

NO GREAT OFFENSIVE EXPECTED FROM GERMANS ON THE WESTERN FRONT

While Extensive Preparations Are Under Way Enemy Will Not Start Anything Unless Compelled.

Home Horses Receive Praise

(By Paul H. Spillman.)

Hunter Sells More Horses.

We have been insisting that Union County livestock is as good as you will find and that they will classes with the best. However, it seems always harder for us to appreciate that which we have at home and easy for us to set great store by that which is far away. So it is with our livestock. Albert Hunter we know has good horses, but we did not realize possibly that men would come all the way from Alberta, Canada, to get a chance to buy them. Some time ago, Mr. Hunter sold eleven young mares and one stallion to men from Alberta who were buying foundation stock from which to build up a Percheron horse-breeding establishment.

And just at present Mr. Hunter is delivering a stallion he recently sold to a party at Armstead, Mont. This is a young horse thirty-one months old and weighs 1865 lbs.

From this we should realize that we have really choice livestock in this county and that the many compliments paid our stock are not idle talk. This applies as well to our other lines of stock, cattle, sheep and hogs. The sooner we realize that Union county is the pure breed livestock center of the northwest the better. Don't send away for stock until you have thoroughly investigated what is offered by our local breeders.

Farm Meetings.

Mr. A. Meier of the U. S. D. Agriculture, with the County Agriculturalist held two farmers meetings in the North Powder section on Thursday and Friday of last week. One was held at the Clover Creek school house and the other at Wolf Creek school. Mr. Meier dealt with the control of smut in grains and found much interest in these sections as smut has always caused considerable loss in these sections. The subjects of hardy alfalfa and silos also were of much interest at these meetings especially as they are working out in this county.

On Saturday we also meet with the Mt. Fanny Grange at Cove and Mr. Black of the U. S. D. Agriculture, discussed the best method of controlling the cherry slug which has been causing considerable loss in that section.

BENEFIT BALL TONIGHT

Alumni Association To Have Big Social Event In Rex Hall.

Tonight the Alumni association will give one of the good time occasions of the season at Rex Hall. It will be patriotic in every way for the cause is a splendid one. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the High School service flag. For some time there has been a strong desire to have the flag and the event tonight will be for the purpose of securing it.

IDAHO HERD LAW UPHOLD.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The supreme court has upheld the Idaho law prohibiting the herding of sheep on public lands used as a cattle range.

FOUR GERMAN SPIES GRABBED

Four German spies passed through La Grande last night on their way to Salt Lake where they will be safely landed behind the barbed wire entanglement which is used by our government to intern alien enemies. They passed through this city on train No. 15, and were heavily guarded by United States officials. It is claimed they were picked up in Portland and they had upon their persons blue prints of docks

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The war department today for the first time indicated the belief that the Germans do not intend a major western front offensive this spring. The weekly statement from the war headquarters says: While hostile preparations for an offensive in the west are not slackening, it is more evident daily that the enemy will start offensive operations only when they have been forced to do so by the exigencies of surrounding conditions.

The report further says that American troops now occupy trenches at five different points and that they have been constantly in action.

TREATY TERMS NOT LIKED.

Soviet Reactionaries Say The Peace Pact Is Distorted.

PETROGRAD, March 18.—Two Bolshevik commissaries have quit the Russian cabinet in addition to four revolutionaries as a result of the Pan-Soviet ratification of the German peace terms. Anti-Bolshevik charge that the terms are not fully announced and say that the German demand is for four and a half instead of four billion dollars, and that while the treaty declares Petrograd to be a "free city," it is charged that the treaty practically provides for the division of Russia among Germany, Austria, Rumania, Japan and other countries.

HOLLAND GETS FOOD.

Part Of Condition Of Agreement Relating To Ship Tonnage.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The delay of official cables is expected to delay until tomorrow the taking over of Holland tonnage in American waters that was scheduled for today. The navy is to formally requisition under the Holland-Alles treaty and naval reserves are to go aboard. Of the seven hundred thousand tons of shipping in American ports, Holland is to get a portion of the shipping and a liberal supply of American food.

AIRPLANE PROBE MADE.

Inquiry As To Delay In Furnishing Machines For Pershing.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Several probes are being made into the Signal Corps operations as a result of General Pershing's reported displeasure in not receiving several hundred airplanes by this time. There are said to be only a handful of airplanes from America abroad and French airmen have been relied upon to protect the American forces.

