

AMERICAN BOYS LEAVE FOR FRONT

First Ambulance Section of Three Units Will Help the Italians.

ROME DISPATCH TELLS OF OVATION

Collegians Comprise Units—General Raig Reports Repulse of Two Enemy Attacks—British Lines Intact—Haig Thanks Pershing

(United Press.)
ROME, Dec. 13.—The first American ambulance section of three units has left for the front. They were given a tremendous ovation by the highest officials. Collegians comprise the unit.

HAIG REPORTS GERMAN LOSSES

LONDON, Dec. 13.—General Haig reported that two enemy attacks after heavy artillery were repulsed at Bullecourt.

Despite the tremendous and continuous blows of Crown Prince Rupprecht the British lines near Cambrai are intact. German losses are heavy.

GENERAL HAIG THANKS PERSHING

AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, DEC. 13.—General Haig wrote General Pershing thanking him and the American engineers for "prompt and valuable assistance near Gouzenon."

BRITISH STOP CROWN PRINCE RUPPRECHT'S DRIVE

By William Philip Simms.
BRITISH HEADQUARTERS, Dec. 13.—The British have apparently stopped Crown Prince Rupprecht's long prepared attempt to break the British hold on Bullecourt. Fighting is continuing fiercely. Germany is advancing only a few yards.

ARTILLERY IS HEAVY ON THE FRENCH FRONT

PARIS, Dec. 13.—Artillery is lively over the entire French front. It is believed the enemy is preparing an offensive synchronized with blows at the British. Local raids were repulsed and nine German airplanes downed.

STRIKE CALLED OFF AT THE TWIN CITIES

(United Press.)
ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 13.—The general strike affecting every industry in the Twin Cities starting this morning, was called off at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Every striking unionist was ordered to resume work.

The end of the strike followed telegraphic request from Secretary Lawson of the Federation of Labor in Washington that the men resume work, pending a settlement of difficulties by Federal mediation. The President promises Federal arbitration of one of the men's demands.

BAKER JUDGE IS LENIENT

Man Accused of Making Disloyal Statements Gets Sentence.

BAKER, Dec. 13.—Hiram A. Harned, charged with uttering seditious statements, was fined \$100 and sentenced to 60 days in jail in Police Court, sentence being suspended. Harned testified he meant no disloyalty but referred to President Wilson as a traitor in order to start an argument.

Witnesses testified that two of his sons had enlisted and he protested to refrain from future talk that might get him into trouble.

The Weather.
PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—The U. S. weather forecast: "Rain."

United States to Have a Home Guard

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The war department has authorized the organization of a "United States Guard" of 25,000 to relieve soldiers from police guard duty, and to supplement the militia. Voluntary enlistments will be followed by draft, if necessary.

Joseph School Has President's Picture

SOPHOMORE CLASS MAKES PRESENT TO THE SCHOOL

Girls Give the School a Service Flag—Twenty-three Stars in All—Debate Try-out Friday.

JOSEPH, Dec. 13. (Special.)—Tuesday was a big day for Joseph high school, for it was on that day that the Sophomore class presented a beautiful picture of President Wilson to the school and several of the high school girls gave the school a "service flag" with a star for every former student who is in the army or navy. There are twenty-three stars in all. Also on the same day the convention delegates told of the Older Boys' Conference in La Grande and the "Big Club" men spoke to the grade school.

The debate "try-out" of the Joseph high school will be held on Friday with a large number trying for places on the team. The question is "Resolved that Capital and Labor Should Be Compelled to Settle Their Disputes in Legally Established Courts of Arbitration." The U. of O. debate book is out and it contains the picture of Joseph's state championship debating team of last year.

Joe, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reinhold, is very low with cholera infantum.

Tomorrow the great movie "Intolerance" will be exhibited by C. C. Gormley of the People's Theatre. A big crowd is expected.

Ralph Feit, Merrill Gershon and S. L. Burnough have purchased the Bernard Drug Store in Joseph. Mr. Gershon will be the manager.

Leo Patten was home for two days on a furlough from Vancouver where he is stationed with the 4th engineers.

Marie Bowman suffered a broken wrist when she fell from a swing.

The County Agriculturist, an O. A. C. man and J. C. Conley, county school superintendent, spoke to the student body of the high school and grades Tuesday on industrial work.

Helen Heffling was severely injured when she was struck by rock just above the eye. The rock was thrown accidentally by one of her girl friends.

Vera Morelock has been confined to his home this week and last on account of sickness.

The Red Cross ladies are still working night and day in Joseph.

