARTIN.
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 7.—Even germ chasers on
wheels have been provided to make life liveable for the
drafted boys in camp. Sort of sheriff's posses of bug de-
tectives, they are, to pursue the invisible enemy that runs
around in soldiers' systems sometimes and unloads double
handfuls of disease all over the the boys' internal arrange-
ments.

Formally and unsentimentally they're referred to by the
advisory commission of the Red Cross War Council as
"laboratory railroad cars which are being prepared for
emergency work against possible outbreaks of epidemics."

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GENERAL SIBERT URGES BOYS TO SAVE PAY WHILE ABROAD

BY J. W. PEGLER.
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

AMERICAN FIELD HEADQUARTERS, France, Aug.
17.—(By mail.)—American soldiers have so much money
and so little to spend it for that General Sibert is trying to
find some law to make the boys save part of their pay.

The khaki-clad boy from home has just three regular
items to pay for—tobacco, hair cuts, and laundry service.
He may cut out the laundry bill by doing his own washing.

General Sibert is trying to interest the soldiers in the
American bond issues or the loans of the French govern-
ment. Uncle Sam's troops are second only to the Austral-

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Gompers To Head Alliances For Labor Democracy

Minneapolis, Sept. 7.—(United
Press.)—Samuel Gompers, president
of the American Federation of Labor,
has been elected president of the
American Alliance for Labor Democ-
racy.

Conditions Indicate 71.2 Percent Wheat

Washington, Sept. 7.—(United
Press.)—The condition of the Spring
wheat crop on September 1 indicate
71.2-10 per cent compared with 48
6-10 the year previous and 74 per cent
for the 10-year average. Conditions
indicated 68.7-10 August 1, the Agri-
cultural Department announced.

GRAIN MEN WILL SEND COMMITTEE TO WASHINGTON

GROWERS WILL LOSE \$12,000,000
WITHOUT NORTHWEST
BASIC PRICES.

Portland, Or., Sept. 7.—(United
Press.)—Grain growers of the Inland
Empire will lose \$12,000,000 this year
unless the Government adopts the
Pacific Northwest basic prices, ac-
cording to the opinions of 150 promi-
nent growers, millers and dealers con-
ferring here regarding the Govern-
ment wheat regulations and prices.

Grainmen will send a committee to
Washington with a petition, laying be-
fore the Administration the necessity
of Pacific Northwest basic prices. The
grainmen vigorously expressed their
opposition to a Chicago basic price
of \$2.20. The drawing price of
Northwest wheat shipped to Califor-
nia, Alaska, the Orient and that con-
sumed at home will be greatly re-
duced as well as the wheat shipped East.
The conference is probably the
largest representative meeting of
grainmen ever held in the Northwest.

ONE AMERICAN IS KILLED BY GERMAN SHELLS

GERMANS DELIBERATELY BOM-
BARD HOSPITAL—PA-
TIENTS INJURED.

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMS.
With British. Afield, Sept. 7.—
(United Press.)—One American offi-
cer was killed and five members of his
staff were wounded in a deliberate
German bombardment Tuesday of an
American hospital on the French
coast. Ten patients were injured.
The dead man is an officer in the
Medical Corps attached to the Har-
vard Unit. Three staff members were
severely wounded and one member of
St. Louis was wounded. The attack
was plainly deliberate.

SECOND DRAFT PLANNED FOR THIS WINTER

WAR PROGRAM PRO-
VIDES FOR 2,000,000
MEN BY JUNE.

1,500,000 WILL BE
UNDER ARMS OCT. 10

All Department Estimates
Asked by Baker Granted
By Appropriations Com-
mittee.

Washington, Sept. 7.—
(United Press.)—The War
Department program pro-
vides for 2,000,000 men to
actual service and training
by next June. Another draft
of 500,000 this Winter is
planned.

The department expects
to have 1,500,000 under arms
by October 10. If sufficient
equipment accommodations
can be obtained another
draft will be recommended
immediately.

All department estimates
asked by Secretary of War
Baker were granted by the
House appropriations com-
mittee on the assumption
that the President will issue
the call.

UNION REPRESENTATIVES TO CONFER, IS FORCAST

Butte, Mont., Sept. 7.—
Representatives of all the
striking unions, forming one
big committee, will probably
soon go before mining com-
pany officials and attempt to
arrange for a settlement of
their differences.

