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Twelve Americans Reported Among
the Killed and Wounded When the
Enemy Penetrated Positions.

(United Press)
WASHINGTON, March 2.—The performance of the American soldiers north of Toul has sent a glow of pride throughout the army circles. Army officials are anxiously awaiting the casualty lists. The story of their performance is one of unflinching gallantry, the men fighting in the snow until their ammunition is gone and then resorting to the use of their fists. The determined work of the Americans shows them to be thoroughly seasoned and ready to meet the German drive whenever it may come.

Repeated German attacks wherein every form of terrifying means are used against the American soldiers, causes the belief that this sector will be made to bear the brunt of the German drive.

Berlin Claims Victories
BERLIN, March 2.—Germans attacking the American trenches in the Seisprey sector captured and wounded twelve when they penetrated the positions. They also stormed trenches west of Meuse, south of Haverincourt and northwest of Proxmes and forced the destruction of Fort Pompell.

Sedition Charge Against Women
PORTLAND, March 2.—Federal officers have arrested Elsie Thomas of Primeville and Mary Thomas of New York, members of the International Bible Student association. The charge is that of circulating seditious literature. This is the organization which decries the war.

Starch Factory for Salem
SALEM, March 2.—The building of a starch factory in Salem by the Pacific Potato Starch company of Portland, was practically assured by the contract signed yesterday by Manager McDaniel of the local commercial club and the company officials. The factory rests with the commercial club now, they having agreed to secure the company contracts for a thousand acres. About half of this acreage has been secured, it was stated today.

Boarding School Discontinued
The boarding school at the Umatilla Indian school, which has been a fixture there almost as long as the agency has been established, is to be discontinued June 30, according to word received by Superintendent Swartzlander from Cato Sells, commissioner of Indian affairs.

GERMANY IS ALREADY PREPARING FOR WARS IN THE FUTURE

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMIES IN FRANCE, March 2.—That German "Big Business" is already preparing for future wars is shown in a copy of a rigorously confidential memorial from the German iron and steel manufacturers sent to the imperial German command, demanding the forcible annexation of French iron basins at Briey, owing to the "extreme

JAP EMPEROR CALLS COUNCIL

SIBERIAN SITUATION IS TO BE
DISCUSSED

TROOPS SAID TO BE
LEAVING JAPAN

Leaving of Allied Diplomats from
Petrograd Constructed by Japan to
Mean a Break.

TOKIO, March 2.—The emperor has summoned Admiral Togo, commander of the Japanese fleet, Foreign Minister Motono, and Naval Minister Kato for a conference regarding the Siberian situation. The decision of the allied diplomats to leave Petrograd is regarded here as tantamount to a severance of relations. Motono says that Japan is negotiating for a new Russian policy.

Troops Leaving Japan
LONDON, March 2.—Japan is dispatching troops to Siberia, and China is sending troops into Manchuria, Tientien papers announced Wednesday, according to delayed dispatches.

Bolshevik Seize Supplies
TOKIO, March 2.—Bolsheviks have seized the pier at Vladivostok, containing vast quantities and ammunition and supplies, according to a dispatch today which declared that allied warships in the harbor are preparing to land marines, following the Bolshevik threat to requisition a foreign merchant ship.

The Weather
PORTLAND, March 2.—Weather forecast: Rain, warmer.

ISHII NAMED NEW ENVOY FROM JAPAN



Viscount Ishii, who headed the Japanese war mission to this country recently, has been appointed Japanese minister to the United States, succeeding Ambassador Sato. Ishii was in part responsible for the signing of the Ishii-Lansing treaty which brought about a better understanding between the two nations.

importance for German national economy and for the conduct of future wars. The document seems to prove that the business interests, the imperial government, the junkers, and apparently the German people themselves are absolutely unchanged regarding the lust of conquest in spite of three and a half years of war.

Huns Force Captured Italian Women To Build Trenches



This picture shows how German kultur works. Italian women captured by the Huns in their drive into Italy are forced to do the work of laborers in constructing reserve trenches to be used as a second line of defense. Note the Austrian soldier on guard to see that the women keep digging. This is not the first outrage against women committed by the Huns in Italy. When they were driving forward the Teutons put Italian women in front of the advancing troops and marched them into the faces of the Italian defenders, forcing the Italians to shoot their own countrywomen if they were to stop the invasion.

