

ENEMY IS ACTIVE ON WEST FRONT

GERMAN INFANTRY PENETRATED BRITISH LINES AT SOME POINTS

IN THE MAIN THE ENEMY IS REPELLED

Secretary Baker Has More Encouraging Words for Conduct of the American Troops

(By William Phillip Simms) ON THE BRITISH FRONT, March 21.—The enemy is reported advancing at several points between St. Cadin and Scarpe. The infantry penetrated the British front line at North Lampercourt, and at Louverval, advancing to the edge of the Cambrai salient, through Gouche wood and near Croiselle-Sur-Villars. Berlin reports that the German-Austrian forces are active along the whole front.

Unceasing German Bombardment PARIS, March 21.—An unceasing German bombardment started at the northeast and southeast sectors of the French front this morning. French and American artillery frustrated the Champagne bombardments. North of Verdun the German infantry was repelled after fierce hand-to-hand fighting.

Allies Make Raids ON THE AMERICAN FRONT IN FRANCE, March 21.—The Americans and French in the Luceville region successfully raided the enemy trenches after pulverizing the defenses with intensive bombardment.

Secretary Baker reviewed the First division, which was the first in France. In an address he said that they had demonstrated that they were every inch fighters, and eulogized their effort. "If I have any advice to give it is to shoot straight and strike hard. You men over here have completely frustrated the skeptics who had feared that Americans had grown soft," the secretary said.

Naval Scrap at Dunkirk LONDON, March 21.—An enemy squadron shelling Dunkirk this morning was attacked by two British and three French destroyers. Two German torpedo boats are believed to have been sunk. One British destroyer was slightly damaged. Dunkirk is thirty miles west of the German naval base at Ostend, Belgium.

FINANCE BILL PASSED.

But Two Dissenting Votes To The Measure Are Registered. WASHINGTON, March 21.—The war finance corporation bill for financially assisting war industries passed the house today with but two dissenting votes. Those voting "nay" were Representative La Follette of Washington, and Representative Mason, of Illinois. The bill has already passed the senate.

"WE'LL GO OVER THE TOP" SAYS CHAIRMAN A. T. HILL

"When I see such a gathering as this," said A. T. Hill, toastmaster, "I know that Union county is going over the top with her part of the coming liberty loan," and the loud applause that followed from more than a hundred people emphasized his words. It was a noonday luncheon at the Foley hotel and was attended by over a hundred representatives of the Union county advisory war board, which is an institution started by the State Council of Defense to pass upon all war drives. Each county has one and in Union county the organization is as nearly perfect as is possible to obtain. G. L. Larison is chairman of the board and now the work before the body is the Liberty loan drive which begins April 6. To the representatives of every district Chairman A. T. Hill, of the Liberty Loan committee for Union county sent word to be present at today's meeting and the response was unanimous. With every community represented, Mr. Hill called on several speakers at the dinner. Mrs. Geo. Cochran opened the meeting by assuring support of Union county ladies. Will Kennedy, formerly of Union and Hermiston, but now representing Milton Miller, internal revenue collector, talked on the need of having all income tax reports in by April 1 and offered his assistance in making up the reports of individuals. Zurecher Talked on Loan "Jim" Zurecher, of the O.-W. legal department, who has been loaned to the state committee on the bond drive, gave an interesting and instructive talk on how to proceed with the work. He is an old Wallowa county boy and in a good-natured way reviewed some of his early life that was pleasing to all. After stating his position in the affairs of the nation, he said, "Among other things that I have done I assaulted with intent to kill an I. W. W. who was speaking ill of the president of the United States, and it was only due to a misunderstanding of some bystanders that either myself or the I. W. W. did not get the final count." At 2 o'clock this afternoon the gathering adjourned to the city hall where Mr. Zurecher went into detailed instructions regarding the bond drive. Union Ties with Deschutes F. L. Meyers, chairman of the war savings stamp campaign, reported that this county had tied with Deschutes county in the sale of stamps in the state for second place and that Wheeler county still holds first place by a margin of 1 per cent.

PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENTS WITH BONDS

CITY MANAGER CURREY OFFERS TIMELY SUGGESTIONS TO THE COMMISSION

PROPOSED RELIEF IN MUNICIPAL PROBLEM

Recommendation Also Made for Filtration Plant to Be Used If Required

City Manager Currey submitted to the meeting of the Commissioners his weekly report as follows: La Grande, Oregon, March 20, 1918.