Basket ball practice has started with a rush in the Joseph high school, many boys trying out for the team.

Homer Cole was knocked senseless for a few hours last week when he fell on the side of his head from a swing.

Chicken pox is still prevalent in Joseph but the pink eye is growing less.

The delegates to the Older Boys' Conference at La Grande returned home Monday check full of ideas which they obtained at the three day session of the conference. Patriotism was the big thing in the conference.

YOUNGEST MAJOR IN U. S. IS 9 YEARS OLD



Was to the rookie who falls to salute "Major" Jane Pulver, one of the "officers" at the Houston, Texas, camp.

Jane is the youngest "major" in the United States. She was nine her last birthday.

Officers who stayed at the hotel conducted by Jane's father while the camp was building, arranged for her work in entertaining the soldiers. Jane wears the uniform constantly—even to Sunday school.

NEARER HOME.



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FUNERAL OF W. T. WRIGHT HELD TODAY

MASONS CONDUCT LAST RITES AT UNION—LARGE CROWD IN ATTENDANCE

UNION, Dec. 13. (Special.)—The funeral of the late William Thomas Wright was held this afternoon. It was conducted by the Masonic Grand Lodge of Oregon, whose officers came from Portland and other parts of the state to attend the funeral. Friends and relatives from many parts of the state were also in attendance. It was by far the largest funeral ever held in this city, despite the drizzling rain. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful.

A special train from La Grande brought many to the funeral including the Knights Templar and the following:

W. H. Bohnenkamp, G. P. Christie, Walter M. Pierce, Harris French, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Kiddle, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Kiddle, J. T. Williamson, Judge J. C. Henry, J. H. Russell, Andrew Blockland, Dr. M. K. Hall, Gun Levy, J. G. King, Ray Logan, Walter Reuter, Robt. Eakin, Dr. C. T. Bacon, Arch Bacon, Howard Davis, Lot Snodgrass, S. P. Anderson, L. M. Hoyt, Mr. & D. Fitzgerald, J. E. Reynolds, R. D. McKennon, J. D. McKennon, Mrs. J. E. Reynolds, Peter McDonald, F. L. Meyers, J. R. Oliver, A. V. Andrews, Chas. Thompson, J. D. Slater, Mac Wood, Hal Reese, J. F. Okey, Geo. H. Curry, Dr. McMillan, R. J. Kitchen and wife, W. J. Church, E. E. Bragg, Nolan Skiff, Dr. Zimmerman, G. Blockland, Lewis Fraun, J. S. Clark, J. F. Prawley.

BRIVE FOR RED CROSS MEMBERS COMES NEXT

THOUSANDS WILL BE ASKED TO JOIN NATIONAL SOCIETY

Memberships Cost \$1 Each—E. E. Kiddle Is County Chairman—District Leaders Are Appointed.

One of the most thoroughgoing campaigns ever devised for any war drive is about completed and ready to go out after members for the Red Cross for the year 1918. Contrary to previous drives, this is not a battle to get big subscriptions, but to get thousands at \$1.00 each. Consequently a great host of solicitors is required. General County Chairman E. E. Kiddle has appointed these various districts or local campaign managers, and a lot of detailed instructions have gone forward or will in the next day or two.

Mrs. Cochran Leader Here

In La Grande the plans are well conceived and, being in the hands of the Neighborhood Club, are certain to be carried out well. Campaign Manager Mrs. George T. Cochran, with the aid of the club members, has held out district after district, and in areas each is so small that the workers, going in twos, can by hard work clean up their district in a day, provided there are no wall backs. Here again the idea of a great lot of solicitors is

MANY INTERESTING ITEMS FROM HAINES

Mrs. Spence Home from Hot Lake—Mrs. Pearson Has Been Ill—Mrs. Olsen and Daughter Visiting Here.

(United Press)
HAINES, Dec. 13.—A daughter was born Monday to Mr. and Mrs. John Luney. Mrs. Fred Spence returned Thursday from Hot Lake. F. S. Heard made a business trip to Baker Friday. F. Luney returned from La Grande Monday. Mrs. H. B. Olsen and little daughter, Gladys, are visiting on the flat this week. Mr. and Mrs. Swynier and Mrs. H. B. Olsen made a trip to Baker Friday. Miss Addie Pearson has been on the sick list the past few days. Mrs. Horace of Elgin is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Merritt, this week. Mrs. C. E. Wilson made a trip to Telocaset Friday. C. E. Wilson returned Tuesday from Elgin where he spent a few days.

British Unions Ask About War Aims

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The British trade unionists and laborites have passed resolutions urging Britain's early and definite declaration of its war aims.

