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MACHINE GUN PROVES TO BE BEST WEAPON

SINGLE GUN CAN HOLD ENTIRE REGIMENT UNDER FAVORABLE CIRCUMSTANCES.

GERMAN UNITS EACH EQUIPED WITH WEAPONS

Only Way to Protect Infantry is Heavy Artillery Preparation Covering Every Inch of Ground.

By HENRY WOOD

(United Press Staff Correspondent.) WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES AFIELD, Oct. 28. (By Mail.)—The present war has proven the machine-gun, the greatest defensive weapon yet developed. A single one can easily hold up an entire battalion, and under favorable circumstances an entire regiment.

The full value of the machine gun was apparently appreciated by Germany before the war began to a much greater extent than by any of the other European armies. With the outbreak of hostilities each active and reserve regiment of the German army had six machine guns with ample in reserve to replace losses.

Since then Germany has maintained a steady program of increase in their number. Towards the end of 1914 Germany had undertaken to equip every unit engaged on the front with machine-guns.

In 1915 the number of these to each regiment had been increased from six to nine. A little later the number was again increased to 12.

Following the French attack in Champagne of September, 1915, every German battalion was equipped with six machine-guns each increasing thus the total of each regiment to 18.

Now Germany is rapidly completing a program that will give each regiment 24 machine-guns.

Only one protection can be afforded the infantrymen against the thousands and hundreds of thousands of losses that these guns can inflict and that is an artillery preparation exceeding anything which the present war has yet developed. Before infantrymen leap over the trenches thousands of cannon must rain down hundreds of thousands of shells on every inch of the ground to be attacked until not a single spot has escaped where a machine-gun might remain hidden.

This artillery preparation must not only be on a scale to cover every inch of the surface of the ground but must be of an intensity to destroy steel and concrete shelters, yards below the surface. A single machine-gun left intact in one of these shelters can be mounted to the surface after the infantry had left its trenches and inflict hundreds if not thousands of losses.

With the artillery preparation which the French have perfected they have demonstrated that it is mathematically possible to wipe out every machine-gun before a single infantryman shows his head.

With the French method and with sufficient guns and shells, American infantry can face the German's new machine-gun concentration with practical immunity.

But it means that America must have thousands of guns and millions of shells.

SEAL SKIN SHOES ARE NEXT

Canadian Firm Contracts for Hide of Seals Caught off Alaska Coast

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 20.—Another warallop at old Hi C. Living! And this time it comes from Alaska. A South Westminister, B. C. tannery has contracted with a local hide firm for 20,000 to 25,000 hides of hair seals, caught off the coasts of Alaska and northern British Columbia. The hides will be made into shoe and glove leather.

Well tanned seal hides are said to offer a practical and cheap substitute for shoe leather.

HUNT MOTOR BANDITS WITH MACHINE GUNS.

(United Press.)

CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—Motor bandits are flourishing to such an extent in Chicago that James L. Mooney, chief of detectives, has designed a sort of pocket edition "tank" to combat them. He will mount a machine gun on the hoods of police automobiles used in pursuing bandits.

Berkeley Sextette Pleases Audience

Program Is Clever and Full of Variety; Each Girl a Soloist

Six dainty maids, billed as the Berkeley Sextette, sang, played and talked their way into the hearts of an auditorium full of La Grande people at the high school last night.

Original, clever and versatile, the half dozen filled an hour and a half so full of songs, readings and instrumental numbers that not one in the audience let their attention slip for an instant, for fear of missing something.

Each girl was a soloist on her instrument, even the drummer, who also performed on the piano, sang and gave a humorous reading. The 'cello player took a turn at the piano, sang in the quartette and alone, and played on a one-stringed instrument, made from a cigar box. The cornet player, besides singing in the quartette and taking her turn at the piano, played a cornet solo, at the same time playing her own accompaniment on the piano. The pianist sang beautifully in a high soprano voice that was equally effective in solo and quartette.

