

HOME GUARDS LISTEN TO FINE ADDRESS

SPECIAL SERVICES HELD AT ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH SUNDAY EVENING

STEADFAST PURPOSE WILL FINALLY WIN

Scholarly Presentation of the World's Greatest Conflict Is Made by Rev. Upton H. Gibbs

An address that showed painstaking preparation and one that for polish and rhetorical construction is seldom equalled in any pulpit, was delivered last evening by the Reverend Upton H. Gibbs, rector of the Episcopal church, upon the occasion of the visit to that church by the officers and men of the Home Guard. The services were extremely impressive. The choir, vested, was exceptionally good and handled the music in excellent shape. To properly top the evening's patriotic program, the audience arose smartly at the close and saluted the Stars and Stripes, and gave the oath of allegiance. A misunderstanding of the hour caused a small attendance of the Guard, but those who attended pronounced the sermon one of the most scholarly and polished they have heard in many a day.

Space prevents a full reproduction of the sermon, the subject of which was "Progress Through Conflict," and was based on the following texts: "For the earnest expectation of the creation, waiteth for the manifestations of the sons of God." "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now." Rom. 8:19-22; and also, "In your steadfastness ye shall win your souls." Luke 21:19. After referring in brief to the titanic upheavals which accompanied the cosmic development of the universe and which led up to the creation of man as their end, and explanation, the speaker pointed out that this ending was the beginning of a new era in development—that on the moral plane. This was to be conducted in the same manner as that of the cosmic, through conflict and struggle by means of which moral distinctions should be discovered and maintained. The history of man's moral development has been one long record of wars. It has been computed that during the last 3000 years only about 300 have been of actual peace. The speaker said:

"No wonder if men despaired, especially when the right seemed to be defeated. But there were always some valiant souls who remained full of faith and hope to cheer up their despondent brethren to endure. The day was won by their steadfastness. In times of trial when strong men are tempted to weaken this message come from one who in himself proved its truth: 'In your steadfastness ye shall win your souls.'"

"We are now in the midst of one of those periodical struggles which precede a decided moral advance, in which all that we hold dear of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, is at stake." Words from President Wilson's famous war message to congress were quoted to this effect. The speaker concluded with a solemn warning of what trials might be in store for us at home, and bid his hearers when tempted to compromise, to let these words act as a clarion call to endure to the end: "In your steadfastness ye shall win your souls."

Call for Bank Reports.
WASHINGTON, March 11.—The comptroller of currency has called for the reports from national banks at the close of business March 4.

OFFERS FOR BARLEY HIGHEST EVER KNOWN

(United Press.)
PORTLAND, March 11.—Seventy-nine dollars and fifty cents per ton was the bid for No. 1 barley in the Merchants' exchange today and there were no sales. Millers are offering \$80 per ton for barley in the open market and are getting no responses. These are the highest figures for barley ever known.

MAY RENEW ASSURANCE TO RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, March 11.—The United States may send to the Russian pan-Soviet meeting, to be held at Moscow to vote on the acceptance of the peace treaty, a new expression of friendliness on the part of America. The suggestion comes from the state department.

CHINESE TROOPS FOR SIBERIA Loan Is Authorized to Pay Expenses of Expedition.

TOKIO, March 11.—The Pekin cabinet has decided to send 40,000 troops to Siberia and has authorized the floating of a foreign loan to pay the expenses of the expedition.

SEN. CHAMBERLAIN RECOVERED

Will Go to Atlantic City for a Week of Rest.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Senator George E. Chamberlain of Oregon who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, has entirely recovered from the effects of the operation. The senator will go to Atlantic City, New Jersey, for a rest of a week before re-engaging in active work in the senate.

HOW IT FEELS TO FLY

Dr. "Joe" Ingle of This City, Relates Experiences As Aviator.

On page three of today's paper Dr. Ingle, who is in the aviation service, tells his experiences as a birdman who is in the course of preparation for service for his country in France. Aside from the personal interest which the doctor's friends in La Grande may have there is much about the aviation business that will be new to practically everyone.

In tomorrow's paper Sargt. Roy Rice will explain some things relating to his old hobby, that of arms and ammunition, and other experiences since his arrival in "Gaul."

TOMORROW'S LUNCHEON

Paul H. Spillman, County Agriculturist, Will Preside

At the business men's luncheon tomorrow, Paul H. Spillman, county agriculturist, will preside. An especially interesting meeting is expected. The principal speaker will be "Farmer" Smith, who upholds the agricultural department of the O.W.-R. & N. company. He will explain what the railroad company is doing to help win the war.

