

AMERICAN WARSHIP IS SUBMARINED

"CHALLENGE OF WAR" IS THEME OF CONFERENCE

REV. CLARK MAKES STRONG APPEAL FOR CLEAN LIVING AMONG THE BOYS

WILL ADDRESS CONFERENCE AGAIN TOMORROW NIGHT

Twenty Names Placed on Honor Roll. Officers Elected for 1918—The Program for Remaining Sessions.

Speaking with that genuine, whole-hearted enthusiasm that can only come to one who is a part of the wonderful military machine which has been whipped into shape by Uncle Sam within the past five months, Rev. G. L. Clark, former pastor of the Presbyterian church of this place but now religious director of the Y. M. C. A. at American Lake, addressed the delegates to the seventh annual state Older Boys' Conference of Eastern Oregon last night at the First M. E. church on "The Challenge of War."

Rev. Clark's three months' association with the Y. M. C. A. work at the Camp Lewis cantonment has imbued him with a spirit of enthusiasm for the wonders performed in this "one of the largest of Uncle Sam's sixteen great universities" that finds expression in his every word and action. No one who heard him last night can help but experience a touch of that spirit of patriotism which has called one of God's noblemen away from his home and family to minister to the moral needs of the thousands of men who are undergoing training that shall fit them for the grim business of war.

An Appeal to Clean Living
Rev. Clark's "Challenge of War" was not a call to arms, but rather a call to clean living. In this connection he laid especial emphasis upon the high moral tone which is becoming more and more a characteristic of the embryo soldiers. He pointed out that healthy bodies was a most important essential in the making of a good soldier, and an essential upon which Uncle Sam was laying special stress.

"The Challenge of War" was just such a message as can be calculated to appeal to the highest ideals of red-blooded, patriotic young Americans, such as are here attending the Older Boys' Conference.

Speaks Again Sunday Night
Only the lack of proper publicity can explain the absence of an audience such as should have greeted the appearance of Rev. Clark after an absence of three months. However, the people of La Grande will be given another opportunity to hear him tomorrow night when he will speak at the First M. E. church on "Christ's Challenge to Serve." This, the closing session of the conference, commences at 7:30 o'clock. The general public is invited to attend any and all of the sessions.

A Patriotic Assembly
Last night's session was a patriotic assembly presided over by Ed. Coolidge. The session was opened with prayer by W. E. Wright of Portland, acting state Y. M. C. A. secretary. Clyde Bunting, in behalf of the La Grande boys, tendered the "key" to the city to the visiting delegates, Paul Mortimer of Pendleton accepting the same in a few brief remarks that gave utterance to the spirit of the conference theme: "The Challenge of War." Miss Florence Lynch entertained the audience with a violin solo, and Miss Naomi Williamson gave a patriotic reading. Both of these talented young ladies were forced to respond to hearty encores.