The flutist sang when she wasn't playing the piano or the flute. She and the 'cellist played a delightful duet.

The violinist was exceptionally good and could also do her bit at the piano.

Interspersed between the solos were orchestral selections, including classical, semi-classical, popular and characteristic music.

The program on the whole was well balanced, without a dull spot in it, and the audience was appreciative and responsive. The local Lyceum promoters should be congratulated on the quality of the numbers so presented, and indications are that the future programs will be equally as good.

Supreme Court Acts On Union Cases

PORTLAND, Nov. 20.—The Supreme court reversed Judge Knowles in the case of G. M. Richey against Walter G. Robertson, appellant, appealed from Union county. The case was an action to recover the price of a piano.

The court also remanded the case of J. B. Messick against William Duby, in which Messick contested Duby's victory at a recall election, back to the lower court. Duby attempted to quash Messick's suit on the ground that the corrupt practices act and the recall of judges act conflicted. The court held that no conflict exists.

CORRECT DRINKING IMPORTANT

Best Hikers Regulate Their Drinking; Do Not Sip

QUANTICO, Va., Nov. 20.—The drinking of water at frequent intervals while on long hikes is not recommended by United States Marines stationed here.

While the average man should consume, according to medical authorities, from two to three quarts a day, troops on the march should drink this amount at regular periods and not sip a mouthful at a time, say the Marine officers.

In Haiti, the Philippines and other countries where the Marines have been compelled to hike long and hard, men who constantly sipped at their canteens were the first to become exhausted. On the contrary, the men who drank their fill every two or three hours and not between times, proved to be the best hikers.

SOLDIERS TO SEE WAR PICTURES

Movies Made in First Line Trenches Will Be Shown at Camp Lewis

CAMP LEWIS, Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 20.—Men of the national army in training here will get their first taste of actual European war this week—and they won't have to go to France to get it.

They are going to see movies made in front line trenches and under fire. War pictures will be shown at the Y. M. C. A. huts this week. They will be of particular value to the future fighters in France, showing the present method of attack.

Varying the string of concerts and amateur vaudeville shows, movies are shown at the Y. M. C. A. huts six nights a week.

Farm Hand Injured.

WESTON, Ore., Nov. 20. (Special.)—Roy Sams, a young man employed in farm work for H. F. Alderman on Dry Creek, stumbled and fell over a rock a few days and dislocated his hip. Soon after the necessary repairs, however, he was up and around on crutches.

ALLIES TO BE ASKED TO SHOW CARDS TO U. S.

PRESIDENT WANTS DIRECT STATEMENT OF WAR AIMS OF ALLIES.

COUNCIL TO SELECT BASIC PRINCIPLES

Statement Will Purge Allies of Tinge of Suspicion of Selfish War Aims, Thought.

LONDON, Nov. 20.—A direct and unequivocal statement of the allies' war aims is the big objective behind President Wilson's advocacy of the proposed inter-allied war council, the United Press has authoritatively learned today.

The American commission here now will ask every ally to throw every card on the table. From the entire lot the council will select the basic principles, predicated upon broad humanitarianism, justifying the allies' claim as champion of the small nations. It is expected that such a statement would disarm the Kaiser in his claim that Germany is fighting a defensive war and would weaken German morale.

ESCAPES FROM GERMAN CAMP.

Fourth Attempt to Gain Liberty Is Successful; Interned a Year.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., Nov. 20.—After almost a year in a German prison camp, Harold S. Kenyon is back in New Westminster today.

He finally succeeded in eluding his captors and reaching neutral soil after three unsuccessful efforts to escape. He was stunned by a high explosive shell and captured in April, 1916, and interned at the Glesken camp. Half way to the Dutch border the first time he tried to escape, he was captured by two Germans while sleeping. The second time a policeman nabbed him and the third he was caught by a guard on a bridge. Undaunted however, he tried again to escape several months later—and succeeded.