LOCAL MILLS WILL HANDLE GRAIN IN BULK

The local mills and warehouses expect to provide facilities for bulk handling of grain, although it is not expected that the sacking process will go entirely out of date. In this connection Mr. E. E. Kiddle of Island City, says:

"The mills and warehouses under our management are preparing to arrange their plants so they can handle grain in bulk, when desired, but they are not going to do any extensive or expensive building at the present time, as under the present system of conservation, which is sweeping the country we do not feel that we would be justified in going to any expense that is not strictly necessary."

"The question as to the handling of grain in bulk being the cheaper and better way for the farmer, is still enshrouded in doubt and a great many of our farmers will continue the use of sacks for some years, even if all places are equipped for bulk handling."

"We are preparing to put a wagon dump and cleaners at Union, Island City, Allied, Imbler and Elgin and we will be in a position to take care of our customers either in sacks or bulk, to suit their convenience, so that they will have no cause to worry over the matter of their grain being taken care of."

"The Government has not announced their position as yet as to what they intend to do concerning the coming crop, but no doubt that they will make arrangements which will be satisfactory to all concerned."

"Our prospects at the present time are for a very large crop of wheat; but of course, it is too early to attempt to make any figures on the same as our Spring wheat has not been sown as yet. Most reports from the Winter wheat shows it in very good shape, although there will be some re-sowing necessary, as is always the case, but I do not think there will be any more than the average percent which will be necessary, to reseed."

DELIVERY SCHEDULE

As Provided On Recommendation of
State Council of Defense.

The new schedule for delivery service in La Grande, as requested by the State Council of Defense, has been arranged as follows:
Outside North District (including everything east of Spruce, north of Z and west of Second)—One delivery each day, leaving at 9 o'clock.
North District (from Second to Fir)—Leaves twice each day, at 9 o'clock in the morning and 2 o'clock in the afternoon.
North District (from Fir to Spruce)—Leaves twice each day, at 10:30 a. m. and 4:30 p. m.
East District (from Washington to Jefferson)—Leaves each day at 9 o'clock in the morning and at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.
East District (south of Washington avenue)—Leaves each day at 10:30 in the morning and 4:30 in the afternoon.
South District (from M avenue to A street)—Leaves once each day at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.
South District (from Main to N avenue)—Leaves each day at 9 in the morning and 2 in the afternoon.
West District (from Main to Railroad)—Leaves each day at 10:30 in the morning and 4:30 in the afternoon.

American Steamer Sinks a Submarine

(By United Press)
WASHINGTON, March 2.—The naval guard of the American steamer Hyanza sunk a submarine after two hours battle, according to Chief Gunners Mate Groves report. It occurred on January 13, when the Yankees, despite shrapnel fire from two guns, coolly got their position and fired four shells when the sub keeled over and disappeared.

Laurels Fall to Local Man

THYE DEFEATED LAMBERT IN
TWO STRAIGHT

Jack O'Neill Meets With Mishap in
Contest With the Greek.

The wrestling card at the Arcade last night was a mixture of thrills and disappointments. The bout between O'Neill and Buzukas was a disappointment owing to an accident to O'Neill within a minute from the time the two men stepped on the mat.

O'Neill met Buzukas in the center of the mat in his usual careful, conservative manner when facing a worthy opponent and they had scarcely started to work when, in making a quick shift, Buzukas drove his knee into O'Neill's stomach, injuring him so badly that O'Neill was compelled to take the defensive or succumb to his injury. Naturally the match lacked the usual "pop" and resulted in O'Neill's failure to dispose of the Greek within the stipulated time. O'Neill's appearance last night was made against his own judgment in compliance with some friendly requests, as he well knew he was not in condition, having had no training whatever.

The Thye-Lambert contest was a splendid wrestling exhibition. The pace set by Thye from the call of time was the fastest, cleverest demonstration of catch-as-catch-can wrestling ever witnessed on a local stage. Within five minutes after the men stepped on the mat it was very apparent that the author of the broad challenge made recently in the Observer, had used poor judgment and had "riled" the erstwhile peaceful Ted, for within fifteen minutes from the call of time he had employed every hold known to the wrestling fraternity and curtains loomed for Mr. Lambert.