ALLEGED SPIES ARRESTED

NEW YORK, March 18.—Mme. Destina Storch, a beautiful Turkish woman, Baron de Beville, and Mme. Nix, who is German born, have been arrested charged with complicity in a spy plot involving von Bernstorff. It is charged that they are in a ring that has been operating everywhere since 1914. De Beville is a Frenchman.

WANTS INQUIRY MADE.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Congressman Stearnson introduced a resolution in the house today asking for a congressional probe on the report that the Tuscania crew abandoned the ship and made no effort to save the soldiers, resulting in the fatalities.

ECONOMY IN DELIVERY TO BE EXPLAINED

A. R. STANTON, AUTHORITY ON THE SUBJECT, WILL SPEAK AT LUNCHEON

J. G. SNODGRASS TO OFFICIATE AS CHAIRMAN

Full Attendance of Business Men and Others Desired at Tomorrow's Weekly Gathering

At the regular Tuesday luncheon tomorrow A. R. Stanton, who has charge and is directing the curtailed delivery systems in Oregon through the State Council of Defense, will be one of the luncheon speakers and go into the matter of decreased deliveries in a scientific manner.

J. G. Snodgrass is chairman of the meeting and it will be of importance to every business and professional man to attend this meeting.

Stanton Is Most Proficient.

As a word of introduction of Mr. Stanton it can very truthfully be said he is the most proficient man in delivery west of the Rocky Mountains and one of the very best in the nation. He took the Meier & Frank delivery department in Portland and changed it over from a more or less chaotic institution to one of the most extreme detail and efficiency. He can tell from his records of that store just how many motions a car driver makes in delivering a package, just how much gasoline it has cost, or if an electric machine he can produce the figures on amount of electricity used.

At Astoria Mr. Stanton made a survey at request of the merchants and the State Council of Defense. He drafted a plan from that survey which will save thousands of dollars on deliveries. Of course few cities in Oregon have voluntarily taken the advanced step that La Grande has taken in having a central delivery system, but even with this improvement the merchants here will get a great many ideas from Stanton that will be of benefit.

Chairman Snodgrass asks that a full attendance at the luncheon shall greet this man who is working hard to get results and is making quite a sacrifice at the request of the government.

From here he will go to Baker at request of the business interests to reorganize the delivery system of that city.

GRAIN CONFERENCE MEETS.

Millers Want Assurance That Grade Will Be Restored.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 18.—Millers attending the grain conference called by the bureau of markets to determine a lower wheat grading standard as a war measure demand that assurance be given that the old grades will be re-established after the war. Some recommend a voluntary disregard of the old rates for the wartime, to be resumed after peace. Farmers are asking for a more liberal grading. Five hundred millers and grain growers are in attendance at the meeting.

THE WEATHER.

PORTLAND, March 18.—Rain.

HEADS JAP ARMY



Baron Usaku is chief of the Japanese military general staff.

BOOK DRIVE NOW ON FOR WAR LIBRARY

PUBLIC IS ASKED TO MAKE DONATIONS OF POPULAR WORKS

CAMPAIGN WILL LAST THIS WEEK

Miss Haley, Librarian, Will Be Pleased to Furnish Information as to the Work

Two million books are needed by the Library War Service of the American Library Association to furnish reading matter to soldiers and sailors in camps in America, on transports, on board naval vessels and overseas.

A big drive to get these books in to be carried on in La Grande during the week. Miss Haley, librarian of the public library is arranging the details of the campaign.

A fund of a million and a half dollars was raised last September to build Camp Library Buildings at thirty-four camps, equip them, provide trained library service and to purchase such books as are not given. The buildings are finished, the libraries are being actively used and the service is being extended to branches in all Y. M. C. A. and K. of C. huts, Hospitals, Y. W. C. A. hostess homes, and to chaplains in smaller forts, posts and on naval vessels.

Several hundred thousand books have already been given and more than 100,000 books have been purchased.

There are many expensive technical books needed which will not be supplied by gift. In order that the fund may be used for these purchases, and for administering and extending the service, the public is now asked to make large gifts of popular books. They may be left at the public library, or if the books can not be taken to the library, they will be called for if the librarian is notified.

La Grande Has Military Band

La Grande now has a military band. The organization, formerly known as the La Grande Lodge of Elks' band has been reorganized into the Home Guard Band, and is under the management of a board of directors constituted of F. A. Apple, J. G. Snodgrass, Alvin Snapp and Frank Wyde. J. David Haines, well-known band leader, is the manager and conductor.

