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CAMPAIGN FOR Y. M. WAR FUND ENDS TONIGHT

COMMITTEES TO REPORT FINAL
RESULTS AT MEETING
THIS EVENING

WHITE ELEPHANT TO BE PAINTED

Whether County Has Reached Quota
or Not Cannot Be Determined Until
Teams Report.

Will Union county have done her
full duty?

That, in brief, is the question that
confronts those who have devoted days
and even weeks to carrying on the
campaign which comes to a close
throughout the United States with the
close of the present week. The an-
swer will be known tonight at 8 o'clock
when team captains, managers and
workers and those interested meet at
the Y. M. C. A. to compile final
reports and do some painting on the
white elephant. Garfield King has
all the green paint needed, and if the
workers have the money to buy the
paint with, the rest will be easy. It is
rumored that one team has a fine sur-
prise to spring this evening.

That the final compilations will
show a fine response for the public
schools is indicated by reports com-
ing in to Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, to whom
that part of the work has been dele-
gated and splendidly fulfilled.

On the anticipation that there will
be just cause for a little celebration,
a short program of song and music,
followed by an apple feast, is on the
entertainment program this evening.

But there still remains the possi-
bility that the quota will not be com-
plete, in which instance there won't
be much jubilation.

The public is invited to attend the
meeting.

Program Attractive

The details of the program to be
given are:

Vocal solo—Mrs. Birdan Fraker-
Gamble.

Vocal selection—The Narcissus
Trio, composed of Misses Gladys
Black, Mary Newlin and Jeanette
Stoddard.

Reading—Miss Nioma Williamson.

Aliens Give Liberally.

Eight Chinese and ten Japanese
have joined in the giving campaign,
and their dollars are now listed among
the total given. The Orientals not
only gave willingly, but added their
moral support to the purpose for
which the money goes, by expressing
their full support of the cause.

Russian Revolution Costs Many Lives

LONDON, Nov. 17.—Russia's in-
ternal strife has already cost prob-
ably five thousand lives and thou-
sands more face death from starvation
unless the coalition government, now
reported forming, takes immediate
action. Russia has no leader. It is
reported that Kerensky fled disguised
Fear of starvation in Petrograd and
Moscow is likely to force an early
truce between the factions.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Bolshe-
viki still control Petrograd. The
Russian situation is chaotic, accord-
ing to unofficial Stockholm messages.

MEN FOR SCHOOL SELECTED.

Two Out of Every Hundred Will At-
tend Officers Training School.

CAMP LEWIS, TACOMA, Wash.,
Nov. 17.—Two men out of every
hundred at Camp Lewis will attend
the officers training school opening
here January 5, according to the
latest advice from the war depart-
ment.

Methods of selecting men for the
school are being worked out so as
to insure impartiality in selecting
men for the school.

Each platoon commander will se-
lect one out of every five men under
him for the school. The captain of
the company will cut the number
down to one out of ten and the pro-
cess of elimination will be continued
until the right number of men are
secured. Selection of men for the
school will be completed by Decem-
ber 22.

The qualities taken into consid-
eration in picking prospective officers
are commanding presence, strong
voice, loyalty, leadership, and intel-
ligence.

Berg And Santel To Meet At Elgin

Match Tonight Promises to Be splen-
did Contest; Men Evenly
Matched

John Berg, well-known light heavy-
weight wrestler of Spokane, is in
town. He leaves this morning for
Elgin, where he will wrestle Ad San-
tel, world's champion, tonight.

The match at Elgin tonight should
be a splendid contest as the men are
evenly matched as to weight and are
recognized by sport lovers as two of
the cleverest catch-as-catch-can grap-
plers on the Pacific coast. They have
never met on the mat, although they
were matched in 1916 for San Fran-
cisco and again very recently for Spo-
kane. The first match was called off
owing to an accident to Berg a week
before the match, and their second
attempt to get together was frustrated
by some misunderstanding as to the
date, and, strange as it may seem,
they will finally come together and
settle their differences far from the
home of either.

Berg has been going along at top
speed of late, winning two matches in
Texas, also winning a hard-fought
contest at Elgin just before going
south.

