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BERLIN CLAIMS 60,000 ITALIANS CAPTURED

WOMEN RALLY TO THE AID OF RED CROSS

MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED GATHERED YESTERDAY AND SEWED.

MATRONS AND MAIDS WORK FOR THE SOLDIERS

Surgical Dressings and Hospital Supplies Are Being Completed for Shipment—Christmas Packages Go This Week.

If you want to see a sight that will warm your heart, just go to the Elks' Home on Friday and see what our La Grande women are doing for the Red Cross.

More than 300 of them were there yesterday at various hours of the day. And talk about your bee hives; it was one of the greatest sights any one ever saw. There were matrons and maids; all in their working togs, some with pretty white caps, and they were hemming and stitching and ironing and packing and doing all they could to prepare the supplies and surgical dressings for the Red Cross in France.

No one with any heart can watch the scene without tears coming to his eyes, too. Look at all those garments. What are they for but for our wounded boys, boys that are going to get sick and shot and injured by the foe? When one sees the great quantities of supplies that the La Grande women are turning out and multiplies it by every city in the country of similar size, one begins to realize what war means. And also to realize the nobility, self-sacrifice, and spirit of our own women. We don't honor them half enough.

And then the Christmas packages containing letter tablets, smokes, cake and candy, etc., things that remind the soldier of home; every soldier will get one on Christmas day. Ladd Canyon was the first to respond with its quota of Christmas packages; these ladies deserve great credit for their promptness.

And the girls of the Standard Laundry rose to the occasion too. When it was impossible to get khaki handkerchiefs, the ladies got white ones and the girls of the Standard Laundry worked overtime and dyed them khaki color; they did some more last night and some more today.

The Christmas packages will be ready for shipment Friday. Another big all-day sewing rally will be held at the Elks' Home tomorrow. The women of La Grande are invited to help.

Hippodrome Show At Arcade Pleases

The four acts of high-class Hippodrome vaudeville presented at the Arcade Theatre drew rounds of applause from the well-filled house. Preceded by an orchestra selection and a side-splitting one-reel comedy, the program started off with Ben Tidwell in a clever and original balancing act. Farrington and Cornell followed with a well-balanced act of singing and talking.

Jean and Jack Massey presented another musical act in which Jean plays the violin and Jack picks on the banjo. Their act was good and was well received.

The last act proved the hit of the bill. Announced as Guess, Try and Guess, the trio, two men and a girl delighted the audience with their dancing and talking. The remarkable part about the act is that the two men have only one pair of legs between them. Despite this fact they danced and marched without difficulty.

Altogether the show was very good.

Germans Sink Turkish Warship

PETROGRAD, Nov. 1.—A Turkish torpedo boat was sunk and two steamers burned, it is officially stated. The Germans are retiring to prepared positions on the Riga front.

Nearly Half Of Submarines Sunk

(United Press.) LONDON, Nov. 1.—England sunk nearly half of Germany's submarines, Sir Eric Geddes told the House of Commons in his speech as first lord of the Admiralty. The present rate of destroying submarines is faster than ever before. Germany is forced greatly to increase production.

O. W. ASKS FOR FRANCHISE TO EXTEND YARDS

COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE CHANGES; VIADUCT IS ACCEPTED BY CITY.

The second street viaduct was accepted by the city at the regular meeting of the commission last night. The bridge is now open to traffic. An ordinance making the use of the viaduct as a playground for children an offense punishable by a fine of from \$2.50 to \$25 was also passed.

The petition of James Fitzgerald for another fire hydrant on Cove avenue, was denied.

The railroad company asked the city for a franchise to extend their yards west in order to increase the size of the yards and relieve the congestion on Fir street. The company wants to move the Fir street switch to the east side of the street. The commission will look over the ground and view the proposed changes today.

LUNCHEON WILL BE GIVEN MARSHALL MONDAY

A luncheon will be given Vice President Thomas R. Marshall on Monday, November 5. It will be for men only. The men's weekly luncheons will be revived for this occasion with the Vice President as the honor guest. As no hotel or restaurant is able, due to the paucity of help, to serve much more than 75 men at the noon hour, the Ladies Aid of the Methodist church has come to the rescue with an offer to serve the luncheon on Monday noon at the Methodist church. The number of seats available is 170.