Kenyon said today that Red Cross parcels were a Godsend, as no one could live on the German prison fare. Prisoners who show a proper humility toward their German keepers are not badly treated, he said, but anyone who showed a spark of spirit—and that includes practically all of the prisoners—are treated very harshly.

Chimarita! What Is It? Come And See, Says The Red Cross

Did you ever hear of a chimarita? Well, it doesn't matter. La Grande is going to have one, and the Red Cross chapter is sponsor for it, but unless plans go awry, farmers and townspeople, in fact everyone, is to have a hand in it. Just what a chimarita is will be explained later, but suffice it to say that it stands for a general good time, patriotism and loyalty, all in the same breath.

Said chimarita takes place November 27 and 28 at the Eagles' hall and the proceeds will go to the Red Cross. Just a hint, however, as to what it is: In Portugal an annual festival is held in which certain religious rites enter in but primarily the populace gives anything that is eatable, salable or wearable, and these goods are auctioned off amid noisy fun and frolic. The true Portuguese chimarita is a dance that follows the festival, and, true to form, there is going to be a chimarita dance for those who enjoy that sort of a thing.

J. E. Foley has kindly donated a room in the new Foley building for headquarters and to that point solicitors will bring their offerings obtained from the public, and those who have anything they feel like giving—the committee is not fastidious at all and will accept pigs, sheep, vegetables, fruit, grain, flour, substantial clothing or anything else that will bring anything at all on the auction block—have but to leave them there.

Then there is going to be a big chicken dinner banquet; there will be a parade; there will be a list of things hanging on cash returns and the Observer doesn't want to destroy the news value of the publicity yet to come so withholds much of the details. Mrs. Roscoe Neal is to have charge of much of the detail arrangements and has a big corps of assistants working under her.

If you ever had a good time and yet spent a trifling sum of money for a good cause, that is what will be repeated when this big chimarita takes place. The name is rather awing, but for 'a that an' 'a that it will be some stunt. And, please don't forget this, the cost to any individual will be a mere pittance, yet, if all take hold, the aggregate results will be surprising.

Committees who have charge are as follows:

Chairman of parade committee—Fred Currey.

Hall committee—Geo. Young.

Music—Haines and Lindsey.

Paddle wheels and games—Chase Bohnenkamp, Dr. Murphy, Norman Frees, Geene Good, Norman Desilet.

Finance committee—Mr. Brenholtz, Cora Harding, Harry Zurbick.

Dance committee—Pat Foley, Tom Goodhue, Geene Good.

Publicity—Clark Leiter, C. N. Palmer, A. W. Nelson.

Auctioneers—Tom Johnson, H. E. Dixon, R. J. Green.

List of articles to be solicited for dinner:—

Chicken pie individuals.

Salmon salad.

Brown bread, rye bread.

Pumpkin pie, apple pie.

Chickens, potatoes, pickles, butter, sugar, coffee, cream.

List of articles for auction:—

Canned fruit, jelly, etc.

Turkeys, ducks, geese, sheep, pigs, chickens, etc.

Potatoes, apples, carrots, pumpkins, squash, etc.

Wood, lumber, etc.

Implement, second hand, etc.

Wheat, oats, hay, grain, barley, corn, etc.

Old clothing.

UNITED STATES MAY DECLARE WAR ON AUSTRIA

MEASURE NECESSARY TO BRING AUSTRIANS UNDER ALIEN PROCLAMATION.

AUSTRIAN SPIES ARE EXCEEDINGLY BUSY

Many Germans Arrested—200 Taken in Hoboken for Being Near the Waterfront.

(United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—The United States may declare war on Austria-Hungary to bring the Austrians within the scope of the President's alien enemy proclamation. Austrians are among the most active spies, yet the government cannot force them to register, bar them from the waterfronts and otherwise protect American interests. The round-up of Germans is continuing everywhere. Two hundred Germans were arrested in Hoboken alone last night for being within one hundred yards of the water-front.