Santel's ability to take care of him-
self was demonstrated in his contest
against Jack O'Neill in this city No-
vember 9, in which he convinced the
local fans that he is a clever wrestler,
deserving of the title of champion and
entitled to recognition by the best tal-
ent in the country.

A number of local people will motor
to Elgin this evening to be present
when the two big fellows tangle.

Officers Of Red Cross Chapter Elected

The annual meeting of the execu-
tive committee of the La Grande chap-
ter, Red Cross, was held in the City
Hall last night, with a good attend-
ance.

The meeting was called by the
chairman, Dr. M. K. Hall, for the
purpose of electing officers, which re-
sulted as follows:

Chairman, M. K. Hall; first vice-
chairman, Mrs. E. P. Mossman; sec-
ond vice-chairman, Clarke Leiter;
third vice-chairman, J. G. King;
treasurer, T. J. Scroggin; secretary,
Mrs. T. H. Goodhue.

Chairman Hall gave a very inter-
esting report of his conference with
the national Red Cross leaders, who
told him that the Red Cross work in
Union and Walla Walla counties was the
model for all the other chapters.

Various speakers called attention to
the wonderful work done by the
women of the two counties in sew-
ing, knitting, preparing surgical
dressings, Christmas boxes, etc. The
quota for the two counties has been
filled in every case and filled promptly.
The men were urged to become
familiar with the great work the
women are doing.

The meeting was attended by Mrs.
C. S. Beams of the Elgin branch, Mr.
Conklin, chairman of the Cove branch,
and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McCall and
Mrs. W. E. Pease of Cove.

Chairman Hall will announce later
the chairmen of various committees.

U. S. RATS ARE PRO-GERMAN.

Consume \$200,000,000 Worth of
Food During Last Year.

(United Press.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 17.—Amer-
ica's rats are helping the Germans.
Making the Baltimore and Kansas
City fires within the last month seem
trivial, rats in this country con-
sumed \$200,000,000 worth of food
during the last year.

Herbert C. Hoover has declared
war on the rats and Pacific North-
west food administrators are join-
ing with him in plans for a deter-
mined offensive against the pests.

MANY "COME HOME" TO OREGON.

Homecoming Day Brings Old Grads
From All Parts of Northwest.

EUGENE, Ore., Nov. 17.—Hun-
dreds of former University of Oregon
students gathered here today to pay
homage to their school. Today is
"homecoming day" and University
men and women have come "home"
from every corner of the Pacific
northwest.

RIOTING IN SIBERIA REPORTED.

Dispatching State That Japanese Are
Fleeing From Siberian Cities.

TOKIO, Nov. 17.—Hardin and
Vladivostok dispatches report riot-
ing in several Siberian cities. Japane-
se are fleeing from Siberia.

Great Sculptor Dies.

PARIS, Nov. 17.—Auguste Rodin,
the great sculptor, died today.

FRENCH PLACE AMERICANS ON ROLL OF HONOR

FIFTEEN SAMMIES, INCLUDING
THREE KILLED, HONORED
BY FRENCH GENERAL

FIRST U. S. SOLDIERS TO RECEIVE HONOR

Croix de Guerre Usually Accompanies
Citation in French Official Re-
ports.

AMERICAN FIELD HEADQUAR-
TERS, France, Nov. 17.—A French
general inscribed the names of fif-
teen American heroes, including the
three killed in the first trench raid,
on the roll of fame. They are the
first regular American soldiers thus
honored. The Croix de Guerre usually
accompanies citation in a French of-
ficial report.

Registered Men Cannot Enlist After Dec. 15

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—In ad-
dition to stopping enlistments of
registered men in the army after
December 15, men between the ages
of twenty-one and thirty-one can en-
list with the marine corps and navy
only after showing they cannot be
caught in the second draft. New
regulations empower Secretary Baker
to revoke registration number and
classification of any registrant.

One British Officer Captures 20 Germans

(United Press.)
LONDON, Oct. 28.—(By Mail.)—In
a dense fog a British officer with an
active machine gun looked so much like
a tank that twenty German soldiers
surrendered to their lone opponent in
one of the recent Flanders battles.

