

## Doped German Stormers Fall Before American Fire

### All Positions Are Regained By Sammies In Toul Sector.

### Haig Reports That All Teuton Attacks Have Been Repulsed, and Men and Artillery Captured.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN LORRAINE, April 22.—(By United Press.)—Northwest of Toul the Americans attacked the Germans Sunday and regained all the positions lost in Saturday's strategic retreat. Reports describing the action say that the ground was literally covered with German dead.

Germany Were "Dope Crazy."

Reports from several sources declare that the attacking Germans were "dope crazed," and were sent into action in front of their own artillery barrage yelling like wild beasts and wild men, but inevitably wavering and falling before the fierce American fire.

### GERMANS CLAIM TO HAVE MADE CAPTURES.

LONDON, April 22.—(By United Press.)—German official statement claims the capture of a hundred and eighty-three Americans in the assaults against the American positions near Seicheprey Sunday. It declared the American losses were "extraordinarily high." It claims the Bavarian advanced a mile and a quarter and repulsed counter-attacks.

### PERSHING SAYS GERMANS LOST 500.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—(By United Press.)—Pershing reports Germans suffered 500 casualties in battle at Seicheprey.

### HAIG REPORTS POSITIONS IMPROVED.

LONDON, April 22.—(By United Press.)—Haig reports: "We improved our position during the night in the Villers Deconneux, Albert and Robecq sectors. South and north of Lens we conducted a number of raids, capturing prisoners and machine guns. The enemy is shelling different sectors, chiefly astride the Somme and Anere au in the neighborhood of Feutubert and Neippe Forest. Strong local attacks made last night at Mesnilre were repulsed, the enemy only capturing our advanced outpost.

### NOTED GERMAN AVIATOR KILLED.

(By William Philip Simms.)

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES, April 22.—(By United Press.)—Baron Rittmeister Von Richtofen, a famous German aviator was killed Sunday in the Somme valley. At the funeral he will be given the same honors as a British flight officer. Richtofen is said by Germans to have won seventy-eight air victories. His squadron was called "Richtofen's circus" by the British flyers.

### BOMBARDMENT OF AMIENS RESUMED.

PARIS, April 22.—(By United Press.)—Germans have resumed a heavy bombardment on Amiens, hitting the cathedral directly three times.

### ARTILLERY ACTIVE ON FRENCH FRONT.

PARIS, April 22.—(By United Press.)—German surprise attacks east of Rheims, and east of Avre, were repulsed, the war office reports. In the Thiemnes, near Hangard-En-Santerre, we took some prisoners. Artillery fire continues active in various parts of the front.

## FOUR ARE KNOWN DEAD FROM CALIFORNIA EARTHQUAKE

LOS ANGELES, April 22.—(By United Press.)—Four are known to be dead, and the towns of San Jacinto and Hemet, eighty miles east of here are practically in ruins and a score of persons are injured as the results of yesterday's afternoon's earthquake. Miles of paved roads in southern California are cracked and buckled. Residents of San Jacinto say that a geiser-like sheet of flame shot from Mount Jacinto, the eleven thousand foot "extinct" volcano. Then huge clouds of dust rose, obscuring the mountain. August Carlons, of Astoria, Ore., died in the street in Los Angeles, of heart failure. Windows were broken in Los Angeles and surrounding towns. Frank Darnel, of Boston, was trampled to death in a panic at San Moises. The shock was felt in Arizona and Utah.

## MARINES ARE IN DEMAND IMMEDIATELY

### EIGHT THOUSAND ARE URGENTLY NEEDED DURING MONTH OF MAY.

Eighteen Hundred Commissioned Officers Will Be Selected From Enlisted Men.

The Observer is in receipt of the following night letter from Major General Geo. Barnett, commandant at Washington:

"The war department had authorized an additional brigade of marines for duty in France, with its necessary replacement units, and 40,000 enlistments are urgently needed, of whom 8,000 are desired during the month of May. The Marine corps will not lower its standard. We want only young men of spirit, health and stamina. There will probably be eighteen hundred additional commissioned officers in the Marine corps and every one of these commissions will be given to enlisted marines.