E. E. Kiddle will also speak, taking the subject of "Protection." There will be other speakers and matters of interest and importance will be discussed.

As the meeting will deal largely with the important matter of food production, the farmers of the vicinity are especially invited to attend.

DROWNED IN MISSISSIPPI

Thirteen, Mostly Negroes, Lose Lives in Tug Boat.

NEW ORLEANS, March 11.—Thirteen persons, mostly negroes, of the 17 aboard the tug boat Bisco, were drowned when the boat sank today in the Mississippi river following the ramming of the tug by another vessel.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Young are preparing to return to their homestead in Harney county.

CAPITAL TO BE MOVED TO MOSCOW

PREPARATIONS MADE FOR RESISTANCE ALONG ALL THE RUSSIAN FRONTS.

ALLIANCE IS MADE WITH FINNISH FACTION

Japanese Move in Siberia Is Looked Upon as an Attempt to Restore Monarchical Government

(United Press.)

PETROGRAD, March 11.—The government is moving the capital from Petrograd to Moscow as the first step in the way of organizing resistance on all fronts. It is believed here that it may be necessary for the Bolsheviks to fight both Germany and Japan. Russians express surprise at President Wilson's failure to halt the Japanese Siberian move. The papers say that the reported formation of a provisional government in Siberia by Prince Lvoff and others is for surrender to the Japanese, hoping that the foreign troops will re-establish a monarchy.

Peace with Finnish Red Guards

(United Press.)

PETROGRAD, March 10.—Bolsheviks have signed a peace treaty with the Finnish Red Guards, as an offset to the German treaty with the White Guards.

Meetings and Papers Suppressed
Germans in Finland are dispersing public meetings and suppressing the newspapers. Hundreds have been placed under arrest. The Germans are moving against Novosiboff, and the Russians are preparing to make a defense.

HERE FROM PENDELTON

Will Peterson and George Parringer Visit La Grande.

Will Peterson, one of the foremost attorneys of the Eastern Oregon country, and George Parringer, one of the most extensive wheat growers of the northwest, are in La Grande attending to business matters. "Everything in Umatilla county is based on war needs," said Mr. Parringer. "We are moving along in the best way that we can and endeavoring not to let anything deter us from doing everything possible to assist in the war work. I'll admit that labor conditions are not the rosiest for the wheat grower but the wheat farmers of Eastern Oregon will meet the condition and save the crops. We have every reason to expect a large yield in Umatilla county this season."

NEW UNITED STATES BROWNING GUNS MEET ALL PUBLIC TESTS WITHOUT HITCH



Without a single hitch, the Browning machine guns, which have been adapted for the American army met all tests at a public demonstration just held in Washington by the ordnance department. Above is the light Browning machine rifle which weighs only 15 pounds and can be fired either from hip or shoulder as an ordinary field rifle. It will easily fire 350 shots at the rate of 20 shots in 2 1/2 seconds without overheating. Or at a lower rate of speed it can, of course, be fired indefinitely without stoppage. It is expected to be a terrible weapon of offense.

Below is the Browning heavy, water-cooled gun which works on a tripod. It fired 35,500 shots at top speed without stoppage. On one test to show speed it fired 20,000 shots in 48 minutes and 18 seconds. This gun weighs 34 1/2 pounds, including the waterjacket filled.

RUMANIA'S HEART WITH THE ALLIES

(United Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Rumania's spirit is that of loyalty to the allied cause in spite of the peace terms that have been forced upon the Rumanians by Germany, is the essential points in a communication which Rumanian delegates have given out at Rome.

TWO AUTO ACCIDENTS

Cars Injured in One, Occupants Are Bruised in the Other

Two auto accidents are reported for yesterday. In one case the cars sustained the principal part of the damage and in the other the occupants were the worst sufferers. In neither case, however, were the results of a very serious nature.

The cars of Dr. Whiting and J. E. Stoddard of Fruitdale bumped together between the city hall and the Y. M. C. A. building. Both cars were considerably jammed up as a result of the collision.

John Schofield and Campbell Garrick were on the road to Union when their car went wrong as they were crossing a bridge. Both were bruised up, especially Garrick, who was thrown through the windshield.

ROBERT COTNER HOME

La Grande Boy, Who Is Expert Job Printer, Joins the Observer.

Robert J. Cotner, who for the past two years has been working in the larger job offices of Portland and other northwest cities, has arrived in La Grande and will be in charge of the Observer's job printing department. Mr. Cotner was raised in La Grande and his many friends are pleased to welcome him back. Lovers of good printing in Union and Walla Walla counties will also be pleased to know that Mr. Cotner is again with the Observer, for his job printing possesses an art that places it in a class of its own.