In the thick of the engagement the
officer rushed a hillock seventy or
eighty feet high outside Poelcapelle
and began to spray with his machine-
gun a group of enemy, about thirty
strong, who were keeping up sweep-
ing volleys against the slopes of the
rise.

Three of his companions crawled
from hole to hole, bringing him fresh
supplies of ammunition. He quickly
wrecked the hostile advanced post, and
the surprised Germans could not be-
lieve that a single man was holding
them in check. A dense fog added to
their bewilderment and fear, and one
of them declared he saw a tank stand-
ing behind the hill. The others hasten-
ed to accept this fable, and suddenly
twenty Germans were seen to raise
their arms, crying: "Kamerad!" The
embarrassed officer, to secure his pris-
oners, had to summon the assistance
of another English section.

U. S. RED CROSS IS FIGHTING TUBERCULOSIS IN FRANCE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Child-
ren's relief in France by the Ameri-
can Red Cross now includes a cam-
paign against tuberculosis and chil-
dren's diseases. A children's hospital
has also been opened at Toul by the
Yankee nurses.

A cablegram describing the work of
the American children's bureau gives
a fresh insight to German frightful-
ness. The little town of Nesle was
looted.

The American doctor found more
than a thousand children there, prac-
tically with no medical care, all miser-
ably dirty and one-half of whom were
infected with skin or eye lesions. The
report continues:

"The equipment for any medical
care was extremely meager; one old
hospital, stripped of all its apparatus;
one aged civilian doctor, left without
drugs or means of getting them; vil-
lages to look after besides his army
duties. It was an acute situation.

"Nesle immediately offered a tu-
berculosis pavilion if the American
Red Cross would help. The doctor's
recommendations upon his return
were immediately accepted.

"The Children's bureau began work
by installing a central depot at Nesle
with ten beds as a clearing house for
the district, and by equipping an auto-
mobile as a traveling dispensary, with
shower baths. The car visits the vil-
lages on a daily round with one good
trained nurse and two aides."

CLASSIFICATION OF REGISTRANTS TO BEGIN SOON

INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED BY
DISTRICT BOARD; QUESTION-
NAIRES EXPECTED NOV. 20.

GIVEN SEVEN DAYS TO RETURN TO BOARD

Men Must See That Questionnaires
Get Back Within Prescribed Time
or Suffer Penalty.

Instructions concerning the ques-
tionnaire to be filled out by all reg-
istered men were received by F. S.
Ivanhoe, secretary of the district ex-
emption board, this morning. Com-
plete supplies of questionnaires are
expected about Nov. 20 and will be
mailed to all registered men.

Seven days from the time the
questionnaire is mailed are allowed
in which to answer and return the
form to the board. Failure to re-
turn within the prescribed time places
the registrant in class one and
waives all claims for exemption.
False statements are punishable by
imprisonment.

The system is much less complicat-
ed than the one previously used, ac-
cording to Mr. Ivanhoe, as all data
necessary is on one form instead
of several and chances of mistakes
are eliminated.

Shovel Used To Back Argument

JOSEPH, Nov. 17. (Special.)—
John Bass, a worker in a sand pit
near Joseph, is in the hospital with a
broken head as the result of an ar-
gument with one of his fellow
workers. The two men had been at
outs for some time and the climax
was reached when Bass was struck
over the head with a shovel. He is
in a serious condition.

Congressmen Under Fire In Trenches

(United Press.)
BRITISH HEADQUARTERS, Nov.
17.—Five members of the American
Congressional delegation were under
fire during their recent visit to the
Belgian front line trenches. Ger-
man watchers noting a stir in the
allied lines, sprayed the trenches
with machinegun fire, bullets splash-
ing around the heads of the Con-
gressmen.

DRAFT SOLDIERS ARE BIGGER

Twenty per Cent Larger Than Men
in Regular Army, Say Officials in
Quartermasters' Depot.

(United Press.)

CAMP LEWIS, Tacoma, Wash.,
Nov. 17.—Soldiers in the draft army
here are an average of 20 per cent
larger than the men in the regular
army. Bigger heads, bigger feet and
a general increase in the size of the
bodies of the men is clearly notice-
able, say men in the quartermasters'
warehouses here.