Lambert demonstrated that he has plenty of ability and unusual strength and made many friends by his clean wrestling. The first fall was taken by Thye with an arm scissors in 22 minutes and five seconds. The second fall was won by Thye with a combination body scissors and wrist lock in four and one-half minutes.

DR. BIGGERS HAS NEW CAR

Considered to Be the Finest Equip-
ment of the Kind in City

Dr. Biggers has purchased through the Bert Hamilton garage a new Stutz car. This is considered the finest car in the city at this time, but it is only a starter of what the auto dealers look forward to in the future. The new car is painted maroon; its speed is 82 miles per hour and it is rated at eighty horsepower.

LA GRANDE BOYS ARE ALL O. K.

Mr. Fred Curry received today a cablegram from his son, Roy, who is with the La Grande hospital unit in France, which reads:

"Entire unit insured to the limit; policies in Washington; unit intact; all well; letter follows."
"Sgt. Roy B. Curry."
As a matter of explanation this cablegram answers a cablegram sent on the 28th of February which was forwarded by J. A. Russell, P. A. Foley and George H. and Fred B. Curry. These gentlemen decided that it would be a proper thing to inquire if the hospital boys were sufficiently insured, or more properly speaking, to find out if any had failed to take out insurance so that friends might attend to the matter for them. Besides the assurance as to this feature of the case, the boys' friends will be pleased to have direct word that they are all together and that they are all "O. K."

George Baird Operated Upon

George Baird of Union was operated upon for stomach trouble at Hot Lake Tuesday morning last and at last accounts was getting along nicely. Mr. Baird has been a sufferer for a long time and finally consented to the operation as holding out hope for relief. His many friends hope for his complete recovery.—Union Rep.

VERA CRUZ HERO DIES IN SERVICE



William Sears, Grand Rapids naval hero, who was at the wheel of the first boat of the first landing party, when the United States seized Vera Cruz in 1914, is dead. He died from pneumonia at the naval base hospital at Boston where he was a student in the naval air pilots' school.
His bravery at Vera Cruz won him a recommendation to Congress for a medal of honor. He won a like recommendation later when he volunteered to go into a 12-inch gun turret on the Wyoming to stop a hang fire. He made the world's deep sea dive record when he went down in a diver's suit at Honolulu in an effort to raise the submarine F-4 which had sunk in the harbor. He was honorably discharged after four years' service but re-enlisted when Uncle Sam went to war with Germany.

BRITISH MAKE RAIDS OVER WHOLE FRONT

OPERATIONS ARE REPORTED
SUCCESSFUL IN YPRES
SECTION

SOME GERMANS ARE KILLED AND OTHERS CAPTURED

Participants in Counter Raid Reached
the Portuguese Trenches But
Are Ejected

(United Press.)
LONDON, March 2.—General Haig reports that raiding operations are in progress over the whole of the British front and that the British have been successful at South Armentiers and South Houbulet, near the Ypres canal. A few Germans entering the trenches near Hargicourt were killed and others were captured. The Germans entered the lines near St. Quinten and captured a few prisoners. A few of the German raiders reached the Portuguese trenches north of Neuve Chapelle but were ejected.

GENERAL CRUSE'S DEFENSE Says He Accepted Advisory Work Only After He Had Resigned

(United Press)
WASHINGTON, March 2.—Brigadier General Cruse, charged with accepting graft in army awarding contracts, following the arrest of D. N. Lippert, a textile jobber, who was held under charges of defrauding the government in army contracts, made a statement today placing his forty-year record against the charges. He said that he accepted advisory work for Lippert only after he had retired from the army and after having consulted legal advisors as to the propriety of the act. He denied being a party to any government contract which Lippert secured after he, Cruse, was in active service in the quartermaster's department.