The Marine corps is equipped to quickly and thoroughly train the new recruits. The corps has a glorious history and inculcates a wonderful esprit. This is probably the last chance of those young Americans, who have become of age since last June, to choose their branch of the service. None are wanted but American citizens of at least eighteen years of age, and who have the fighting spirit."

## LA GRANDE AT TOP OF LIST

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HERE MAKE GOOD SHOWING IN DRIVE.

Oregon Tops The List Of States In The Union And City Of La Grande Leads

Members of the Local Knights of Columbus organization in La Grande are elated over the final returns from the big Knights drive for war work purposes.

The returns show that Oregon, as usual, leads the nation in the amount subscribed per capita. In this state every member of the order is accredited with a subscription of \$41.33. New Hampshire is next with a \$37 per capita subscription and the remaining states drop down into the twenty dollar list, some going as low as ten dollars.

La Grande leads Oregon, according to her population, and the number of Knights and holds the high record of the amount per capita subscribed.

### ISLAND CITY JUNIORS.

All the pupils of the Island City school are members of the Junior Red Cross. In a recent entertainment given by these the sum of \$6.70 was secured for the Red Cross.

## GERMAN WRITERS ESTIMATE LOSSES AT FIVE MILLION

PARIS, April 22.—(By United Press.)—German writers estimate the grand total of German killed, taken prisoners, died of illness and wounds, and the casualties in colonial fighting, etc., at five millions. Karl Bleistreu, a German military writer, declares in Neu Europa,

that the German losses on the west front between August 1914 to 1917 were 2,804,961 in killed and taken prisoners. On the east front the losses were 1,484,550. The estimates for August 1917 to August, 1918, are 367,450 killed and taken prisoners on both fronts.

## Good Reasons For Not Sinking Ships

AMSTERDAM, April 22.—(By United Press.)—A German writer, Captain Kuhlvetter, in the Lokal Anzeiger, gives the reasons why the German U-boats are not sinking the American transports. The reason Captain Kuhlvetter says, is because the American transports are so well convoyed that attacks are either impossible or are so extremely hazardous as to render the attacks futile.

### TEN REPORTED KILLED.

One American Missing Is Now Known To Be Dead.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Seventy-two casualties are announced this morning. Ten were killed in action, five died of wounds, four of disease, one by accident and two from other causes.

Forty-two were slightly wounded, and seven severely. One previously reported missing is now known to have been killed.

## Russia Indignant At Hun Atrocities

### DELL BLANCHETT KILLED. Famous Round-Up Star Meets Death With Canadians In Battle.

Word is received in Pendleton that Dell Blanchett, a noted participant in the Round-Up, was killed March 30, while fighting with the Canadians on the western front.

Blanchett, who had made Pendleton his headquarters since he began attending the Round-Up, was one of the first advocates of a company of cowboy cavalry in Umatilla county and he was one of the leading spirits in the organization of troop D. He was the first to enlist. He was later rejected for physical disability and left at once for Calgary, where in the late summer, he enlisted in a cavalry squadron formed there. He was sent to Quebec and on October 1 his regiment set sail for England. In England his squadron of cavalry was ordered transferred to the infantry, but Blanchett, because of his superior horsemanship, was one of 16 selected to fill up the gaps in the famous fighting Canadian cavalry known as the Lord Strathmore Horse. On February 20 he left England for France.

Dispatches about Easter time told glowing of the work being performed on the western front by the British and Canadian cavalry, and it was probably in this fighting

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## SCHOOL BOYS WILL ENLIST FOR LABOR

### RESPONSE WAS PRACTICALLY UNANIMOUS FOR THE REGISTRATION WEEK.

Failure To Receive The Regular Blanks Leaves Work Still Incomplete.