U. S. Destroyer Is Sunk In Collision

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—The small United States destroyer Chauncey was sunk after a collision while on patrol duty abroad Monday. Twenty-one Americans are believed to have been lost. Seventy members of the crew were saved. The public information committee did not give out any details.

The Chauncey was an old type destroyer, built in 1902, with a displacement of 420 tons and a crew of 91 officers and men.

EXTENSION SCHOOL OPENS

Farmers to Listen to Lectures on Advanced Farming

CENTRALIA, Wash., Nov. 20.—The farmers' extension school opened here today for a three-day session.

Scores of farmers are attending, hearing lectures on advanced farming methods. Centralia automobile owners brought the farmers to town to attend the schools this morning and will take them home tonight.

Miss Walker, a member of the faculty of the Washington State college, is giving lectures of special interest to women on home economics.

Santel Fails To Defeat Noregaard

Ad Santel lost his handicap match to Jim Noregaard in a splendid exhibition of wrestling at Wallawa last night. Santel got three falls in 52 minutes but was unable to take the last fall within the required time.

The match was clean and fast throughout. Santel took the first fall in 25 minutes and 20 seconds with an arm scissors, the second fall in 15 minutes and 45 seconds with a toe hold and arm lock and the third in 11 minutes 45 seconds with an arm scissors.

With 7 minutes and 10 seconds to go Noregaard eluded the champion until time was called.

Oscar Crossen who promoted the match is to be congratulated on the success of the first athletic show for Wallawa.

Fans were present from Enterprise, Lostine, Elgin and La Grande and all were well pleased with the match.

Jack O'Neill refereed the match.

WAR DESTROYS 102,697 BUILDINGS IN FRANCE

(United Press.)

PARIS, Oct. 29.—(By Mail.)—The department of Fine Arts has established an estimate of the damage done to buildings in France by military operations. From this it appears that up to the end of May, 1915, 1,223 parishes have suffered from the ravages of war. The total number of damaged buildings is 102,697, while 50,756 have been completely demolished and 63 public monuments destroyed.

Arras has probably suffered more than any other town from bombardments, for of its 4,521 buildings 962 have been entirely and 1,595 partially demolished; 735 of the latter can be repaired. In the entire town there are only 229 intact buildings.

Another Pioneer Dies In La Grande

Esther Hutchins, aged 79 years, one of the oldest pioneers of the Grande Ronde valley, died this morning at the residence of her son, Charles Hutchins, 1433 Madison avenue, after a week's illness of pneumonia. Mrs. Hutchins has lived in La Grande and Island City for the last 43 years.

She leaves to mourn her loss, four children, Charles Hutchins, Mrs. Ben Cotner, Mrs. Walter Hopper and Mrs. E. Jacobson, all of this city; five grandchildren, Alberta Hopper Goodman, of Seattle, Alvin Jacobson, in the U. S. Aviation corps now in England, Roma and Dallas Jacobson, of this city; one great grand child, Dorothy Goodman, of Seattle. The funeral will be held at the Bohnenkamp Chapel Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with interment in the Island City cemetery.

COLOR VIBRATIONS CURE SHELL-SHOCKED NERVES.

(United Press.)

LONDON, Oct. 29. (By Mail.)—A novel experiment of treating soldiers suffering from shell-shock and overwrought nerves, by color vibrations is being made in McCaul's Hospital. The test is the idea of H. Kemp Prosser, a famous color expert.

"Shell-shock is a disease of the tissues of the brain," he said. "The correct vibrations of color will build them up. I plan to do away with the sense of confinement which affects the nerves by introducing the color vibrations of out-of-doors. I paint the ceiling the color of the sky, the walls lemon-yellow, the color of sunlight and use a few touches of green, the color of bursting buds. As the patient becomes stronger I'll introduce stronger vibrations such as violet and orange."

