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UNION COUNTY SUBSCRIPTIONS COME IN FAST

OVER \$155,000 ALREADY COLLECTED FROM LA GRANDE AND COMMUNITY.

MANY LARGE AMOUNTS SUBSCRIBED TO LOAN

Committees Are Out Canvassing the Country; "Million Dollar Committee" Does Good Work.

Once more La Grande and the surrounding territory has jumped into the limelight of patriotic behavior in time of need. During Liberty Loan Week to date, which is virtually only half of the week, as figures completed today show only subscriptions up to closing time last night, the middle valley and La Grande arose with wonderful unity of action and most liberally attacked the duty in hand. If the same gusto of willingness is continued until the end of the subscription period, Union County will have done her full share. Figures of subscriptions to date show that \$155,900 have been subscribed from all sources in the territory adjacent to and in La Grande. The "Million Dollar Committee" yesterday did some remarkably fine work. Both banking houses were busy yesterday, and again this morning, taking on the smaller subscriptions; the public is rapidly getting a new vision and realizing that it is possible for the humblest employee to take out at least one Liberty Loan Bond.

Some of the largest subscriptions to the bond issue thus far this week include many \$5000 ones. W. R. Leadbetter, W. J. Case, S. L. Brooks, Floyd McKennon, the J. W. Little family, Charles Playle, the Kirk Wills family, A. Shaw and C. C. Welsh are among the \$5000 subscribers. The Grande Ronde Lumber Company took \$10,000 and the two banks have between them taken up \$75,000 in certificates of indebtedness and bonds, which is really the same thing. Mrs. M. Mitchell, \$500, Joseph Palmer \$3000, A. C. Hampton \$1000 Walter Wade \$2500, are some of the other liberal subscribers whose names have been made public. The committees are out again this afternoon but in the meantime the fact remains that the rank and file of the citizenship must voluntarily come forth and subscribe at either bank even though it be in small lots.

ADJUTANT GENERAL WHITE TO GO EAST SOON

Portland, Ore., Oct. 18.—Adjutant General George White is expected to leave within the next few days for Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C., and leave probably within the next few months for active duty in France. He has been given the rank of major adjutant general. After establishing a record in registering and putting into effect the first draft, General White asked the war department that he be assigned to active duty.

GIRL UNDAUNTED BY LACK OF CASH

Eugene, Ore., Oct. 18.—Determined to secure a college education, one girl arrived here to attend the University of Oregon with a total cash capital of \$7. She is now doing housework for her room and board and ironing and mending clothes for cash for incidental expenses.

EMPLOYEES MAY BUY BONDS ON INSTALLMENTS

Employees of the Grande Ronde Lumber Company are being given a chance to buy Liberty Bonds on the installment plan, according to an announcement made by James H. Minnaugh, president of the company. The company is prepared to purchase for any of their employees any amount of bonds and let the purchaser pay for them at the rate of \$5 a month. The company will charge no interest. Thirty-five subscriptions have already been secured on these terms.

Besides making this arrangement the company itself has purchased bonds to the amount of \$10,000.

L.C. Edwards Buys La Grande Pharmacy

The La Grande Pharmacy was sold to L. C. Edwards, of Sumpter, Ore., the deal was closed today at noon, and business was turned over to Dr. C. T. Bacon pending the arrival early next week of Mr. Edwards.

Mr. Edwards has been actively engaged in the drug business for over 30 years in Arlington, Baker and Sumpter. At the last place he suffered severe loss when the business part of town was destroyed by fire. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards will take up their residence here immediately, this being the home of their son, Jess, who is with the La Grande Hospital Unit.

Mr. Sorenson will remain as Mr. Edwards' chief clerk. The deal was negotiated by Ray W. Logan.

NO RATES FOR THOSE ATTENDING PENDLETON GAME

Definite advice received from the Pendleton Commercial Club is to the effect that the railroad rates of one and one-third fares which were expected by those attending the intercollegiate foot ball game between the Oregon Aggie and University of Idaho at Pendleton Saturday could not be obtained, although the matter had been taken up with the higher officials of the railroad. This will mean that either full fare will have to be paid or that a party of fifteen or more can obtain a rate of one and two-thirds fare by using a block ticket which requires them to go and return all on the same train.

The Commercial Club of the Round-Up city are striving to make this game a financial and social success and an effort is being made to close all the stores for a two hour period during the afternoon. The high school students are canvassing the city with tickets and have reported splendid success. A banquet in honor of the teams will be given in the evening at 6:30 to which are invited all former students and graduates of the O. A. C. This affair will follow by a dance to be held in Happy Canyon.