Superintendent A. C. Hampton, of the La Grande public schools, reports that at a meeting held last week, practically all high school boys between the ages of 16 and 21 responded for registration for any kind of work. This may be compatible with the circumstances. The spirit of the boys is essentially as a unit for employment in any line that will be of help to the country.

### Blanks Not Received.

The boy registration, which was set apart as a special order of business last week, was delayed in La Grande to a certain extent by the failure to receive the registration blanks. In spite of this fact the enrollment of boys of this community of the prescribed ages may be relied upon as being unanimous. On account of not having the blank forms the exact number and the names are not yet compiled in the way of an official record.

"All the boys are filled with the patriotic impulse," says Superintendent Hampton, "and they may be relied upon to do whatever may reasonably be required of them and are ready for enrollment for any kind of work."

Cards Have Been Received. Superintendent Hampton reports to the Observer this afternoon that the boys' registration cards have been received and are now ready to be signed up. In all cases of such registration it is provided on the regular blanks that the consent of the parents must accompany the names of boys registering for work. The government wants the registration of all boys between the ages of 16 and 21, and all such who call at the high school or the Y. M. C. A. will be properly registered.

### LEAVES FOR THE MINES.

Thos. Loftus Takes Supplies To The Old Carson Camp.

With a wagon load of supplies, and accompanied by one or two others, Thos. Loftus left this morning for the old Camp Carson placer diggings. Mr. Loftus had charge of the camp last year and he will fill the same position this season. While there was a considerable amount of work done last season it was mostly of a preliminary nature and this is expected to be about the program for this year. There are some matters likely to come up in the way of putting the old camp back in the producing line, but in the meantime Mr. Loftus will have general charge, and he expects to remain up the river all summer.

### ATTENDS PENDLETON MEET.

Dr. H. W. Riley went to Pendleton this morning, where he will represent Khaled Temple, No. 170 at a meeting of the Knights of Khorassan. The Pendleton Knights are preparing for a big meeting to be held on May 4. M. F. Davis, of Union, was a passenger on the west bound train this morning en route to Pendleton, where he goes as a representative of the Knights of Pythias of his home town.

## CONVENTION OF WORKERS IN SESSION

### THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

### Many Prominent Speakers And Visitors Are Present To Take Part.

The Oregon state Sunday school association met in their thirty-third annual convention at the Baptist church at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The convention, which will continue three days, opened under most auspicious circumstances with a large attendance of prominent speakers and Sunday school workers of the state and elsewhere.

The convention was called to order by Vice-President W. F. Jandrum and a song service followed conducted by Mrs. C. E. Silverthorn, and special music by the Presbyterian choir.

State officers reports were presented. Director Mrs. M. A. Davenhower was the principal speaker of the afternoon.

The other state officers present are J. V. Guthrie, secretary; and C. G. Blohm, treasurer.

Among the prominent Sunday school workers who are taking part in the convention are E. W. Halpenny, of Chicago; Dr. J. D. Springston, of Portland; Levi T. Pennington, president of Pacific College; Mrs. L. M. Ormsby, of Boise; and many others.

Program For This Evening. The program for this evening includes an address of welcome by Judge Robert S. Eskm, and an address on "The Sunday School and Good Citizenship," by E. W. Halpenny, of Chicago. There will be special music.

### Appointed Brother's Guardian.

J. L. Zars was today appointed guardian for his brother Nicholas Heidenrich, who unfortunately lost his speech and hearing several years ago. Mr. Heidenrich has accumulated considerable money and property and is now 60 years of age, and for this reason his brother will attend to his business and property.

### SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED

Rev. Chas. A. Phipps will preside at the business men's luncheon tomorrow noon. Rev. Phipps announces as speakers for the occasion E. W. Halpenny, of Chicago, and President Levi Pennington, of Pacific College, who will be heard on up-to-the-minute themes. J. Garfield King, retiring secretary of the Y. M. C. A., will give a farewell message as he is to soon leave for France.

