

LARGE PART OF AMERICAN ARMY IS TO BE SENT TO ENGLAND AT EARLY DATE

They Will Take Place of Trained British, Who Will Go to the Front, But United States Soldiers in France Are Still Hurrying to the Battle Line.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—A large part of the American army, now in training at the various camps in this country will be on route to England as soon as adequate transport service can be assembled to convey them across the Atlantic. This was learned from an authoritative source today. The American troops will, on arrival, replace British troops undergoing preliminary training in England, thus permitting the latter to go to the front to complete their training under actual war conditions.

This plan is entirely distinct from the present accelerated movement of American troops to the French front. The best trained divisions of Americans will go direct to France.

The government believes that democracy's victory must be assured this year. The Germans are straining every nerve for German peace, realizing this. The previous American troop schedule has been destroyed. The new one is the fastest schedule. Secretary Baker will be returning from Europe soon, and more than a million men will be shipped to France by the close of this year, according to the present plan.

AMERICANS WILL THICKEN LINE

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Secretary of Interior Lane, in opening the Americanization congress today, declared that "American troops will thicken the thin allied lines holding the Germans back. The line will be thin, but will be possessed of more spirit and resolution than the world has ever seen because it has more to live for and more to die for than any army that ever gathered together. Into this line we are weaving our men of khaki."

METAL WORKERS GO OUT.

Tacoma Employees, Getting \$6 a Day, Demand \$7.

TACOMA, Wash., April 2.—Sheet metal workers are on strike today for an increase of wages. They have been receiving \$6 a day and demand \$7. There are some 50 metal workers in the trade here.

At the shipyards the metal workers are getting \$6.50 a day and the manufacturers in town offered to pay the same wages, but the workers stood out for \$7. Two conferences have been held by employers and employees, without result.

BREAD SUPPLY FROM RUSSIA

PETROGRAD, April 3.—In Ukraine training of troops by the Germans is in full blast. Great stores of bread have been transported from Kiev to Berlin. Germans are supervising the railway transportation.

RAILROAD PAYS TAXES.

As there are only two more days left in which to pay taxes, the offices at the Court House have been very busy today receiving payments. Among many other receipts was the seventy thousand dollar check from the O. W. R. & N. for the first half of their taxes.

Late Peace Talk Is Considered "Camouflage"

AMSTERDAM, April 3.—Austrian Foreign Minister Czernin addressing the municipal council declared President Wilson probably considered Vienna a more favorable ground than Berlin for sowing the seeds for international peace. Czernin said that he (Czernin) is attached to peace and that his view is shared by fifty-five million of his subjects.

Czernin declared: "Serbia desires peace but the allies prevent it. After being conquered militarily the enemies must be conquered morally."

We will not be for peace but will enforce it by moral right, as well as physical strength. Other tactics will prolong war."

Washington Not Interested.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Peace talk following Austro-German diplomacy in the near east does not interest Washington. This was the plain answer given Czernin by officials and diplomats. The president positively feels there is no indication that either Germany or Austria honestly desires to establish a basis for a just and lasting peace.

HERO OF MARNE MAY BE IN CHARGE OF BIG COUNTER DRIVE



General Foch, hero of the Marne, whose quick blow through the German center with the French "army of maneuver" turned the Kaiser's horde back from Paris, is the man who is in charge of the inter-allied "army of maneuver" which, it is believed, may open a great counter offensive against the Germans in the near future.

Man Held a Pro-German

Deputy Sheriff Graham went down to Imbler today and brought back a man against whom is lodged the charge of being pro-German. He is detained in custody pending an investigation. The circumstances, as reported show that the accused, who is an old man, has been peddling leaflets through the neighborhood and with the purchases he has been giving court plaster. He travels on foot but the occupation he follows has nothing to do with the charges. It appears that he became involved with Kirk Willis, a farmer, on the war situation, and that the stranger, according to Willis, made some strong pro-German statements that were deemed of sufficient gravity to cause his arrest. He was held at Imbler until the official from La Grande arrived and brought him back, and he is now in jail.

Former Baker Resident Dead.

BAKER, April 3.—Word was received here last evening of the death in Canyon City, yesterday afternoon, of Ellis Begea, formerly of this city. He had been ill for some time and his brother W. H. Begea, of this city, had been with him for some time, his death having been expected for the past few days.

Pershing to Pass on News.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—General Pershing's headquarters will hereafter handle all publicity matters touching affairs under his charge while the war department will act similarly on distinctly departmental news, under a ruling cabled here today by Secretary of War Baker.

Wisconsin Votes In Favor of War

Victor Berger, Socialist Peace Candidate, Was Decisively Snowed Under--Lenroot In Lead.