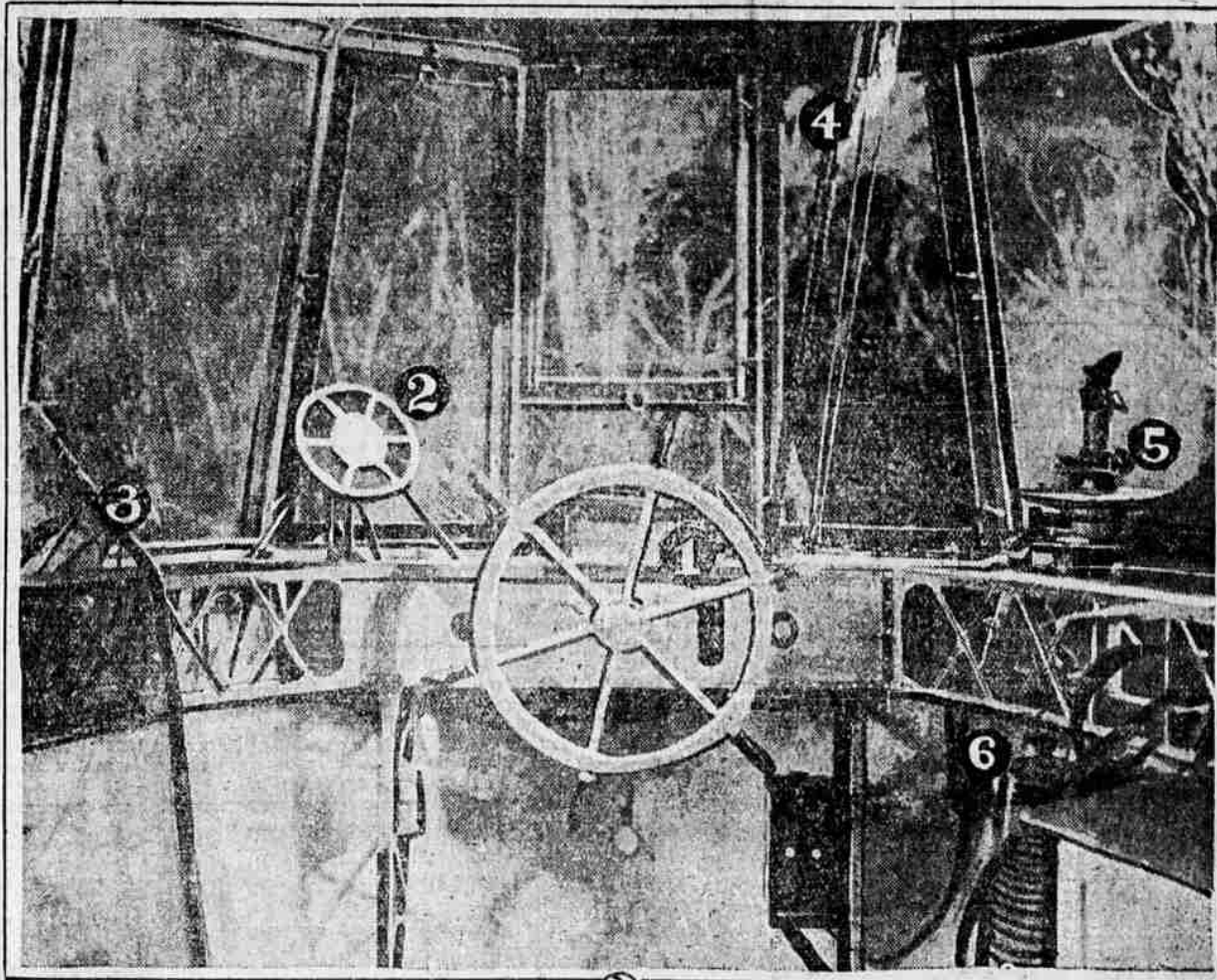
George McDonald, president of the 1917 conference, presided at the opening session yesterday afternoon, at which the following committees were appointed:

Nominations—Paul Mortimer, Pendleton, chairman; Jack Touch, Nyssa; Howard Stoddard, La Grande; Edd Fraser, Ontario; C. L. Shaw, Baker. **Church Assignment**—Robert Eakin, La Grande.

Credentials—Percy Rollins, Union, chairman; Arthur Rudd, Joseph; Reed Taylor, Alice; E. E. Arant, Union; Mr. Baker, Cove.

Honor Roll Prepared
At this session also letters were read from former conference members who are now serving with some branch of the American fighting

THE SECRET MECHANISM OF GERMAN ZEPPELIN L-49



Germany has always carefully guarded the secrets of her Zeppelins—but here's a picture of the mechanism of Zeppelin L-49. It was not until the capture of this air monster before the crew had a chance to destroy her, that the extent of the German ingenuity in Zeppelin mechanism became known. The photo shows the navigation controls in the commander's cabin, looking forward. Fig. 1 indicates the steering wheel; 2, the dial of the signal telegraph; 3, the commander's own private parachute; 4, the ropes leading to the rudder; 5, the eye of the bomb sight; 6, the oxygen tank.

BATTLE ALONG PIAVE RIVER IS HEAVIER

ENEMY MASSES MEN, GUNS AND AMMUNITION

Desperate Effort Will Be Made to Break Allied Defenses—Snow May Save Italy.

By Henry Wood.
WITH THE FRENCH IN ITALY, Dec. 8.—The battle along the Piave River front is steadily becoming heavier.

The enemy is massing men, guns and material for the final, desperate effort to take the allied defenses.

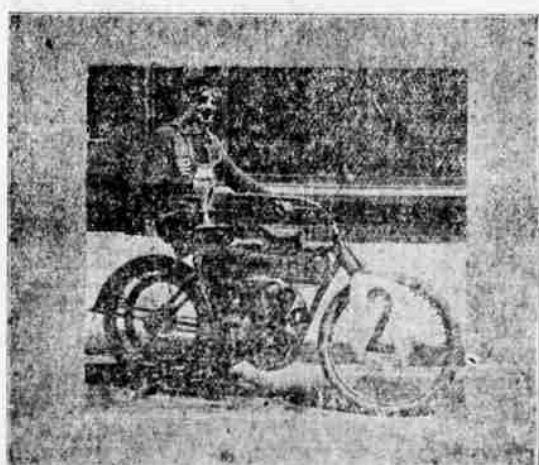
French troops in action against the Austro-German allies' strength are steadily increasing.

The weather is clear and intensely cold. The usual heavy winter snow is expected any day and will greatly handicap the enemy.

