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British Troops Regained Ground In Counter Attacks Near Amiens

Tanks Drive Enemy Caterpillars Off the Field and Inflict Heavy Casualties.

American Sectors Are Heavily Shelled By the Enemy With Special Frightfulness Equipment.

LONDON, APRIL 25.—(By United Press.)—British troops regained ground by counter-attacks east of Amiens, Haig reports. Heavy fighting occurred around Villers-Bretonneux throughout the night and is continuing today. British artillery and tanks inflicted heavy losses to the enemy and took a number of prisoners.

Northeast of Baullel the enemy attacked the French and was repulsed.

Early this morning the attack was resumed on the British front, following our intense bombardment, which still continues. Heavy enemy casualties have been inflicted.

While the battle swirls in Villers-Bretonneux in the drive against Amiens, Hindenburg is striking simultaneously in Picardy and Flanders.

BRITISH TANKS SUPERIOR OVER GERMANS.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES, April 25.—(By United Press.)—There is desperate fighting on the heights east of Amiens. Tanks were used on both sides for the first time in history. As this is cabled, the situation on Villers-Bretonneaux ridge looks better. Counterattacks of Tommies seem to have made progress, driving the Germans out of Aquennewood. The situation at Villers-Bretenneaux itself is uncertain, being of a touch-and-go-nature. British tanks drove the Germans' caterpillars off the field, then crawled up and down the German lines, mowing the infantry down.

GERMANS ADVANCED AT HEAVY COST.

PARIS, April 25.—(By United Press.)—The Germans captured Hangard-En-Santerre, where the Americans are fighting shoulder to shoulder with the French, the war office announces. A communique said:

"The enemy took the city during the night, but were driven out by our counter-attacks. It was then retaken by the Germans at the price of heavy casualties. French hold the outskirts. Artillerying continues violent on both sides of the Ancre.

ARTILLERYING AGAINST AMERICANS INCREASES.

(By Frank J. Taylor, United Press Correspondent.)

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN LORRAINE, April 25.—German artillerying is increasing in the American sectors in this region. Reports show the recent German attacks against the American positions were launched by "traveling circus troops," who are moving continually, carrying special "frightfulness," equipment and aviation service.

Germany Demands Quick Reply From Holland

THE HAGUE, April 25.—(By United Press.)—German cavalry appeared along the West Phalian border, hitherto guarded only by the landstrum. A strong German note, demanding a quick reply, arrived. The main demand is for free transportation of materials through Holland to Belgium.

APPRECIATES HIGH SCHOOL.

La Grande Club Woman Tells Of The Many Favors Done.

Mrs. Dora B. Schilke of this city, who is one of Oregon's most prominent club women and state workers, in speaking of the amount of work done from La Grande in the different state movements, said to the Observer today: "I could never have accomplished one third the work I have, had it not been for the splendid co-operation and assistance of the High school pupils. They are always willing to send out literature, do stenographic work for the vast amount of letter correspondence that I do. Certainly I am deeply appreciative of what these young people have done and are doing for the different undertakings that I am interested in."

PROMINENT SPEAKER WILL ATTEND.

At the flag dedication at Cove tomorrow, P. N. Stanfield, candidate for the Republican nomination for United States senator, will be one of the speakers and H. E. Dixon, of La Grande, will give an address. Everybody and politicians and political aspirants in particular are invited to be present.

COVE WILL HAVE FLAG DEDICATION

R. N. STANFIELD, CANDIDATE FOR SENATORIAL NOMINATION.

Invitation Extended To Home Guard To Take Part In The Celebration.

The people of Cove will have a service flag dedication next Friday. The occasion will also be in the nature of a patriotic demonstration and an elaborate program has been arranged for the event.

Robert N. Stanfield, candidate for the Republication nomination for United States senator, will be present and will be one of the principal speakers.

An invitation is to be extended to the home Guard to be present in a body, and there will be able many civic and other organizations to participate in this great ceremonial.

ASTRONOMER OF GREAT NOTE WILL BE HERE

As is well known we are to have a rare spectacle, a total eclipse of the sun, on June 8. The Observer has been supplied with some interesting information on this subject, the first of which is the announcement that a noted astronomer will be here.

Prof. Townley Will Lecture.