Sg't. Chas Harding Writes From France

Y. M. C. A. MAN HAS SET UP HIS HEADQUARTERS

Boys Write Letters in Nice Warm Tent—Hospital Boys Are in a Small Village—Can Hear Rumble of Big Guns at the Front.

(Letter from Sergeant Chas. Harding of the La Grande Hospital Unit, now in France, to T. J. Scroggin, of La Grande.)

Dear Mr. Scroggin:—As you will notice I am using Y. M. C. A. stationery. The "Y" man just came to town, and even though lumber is scarce, he has a few tables set up for letter writing in a nice warm tent with a real fire going. Really a fellow can almost keep warm. The "Y" is certainly a real partner with the government and the government figures them as such too.

We are at the present time located in a small village. Looks like Ore well as far as old buildings and ruins are concerned. Think the man who built the town some four hundred years ago wandered off and forgot about it ever after, for it certainly is a picture of distress and the people in it look as though they were going to fall to pieces, as the buildings do, every time they take a step. They farm and live in a manner that you will find described in the bible. From a scenic standpoint they are quite picturesque, and France is really a beautiful country to look upon. We are in a section of France where all the people are of the peasant class so of course can not judge the French as a whole.

As I write I can hear the thunder like rumble of the big guns up on the front. They are going almost all the time and should, I should think, be making a hole some place. I expect you know more about what is really going on along the battle front, however, than I do. News is hard to get. A newspaper in English is quite a curio and, of course, the French papers do not furnish me with much information as yet. If I ever can master this French lingo I may have a better chance.

Our company is at present in charge of the camp hospital and we are doing a capacity business, mostly mumps and measles. I do not believe that we shall see field service this winter.

All the boys are in fine shape and enjoying life here among the cows and chickens very much. You see we sleep in a barn.

I will say "Merry Christmas" and a very "Happy New Year" to you now as I do not suppose that this letter will reach you before that time. Also extend the same greeting from me to all at the bank, and to my friends at home. With kindest regards, I am,

Very truly, your friend,
CHAS. HARDING.

L.D.S. QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

The regular quarterly conference of the Latter Day Saints church will convene Saturday and Sunday next. Opening session 10:00 a. m., Sunday. Representatives from Salt Lake City will be present.

Marshfield—Coos Bay Shipbuilding Co. installed new machinery, increased force.

ASQUITH'S DAUGHTER LEADS RELIEF WORK



Miss Elizabeth Asquith, daughter of the former British premier, is prominent in war relief work in England. She has organized many relief fairs and bazars.

KORNILOFF REPORTED DEFEATED

Bolsheviki Announce Claims That Rebelious General Has Been Wounded.

CAPTURE OF HIS COSSACKS IS NEAR

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The Bolsheviks claim General Korniloff is defeated and wounded and that the capture of his Cossacks is imminent. He reported the railway union refused to forward General Korniloff's reinforcements.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 13.—The Russian Black Sea fleet is co-operating with the Bolsheviks and bombarding Novotcherkask, the Cossack stronghold. The Bolsheviks have proclaimed the Constitutional Democrats the enemies of the people and arrested the leaders.

RUSSIAN MINISTRY REFUSES TO WORK

HAPARANDA, Dec. 13.—It is reported, practically all the Russian ministry officials are refusing to carry on work, despite the Bolsheviks' threats of death. Bank employees are refusing to co-operate. The constituent assembly is a maze of political parties, none of particular strength.

FUEL ADMINISTRATOR WARNS OHIO GOVERNOR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Fuel Administrator Garfield telegraphed Governor Cox of Ohio, requesting him to cease interfering with Ohio's coal shortage, following a report that Cox proposed to act independent of the Fuel Administration.

PEACE IN LUMBER INDUSTRY MAY COME

SEATTLE, Dec. 13.—Peace in the Northwest lumber industry is believed to be near when mediators and 300 members of the West Coast Lumbermen's association began a conference in an effort to settle labor difficulties.

ALLIES ARE BEATING THE SUBMARINES

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty, told the House of Commons that the Allies were beating the submarine. He declared shipbuilding has increased above ship losses.

Mrs. Hendershott Is Buried

COVE, Dec. 13.—The funeral of Mrs. Hendershott, widow of the late James Hendershott, one of Cove's most prominent citizens, took place at Cove cemetery Saturday afternoon, the body being brought from her late home in Salem.

Corvallis—Old cannery plant to be turned into milk condensery.

9 more days to buy a Christmas Present for Baby