It is For Men Only. Who shall sit at the banquet is purely up to the public. It is for men only. At 11 o'clock Saturday morning, 170 seats will go on sale at the Y. M. C. A. and the first 170 men there get the seats which will sell at 75 cents. True, this will not admit as many as would like to go, yet the Chautauqua association, commercial club, press club and other institutions feel that in no other way is it possible to get a representative attendance. This will give an equal chance to all to get a seat at the luncheon which will begin promptly at noon.

It will be a Hoover affair—wheatless and meatless. Remember the tickets go on sale Saturday at the Y. M. C. A., 11 a. m.; first come first served.

Many Have Not Signed Food Pledge

School children canvassing in Grande yesterday secured nearly 200 additional signatures in the food conservation campaign being conducted this week. Many have signed cards at The Observer office.

The week is more than half over and still many homes have no card in their windows. The campaign managers urge that everyone make an effort to secure the cards. A Neighborhood Club committee is now making the rounds to make sure that all homes are supplied.

GASTON MEANS INDICTED.

CONCERT, N. C., Nov. 1.—Gaston Means was indicted for the murder of Mrs. Maude King today.

STATE BOARD OF ADVISORS IS APPOINTED

FRED J. HOLMES BEGINS ORGANIZATION OF STATE TO MEET FUEL PROBLEMS.

ESTABLISHES BRANCH OFFICE IN PORTLAND

Southern and Western Oregon Will Be Directed From There; Eastern Districts From Here.

Fred J. Holmes, fuel administrator of Oregon, returned yesterday from Portland where he organized his state advisory board. Besides the state board there will be city and county boards appointed to take care of the immediate needs of the people. The state board appointed by Mr. Holmes consists of Dr. C. J. Smith, former candidate for governor; W. O. Munsel, manager of the Parlin and Orendorff Plow company of Portland; E. A. Holmes, president of the Oregon Timber company; Lot L. Pearce, implement and hardware man of Salem and F. L. Chambers, banker of Eugene.

Mr. Holmes has divided the state into two divisions to facilitate the handling of the fuel problem. Portland and southern Oregon will be managed by a branch office which Mr. Holmes has established in connection with the state council of defense. Bruce Dennis will be in charge of this office. The eastern part of the state will be directed from Mr. Holmes' office here.

A. T. Hill, G. L. Larson and A. C. Hampton have been appointed on the advisory board for La Grande and Union County. Baker, Pendleton and other towns of that size will be organized immediately.

"I would like to have the fuel dealers in eastern Oregon," said Mr. Holmes, "make a conservative estimate of the number of cars they will need every month for the next five months and send the statement to my office so that we can distribute the coal proportionately."

Mr. Holmes expects to return to Portland in a few days to complete the organization of the state.

BRITISH CAPTURE BEERSHEVA, BIBLE CITY.

(United Press.) LONDON, Nov. 1.—The British captured Beersheva, the Bible city, it is announced today.

LONDON IS SCENE OF BIG BATTLE IN AIR

SEVEN SQUADS OF GERMAN MACHINES FLY UP THE THAMES.

BRITISH AIR CRAFT GIVE THEM BATTLE

Several German Airplanes Penetrate Defenses Into London—British British Losses Reported Light.

(United Press.) LONDON, Nov. 1.—Germany conducted her greatest London air raid last night. Seven squads of German machines followed a systematic course up the Thames.

British anti-aircraft guns and 30 British machines gave battle. The roar of shells was continuous and ear-splitting.

Several German planes penetrated to the heart of London. Clouds interfered with the defense forces.

The British losses are reported unusually light considering the nature of the attack.

Eight were killed and twenty-one injured. The damage was slight.

RUSSIA HAS TROUBLE WITH FINLAND.

(United Press.)

PETROGRAD, Nov. 1.—The provisional government has put Finland under jurisdiction on the northern front because of the refusal of Finnish authorities to co-operate in the evacuation of certain points. This move probably is almost equal to a declaration of martial law. The government will withdraw financial support to Ukrania because of the growth there of the autonomy movement. It is stated more vigorous measures are planned.

AMERICAN OFFICER REPORTED WOUNDED.

(United Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 1.—First Lieutenant Deverie Harden, signal officer in the Reserve Corps, American expeditionary forces, suffered a moderate shrapnel wound in the lower left leg, October 28, so General Pershing cabled the War Department today. Harden is probably the officer reported wounded in the United Press front dispatches yesterday.