ON EIGHT HOUR BASIS

Palmer Mill Whistle Is Heard Hour Later Than Usual.

The assembly call of the whistle at the Palmer mill was not sounded until eight o'clock this morning, instead of 7 o'clock which has been the rule since the big industry was first put in motion. The reason is that notification has been received that the basic eight hour day would begin to apply to mills of Eastern Oregon on and after March 10. Until there is a change eight hours will constitute a day's work at the big lumbering plant and the wheels will begin to move at 8 a. m.

ITALIAN GENERAL WOUNDED IN DRIVE TO BE BACK SOON



General Prince Foreante Gonzaga, who was severely wounded in the Teuton drive into Italy last year, will soon be in the fighting again. He is convalescent in a Genoa hospital. General Gonzaga was decorated with the Italian gold medal for his leadership in the taking of Gorizia.

Secretary Baker to Visit Front

(United Press.)

PARIS, March 11.—Secretary of War Baker's arrival in France has been announced after guarded secrecy as to his movements since his departure from Washington. After a conference with President Poincaré the American war secretary will go direct to the front.

LONDON KNOWS NOTHING OF JAPANESE MOVEMENTS

(United Press.)

LONDON, March 11.—Balfour told the house of Commons today that a provisional peace between Rumania and Germany has been completed. He said he had received no information as to the landing of Japanese troops in Siberia.

WILL KENNEDY TO COME

Former La Grande Resident in the Internal Revenue Department

In the notice printed elsewhere regarding the reports on income tax matters it is stated that William Kennedy has been appointed to represent the internal revenue department for a few days in La Grande. Mr. Kennedy is a former resident of this city, but in later years he has been making his home in the Walla Walla country. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Kennedy of La Grande, and received the appointment in Oregon's federal department a year or more ago.

AMERICAN INFANTRYMEN GO BEYOND THE THIRD LINE OF THE GERMAN DEFENSE

Enemy Trenches Demolished at Three Points to Depth of Hundred Meters and Three Hundred Meters Wide.

American Airmen Killed In France

PARIS, March 11.—W. L. Winter of Chicago a member of the French aviation corps, was killed by a fall within the German lines in the air battle Friday. Thomas Hitchcock of the Lafayette escadrille, disappeared pursuing an enemy plane toward the German lines and it is believed that he was captured. Two American naval aviators were killed in a monoplane mishap in France.

DUGOUTS AND PILL BOXES ARE WRECKED

AMERICAN ARTILLERY AIDED RAIDERS LEAVING MASS OF LEVELED TRENCHES

NO MAN'S LAND CROSSED UNOPPOSED

One Party Forced to Return on Account of Orders Issued Before the Attack—Call for Germans to Come Out Is Answered by Shots—Grenading Followed

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY AT THE FRONT, March 10.—Americans, with French troops co-operating, demolished German trenches at three points to a width of a hundred meters and a depth of three hundred meters, through separate raids in widely scattered sectors. The American artillery aided the raiders, completely demolishing one section of the trenches. Not a living German was found there. At other points Germans in pill boxes and dug-outs were bombed and grenaded and seven Germans were captured.

After a heavy bombardment the American infantry crossed No Man's Land unopposed, and penetrated the German first and second lines, finding only a mass of leveled trenches and dugouts. These men were forced to return in accordance with orders issued before the attack but in another sector the party went beyond the third line where they encountered dugouts and pillboxes that had escaped the artillery attack. These were occupied by Germans and the shouts for the occupants to come out were answered by shots. This was followed by a fusillade of grenades and bombs and the enemy defenses were totally wrecked.

Yankees Had to Be Restrained.

PARIS, March 11.—French supporters participating with the Americans in their first offensive raid east of Reillon, praised the Yankees, saying that they had to be restrained from making charges beyond the objective points.

Sammies Make Exclusive Raid.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY AT THE FRONT, March 11.—The American forces north of Toul successfully raided Boche trenches in the first exclusively American raid. The Artillery in forty-five minutes razed the dugouts and the trenches and the infantry went over behind the barrage. No prisoners were taken as the Germans had withdrawn to the rear lines.

Paid Fine for Smoking.

Haywood Day, arrested for smoking, entered a plea of guilty and paid a fine of \$2.50.

John P. (Jerry) Rusk is spending today in Baker in the interest of Senator C. L. McNary's campaign for United States senator.

TERRIFIC ARTILLERY DUEL ALONG ENTIRE FRONT

LONDON, March 11.—The German and British artillery are keeping up a terrific duelling along the entire front today. The Germans are using all sizes of guns and are deluging the various sectors with a storm of shells. To this the British guns are retaliating effectively.