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CAMPAIGN FOR Y. M. WAR FUND ENDS TOMORROW

CLEAN UP POSTPONED TO ACCOMMODATE RAILROAD MEN
—TEAMS WILL REPORT.

COMMITTEES STILL AFTER SUBSCRIPTIONS

With One Day Left Every Effort is Being Made to Bring Union County Up to Quota—Good Progress Reported So Far.

Because the 16th of the month is pay day to a large number of La Grande people who want to give to the Y. M. C. A. campaign, and didn't get their checks until late this afternoon, and because several teams other than the railroads have splendid prospects in view whom they can't reach today, the clean-up of the Union county drive will not be held tonight as determined yesterday, but will come tomorrow evening. This, too, allows a complete report from the schools of the county to reach Superintendent Ivanhoe this evening and come in on the final tabulation of reports tomorrow. The clean-up will be held at the Y. M. C. A. beginning at 8:00 o'clock when all captains, managers, assistants, workers and, in fact, everyone connected and interested are urged to be present.

It promises to be a great rally for the teams, with one or two exceptions have everywhere shown a determination to do a good job of it.

Portland Leads Donations.
David Carlson, a resident of Portland, now employed on a bridge gang at Island City, read the Observer last evening and learned that the drive generals are urging the public not yet solicited to come in to the Y and give voluntarily. Mr. Carlson made a very substantial subscription and thereby set a splendid example.

Hundreds Should Give.
There are hundreds of young men, girls and even older folks who will not be solicited. They, it is again reminded, owe it to their country and to themselves to voluntarily give something. "It is wholly unnecessary to give much, but any sort of a gift places them on the roll of honor—a roll upon which every citizen of the state and county should be found," declared General Manager Kiddle today in commenting upon the splendid example set by the Portland man.

"It appears to us that La Grande's young men can't afford to let a Portland man show them up in this respect and certainly La Grander are as generous with their pocketbooks as Portland boys. Although we are well pleased with the donations to date, I know of nothing that would charm us more than to see a long list of voluntary subscriptions. Ammunition of that sort would be splendid material to irritate Kaiser Bill's ribs with."

Because the clean-up has been postponed doesn't mean that the teams are to quit working. Chairman George Palmer and Manager Kiddle each sent out urgent requests today to keep working.

Local "Y" Behind.

The \$2,000 needed for the La Grande Y. M. C. A. has not been attained. Locally and in the surrounding territory this valuable asset should be borne in mind by all. This sum is in addition to the regular \$5,000 to come from the county for army purposes and must be raised. If that sum is not subscribed by Saturday night it will become necessary to delve further into pockets to complete the apportionment for the local institution.

"Give to the army Y. M. C. A. all that you can and then give some more for the local plant," advises Manager Kiddle.

Four-Minute Men Busy.

Broadside of oratorical salutes have been hurled at La Grande theatre going during the week by details from the Four-Minute men detachment now organized in conjunction with similar organizations everywhere throughout the United States. H. E. Cooledge is generalissimo of the four-minute men here. Wednesday evening Mon. Walter M. Pierce, Hon. P. G. Johnstone and Postmaster E. E. Bragg spoke four minutes each in each of the theatres. Last night H. E. Dixon and A. C. Hampton were the speakers. These men pounded home the necessity of getting behind the Y. M. C. A. campaign, or any other patriotic movement that

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Russians Fight In Petrograd Streets

Control of Cable Office Shifts Several Times—Ambassador Francis Cables State Department.

(United Press.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Ambassador Francis, of Petrograd, has cabled the State Department here that there had been street fighting in Petrograd and that the control of the cable offices had shifted several times. He states that the Bolshevik government had not communicated with him.

High School Adds \$500 To War Fund

With a final spurt today the committee in charge of the Y. M. C. A. war fund at the high school pushed their subscriptions above the \$500 mark which they had set out to attain.

Every student in school was given a chance to contribute and an energetic campaign was carried on all week.

Members of the committee who are responsible for the remarkable showing of the school are George McDonald, chairman, Howard Stoddard, Clyde Bunting and Audmer Playle.

SAMMIES LEARN MARSEILLAISE

Camp Lewis Musical Director Believes Song Would Inspire French

CAMP LEWIS, Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 16.—Twenty thousand soldiers, clad in the olive drab of the American army, marching under the Stars and stripes, and singing:

Aux armes, citoyens!
Formez vos bataillons!
Marchons, marchons!
Qu'un sang impur
Abreuve nos sillons.

The chorus of the national song of our sister republic—La Marseillaise. That's the dream of J. Festyn Davies, musical director of Camp Lewis. He pictures an entire American division singing the inspiring French song, marching through the streets of Paris, and at present he is busy training Americans here to sing it.