La Grande will be represented at the game by a good many fans and O. A. C. supporters, some expecting to motor over while the rest will take train No. 17, arriving at Pendleton about noon. Those wishing to return immediately after the close of the contest can take No. 18 which leaves there at 5:15, while those who remain for the banquet and dance will return on No. 4 or No. 6.

RUSSIAN SHIP SLAVERS IS SUNK IN ENGAGEMENT

GERMANS OCCUPYING OESSEL ISLAND, WAR OFFICE ADMITS.

(United Press.) Petrograd, Oct. 18.—The Russian battleship, Slava, was sunk in a naval engagement in the Riga Gulf, it was officially stated today. The War Office admitted the complete German occupation of Oessel Island.

Everything of a military value was destroyed before the Russians retired. Nearly all the crew of the Slava were saved. A German fleet of 55 large and powerful ships including two large dreadnoughts were seen at one time. The dreadnoughts soon silenced the Russian batteries.

(United Press.) Berlin, Oct. 18.—Ten thousand Russians were captured in the Oesels Island and 50 guns were seized, it is officially stated.

U. S. Nearing Public Ownership Of R. R.

(United Press.) Washington, D. C., Oct. 18.—A special investigating committee reported to the National Association Railway Commissioner that the United States is moving rapidly toward complete public ownership, and operation of public utilities, especially of railroads, telephones and telegraph.

Mrs. George Parker went to Baker today on No. 6.

GERMANS HAVE GIVEN UP THE TRENCH SYSTEM

FIGHTING HAS GREATLY CHANGED IN NATURE AT THE FRONT.

PILL BOX FAILS TO WITHSTAND FIRE

German Defenses Are Helpless Before British Guns; All Defense Plans Fail.

By WILLIAM PHILLIP SIMMS.

British Headquarters, Oct. 18.—The western front war has reached a new phase and probably its last. The fighting has greatly changed in nature. The Germans have completely abandoned the trench system along the British front, substituting the pill box defense.

The pill box plan is unable to withstand the British barrage fire. German defenses are helpless before the British guns. Hindenburg is finding all his defense schemes are failures. Only a sudden collapse of hostilities can prevent a German riot.

Judge McGinn Will Speak At Bond Meeting

A big public meeting at which Judge H. E. McGinn will be the chief speaker will be held Saturday night at the Methodist Church. The meeting is to be held in the interests of the Liberty Bond campaign now in progress and it is hoped that a large crowd will be in attendance as Judge McGinn is a speaker of statewide reputation and will undoubtedly present many interesting and forceful arguments in favor of the bonds.

SPEAKERS WILL USE SUB AS PLATFORM

(United Press.) New York, Oct. 18.—A captured German submarine arrived in New York aboard the British steamer. It will be placed in Central Park and Liberty Loan speakers will use the conning tower as a platform.

STRIKE WILL BE ADJUSTED SOON, REPORT

STRIKE WILL BE RESUMED PENDING CONFERENCE IN 'FRISCO.

EMPLOYERS AND STRIKERS WILL MEET COMMISSION

Employers Will Have Men Released Who Were Arrested for Opposing Anti-Picketing Law.

(United Press.)

Portland, Oct. 18.—The early adjustment of the Coast shipyard strike is authoritatively forecasted following a lengthy conference last night between the unions, employers and the Federal shipyard labor board. Pending a conference in San Francisco of representatives of the unions and employees of all Coast cities with the Federal board arrangements are being made here to re-open the yards under a temporary agreement. The yards will probably reopen Monday or Tuesday. Employers are requested to secure the release of a large number of men arrested on charges of violating the anti-picketing ordinance.

WASHINGTON EXCEEDS ITS REQUIRED QUOTA

Olympia, Wash., Oct. 18.—Unlike most of the western states, Washington has sent more men than officially required to Camp Lewis, according to official figures here today.

There are now 43 more Washington men at the cantonment than required. However, rejections by army physicians will probably reduce this excess considerably.

Officials here today said that the next quota will leave for the camp about October 24. Local boards are asked to catch up with their work so the fourth contingent can be sent away without delay.

GERMANS AGAIN RAID NANCY; FRENCH RETALIATE

(United Press.) Paris, Oct. 18.—The German air force again raided Nancy last night killing a number of civilians. The French airmen retaliated, bombing Courcelles, Thionville, Mezières, Nekeant and other Lorraine towns. Eleven German airplanes were sighted Wednesday. The French front is fairly quiet.

Mrs. Rosa Goumpert Passes Away Here

Mrs. Rosa Goumpert passed away yesterday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Anna Pause. Mrs. Goumpert was 89 years of age last April. She was born in Austria, but has been a resident of the United States for sixty-three years and the past fifteen years has made her home with her daughter, who was her only child.