Patriotic Meeting at Tabernacle

VERY INTERESTING PROGRAM
WILL BE PROVIDED

Hon. Walter M. Pierce Will Be the
Principal Speaker of the
Evening

The program for the big free public patriotic meeting in the Tabernacle tomorrow night has been arranged. In addition to the appearance of the principal speaker of the evening, Senator Walter M. Pierce, the M. I. A., under whose auspices the meeting will be held, have arranged for the Gekeler orchestra, which will be enlarged to eight or ten pieces for the occasion, to render several selections. The two choruses by the Boy Scouts will undoubtedly prove pleasing. The doors will open at 7 o'clock and the meeting begin at 7:30. A large attendance is looked for. The program follows:
Song—"Onward, Christian Soldiers"
Orchestra, Organ and Audience.
Prayer.
Chorus.....Boy Scouts
Declaration.....Byron W. Ord
Instrumental, Serenade.....Gekeler Enlarged Orchestra
Introductory remarks.....Peter G. Johnston
Chorus.....Boy Scouts
Address.....Senator Walter M. Pierce
Recitation....."The Day of Swords"
Bessie Andrews.
Selections.....Gekeler Enlarged Orchestra
Prayer.

Contract Let for 5000 Ties
The Central Railroad of Oregon has recently let a contract to Cove parties for 5000 cross ties, to be used in repairing that railroad. This looks good and shows that the little road is making an effort toward keeping its track in repair.—Union Republican.

PETROGRAD IS STRIPPED AND READY FOR ACTION

(United Press)
PETROGRAD, March 2.—Petrograd is facing her impending "Bat-tle of the Marne," with the Germans three hours from Luga, which is on the railroad a hundred miles southwest of Petrograd. The Germans have hurriedly fortified Pskoff and started toward Petrograd in the face of the stiff Russian resistance, especially where the Germans are attempting to cut the Petrograd-Moscow railroad. The Russian railroaders have been ordered to destroy the bridges in the German path. The city is stripped for action and all the able-bodied and the willing workers are being removed. All the railway exits have been closed and vast quantities of goods are being removed. Only two American newspaper men are left in Petrograd. If Petrograd falls the capital will be moved to Moscow.

GOVERNMENT IN NEED OF MORE HORSES

ARMY OFFICER IN LA GRANDE
LOOKING AFTER ARMY
REQUIREMENTS

STANDARD PRICES WILL BE PAID IN CASH

A Few Mules for Wheel Purposes
Will Also Be Taken But All Must
Be of Good Grade.

Lieutenant C. C. Middleton arrived in La Grande from Pendleton last night and is here to look over the prospective supply of horses for cavalry purposes in this section. The army official says that the demand for horses of the cavalry type is strong just now and heavier limbed animals than those heretofore taken will now be accepted. He wants as many as a curlew at least and will take as many as he can get. If there is enough of a supply in sight the regular army board will be in La Grande about the 10th of the month to inspect the offerings.

Contrary to the rule heretofore spot cash will be paid for what purchases are made.

The specifications for cavalry horses call for solid colors, from 15 to 16 hands, five to ten years of age, and a few mares, if they are of exceptional quality, will also be taken. There is also a demand for wheel mules which should be 15-16 hands high and weigh 1250 pounds and upwards.

There will be no "dickering" in making these purchases and there are no middlemen or purchasing agents as the transactions will be direct with the army officials. The standard price is \$140 for horses and \$215 for mules. These are the flat-rate prices which will be paid for animals that are acceptable for the service.

MRS. KEMP WILL LECTURE

Members of Parent-Teacher Association Especially Invited

Mrs. Kemp of the conservation service will lecture at the M. E. church Tuesday evening. As this will be a lecture which all are interested in at this time, a large attendance is hoped for, and the topics presented will be of special interest to members of the Parent-Teacher organizations, all members of the same are urged to be present.

Tried to Wreck O.-W. Passenger
HOOD RIVER, March 2.—Phillip Solon, who recently completed a 90-day jail sentence in Portland for failure to register under the selective draft, and Elmer Misner, a 16-year-old boy, were being held in jail here charged with an attempt to wreck the east-bound O.-W. R. & N. limited near here. A wreck was prevented only through the discovery by L. F. Stephens, a fireman, of large iron bolts and spikes laid on the rail. The two were arrested near the scene.

Logger Killed at Batesville
Arnold Jesneret, a Frenchman employed at one of the Austin mills was killed Thursday afternoon near Batesville, when he was hit by a logging train, says the Baker Democrat. A Japanese section hand was the only witness and he says that Jesneret failed to heed the warning shouted at him. There is a double track at the point where the man was killed and he may have thought that the train was on the other track. He came from Provo, Utah, where members of his family reside.

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M. H. Lewis and H. C. Rees of La Grande were Baker visitors yesterday.