The band, financially, is wholly independent from the La Grande Home Guard itself, but nevertheless is a unit of it. Naturally the institution will be open for engagements of all sorts, and revenue from such sources will revert to the band itself, but on all occasions when the Home Guard is out for review, parades or encampments the band will be with it and a part of it. La Grande once more leads the rest of the state in Home Guard activities for this is the first battalion of its kind that can boast of a band. It is expected that as soon as possible, the two organizations will turn out for private rehearsals, that guard mount, retreat and general parade evolutions may be executed with full harmony and joint procession.

Renewed life and vim has been lent to both organizations by the reorganization. The military drill that attaches itself to the band by reason of its quasi-military character, will be both beneficial and entertaining to the members, and makes it possible for a complete and well-rounded out military organization in Union county that can, for any purpose, be it in defense of homes and property, or for patriotic demonstrations, meet the emergencies that arise.

STEVENS DELIGHTS NAMPA.

Leader-Herald Commends Community On Its Musician.

Apparently Charles Stevens, of La Grande, has delighted Nampa people with his organ recitals, for the Leader-Herald commends the theater management for securing him and congratulates the people of Nampa upon having such a pipe organ player located in their city. Mr. Stevens' many friends here will be pleased to know the way Nampa is welcoming him.

PRES. JOHNSON IS CALLED TO OTHER DUTIES

AUTHORITIES AT SALT LAKE CITY REQUEST RELEASE OF STAKE OFFICIAL

HIS DEPARTURE WILL BE REGRETTED

William D. Hanks of Union Is Named as Successor to President Johnson

The quarterly conference of the L. D. S. Church concluded its sessions with a general meeting yesterday afternoon. The morning meeting had been devoted to Sunday School interests and a very profitable session is said to have been held.

It remained for the afternoon session to deliver a most unlooked for and surprising feature in the announcement of Apostle Richards that the authorities in Salt Lake City, having in mind other duties of importance elsewhere for Stake President Peter G. Johnston, requested that the church in this stake release him from his duties here. This request, coming as it did as a great surprise, not only to the congregation, but to Mr. Johnston as well, was complied with with great reluctance by the members.

Having been in our midst but nine months, Mr. Johnston has endeavored himself to those that have been fortunate enough to make his acquaintance. It appeared to be the consensus of opinion yesterday that those who knew him best were the most reluctant to see him go. Coming here, as he did, in response to the call of the church, severing his connections in many ways with his former friends and concerns in Idaho, he had fully expected to become a part of this community. To this end he had purchased a farm in the valley, and together with his family, were becoming important factors not only in a church way, but as his worth became known, in a civil way. When the time for his departure comes it will be, no doubt, with deep regret of all his acquaintances. The nature of his new work has not yet been disclosed.

Mr. Hanks Of Union Named.

William D. Hanks of Union has been named as his successor. Mr. Hanks has been a resident of this valley since 1901, having engaged in farming at first and then in the mercantile business in Union for 11 years. In response to the "back to the soil movement" Mr. Hanks purchased a farm in the Hot Lake district, where he has been engaged for the past two years. In a church way he has always been active and for six years was Bishop of the Union Ward. Upon promotion of the late George Stoddard to the presidency of the Union Stake he was chosen by Mr. Stoddard as his first counselor, which position he also held under Mr. Johnston, being in all a term of four years. He is thus well equipped by experience for the new duties assigned him by the church. He has selected as his first counselor Lewis M. Jensen, who has also acted as a counselor in the two previous administrations. The second counselor to Mr. Hanks has not yet been designated.

Prominent People Hear.

Among the prominent L. D. S. people from other localities who attended the meeting here yesterday were: Elder Stephen L. Richards and Elder Joseph W. McMurrin of Salt Lake; Bishop Wm. J. Wade, Joseph Barton, James R. Smurthwaite, James W. Eardley, Mrs. William H. Eccles and Mrs. W. H. Eccles Jr., Mrs. Day, of Baker; Bishop Richens, Joel Orton, Jas. A. Atkinson, John A. Peterson of Union; Bishop McBride and wife, Daniel Westenskow, of Imbler; Bishop Mitchell, Robert Baxter, Harry and Jonas Weiner of Cove; Bishop Whiting, Frederick Zaugg, George A. Chadwick, Edward L. Whiting, Appy L. Waite, John L. Feik of Mt. Glenn; Mrs. Arthur Parsons, Mrs. David W. Hug of Pine Grove.

ACCEPT SHIPPING CONDITIONS.