Germans Make Advance
BERLIN, Dec. 8.—The Germans advanced a hundred meters on both sides of Graincourt, it is officially announced. Many British assaults were repulsed. Sisemol on the Italian front was cleared of the enemy.

Cottage Grove—Brown Lumber Co. to rebuild burned mill on larger scale.

TRACY HOLLISTER ON THE FLYING MERKLE ON WHICH HE WON THE NORTHWEST CHAMPIONSHIP.



This picture was taken after Hollister made the fastest time on record between La Grande and Baker, one hour and 24 minutes.

Hollister Joins The U.S. Army

Tracy Hollister, one of the most popular young men of La Grande and Union county, enlisted in the United States army today. News of his departure will be received with interest by hundreds of his friends, who will all wish him every kind of success and a safe return with shoulder straps.

Young Hollister is Hamilton's expert mechanic at the garage on Fir street. Last year he created a regular furor by downing all the crack riders at the Speed-on-up races and winning the Northwest grand prize 50 miles, restricted to Northwest riders, the time being 46:20 4-5 second, on a Harley-Davidson.

Before that, in 1914, he won the road race from La Grande to Baker and return on a Flying Merkle. In the 50-mile race in 1917 he won against "Red" Williams and A. Williams of Boise, riding a Harley-Davidson. In 1917 he also won the 25-mile for large automobiles, driving a Mitchell, in 26 minutes 9 seconds, and also won the six-mile auto race, driving a Mitchell.

The Weather.
PORTLAND, Dec. 8.—The U. S. weather, forecast: "Rain."

RAILROADS MAY BE RUN BY DICTATOR

REMOVED THAT PRESIDENT FAVORS SUCH A POLICY

Reported That Railroads Will Be Run as One Big System With Government Guarantee of Securities

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Government control of railroads is persistently reported to be the President's solution of the transportation problem.

The appointment of a federal railroad dictator will be the first step toward unification during the war. The railroads will be run like one big system, making a common use of tracks and terminals. A pool of revenue is possible.

The government will guarantee railroad securities and assure stockholders that their interests will be fully protected.

SEVERE WEATHER HITS THE MIDDLE WEST

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Severe weather is sweeping the middle west. The mercury is steadily dropping. A heavy wind is sweeping Indiana. Indianapolis traffic is demoralized. Illinois trains are delayed hours.

CHRISTMAS PARCELS SHOULD BE IN MAILS EARLIER THIS YEAR

Because of the congested condition of the mails throughout the country, it will be necessary to mail Christmas packages much earlier this year than ever before to enable the postoffice to make deliveries on time.

Postmaster Bragg today stated that Christmas parcels destined for the East must be in the mails not later than December 15, and those for the Northwest and California must be in the postoffice not later than December 20.

"Christmas packages," said Mr. Bragg, "must be mailed earlier than ever before. The congestion is due to a great shortage of postoffice substitutes and temporary clerks."

STEAMER IS CAPSIZED, EIGHT REPORTED LOST

(United Press.)

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Eight men are believed to have been drowned when the steamer Desmond capsized in the heavy seas off South Chicago this afternoon. She carried fourteen men, of whom six were saved. Several of those rescued may die.

Rumor That Czar Escapes From Siberia

(United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The American Consul at Tiflis informed the state department that it is rumored the czar escaped from Siberia. Details are lacking.

Riot Breaks Out In Reformatory

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 8.—Nineteen former inmates of the Monroe state reformatory, including German industrialists, are imprisoned in the state penitentiary following a serious riot at the reformatory, it is learned. Reformatory inmates started the fight in the dining room, throwing plates, dishes and chairs. Guards suppressed the fight. Many were hurt.

Divers to Recover Ore.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 8.—Forty-five feet under the waters of Puget Sound, ore lost from the smelter docks here will be recovered. Walter McCray, diver, will be foreman, manager, shift boss and crew of this under-water mine.

Sixteen thousand dollars worth of ore was recovered from the bottom of the harbor a year ago in this manner. The amount of ore to be recovered this year will not be so large.

Cottage Grove—Latham-Divide road nearing completion.

JACOB JONES IS SUNK, SIXTY LIVES ARE LOST

REVOLUTION BREAKS OUT IN PORTUGAL

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Official messages declare a revolution has broken out in Portugal.

STORM HITS STRICKEN CITY

WORST BLIZZARD IN YEARS VISITS HALIFAX

Twenty Thousand Are Homeless, Two Thousand Dead, and Five Thousand Injured.

(United Press.)

HALIFAX, Dec. 8.—A lashing nor-easter alet storm, the worst storm in years, is continuing today.

The relief committee issued a statement, estimating 20,000 are homeless, 2000 dead, and 5000 injured.

