

AMIENS RAILWAYS ENEMY'S OBJECTIVE

Heavy Fighting Everywhere On a Twenty Mile Front.

Believed That the City Is Well Fortified and That Enemy Will Be Turned Back.

Awaiting heavy reinforcements and the emplacement of the big guns before resuming the drive upon Amiens, von Hindenburg's infantry is battering against the British left center between the Somme and Aisne. Haig reports that very heavy fighting is now proceeding in all sectors along a 20-mile front. The Germans plan to submit the allies positions to a most violent artillery fire before attempting to resume their drive on Amiens. The French artillery concentration before the city is the greatest ever seen, says Wood.

Speedy Work In Raising Quota

JOSEPH, April 6.—(Special to the Observer)—Twenty-four hours before the opening of the drive the Joseph Liberty Loan campaign committee were able to report that Joseph's quota of Liberty bonds has been over-subscribed. Joseph's quota is \$40,000. The sales are still running strong and big demonstrations are being held today and Joseph people expect to double or triple the amount assigned for them to raise.

PRESIDENT ARRIVES IN BALTIMORE

BALTIMORE, April 6.—The President arrived with his party at two thirty. He went direct to Camp Meade, and reviewed National Army troops.

NARROWLY ESCAPED.

Occupant of Plane Was Carrying Message to President.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—George Creel, of the Public Information committee, and Lieut. Bounds, army aviator, narrowly escaped when an airplane bound from Washington landed badly. The plane was demolished. Both clung to their seats. Bounds lost control in trying to avoid an obstruction. Creel carried McAdoo's message to the Baltimore Liberty loan meeting, where the president was to speak. The machine buried its nose in the earth, but neither of the occupants were badly hurt.

NOMINATED BY THE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The President today nominated Edward Stettinius, war department supplies purchaser, and Frederick Keppel, dean of the Columbia University, to be second and third assistant secretaries of war, respectively.

SWEDISH TONNAGE SECURED

Hundred Thousand Tons Chartered by Temporary Agreement.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—A hundred thousand tons of Swedish shipping has been chartered to the United States under a temporary trade agreement. Negotiations are pending for a permanent agreement whereby the United States may obtain more tonnage.

JAPANESE LAND ARMY.

Mall Force at Vladivostok for Protection.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The American consul reports that the Japanese have landed a small army at Vladivostok to protect Japanese residences. The action is not regarded as an invasion. The Japanese officers, killing one Japanese and wounding others.

UNION COUNTY HORSES FOR STATE WORK

J. E. Reynolds has purchased from Albert Hunter a span of black Percheron grade geldings for the state fair board. The horses weigh 3000 pounds, are four years old and were picked from Union county because of their well known superiority. The price paid was \$500. The horses are to be used for general work on the state fair grounds in Salem. A fine set of harness furnished from the Shannon harness shop was a part of the equipment.

The Weather. PORTLAND, April 6.—Fair.

TWENTY-THREE IS THE NEXT DRAFT QUOTA

PORTLAND, April 6.—The state of Oregon is to furnish 223 men in the second draft, the date for which is April 26. Union county's quota is 23.

AMERICA'S WAR ANNIVERSARY

Event Is Occasion of Felicitation in London.

LONDON, April 6.—King George wired to the Lord Mayor's luncheon guests, including Britishers and Americans celebrating America's entrance in the war: "The fact that Americans are daily taking a place in the battle line increases more than ever the confidence with which we look forward to the triumph of our united efforts in the defense of the rights and liberties of civilization."

Ambassador Page said: "The United States forces are at the allies' disposal. This hour is the supreme test. We are hurrying as many as needed." Page presented an American flag to Lord Mayor. Lloyd George was not present but sent this message: "The American people's decision to join the great struggle to free the world against the desires of an overbearing despotism to establish universal domination, is one of the greatest events in history. During the next few weeks they'll give Prussianism one of the greatest surprises of their lives."

WAGE SCALE MEETING IS TO BE HELD

GENERAL ASPECTS OF FARM HELP PROBLEM TO BE DISCUSSED.

Paul H. Spillman, County Agent, and O. K. Baldwin, Will Be Present.

For the purpose of discussing the probable labor shortage and for the consideration of the adoption of a wage scale for farm labor in Union, Wallowa, Baker and other Eastern Oregon counties Paul Spillman, county farm agent, has called a meeting in La Grande's city hall for Tuesday evening, April 9th at 8 o'clock.