MILWAUKEE, April 3.—Wisconsin voted favoring war. Returns from more than half the counties show Victor Berger, socialist peace candidate, was decisively defeated in yesterday's senatorial election. Irving Lenroot, republican, is leading Joseph Davies, democrat, and probably will be elected.

Davies Does Not Concede.

Davies refuses to concede Lenroot's election saying that the complete Milwaukee vote will give Davies a margin offsetting Lenroot's lead on the outside. Lenroot claims twenty thousand plurality. An analysis of the German counties shows that votes given James Thompson, the LaFollette candidate in the primaries went to Berger.

With approximately eighty per cent of the votes tabulated Lenroot is leading Davies by about six thousand. Berger is forty-one thousand behind Lenroot. Davies is making slight gains but the remaining counties are considered to be in Lenroot territory.

Large Draft Is to Be Called for Soon

WASHINGTON, April 3.—It is learned that the present general is preparing one of the war's largest single draft mobilization calls. The report is that other calls will be coming fast and this is taken to indicate that remarkable speed is to be made in the sending of American troops to France.

Permitting for Farming.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Short (urloughs) will be granted enlisted men enabling them to help in farm planting time the war department has announced.

Dr. Underwood to Lee Humphrey Leave for Service

Dr. H. L. Underwood now wears the soldier's uniform and he will leave for Portland tomorrow night. The doctor has accepted a commission as captain which was offered him about the first of February. He has no further instructions at present beyond that of reporting for duty at Portland, and his next movement will be known later. He will be attached to the aviation section of the Signal Corps as a surgeon.

Dr. Underwood has had much previous experience in this line, as he spent about eight years as the head of a hospital in western Asia. He was in Paris a year and pursued his professional studies at different points in Europe before entering upon his hospital work abroad. He acquired considerable knowledge of the French language, and was quite familiar with the geographical and political history of many of the Far Eastern countries now embroiled in war. While not yet advised as to his future place of service it is expected that it will ultimately be with the military forces in France.

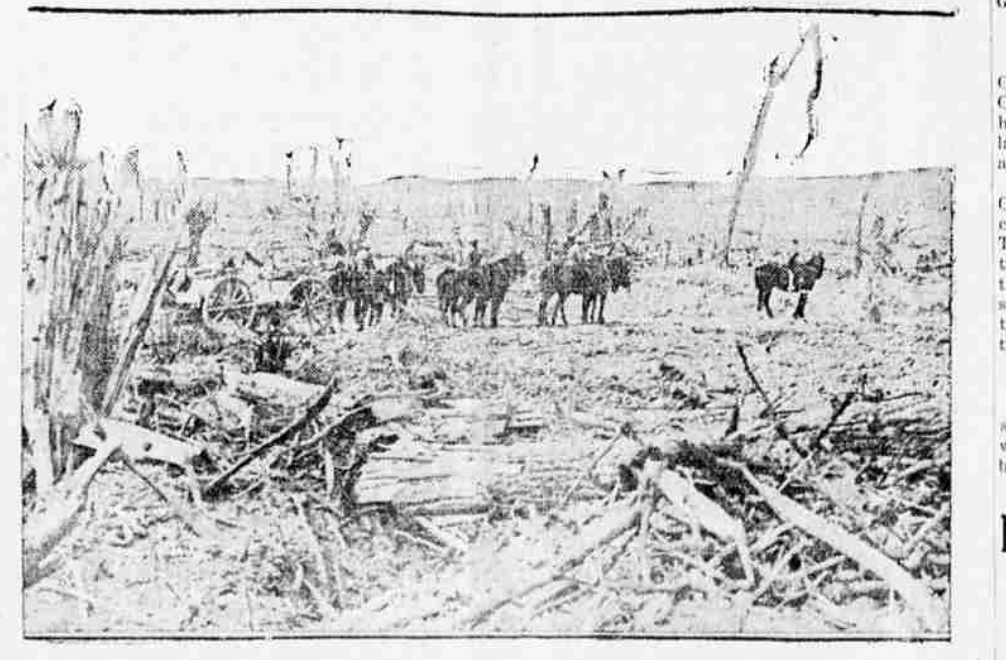
Geo. W. Harris, Max G. Thompson, Geo. H. Baker, all of Roseburg, Wash., and William Allen, of Blaine, Wash., were business visitors at the land office today.

STUDEBAKER PROFITS CLIMB.

JERSEY CITY, N.J., April 2.—The net profits of the Studebaker corporation reach \$6,000,000 in 1918 as compared with \$3,500,000 in 1917. President A. R. Erskine of the Studebaker corporation declared at the annual meeting of stockholders held here today.