The death list is principally children. Entire schools have been practically wiped out.

Every destitute person in Halifax was cared for last night. Relief work is well organized.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 8.—Railroad officials reported all trains to and from Halifax buried in snow drifts.

One of the worst blizzards in years is sweeping the stricken city. Halifax has enough food to last only a few days. Desperate efforts have been made to get more food into the stricken city.

Daniels Will Help

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Secretary Daniels ordered 25,000 blankets and 600 stoves sent to Halifax.

A hospital unit was rushed from Provincetown, Mass., to Halifax.

Secretary Daniels notified the Red Cross that everything the navy has available is at the disposal of Halifax.

Gov't To Build Largest Spruce Mill

(United Press.)

PORTLAND, Dec. 8.—The government will build the world's largest spruce sawmill at Vancouver, Wash., for the manufacture of airplane parts.

Colonel Disque, commanding the spruce production division of the signal corps, so announced. The mill will cut seven million feet monthly. The work starts Monday.

SAVE COAL AND KEEP WARM

GOV. WHITMAN TELLS HOW

(United Press.)

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Save coal and at the same time keep warm. Gov. Whitman says it can be done, and has issued a list of "don'ts and does" which he urges New Yorkers to follow in firing up this winter. The governor's suggestions follow:

Not burn coal in an open grate.

Not have every room heated; close off spare rooms.

See there are no cracks at floor line of furnace, permitting air leakage into ashpit.

Keep entire fuel space of range or furnace filled; thin fires mean waste. Feed fire and shake grate at regular intervals; two or three times daily is sufficient.

Shake down the ashes before adding coal; stop shaking when the first bright coal drops.

Don't leave feed-door draughts open.

Keep the ash pit empty; sift all ashes to recover good coal dropped through grate.

Clean flues frequently.

No Danger of Coal Shortage

SALT LAKE, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—There is no danger of a coal shortage in the West, was announced by the fuel administration here.

AMERICAN TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYER GOES DOWN THURSDAY NIGHT.

ONLY THIRTY-SEVEN SURVIVORS ARE RESCUED

Brother of Mrs. Josephine Daniels Was Commander—This is Second American Warships Germans Have Submarine.

(United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The American destroyer, Jacob Jones, was submarine at 8:00 o'clock Thursday night while patrolling foreign waters.

Only thirty-seven survivors were rescued, indicating that about sixty men were lost.

Lieutenant Commander David Bagley, brother of Mrs. Josephine Daniels, wife of the Secretary of the Navy, was commander of the Jones.

Secretary Daniels is deeply affected by the loss. Mrs. Daniels is prostrated.

This is the second American warship the Germans have submarine.

The destroyer Jones previously distinguished herself when she sank the submarine and rescued 305 persons from the torpedoed steamer Orama.

The Jones went into service last February and was one of the newest types of destroyers, and had a crew of approximately one hundred men, a speed of over thirty knots and a displacement of 1,000 tons.

Fire In Chicago Destroys Army Supplies

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—A government warehouse was burned, thousands of dollars worth of army clothing, blankets and similar supplies were consumed.

An adjacent warehouse containing a quantity of rifle ammunition and other explosives was saved.

Federal operatives arrested four Austrians in connection with the case.

Eagles Hold Meeting, Elect Officers

The Eagles held their regular lodge meeting last night and the following officers were elected: P. W. Pres., C. E. Happerett; W. Pres., J. F. Stacey; W. V. Pres., Ed. Kobb; W. C. Z. Lilly; W. Sec'y, Lee Bellinger; W. Treas., Frank George; W. L. G., Eugene Ashwill; W. O. G., Harry Elman; trustees, E. L. Bussey; Phil Webergall, Chas. McCorkle; physician, Dr. F. W. Whiting. After the meeting a social was held and was enjoyed by all.

SLIDE NEAR ARLINGTON BLOCKS O.W. R. & N. TRACK

A slide on the main line near Arlington delayed Nos. 4 and 6, east-bound. The trains were scheduled to arrive this afternoon at 5 o'clock. No wrecks were reported, merely slides blocking the track.

Huntington Man Dead

BAKER, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—John Thompson, a well-known pioneer resident of Huntington, passed away at St. Elizabeth hospital here Thursday morning after an illness of pneumonia, for treatment of which he was brought to the hospital from his home at Huntington several days ago.

ARE YOU WASTING A ROOM IN YOUR HOUSE OR APARTMENT?

In these war times you must conserve and wisely use all of your resources. If you have a spare room in your home, rent it to a desirable tenant—and make the income from it count as one of your resources. A spare room rented, is an asset. Unused, it is a liability. A trifling expenditure for classified advertising will solve the problem for you—as well as for the man or woman who is looking for just such a one-room home as you can offer.

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