"Nothing could inspire the war-worn French people more than this," Davies declared today. "But more than that—it would have an important effect on the morale of our own troops. La Marseillaise is one of the most inspiring songs of the world."

Ten thousand copies of "Songs of the Soldiers and Sailors" are now on their way here.

EXPLAINS Y. M. C. A. TRIANGLE.

Portland Association Tells Significance of Red Symbol.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 16.—Here is the explanation of the red Y. M. C. A. triangle made by a Portland association official:

"This red triangle has been the symbol of the Y. M. C. A. practically since its inception. It signifies that the association aims to develop a man's three natures—spiritual, mental and physical. The words, 'spirit, mind and body,' frequently appear on the three legs of the triangle.

The color of the triangle—red—symbolizes sacrifice."

WILL SHIP CHINAMAN HOME.

Mongolian, Arrested By Immigration Officers, Will Escape Draft.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 16.—Uncle Sam is going to do Louis Gan, recently arrived from China via Mexico, a favor by shipping him back to China.

Louis' mother back in China learned that the United States had gone to war. "You'd better watch out, or they'll make you fight," she wrote her son.

Louis showed the letter to his new friends in America. He sought the advice of an interpreter, one who in things American. But the interpreter was also a representative of the immigration service and Louis was arrested for his simple way of getting into the country.

Incidentally, the government will ship Louis back to China—and he'll escape the draft.

WOULD ELIMINATE MIDDLEMEN

Farmers' League Plans to Put War Products on Market Cheaper

BUFFALO, Nov. 16.—Farmers' Non-partisan league has invited the American Federation of Labor to join with the league in eliminating the middlemen, putting field and factory war products on the market at lower prices and in greater quantities. President A. C. Townley of the league branded farmers and factory workers as the dupes of organized business.

CARRANZA MEN ARE AMBUSHED IN MOUNTAINS

TRAPPED IN PASS, GOVERNMENT FORCES ARE PRACTICALLY ANNIHILATED

PLAN OVERTHROW OF GOVERNMENT

Villistas Are Reported to Be Moving on Juarez; Government Troops Defeated East of Juarez.

EL PASO, Texas, Nov. 16.—An American mining company received a code message, declaring that 5000 government troops, sent into Morelos Mexico, to operate against Zapata Diaz forces, had been trapped in a mountain pass and practically annihilated with machine guns. A coalition of revolutionary forces is planning to overthrow the Carranza government. The Villistas are reported to be moving on Juarez. A small detachment of government troops were defeated east of Juarez.

EL PASO, Texas, Nov. 16.—Chihuahua City is panic-stricken this afternoon, expecting Villa to attack the city. It is reported that the Villa army is advancing on Chihuahua City. Foreigners are fleeing from the city.

Ford Offers U. S. All Of His Plants

Millionaire Auto Manufacturer Will Move to New York; Government Will Accept Offer

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Henry Ford will move to Washington and join the United States shipping board emergency fleet corporation, Frank Lord, Chairman Hurley's assistant, announced today. Ford will increase production and hasten construction of ships.

Ford told Secretary Baker that the United States could have everything he possesses. The government will accept Ford's offer to loan the government all his plants as rapidly as Ford's skilled labor can be utilized.

JAPAN CANNOT SEND TROOPS

Minister Shoda Promises Full Support of Allies' War Plans

TOKIO, Nov. 16.—Minister of Finance Shoda told the National Economic association that it is impossible for Japan to send troops to Europe. He pledged Japan's fullest support to the allies' war plans.

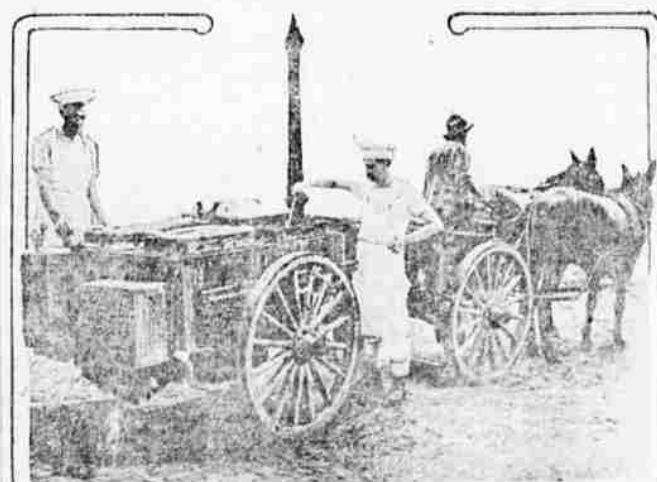
CLEMENCEAU NAMES CABINET

New French Premier Completes Formation of Body Today

PARIS, Nov. 16.—Georges Clemenceau this afternoon completed the formation of his cabinet, succeeding the Poincare ministry. Clemenceau is to be premier minister and minister of war.