Fire Chief reports three calls for the week. One at the John Melville store on Adams Avenue, one at the William Grandy property on Second and Grandy avenue and one at the Tom Fleuning blacksmith shop on north Fir. All three were put out with the chemical and without the use of water. I wish to call your attention to the splendid manner in which the Melville fire was handled. This fire was between the wall and ceiling in the living rooms back of the store and had gained considerable headway before the arrival of the department but by coolheaded and sensible action, the loss was reduced to but \$400. As a matter of fact, the fire was never allowed to reach into the store rooms nor was any water used. Neither was there any smoke loss. As this store contains crockery, tinware, etc., without the use of chemicals, and but for the careful action of the firemen, the store would have been greatly damaged. Police report shows fifteen arrests for the week. One state case, one charged with drunkenness, three for having liquor in their possession, two for disorderly conduct, two for traffic violation, three for smoking cigarettes, three I. W. W.'s charged with having seditious and disloyal literature in their possession. Number convicted, eleven. Amount of fines and forfeitures, \$417.50. Stock impounded, one. Pound fees collected, \$1. Street and water superintendent reports an expenditure for labor and teams for the week of \$149.78, \$15.18 charged to water department \$99.10 to the street department, sewer department, \$5.50. Work on G street up to last Saturday night stood as follows: 108 yards of gravel have been delivered and spread, covering 680 lineal feet of the road. Total length to be graveled, 1880 feet. Water superintendent having viewed the proposed improvement petition for M street and Second by Frank Stillwell and others reports that total cost of preparing road bed for graveled will not exceed \$20. We have resumed pumping the septic tank. It was necessary to stop for a few days on account of weather and breakdown of pump. (Continued on Page Three.)

UNITED STATES GUNNER S HOLD FRONT TRENCH



Four Sammies of a machine gun squad in a first line trench on the American front in France. The two men in the center are operating the gun, one feeding in the cartridge holder and the other sighting and firing. The man on the right is observing the effect of the shots and is telling the man on the left who is writing out the report for superior officers.

NETHERLANDS MUST EXPECT BLOCKADE

ZURICH, March 21.—The Netherlands will be compelled to bear all the consequences of the decision regarding the taking of Dutch vessels for shipping for the Americans and their European allies. They must further expect that German submarines will blockade all her ports as a result of the shipping agreement, so it is semi-officially stated in a report from Berlin.

Characterized As Not Benevolent. THE HAGUE, March 21.—Replying to the chamber of deputies' criticism of the government's action in the shipping seizure, Premier Loudon characterized the American policy as "All but benevolent."

ORDER OF MOOSE ELECTS OFFICERS

The following named are the newly elected officers of the La Grande Lodge of Moose: Wm. C. Hansen, dictator; Fred J. Smith, vice dictator; J. H. Stevens, prelate; Kenneth Evans, trustee; Harry W. Swartz, secretary; James E. Birdsall, treasurer; A. Stewart, delegate to the supreme lodge; George Young, alternate.

Moose Prove Loyal While the meeting was primarily for the purpose of electing Moose lodge officers for the ensuing year, there was a movement launched which demonstrated the patriotism of this fraternity in an unmistakable and practical way. At this meeting \$3,450 in war stamps was disposed of to members of the lodge.

At this meeting also was read a report from the official publication of the Canadian Moose, showing the activities in war taken by the Moose brethren across the line. This report was received with the greatest enthusiasm at the meeting.

FEDERAL FIRE INSURANCE. Plan For Protection of Vital War Industries.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—It is learned that the government is preparing a bill to extend government insurance to cover forty per cent of the actual value of all vital war establishments. This is to include flour mills, grain elevators, etc. Insurance rates by private firms on this class of property is considered so excessive as to be practically prohibitive in many cases.

STOCK SHOW DATES. Annual Exhibition At Union On June 5, 6 and 7.

UNION, March 21.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the official board of the Stock Show last night it was voted to hold the show this year on June 5, 6 and 7. Committees have been named and everything is in readiness to begin on the great event. There will be patriotism in every day's program.

Born at Bremerton, Wash., to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Geibel, a son.

WEATHER FORECAST. PORTLAND, March 21.—Rain.

ARMY SIDELIGHTS

As Shown by Work of Union County Local Board

The physical examination of the registrants of Union county has reached the 1320 mark. Dr. M. K. Hall, the examining physician, is a very busy person every day between the hours of 10:30 to 2. The thoroughness of the examination of registrants by the local board was established at the last draft, when it was found that Union county was one of the few counties where there was not a single rejection at the camp examination.

At the request of Acting Adjutant General Williams of Oregon, the local board were informed by telegram yesterday, that it was necessary to have a complete report on the number of Class I men remaining on the books of the board and the number of registrants classified to date. It was found that there remains on the records the number of 498 men in Class I and 1531 have been finally classified. The number of Class I men is dwindling every day on account of the voluntary inductions and the number of physically unqualified.