A call has been issued to farmers and it is Mr. Spillman's intention to have as many present as possible in order to get the information and views necessary to proceed with this work. That every farmer will be interested there is not the slightest doubt for at the present moment in Union, Baker and Wallowa counties there is considerable apprehension as to what the labor conditions will be the coming summer. One of the main objects is to establish an equitable wage scale which will be fair to both farmers and workers. These meetings are being held at the request of the office of the State Farm Help specialist, O. K. Baldwin, who represents that office, will be present at the La Grande meeting.

RAILROAD MEN ARE LIBERAL BOND BUYERS

ENGINEERS CURTIS AND FERGUSON ARE THE FIRST ONES UP

Whole Railroad Force Is Completely Organized for the Big Loan Drive.

A system of organized order is considered one of the first laws of railroad operation and in the same orderly way are the railroad officials and employees lined up for the loan drive. In anticipation of a prompt response in bond purchasing by the employees additional office and clerical forces at the headquarters in La Grande have been provided so that the work may be done more rapidly and without confusion.

Engineers G. M. Curtis and Luke Ferguson were the first applicants for bonds in Superintendent Bollins' office this morning, and their purchases were for substantial amounts. These two were the first volunteers.

Every Department Organized. Everything has been systematically done in the official and operating department will make their subscription under charge of Superintendent Bollins, and the men in the other departments will have their subscriptions attended to by the officials in the respective departments. Subscriptions for bonds is officially urged on all the employees and, judging from the patriotism that has always been displayed by the railroad forces such a thing as slackers will be wholly unknown. Special committees have been appointed for all phases of the work.

Records Show Loyalty.

The loyalty of the railroad employees is attested by acts more than by words or mere outward demonstration. Including the recent enlistments of railroad men on the call for filling a railroad regiment for France there have been a total of 110 railroad employees on this division who have joined the colors and 73 of these are from La Grande.

That within itself is a splendid testimonial and it is felt certain that the same spirit of loyalty will be manifest toward the Third Liberty Loan.

Relay Brings Good News.

The Liberty Loan relay run was won by the army team of the intermediate class of the Y. M. C. A. this afternoon.

The run was started by Mr. Albert Hunter, chairman of the Island City District, who handed the starters a message to Mr. A. T. Hill, in which the La Grande district was assured that Island City would go 100 per cent and that over 50 per cent had been raised during the morning. The amount brought in represented a total of \$25,000.

The officials of the run were Misses Florence Lynch, Gladys Black and Martha Seofield. The time of the run was: Army, 12 minutes, 50 seconds; Navy, 12 minutes, 40 seconds.

Liberty Bells Distributed.

A contributing factor to the success of the Liberty Bond campaign, was the distribution of Liberty bells by the L. D. S. Boy Scouts last evening when most of the people were in slumberland. The work was accomplished in regular scout fashion, which is well done. The following scouts did the work: Grant Wild, Grand Swalberg, Frank Black, Reid Geddes, Neph Combs, Robert Baird, Lloyd Johnson, Waldo Stoddard, Wm. Walker and Clifford Wild. This same group of scouts have distributed many posters and other matters on other drives.

AUTOMOBILE STOLEN

The Studebaker car belonging to J. A. Russell was taken away from the street while the folks were attending a picture show yesterday evening. It is not known whether the car was taken by some boys or whether it was deliberately stolen. It has not yet been recovered.

Recent Weddings.

John Oxford and Miss Hazel Price, both of La Grande, were united in marriage Saturday evening, March 30, 1918, Justice of the Peace A. C. Williams officiating.

Sunday morning, March 31, Mr. William Loque and Miss Emma Kerr were married by Justice of the Peace Williams. They are residents of La Grande.



CAPT. LESTER W. HUMPHREYS, Who speaks at the Tabernacle tonight

BIG RANCH NEAR UNION SOLD TODAY

MAC WOOD, OF LA GRANDE, DISPOSES OF THE SUNNYBROOK FARM

Place Is Located on Little Catherine Creek and Is Ideal Stock Farm

One of the important real estate deals of the year was the sale of Sunnybrook Farm, consisting of 860 acres, near Union yesterday, by Mac this city, to Hall and Emery, of Union. The sale price was \$20,000, which did not include any of the live stock on the ranch.

Sunnybrook ranch is known far and wide as one of the best improved ranches in the Grande Ronde valley. Besides as a whole being an excellent stock ranch, carrying a large alfalfa acreage, it is fitted with modern buildings. Natural water power furnishes electricity, but for safety this is augmented by a gasoline engine for power in case something should happen to the water power. The farm residence, barns, hog houses and chicken houses are electric lighted. There is also an automatic flush system that operates in all the buildings.