THE HAGUE, March 18.—The Netherlands government has accepted the allies' conditions for the employment of Dutch shipping in transportation of munitions.

DIVORCE HEARING.

A hearing in the suit for divorce instituted by Minerva Knight against her husband A. J. Knight is before Judge Knowles today. The parties to the suit are residents of Union.

SECRETARY BAKER PLEASED AND ENCOURAGED WITH THE CONDITIONS IN FRANCE

Says Information Gained Shows That Progress In Transportation In United States



The former American secretary of state, W. J. Bryan, tried to address a temperance rally in Toronto; but soldiers and others in the audience hollered "pacifist" and prevented him from speaking. It was a cold and snowy day that day in Toronto, as this photo shows.

ARCADE LEASED FOR TONIGHT

Proprietors Are Not Connected With The Wrestling Program

Myers and Leiter, proprietors of the Arcade, announce that the Arcade has been leased for the wrestling match to take place this evening. While this statement is not made with any idea of discrediting the wrestling performance it is only to say that the Arcade management has nothing to do with the promotion or management of the event.

Silver Tea Meeting.
Mrs. George Stoddard, with the assistance of Mrs. E. Rosenbaum, will give a silver tea at the home of Mrs. Stoddard, corner Fourth and O, on Thursday, March 21. The proceeds will go to the Red Cross. Everyone is invited.

CASUALTY LIST REPORT.

Names Of Three From Northwest Among Wounded.

OTTAWA, March 18.—The casualty list includes the following wounded: M. H. Luker, Seattle (gassed); E. W. Tatro, Centralia, Wash.; D. McDonald, Nyssa, Oregon.

Again Time to Register

Under the last registration law, a person in Oregon who is once registered is always registered. But there are exceptions. If you have changed your residence, or by marriage have changed your name, or if you will be some old enough to be eligible for registration between April 10 and May 17, you can register now. The time to register is now, and the opportunity will be open up to April 16.

GROSS ATROCITIES ARE REPORTED

MOSCOW, March 18.—Tעות forces are approaching Worosha, four hundred miles southeast of here, seeking to occupy Khartoff. The Russians have evacuated both cities. Tales of atrocities rivaling those from Belgium are reported by refugees arriving from the German-occupied districts. The Germans are reported as centering masses of troops and artillery and threatening an offensive.

(United Press.)
SECRETARY BAKER IN
Saturday, March 16.—
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The secretary eulogized the engineering corps for their work in building terminals under the greatest of difficulties. While en route to the training camps in a special train, he made frequent stops and asked interesting questions. He was particularly solicitous for information from the soldiers in the base hospitals as to trench conditions.

THE MARINE'S SWORD.

Was Adopted From Blade Captured From Barbary Pirates.

(United Press.)
WASHINGTON, D.C., March 18.—In every United States Marine officer's scabbard rests a testimonial of the American sea soldiers' valiant participation in riding the world of the old Barbary pirate nests.

The Marine's scimitar, with its curved blade and Mameluke grip hilt, was adopted from the knife surrendered by the pirate chief at the time the historic riggate Philadelphia crushed the Tripolitan brigands. Swords in other branches of America's fighting forces are adaptations of the old Roman blade.

WERE CALLED TO FUNERAL.

Last Respects Paid To Deceased Railroad Employee at Huntington

Mrs. Frank Pike and Mrs. J. P. Hannon have returned home from Huntington, where they attended the funeral of the late Sylvester Maerle, a former friend and neighbor of the La Grande attendants.

Mr. Maerle was a young man employed as a switchman at Huntington and was in an accident in which his foot was severely injured. He was taken to the St. Vincent Hospital in Portland, where his death followed infection of the wound which could not be overcome.

The funeral was the most largely attended ever known in Huntington and the floral offerings were most profuse. The deceased young man leaves a mother and father and brother. He was very popular in Huntington and also had many friends, especially among the railroad employes, in La Grande.

FRED HOLMES RETURNS

Reports That Coal Supply And Other Matters Being Adjusted

Mr. Fred Holmes, of the national fuel service, is back home again after a long stay in Portland and Che, where in the state. Mr. Holmes brings the report that all matters pertaining to coal and fuel are being adjusted in a satisfactory way and there is little alarm to be felt regarding the fuel situation for the coming season.

Offensive Movement In Finland.

COPENHAGEN, March 18.—Vasa reports that Germany has started a general offensive in Southern Finland, capturing Niemi and three thousand of the Red Guard.