Hundreds of uniforms of smaller
sizes are in the warehouses, and hun-
dreds of men are minus uniforms or
army shoes or hats, because the
camp's supply of the larger sizes has
been distributed. Size seven was the
most popular among regulars seeking
hats, according to war department
figures. Now it's 7-14 or 7-8, while
there are a few demands for 7-5-8 and
even 8. Several men want size 14
shoes. Six-footers are common, and
many soldiers, well built, weigh far
over 200 pounds.

An army of giants is in training

WILL TAKE SKILLED LABOR.

War Department Issues Regulations
Making Conscription Possible.

(United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—The
war department has issued regula-
tions making possible the conscrip-
tion of skilled labor for war work.

BRITISH WIPE OUT 800 TURKS.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—The British,
approaching Jerusalem, wiped out a
Turkish force of eight hundred. It is
officially announced. The British
seized Abussheh Ridge. Hundreds
of Turks surrendered.

A. F. Of L. To Enter Political Field

ORGANIZATION WILL ABANDON
ITS NON-PARTISAN ATTIT-
UDE IN FUTURE

BUFFALO, N. Y., Nov. 17.—Voting
215 to 21, the American Federation of
Labor determined to abandon its life-
long non-partisan attitude and active-
ly enter American politics next year.
A plot to give organized labor's offi-
cial war program a pro-German twist
was uncovered. Gompers reiterated
his statement that German agents ho-
neycomb the convention.

It is authoritatively learned that the
pro-German attack has taken definite
form in efforts to push through in-
sidious resolutions, originating in all
parts of the country, to shape local
labor affairs to suit their own ends. A
number of resolutions, decidedly pro-
German, were offered to the conven-
tion.

Youngest Captain Is Some Fighter

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—The
Germans may not be very much
frightened when they look up some
morning and see a mild, short, slender
boyish-faced kid coming toward them
over the top. But they'd better be.

He's the youngest captain in the
American army. Also the shortest.
But oh! my! He looks like a lamb and
fights like a cyclone.

Charles D. Harris of Georgia, aged
20. That's him.
Captain Harris graduated from
West Point in September. He took
high honors. He was graduated into
the Engineer Corps, than which no
West Pointer could ask more.

He told his superiors that he was
in a hurry to get to France; that he
had urgent business there with a man
named Fritz. So they put him in the
first regiment bound forward.

He's on his way; and meantime,
here are a few more points for Fritz
to consider pending his arrival. Young
Harris was cheer leader at Uncle
Sam's officer factory, thus being
branded the most popular man in his
class. "Shorty" was also the best
swimmer, the best horseback rider,
and one of the best orators.

He is the fourth of his line to serve
the colors. He is a son of Colonel
P. C. Harris, and a nephew of Wm.
J. Harris, chairman of the federal
trade commission.

Chairman Harris, by the way, is
well represented in this war. Two of
his brothers, Major Seale Harris of
the Medical corps, and Major Hunter
Harris, Camp Gordon, Ga., infantry
branch. But his favorite among his
relatives in uniform is "Shorty."

CORPORATION COMMISSIONER REPORTS BUSINESS INCREASE.

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 17. (Special.)
—Corporation Commissioner, H. J.
Schulderman reports a further sav-
ing in expenses and a steady increase
of business of the Corporation De-
partment. In a comparison made of
the expenses incurred and business
done the result shows that more
business had been handled for the
State and at much less cost per cent
than during any like period in the
history of the Department.

During the fiscal year July 1, 1914
to June 30, 1915, the operating ex-
penses of the Corporation Department
amounted to \$19,961.77. The
expenses for the following year, the
first full fiscal year under Mr.
Schulderman's administration, were
\$16,120.86, a saving effected by the
present Commissioner of \$3,840.91.
The expenses of the Department for
the year just ended, July 1, 1916, to
June 30, 1917, show a further re-
duction to \$15,608.95, a saving of
\$4,552.82 as compared with two
years ago.