The ranch is located two and one-half miles above Union on Little Catherine Creek.

Mr. Wood rather disliked parting with the ranch for he is very partial to it, but his line of business precludes him from giving it personal attention and for that reason only the property changed hands.

BOUGHT \$1,000 BONDS.

E. C. Herzinger, district agent for the Oregon Life Insurance company, invested in \$1,000 worth of bonds today through the Women's committee. This was in accordance with instructions from his company to purchase that amount of Liberty Bonds in each of the counties he represents.

CHURCH FUND INVESTMENT

At a special meeting of the vestry of St. Peter's Church, this afternoon, it was unanimously voted to invest \$750 of a trust fund in the new Liberty bond issue. This money is part of the proceeds from the sale of a piece of land left to the parish by the late Mrs. Mary Biggers; for the building of a new church.

HEARS OF MOTHER'S DEATH.

Kenneth Evans, of the La Grande Grocery company received today from his brother, J. B. Evans, a telegram announcing their mother's death at Long Beach. He will leave this evening to be present at the funeral.

Judge Knowles' Father Dead.

Judge J. W. Knowles received a telegram late this afternoon stating that his father, Robert Knowles, died at Hobart, Okla. The deceased has been a frequent visitor with his son's family in La Grande and has a number of relatives here who will regret his death.

ELECT DELEGATES

La Grande Lodge No. 19, I. O. O. F., at its last meeting, initiated two candidates and the following were elected delegates to the grand lodge, which meets at Seaside May 22 and 23: C. F. Merrill, F. J. Bartlett and George Ball.

ALL IS READY FOR PARADE THIS EVENING

EVERYONE NOT OTHERWISE ASSIGNED IS REQUESTED TO JOIN

Program for Evening Includes Impressive Ceremonies of Patriotic Nature.

LIBERTY LOAN FEATURES.

Citizens of every walk of life are very urgent requested to form in the citizens' section and go afoot—or with automobile. This is an imperative matter. Report to proper division chiefs. Parade moves promptly at 7:30 tonight.

Every business house in the city to be closed during the parade and drug stores, barber shops, cigar stores and theatres to reopen after the parade.

Liberty Loan speeches at L. D. D. tabernacle. Dedication of Elks' service flag with appropriate ceremony at L. D. S. tabernacle. Principal speakers: Captain Humphreys, of the National Army, President Kerr, of O. A. C., and Bruce Dennis, of La Grande.

Fired with enthusiasm over the merits of the cause in hand, and spurred on with a desire to make La Grande's part on the national demonstration tonight meritorious, committees and organizations who will form the nucleus of tonight's big Liberty Loan parade are on edge for a fine show.

New Uniforms To Be Shown.

The La Grande Home Guard this week reorganized into two equal companies of young and middle-aged men, on an equal basis as to age and strength, will be out in their new uniforms. A total of about 30 recruits out of the enrollment of 100 enlisted men, means that the military phase of the parade tonight may be lacking some of the precision and snap of the old guard when the men were all trained and there were few recruits, but the officers and men are determined to do their part even though at a disadvantage. The uniforms are attractive and the battalion should make a fine feature of the parade. The high school cadets, under Commandant Fulkerson will be attached to the Home Guard battalion.

Railroad Section Promises.

The railroad section promises to be one of the big features, too. It is estimated that fully 200 such will be present.

Elks To Have Division.

Members of the local Elks' lodge with whom the Liberty Loan committee joined hands to celebrate today, will have what is supposed to be the biggest showing of Elks ever made. Notwithstanding that Elks throughout the jurisdiction of Union and Wallowa counties are asked in many instances to participate in civic affairs in their home cities and towns, it is felt sure that a big delegation will be out this evening.

Various lodges will no doubt have their representatives present.

Program To Be Inspiring. Several features will be introduced at tonight's meeting after the parade in the L. D. S. tabernacle. Captain Humphreys of the National Army, stationed at Camp Lewis will lend a military spirit to the occasion. President Kerr of O. A. C., who spoke at Imbler this afternoon, will talk on food conservation and like topics.

Dedication To Be Impressive. The Elk lodge has had made an unusually fine service flag for its many members now in the service, and this will be dedicated with very appropriate services. The program

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HELPS RED CROSS.

From the 1st of September to the 1st of April, Mrs. E. Guttridge of this city has made the following articles for the Red Cross: Ten sweaters, eighteen baby garments, six dresses. She also had the management of making 34 petticoats, of which number she cut all and made six, four pajama suits, 16 pairs of bed socks, cut out 75 aprons, made ten of them, besides working at the Red Cross rooms folding dressings, etc.