One of the wards in the hospital is now being decorated with the direction of Professor Prosser, for tests upon shell-shocked officers.

GERMANS CLAIM ANOTHER TERRIBLE WAR INVENTION.

(United Press.)

THE HAGUE, Oct. 29. (By Mail.)—Travelers reaching Holland from the interior of Germany declare that the entire country is talking of a new terrible explosive discovered by a professor of chemistry.

According to tales traveling from mouth to mouth, very small quantities of the explosive will inflict incredible damage. It is said that a bomb weighing twenty pounds will destroy everything within a radius of a mile, while ten airplanes armed with bombs of the explosive could raze a large city in a few minutes.

Some arrivals assert that the story is officially inspired and exaggerated to hearten the people.

Silverton has installed 107 new electric street lights.

ITALIANS MAY RETREAT FROM PIAVE DEFENSE

DISPATCHES INDICATE MOVE TO BE MADE TO PREPARE FOR RENEWED OFFENSIVE.

GERMANS PROMISE TO SPARE VENICE

Tell Pope They Will Not Damage or Remove Art Treasures If City Is Evacuated.

(United Press.)

LONDON, Nov. 20.—Censored Italians headquarters dispatches indicate that the Italians may evacuate the Piave river defenses to complete preparations to renew their offensive. Withdrawal would mean the loss of Venice and Treviso.

ROME, Nov. 20.—Germany and Austria have promised Pope Benedict not to damage Venice or remove the art treasures if the Italians evacuate the city, it is authoritatively learned. Gabriel d'Annunzio, poet-aviator, reported dead, is believed to be in Venice on a furlough.

ROME, Nov. 20.—Continuance of the Italian counter offensive in the Mellet region, and the capture of three hundred and six prisoners and five machine guns is officially reported. The war office announced that four massed enemy attacks were repulsed around Monte Fenera. Fierce fighting is reported around Monte Tomba and Monte Fenera. Monte Grappa lies between the Piave and Brenta rivers, seven miles below Quera where the Austrians yesterday crossed the Piave. The report indicates that the invaders have successfully broken through the Piave river defenses.

BERLIN, Nov. 20.—Strong Italian counter-attacks were repulsed around Monte Tomba, it is stated. The enemy suffered heavy losses.

Ticket Sale For Big Game On Soon

The seat sale for the big game to be played here Thanksgiving Day starts this week. Under publicity manager Howard Stoddard a ticket selling campaign will be organized and a systematic canvass of the town begun.

Contracts are being signed in which La Grande pays the expenses of seventeen men including the coach.

The team is practicing hard for the Pendleton game Friday which will decide the championship of Eastern Oregon. At the same time Franklin and Jefferson high schools of Portland will battle for the Portland championship.

A large crowd is expected to attend the Turkey Day game here which will be the biggest and fastest contest ever seen here.

OUT AFTER NAVY RECRUITS.

Northwest Asked to Furnish 340 Firemen for Vessels.

(United Press.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 20.—Carrying the campaign for the northwest's quota of 340 firemen into the smaller cities of the state, Dr. J. S. Saurman, until recently in charge of the Spokane navy recruiting station, is in southern Oregon today with Chief Yeoman C. W. Neilbrunner, of the Portland navy office. They will be in Klamath Falls today; Medford Thursday and next week will visit other western Oregon towns.

LONDON POLICE TO WEAR ANTI-SHRAPNEL EQUIPMENT.

(United Press.)

LONDON, Oct. 29. (By Mail.)—Scotland Yards is considering the question of special, anti-shrapnel equipment for the police whose duty it is to stay on the streets and warn pedestrians to "take cover" during air raids.

They have already been provided with "tin hats," similar to those worn by the troops but there is now being considered a padded cape with woven piano-wire lining which is warranted to stop falling shrapnel and shell splinters. This will prevent shoulder wounds. They may also be given a leather cap to relieve the hardness of the helmet.