During the first year from July 1,
1916, to June 30, 1917 the receipts
were \$189,195.61; for the fiscal year
July 1, 1916 to June 30, 1916, the
receipts amounted to \$199,356.70;
and during the fiscal year of July 1,
to June 30, 1917 the receipts of
the Department were \$203,318.30.
This comparison shows that the busi-
ness of the Department has increased
\$14,212.69 during the past year over
the same period of time two years
ago.

During the past year, the operat-
ing expenses of the Department have
been 7.7 per cent of its revenues re-
ceived, which sets a new record in
the cost of administration of any
department.

Up to July 1st of this year the
Corporation Commissioner had
turned over to the State Treasurer
\$187,709.35, to become a part of the
general fund and as such to be used
for other State expenses.

Principal among the corporations
organized during the past year are
15 shipbuilding companies. These
corporations represent a total author-
ized capital stock of \$5,952,000.00.

BRITISH TURN GUNS AGAINST TEUTON FORCES

AUSTRO-GERMAN LINE TORN IN
MANY PLACES BY
ARTILLERY.

ITALIANS HOLD ALL ALONG PIAVE LINE

Fierce Artillery Duel Developing Al-
long 50 Mile Front; Allied Rein-
forcements Arriving Daily.

(United Press.)

ITALIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS,
Nov. 17.—British artillery is in ac-
tion against the Austro-Germans.
Observers report that great gaps have
been torn in the Austro-German lines
British fire has paralyzed the enemy
offensive at many points. The
British guns outrange the German
artillery.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—British mon-
itors are striving to stop the Austro-
German army in the Venetian marshes
according to Rome dispatches. The
Italian line is holding everywhere
and a fierce artillery duel is devel-
oping over a fifty mile front. The
Italians are holding the Austrians
who are trying to fight their way
through the Alps back of the Piave
river defenses. The danger of fur-
ther enemy advance soon will be
passed as allied reinforcements con-
tinue to arrive.

ROME, Nov. 17.—After forcing
their way across the Piave between
Sallustiana and Santandrea Di Bar-
barano, the enemy were driven back
across the river, suffering severely.
It is officially stated.

BERLIN, Nov. 17.—The Austrians
climbed Mount Prasclan, overcame
the stubborn Italian defense and
captured eight hundred. It is offi-
cially stated. Mount Prasclan is at
the northern end of the Italian line.

Haig Continues To Attack Savagely

(United Press.)

LONDON, Nov. 17.—Haig struck
savagely and successfully around
Passchendaele last night. The
British captured portions of the en-
emy defenses on the main ridge north
of Passchendaele, including a strong-
ly fortified farm. A number of
Germans were made prisoners.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—British
light naval forces met and
forced the German light forces in
Heligoland Bight to flee this morn-
ing, the admiralty stated. The
British chased the retreating German
vessels.

CAMP LEWIS FUN ZONE WILL BE REAL CITY

(United Press.)

CAMP LEWIS, Tacoma, Wash.,
Nov. 17.—The big Fun Zone which is
now under construction, will contain
the following attractions:

Six motion picture theatres, each
seating 1000 to 1500 persons; four
vaudeville theatres, each seating 1500
to 2000; two dancing pavilions; two
billiard halls, each with 50 tables;
five cigar stores; two barber shops,
each with 25 chairs; three restau-
rants, each seating approximately
200; bank, postoffice, garage, giant
statue of liberty, tailor shop, shoe
shop, two oyster houses, hotels and
"side shows" typical of the average
amusement park.

BANDITS SURROUND JUAREZ.

With Only 400 Carranza Troops to
Defend City People are Panic
Stricken.

(United Press.)

EL PASO, Nov. 17.—Villa advance
guards have encircled Juarez. The
bandits have evidently postponed the
actual attack until reinforcements
arrive. Juarez is panic stricken.
Only four hundred Carranza troops
are defending the city. The band-
its fired across the river at the Ameri-
cans. None were hit.

Portland—Permit issued for \$40,000
brick building here. Oregon Box &
Manufacturing Co. to build \$25,000
sawmill here. Oregon to supply 4-
500,000 feet of spruce for airplanes.
67 mills get allotment.