Arthur Lehman was elected a director to succeed Major H. H. Lehman, who resigned to enter the government service.

The Blood-Soaked Battlefield of the Somme.



This photograph shows the blood-soaked Somme battlefield where two great battles were fought prior to this year and where the greatest battle in the world's history is now being fought. The scene above shows what a desert waste this battlefield is. Naturally the British concealed the preparations for combating the German drive, so it is not known what state the British trenches on this desert were in. But at the time this photograph was taken they were crude compared to other west front defenses. They may have been improved or the British may have spent their great effort on defenses farther back.

IMPORTANT TO MERCHANTS

It has been requested by the powers at Washington that every town and city in the United States hold a patriotic parade next Saturday night to promote the Third Liberty Loan sales. La Grande is fulfilling that wish of the government, but in order to do so, La Grande merchants must do as merchants are doing everywhere in Oregon and the country at large. They are asked to close their stores at 7 o'clock Saturday evening, and remain closed. This is a patriotic duty. There will be no closing petition passed; the matter is squarely up to each store, and to not meet the request is a direct violation of a nation-wide plan. The committee feels that the matter is really trifling and but a minor part of the sacrifices we are asked to make. Grocers, meat shops, retail establishments—every business of any kind will close at 7 Saturday evening if we are to do our patriotic duty as other communities meet them.

UNION COUNTY LIBERTY LOAN COMMITTEE.

LOAN DETAILS OFFICIALLY MADE PUBLIC

INITIAL PAYMENT IS 5 PER CENT BALANCE IN 12 MONTHS.

COUNTY'S QUOTA BY PRECINCTS

Banks of the County Have Made a Liberal Agreement in Way of Temporary Aid.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 3.—(Special to the Observer.)—State Liberty Loan Manager Smith, announced today the terms of the Third Liberty Loan. The bonds will have the date of May 9 and will carry interest from that date. They will be issued in denominations of \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1000, \$5,000 and \$10,000. The initial payment will be 5 per cent with subscription, 20 per cent due May 28, 35 per cent July 8, 40 per cent August 15. The first coupon will be payable September 15, 1918, and others thereafter semi-annually on March 15 and September 15. The date of the maturity of the bonds has not yet been announced.

NEW ATHLETIC CLUB FORMED FOR CONTESTS

OBJECT IS TO PROMOTE CLEAN SPORT ON THE MAT.

Ted Thye Has Been Engaged for Classes Which Meet at Y. M. C. A.

A new athletic club known as the La Grande Wrestling club has been organized. The object of the organization is to encourage wrestling, to demonstrate its value as a builder and general physical developer, to build up and establish the sport and to promote clean athletic contests.

The first show open to the public will be staged at Rex hall at 8 o'clock, April 24. It will be arranged as a tournament of the first contests to be preliminaries to succeeding shows to be given monthly on elimination plan.

The program for April 17th will consist of elimination wrestling contests between members of the club and any outsiders desiring to participate and a finish match between Jack O'Neill and Ted Thye. The winner of the main bout, which is to be a two out of three fall finish contest will be matched against Chas. Renthrop of Chicago, head instructor of wrestling at the Great Lakes Naval station and one of the best middleweight wrestlers in the world.

Professor Haines supported by a good orchestra will supply the music. Immediately following the main bout, the floor will be cleared and the fans will be permitted to dance for a couple of hours.

Ted Thye is wrestling instructor of the club and classes are instructed at the Y. M. C. A. on Tuesday and Friday nights. All young men interested in physical development and wrestling are invited to join the club.

LIFE HANGS IN BALANCE

George Crumley, Accident Victim, Still Unconscious.

MORO, Ore., April 3.—George Crumley, agent for the Standard Oil Company at Wasco, who was seriously hurt in an auto accident near here last evening, was taken to a hospital at The Dalles this afternoon.

Doctor's hold slight hope of Mr. Crumley's recovery. He has been unconscious ever since the accident. Tracks in the road show that the car turned end over end not less than four times. It is thought that excessive speed coupled with hitting a hard rut, threw the steering wheel out of control and caused the accident.

Cold in Montana.

BUTTE, Mont., April 3.—This section was struck by a severe cold wave today. A cold wind brought below zero temperature.

Hal. Bohnenkamp Out for Coroner

Local interest in the primary election was increased today when Hal Bohnenkamp of this city, filed with the county clerk his candidacy for the republican nomination for county coroner.

Dr. G. L. Biggers filed his petition several days ago for the same office.

Weather Forecast.

PORTLAND, April 3.—Fair.