The funeral will be held from the family home corner of Spruce street and Y avenue tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 3 o'clock and will be conducted by Rev. Upton H. Gibbs. The interment will be conducted in the Masonic cemetery and will be in charge of the W. H. Bohnenkamp company. Friends of the family are invited.

GRAIN DEALERS SUBSCRIBE LARGE AMOUNTS TO LOAN

(United Press.)

Portland, Ore., Oct. 18.—Oregon grain dealers have subscribed 239,000, including \$100,000 from Balfour-Guthrie Company alone. The committee announced today that Oregon's subscription totaled \$5,724,800, excluding the grainmen's money. North Bend with a quota of \$45,000 is the first Oregon town to raise their allotment.

MONTANA HOT SPRINGS WILL BE IMPROVED

(United Press.)

Helena, Mont., Oct. 18.—The famous Camas Springs will be improved by Sen. Ruben Dwight, Edward Donlan and C. G. Van Hook under an agreement signed by representatives of the bureau of Indian affairs and the three men. Three hundred thousand dollars will be spent for improvements and at the end of 25 years the property, including the improvements, will be turned back to the Indians, as the springs are on the Flathead reservation.

GERMAN ARTILLERY ACTIVE IN FLANDERS.

(United Press.)

London, Oct. 18.—General Haig has reported the German artillery to be exceedingly active in Flanders from South Ypres to the Comines Canal. The British successfully raided the German trenches in the Gravelle district.

BATTLEPLANES PLAY DEAD TO DODGE ENEMY

FAVORITE STUNT OF AVIATORS TO FALL AS IF CRIPPLED.

MOVEMENTS ARE VERY REALISTIC AND DECEPTIVE

Planes Follow Falling Machine to See It Crash Before Leaving the Scene.

By WILLIAM PHILLIP SIMMS.

(United Press Staff Correspondent.) With the British Armies in France, Sept. 27.—(By Mail.)—It is not only the smart dog that knows how to "play dead and roll over." Battleplane pilots out here do it every day, both British and German. It frequently happens that it is only by playing dead that they keep alive.

When planes are fighting high in the air and one suddenly finds himself in a tight corner, he "plays dead." That is, he shoots vertically up into the air, turns over on his back and literally falls, head first, rolling over and over, simulating all the motions of a plane whose pilot has been killed and which is utterly out of control. So deceptive are these movements that it is impossible to tell the difference very often from the real thing.

Today I saw a good example of how this "playing dead" works out. Lieut. A. flying at an altitude of three miles, well above the clouds, encountered two enemy machines. He dived at the nearest and at short range fired a short burst into it from his machinegun. It pitched on its nose, and with smoke coming out of its fuselage, went plunging and spinning into the clouds below.

It so happened that a pilot belonging to an entirely different squadron happened to be rolling under the clouds above which the fight took place. In his report he mentioned seeing an enemy plane of a certain type, fall in flames out of the clouds over his head and, burning fiercely, crash to the earth at such and such a spot.

As both time and place and the circumstances coincided exactly with the report of Lieut. A., Lieut. A. was credited with bringing the German plane down. But for the accident his fight would have netted his record nothing.

Whenever possible the victor in a fight in the air follows the falling plain to the ground and actually sees it smash to bits. When this happens, to onlookers on the ground, it appears exactly as if both planes are falling for the one which follows must put his plane into a "nose spin" and fall in the wake of the other like a stone. It is only when the pursuing plane sees his victim crash that he, at only a few hundred feet from the ground "flattens out" and zooms up into the sky again. Sometimes, to make sure, the pursuer fires 50 to 100 rounds at his falling opponent as he falls in his wake to make sure that the spin is real and not just a wily pilot "playing dead." So it sometimes happens that a fall begins by a pilot "playing dead," and ends in it becoming genuine. In these cases the victorious pilot will never know whether he was firing at an enemy trying to escape or into the back of a dead man.

GERMANS FAIL IN ANTI-BOND PROPOGANDA

TELEGRAMS TO TREASURY DEPARTMENT EXPOSE PRO-GERMAN ACTIVITIES.

(United Press.)

Washington, D. C., Oct. 18.—The German intrigue against the Liberty Loan is failing. Scattered efforts to intimidate bankers and bond buyers are having a boomerang effect. The Treasury Department is continually receiving telegrams disclosing pro-German activity. Practically half of the three billion minimum quota is subscribed to the Treasury Department and has renewed the hope of achieving the five billion dollar mark. Workingmen, farmers and soldiers are buying bonds department reports show.



Charles Dana Gibson's contribution to Red Cross Conservation Posters.