This today is the forecast
of Butte labor leaders. Ac-
tion by the various labor or-
ganizations involved, how-
ever, must be taken before
this conference can be held.

Discussing a settlement of
the strikes, one labor leader
said here today, "The situa-
tion is clear; this trouble will
never be settled until it is
settled right, and it cannot
be settled until the princi-
ples of unionism, as well as
the rights of unionmen, are
recognized by the mining
companies."

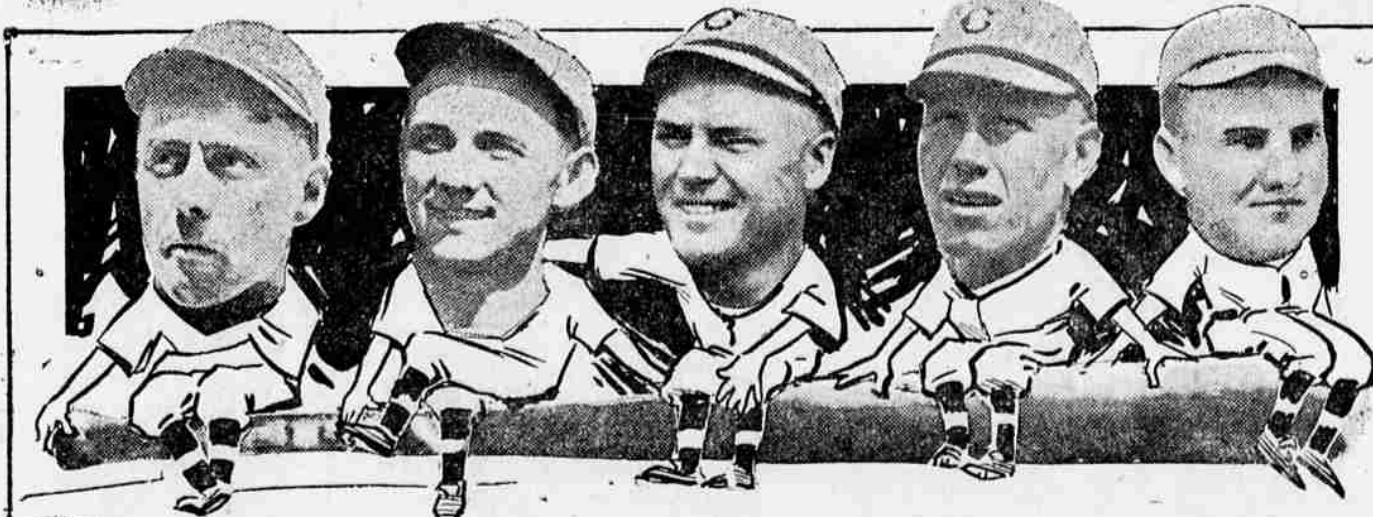
C. A. C. WILL BE CONVERTED INTO FIELD GUNNERS

Camp Lewis, Wash., Sept. 7.—
(United Press.)—Scarcity of light
field artillery has induced the War
Department to convert most of the
Coast Artillery into field artillery.

Fifteen hundred members of the Na-
tional Army are reporting here to be
trained in Puget Sound forts, displac-
ing an equal number of members of the
Coast Artillery companies, who will be
shifted to here for intensive train-
ing in field artillery.

Mrs. R. E. Merkling and Mrs. D. E.
Shanks are spending a few days with
Mr. and Mrs. F. H. DeKalb at
Kamela.

BASE HITTING ABILITY OF MATT Y'S REDS MAKE THEM POPULAR



MATT Y'S LEADING BATSMEN: LEFT TO RIGHT, ROUSCH, GROH, GRIFFITH, NEALE AND CLARKE

The base hit is the heart of base-
ball.

All of which recalls that for the
first time in baseball history the
Cincinnati Reds are the greatest
hitting club in the world.

A major league club in Anno

Dom. 1917 batting around .276
Pearlens back to the days of '88
when a base on balls constituted a
hit and 300 averages were as com-
mon as flies in the molasses at the
hotels where the clubs of that time
stopped.

And that's just what the Reds
are doing.

Five members of the club are
batting .300 or more. Rousch, the
league leader, Groh, Neale, Griffith
and Clarke. The three outfielders,
an infielder and a catcher are in-

side the select circle. A pitcher,
Reuther is flirting with .300.

Chase, last year's National
league batting king is not much
behind.

Other members of the club are
dangerous and timely hitters.