Andrew G. Loney leaves tonight for Portland to see his wife who is sick there.

"REGULAR" FOOD FOR SOLDIERS IN FIELD



Veterans of former wars in which the United States has been engaged lived on hardtack and such other rations as they could carry with them when they went into the field. Not so the soldiers of today. When Uncle Sam's fighters leave their cantonments and camps and go into the field their kitchens go right along with them. Even when they are in the trenches they are assured of getting "regular" food every day. The picture shows one of the new traveling kitchens of the United States army, from which meals are served red-hot to the soldiers.

GERMANS PLAN TO RETREAT ON WESTERN FRONT

TEUTON PAPERS FOUND ON PRISONERS INDICATE A STRATEGIC RETREAT

BRITISH ADVANCE IS MUCH FEARED

Public Being Prepared for Retirement; Ninety-One Divisions Shattered at Passchendaele.

(United Press.)

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS, Nov. 16.—German newspapers, found on prisoners, show that the government is preparing the public for another west-front strategic retreat. Captured German officers admit that the German high command fear that the British advances may compel them to retreat several miles. Crown Prince Rupprecht shattered 91 divisions in Passchendaele fighting.

PARIS, Nov. 16.—Germans tried unsuccessfully to force the relinquishment of recent French gains in Flanders, is officially reported today. Another German attack north of Veldock failed. The enemy losses were heavy.

BERLIN, Nov. 16.—Cismen was captured, and several hill positions along the Brenta river were taken from the Italians today.

ROME, Nov. 17.—Teutonic attempts to circle the northern flank of the Piave river line are being vigorously repulsed, is stated. Despite heavy enemy attacks, the Italians continue to hold all Aisgo Platem positions.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—Admiralty announced that Zeppelins bombarded Handzsem aerodrome sheds last night. Two German planes were destroyed and two more forced to descend by British machines, undamaged.

ROME, Nov. 16.—News that the Italians withstood the vigorous enemy attacks have created great jubilation and increased optimism here. The Piave River line is believed unbreakable. The evacuation of Venice is practically completed.

AMERICAN STEAMER IS LOST

Kansas City Has Been Missing Since September 5, Is Report

(United Press.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—American steamer Kansas City is believed to be lost, the navy department announced today. The vessel has been missing since September 5.

BERGER DISLOYAL IS CHARGE

Former Congressman Denounced by Postoffice Department

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Postoffice department charged Victor Berger, former congressman, with disloyalty and sedition, in showing why his newspaper, the Milwaukee Leader, should be denied second-class mailing privilege.

England Must Make Changes In Methods

Lord Northcliffe Notifies Lloyd George That Improvement Must Be Made Immediately.

(United Press.)
LONDON, Nov. 16.—Lord Northcliffe wrote Lloyd George that unless the British immediately improve their methods the United States will take complete charge of the war. A governmental shake-up is generally expected. It is believed that Lloyd George may survive the crisis.

Pioneer Women Of Grande Ronde Dies

Mrs. Luyne Taal, a pioneer woman of this valley, died very suddenly, following an attack of paralysis, at her home on North Second street, at 10 o'clock last night.

Mrs. Taal was born in the city of Amsterdam, Holland, February 10, 1834, and at the age of 6 years removed with her family to Polia, Iowa, where she remained until 1870, when she came with her husband to Grande Ronde.

Her married life covered a period of 63 years and was saddened only about a year ago, when her husband, the late G. M. Taal, passed away.

During her long residence in this community, Mrs. Taal was known as a woman of worthy deeds, and she was especially alert to all calls in cases of sickness and distress. Her loss will be deeply deplored among those who knew her.

Her surviving children are Mrs. Ella Rynearson, Chas. Taal, Mrs. Marie Condit, Mrs. Nellie Harrison, Garrett G. and Fred Taal of La Grande, and Wm. M. Taal of Olympia, Wash. She also leaves ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Other near relatives who survive her are her sister, Mrs. Fred Synhorst of La Grande, and a brother, Irie Rysdam of Elgin. The funeral will be held from the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

AMERICANS ARE GOOD MIXERS

French Officer Says Soldiers Are Democratic and Friendly.

CAMP LEWIS, TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 16.—The American is just like the Frenchman—a good mixer, jolly, friendly, democratic—believe Sergeant Paul R. Mirat, here to teach American soldiers the science of modern warfare.

"I thought that the Americans were like the English, cold and distant," said Mirat today. "But they're not. They're democratic, like the French."