Uncle Sam Makes Loan To John Bull

(United Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 1.—The United States loaned Great Britain \$435,000,000, bringing England's total war credits to \$1,840,000,000.

TRANSPORT IS TORPEDOED, NO LIVES ARE LOST

DAMAGE IS SLIGHT; NO SUBMARINE WAS SEEN.

(United Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 1.—The American transport Finland was torpedoed in foreign waters homeward bound, Secretary Daniels announced today. No lives were lost. The transport reached a foreign port under her own steam. The damage was slight. The department dispatches state no submarine was seen. Naval authorities are wondering if the Germans have adopted the plan of hiding assaults on transports.

Telephone Strike Is Now On

(United Press.)

PORTLAND, Nov. 1.—Northwest telephone service was crippled by the telephone strike beginning at midnight this morning.

Girls are picketing the exchanges in both Portland and Seattle. Striking linemen and repairmen are aiding the girls. Strikebreakers are operating exchanges in all the cities where strikes were declared.

(United Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 1.—United States Mediator Vernon Rood will leave for the North tonight if the Northwest telephone girls' strike is not postponed. Rood wired Portland Wednesday that Seattle union leaders were urging the girls to resume work pending the outcome of the conference.

60,000 ITALIANS CAPTURED BY THE GERMANS

SURRENDER IS MADE EAST OF THE LOWER TAGLIAMEN-TO RIVER.

TOTAL PRISONERS NOW OVER 180,000 AND GUNS

London Report Claims Austro-German Forces Have Been Checked at General Cadorna's New Line—Germans Trapped Third Italian Army.

(United Press.) BERLIN, Nov. 1.—Sixty thousand Italians laid down their arms east of the Lower Tagliamento, it is officially stated. The Italian prisoners total 180,000. Fifteen hundred guns were captured.

(United Press.)

LONDON, Nov. 1.—The Austro-Germans have practically reached General Cadorna's Tagliamento River defenses.

The enemy advance is checked, according to the interpretation placed here this afternoon on Berlin's own statement.

Berlin claimed the Germans stormed the eastern bank defenses of the Tagliamento River at Dignau and Codroipo, indicating the Italians were firmly established.

Berlin's statement that 60,000 Italians laid down their arms indicated that the Germans trapped the Italian Third Army.

LOYD GEORGE IS CONFIDENT ITALIANS WILL WIN.

(United Press.)

LONDON, Nov. 1.—Lloyd George is confident the Austro-German invasion will be stopped and the invaders rolled back from the Italian territory. He so telegraphed Premier Orlando, Rome.

Salvation Army To Buy Army Ambulance

Through the activities of the Salvation Army officers, La Grande will have a chance to buy and send an up to date ambulance to France for use of American soldiers there. Ensign Pogue of the local Salvation Army Corps, has instituted plans for doing that very thing. In order that the required amount may be raised, without burden to anyone, a tag day will be held, and the usual Christmas kettles will be brought into use.

It requires \$500—by a happy circumstance it being possible right now to buy a certain \$2000 ambulance for \$500. With a little effort on the part of the citizens in giving quarters, halves and dollars at such opportunity offered, the same will readily be raised, and Miss Pogue will greatly appreciate such efforts.

GERMAN REFORMERS ARE WINNING IS AMSTERDAM VIEW

(United Press.)

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 1.—If Von Hertling withholds acceptance of the German Chancellorship because he cannot obtain full Reichstag majority, German Parliamentary reformers have achieved an epochal victory, is the view taken here.

FIXING OF BUTTER PRICES IS STOPPED

(United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—The Elgin butter board has been abolished. The food administration request that the board stop price-fixing was immediately acceded to. The law of supply and demand will govern butter prices.

VENGEANCE FROM THE SKY FOR GERMAN AIR RAIDS IS NEAR



England has decided on reprisal air raids over Germany as a penalty for the Kaiser's demonstration of frightfulness by bombarding London and other unfortified British towns and killing women and children. The map shows how completely Germany's cities are at the mercy of British and French airmen starting from bases behind the battle line in France. Distances one way to the main German centers from an air base at Nancy are given. Even Berlin, for example, is only 410 miles from the allies' air bases. Essen and other important munitions centers are nearer, and some of the most important German cities are within easy striking distance.