La Grande as usual will be well represented in the 31st Engineers. A group of railroad men have been in conference with the secretary of the local board, J. G. King, relative to voluntary induction, and the following men will leave tomorrow for Portland for final enlistment papers. Richard T. Rettig, Lester Monroe Zimmerole, Lewis D. Harris, Raymond Anderson Cook, William Fowler, Arthur E. Miller, Presley Mauney and Edgar L. Lovell.

Lee Warnick, chairman of the local board, is in the east on important business. Jim Carl Hacker of Summerville has applied to the local board for voluntary induction in the 37th Engineers, which has been granted, and he will leave tomorrow for Fort Myer, Virginia.

The American Protective league, which assists the local board in apprehending deserters, is represented in Union county by S. T. Boethe, chief of the La Grande division, and F. A. Galloway, chief of the Cove division.

The local board has received a wire notice that all individual inductions in the service will cease after April 10. This means that volunteers will not be accepted after that date.

QUARRELLING OVER SPOTS. (By James Shaplan.)

PETROGRAD, March 21.—Seditious differences have developed between Austria and Ukraine regarding the division of territory, according to Karl reports. Austria demands the Hartwin province and this has become the principal bone of contention.

PARENT-TEACHER MEETING

The parent-teacher association of the Central school will meet at 2:45 Friday afternoon. A program has been arranged to include a vocal solo by Miss Lynch, a talk by Miss Bailey, librarian at the public library, on "Books for Children"; a talk by Miss Clark, art teacher, on "Art for Children"; a vocal solo by Mrs. T. J. Scroggin. All parents are invited.

TROTSKY HAD PLANNED A REVOLUTION IN GERMANY

(By Robert Bender, Copyrighted) WASHINGTON, March 21.—Reports of a bold effort on the part of Minister of War Trotsky to launch a revolution in the Teutonic nations to save Russian democracy have just reached this government. Trotsky's "trump card" failed because Lenin tipped off his hand. Trotsky had staked all on a revolution in Germany, and steadfastly refused to yield to Lenin's plans for the surrender of Russian rights. He prolonged the Brest-Litovsk meeting for talking over the terms of the proposed treaty as long as possible and in the meantime worked assiduously in the development of his coup. On the appointed day Lenin did not accompany Trotsky to the Brest-Litovsk conference. When he arrived a most stirring appeal had been prepared to the German people, but this was stopped by German military forces before it reached the soldiers or many of the people.

Its Effects Were Felt.

But it is significant that the powerful appeal to incite opposition to German military authority was followed by a number of industrial riots, particularly in Austria.

SENATE RAISES WHEAT PRICE

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The senate adopted Gore's amendment to the agricultural bill, fixing the minimum price for wheat at \$2.50 per bushel in all local markets. President Wilson by proclamation recently set a lower price. A hot fight over the proposed increase is certain when the bill comes up for a conference hearing.

"BEARSHOT" MILLER AS FRITZ'LL SEE HIM



This is John Miller—deadshot John used to be captain of the St. Louis Cardinals. Now he's a marine at Paris, S. C. paving the ground for a chance to get across. He has been given the silver crossed guns decoration as an expert rifleman. He scored 289 points out of a possible 300 in the monthly tests.

PEOPLE ARE SLOW IN CONTRIBUTIONS

Mrs. Pague and others who have charge of the collecting of clothing for the needy Belgians in conformity with a recent request through the Red Cross, report that there has as yet been a discouraging response. The contributions of cast-off clothing have scarcely been worth mentioning. This is not in accord with the usual La Grande spirit, and the committee has hope that a little "stirring up" may bring better results. It is certain, the committee believes, that the people have a large amount of things that can be given to the cause, and what they want the people to do is—to do it.

WALLOWA COUNTY'S PLAN. Will Declare Legal Holidays For Loan Drive.

ENTERPRISE, March 21.—(Special.)—Following the general agreement that April 6, 7, and 8 be made holidays in Wallowa county and that all business be suspended on those days while the county subscribes its quota for the Liberty Loan, arrangements are being made in detail to carry out this plan.

James Burley, father of the idea, is being consulted freely on the matter and is assisting in drawing up the detailed arrangements. So simple and practical seems the idea that other counties are falling in line and requests are coming in for more of the outline so it can be used elsewhere.