"We French have judged all you Americans by the millionaires who have visited our country, but we find the American people are just like us."

Mirat spent two years in active service on the West front and is an expert in all kinds of modern fighting.

GRADUATING CLASS TO SAVE.

Will Devote Surplus to War Charity; No Frills or Flowers.

PORTLAND, Nov. 16.—Jefferson high school girls will graduate in their ordinary school clothes and the graduation exercises in February will be minus flowers and frills, if plans adopted by the girls are carried out. Proceeds from the annual class play, instead of being devoted to the publication of a "class number" of the high school paper will go to a war charity. The girls' wartime economy plans will not cost some war fund between \$500 and \$1000, it is estimated.

GIVES MEN NINE HOUR DAY.

Smith Lumber Company Wants Employees to Have More Time at Home.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Nov. 16.—Declaring that workmen were entitled to more time at home with their families, the C. A. Smith Lumber and Manufacturing company here put its Coon Bay properties on a nine-hour basis. Five hundred and fifty men working in two sawmills are benefitted by the change. The Smith company believes the men will be able to do as much work in nine hours as was formerly done in ten.

SUBS ARE NOT CONTROLLED

People Warned Against Optimism Because of Decrease in Submarining

LONDON, Nov. 16.—The submarine menace is not controlled, Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty, told the House of Commons today. Geddes warned against over-optimism because the recent official statements show a great decrease in submarining.

SAMMIES MEET PRUSSIANS IN NO MAN'S LAND

NIGHTLY ENGAGEMENTS TAKE PLACE BETWEEN PATROLS; FIGHTING IS HOT

AMERICAN ARTILLERY PLANT BARRAGE

Heavy Firing Keeps Teutons from Retreating; German Raiding Party Discovered Near Trenches.

AMERICAN FIELD HEADQUARTERS, France, Nov. 16.—American artillerymen planted a roaring barrage over the American trenches early Thursday, preventing the Germans from retreating.

Fighting on the American sector is increasingly hot. Patrols meet nightly on No Man's land. Early Thursday, Americans discovered a large German raiding party in approximating trenches. The artillery cut loose, and the Teutons were forced to retire.

La Grande To Play Pendleton Nov. 23

Game Will Decide Championship of Eastern Oregon—To Be Played in Pendleton.

Final arrangements have been completed for the La Grande-Pendleton foot ball game whereby the contest will be played in the latter city November 23rd. As the Eastern Oregon championship will go to the winner of the game both teams are putting in their best ticks this week in order to get in the best possible condition. La Grande players are resting this week-end and with the possible exception of Captain Chevallier, will all be in fairly good physical condition. Chevallier's knee is giving him considerable bother and it may be that he will not play until the big Thanksgiving Day game with Franklin High School of Portland.

Pendleton is playing Walla Walla today and the score in this game will give a line on the comparative strength of La Grande and Walla Walla. Boise is playing Baker at the latter town this afternoon also and this game too will tend to give a line on the strength of La Grande as compared with the Idaho town. In case that Boise does not run up as large a score against Baker as did La Grande and then La Grande wins from Pendleton the local team would not only annex the Eastern Oregon title but that of Western Idaho as well, as Boise is leading all the teams in that section of the country at present.

THANKSGIVING IS EXPENSIVE.

Prices of Turkey, Etc., Has Soared Despite Hoover.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 16.—The Pacific Northwest will eat its most expensive Thanksgiving dinner this year.

Despite Mr. Hoover, prices of necessities of any Thanksgiving dinner have soared during the last year. The northwest will pay for turkey this year, for instance, from 32 1-2 to 45 cents a pound. The prevailing price, however, will be about 37 1-2 cents. Comparative retail prices follow:

	Now	Year Ago
Cranberries, per lb.	.25c	12 1-2
Walnuts, per lb.	.30c	25
Puddings, per lb.	.35c	15-22 1-2
Mince meat, per lb.	.25c	20
Fruit Cake, per lb.	.60c	50

JACKIES AT GREAT LAKES

EAT 4,000 PIES AT A MEAL.

GREAT LAKES, ILL., Nov. 16.—Pity the poor sailor with a job like this.

Jackies at the Great Lakes Naval Training station have to get away with 4,000 pies at a single meal.

And student bakers here and at the Minneapolis school don't confine themselves to this brand of pastry either, for cakes and puddings are turned out literally by the ton.

It is rumored that the recent mutiny in the German navy was the result of some Fritz sailor getting a slant at a U. S. navy menu.

Will Serve as Balloon Observer—Joe Williamson and wife will leave tonight for Omaha. Mr. Williamson is a signal officer in the officers reserve corps, aviation section, and has been detailed to Fort Omaha, where he will serve as an observer in the balloon section.