This means the second Wallowa county idea regarding war matters that has gained wide publicity. Early last fall there was a community system of financing of small land owners and small flock masters, which attracted the attention of the State Council of Defense and that body forwarded the plan to the national council. After examining it carefully the national body incorporated it in one of its bulletins and sent it out over the nation giving it as a Wallowa county, Oregon, plan.

WILL SOON HAVE AIRPLANES. Aviation Officials Count On Heavy Additions In Aircraft.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Aviation officials declare that by September 1st, the United States will have more than double the number of airplanes that Germany, France and Great Britain are now using. They admit that the program is behind the schedule, but say that vast work is being done.

KILLED IN EXPLOSION. Officer And Three Sailors Meet Death By Collision.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—An officer and three sailors were killed and two perhaps fatally injured when the American destroyer Mauley collided with a British warship Tuesday. A depth charge on the Mauley exploded at the time of the collision, damaging both vessels.

GRANTS GRAZING APPLICATION

BAKER, Ore., March 20.—Supervisor of the Minam National Forest Eph Barnes stated that the office had approved grazing applications covering a total of 15,000 cattle and horses to be grazed on the Minam range this year.

PRO-ALLY CABINET FOR SPAIN

MADRID, March 21.—Former Premier Maura, recognized as Spain's pro-ally sympathizer, has been directed to form a new cabinet.

NEW BOARD NAMED.

The La Grande Irrigation company met last evening in the city hall and after discussing many matters of interest to the water users along the Grande Ronde river they elected the following board of directors: Dan Wilson, D. B. Stoddard, C. J. Black, J. A. Russell and C. H. Finn.

According to the report made there has been a decided increase in the use of water during the past two years by people who have raised gardens.

RAILROAD MAN OF LA GRANDE GIVEN RANK

TRAINMASTER D. H. JESSE RECEIVES APPOINTMENT AS A LIEUTENANT

BECOMES MEMBER OF RAILWAY REGIMENT

Other O.-W. Officials Have Offered Services to the Government for War Work

Trainmaster D. H. Jesse has received word that a commission as lieutenant awaits him and he has wired his acceptance. Mr. Jesse enlisted as a volunteer for railway operation in France in response to the recent call for experienced men to help Uncle Sam in this department in war work. Mr. Jesse was for a number of years a freight conductor, but more recently has filled the office of trainmaster with headquarters in La Grande. He expects to receive orders within a very short time to report for duty and of course will soon be on his way with other railroad operatives across the water. Mr. Jesse will be attached to what is known as the 31st Engineers Railroad Regiment.

Others Offer Services.

Among other employees in an official capacity with the O.-W. R & N, at La Grande who have offered their services in response to this call are Assistant Superintendent James F. Corbett and Night Chief Dispatcher T. A. McKinstry. While these volunteers are ready to answer any call that may be made upon them, they are not sanguine that there will be an immediate demand for their services abroad, for two reasons. There has already been a ready response by railroad men all over the country, and in the second place, while the government needs skilled men for war railroad operation there is no manifest disposition to deplete the available force of competent officials for railroad operation at home. In other words: "They can't all go."

In addition to the above there have been a dozen or more other enlistments from the railroad ranks in La Grande for the various branches of railroad work in France. These men go strictly as railroad men and while they are provided with military uniforms and equipment they are not expected to take up the drill work of the regular soldier. The pay for this class of service averages about \$30 per month, an amount much less than they receive at home. The difference in the rate of pay is supplied in the satisfaction of becoming a part of that great machine which is being assembled to win the war.

Trained Nurse Also Goes.

Miss Emma Muller, a trained nurse who for a long time has had charge of the O.-W. R. & N. emergency hospital in connection with the employes club on Fir Street, has relinquished her work for the railroad company to join the nursing forces in France. A telegram announcing acceptance of her proffered services was received yesterday and Miss Muller is already on the way.

UNION DELEGATION HERE

Say They Will Make the Coming Stock Show Biggest Ever

Today a large delegation of Union men were in the city, attending the Liberty loan meeting, and they discussed the stock show freely. We are going to make it the biggest ever, so the boys over there will know that we home folks are keeping up the old lick and that Union is offering the usual encouragement to the raisers of livestock throughout the northyest," was the sentiment expressed.

HENRY K. LARSEN, OF IMBLER, DEAD IN FRANCE

A cablegram to relatives at Imbler announces the death of Henry K. Larsen of pneumonia in France. This young man is the third one from this county to die, while in the service of their country. Henry K. Larsen is a son of J. P. Larsen, of Imbler, and there are a number of other relatives at that place to mourn his death. His death is reported to have occurred on March 19. The deceased young man was a member of Supply Company A, M. C. 304, A. E. F.