Professor Sidney D. Townley, the professor of astronomy at Stanford University has written to Mr. Hodgin of this city that he will be in La Grande about May 21st, and will give an illustrated lecture on eclipses, illustrating it with celestial photographs of the sun's corona taken at former total eclipses of the sun. The lecture will be free, and the small expense attached to it in procuring a building, etc., will be raised by interested citizens. It goes without further comment that we will have something different from the ordinary popular lecturer who travels over the country lecturing at so much per, repeating facts that every one can ob-

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SINKS AT DOCK.

Huge Liner Goes Down, But Was No Loss of Life.

NEW YORK, April 25.—(By United Press.)—Huge liner St. Paul sank at her dock this afternoon. Sea cocks were supposed to have been open, either by accident or design. As far as known there was no loss of life. A heavy guard was immediately thrown about her, and the crew is being checked up. She is lying in the bed of the river only partly submerged.

CHAS. R. KNAPP PASSED AWAY

Charles R. Knapp, a pioneer resident of this valley, died at his home in South La Grande at 6 o'clock yesterday evening, aged 69 years. The deceased was a member of an early pioneer family of Grande-Ronde. He is survived by his wife; three sons, Horace F., Lowell and Victor Knapp; and two daughters, Viola, of La Grande, and Elsie, of California. He also leaves a brother, Finely Knapp, of La Grande; and a sister, Mrs. Rachael Hilts, of Portland.

The funeral will be held from the Henry chapel tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock and the interment will be in the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

RAILROAD MAN HURT.

Charles Logue, an employee of the railroad shops, while working with a foot adz, cut his foot quite badly and was immediately taken to the hospital for treatment.

THE WEATHER.

April 24—Fair tonight and Thursday, fair and probable local frosts.

IT'S WONDERFUL.

demands.
Of all funny lines you ever heard
The Englishman's are most absurd
And Deivey Glaze who takes this part
Now reads them with consummate art

PROGRAM FOR THE FAREWELL THIS EVENING

MEN LEAVING TO JOIN COLORS TO BE SPECIAL QUESTS OF HONOR.

Dinner Is To Be Served Promptly At 6:15, Followed By Addresses And Music.

The following are the young men called to the colors and who will be special guests of honor at the farewell dinner this evening:

Harry L. West.
Bonnie Vandermulen.
Harry L. Carter.
Thomas Wm. Carpenter.
Earl Robert Sanders.
Clifford George.
Ray M. Allstott.
Roy V. Pohrman.
Orlando Westinskow.
Bert Brown.
Oscar Passey.
Camiel De Bel
George Harrison Osborne.
Heber Herbert Allen.
Ehrman Hall.
George Peter Kewallis
Henry Bellmer
Harold Victor Gilkison.
George Custer.
Charles Nathan Cross
George M. Noble.
Paul Tanner.
Edward Simonsen.
Earl Bates.
Joseph Peter Gettle
George B. Meserve.
George A. Goodbrod.
Jerry G. Kimmell.

Dave Edgar Regier, Parl Brinkley, George Martin Lofland, Clarence Herman Marshall and Charles Edward Spangle, who were called with Union county's quota, have been transferred to other localities throughout the country and will not be present with the others this evening.

A very fitting program has been arranged by Toastmaster H. E. Coolidge for the farewell to be given this evening at 6:15 at the Foley hotel for the men who are leaving this week for war. About 30 are going and they will be special guests of honor, there being present, in addition to the representatives from the war activities boards, the city, county, Red Cross, Army and Navy auxiliary, and the legal advisory department of the war boards.

L. J. ("Louie") Simpson, of Coos Bay, will be the chief speaker of the evening, but representatives

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NOW JOHN'S SINGING IT

HOME GUARDS TO MUSTER AS OREGON STATE MILITIA

Next Tuesday the La Grande home guard battalion will once more set the pace for similar institutions in Eastern Oregon, when it will be mustered into the State Militia of Oregon. Adjutant General John M. Williams will lend the dignity of his own presence to the occasion, and incidentally will be one of the honor guests at the Tuesday luncheon.

The official muster will take place about 8 o'clock in the Rex Hall, and if the tentative program arranged by Major Coolidge meets with the approval of the adjutant-general, there will be a review at 7 o'clock, probably at the high school parade grounds, followed by inspection. The Home Guard band will be present at the review.

Unless unforeseen events occur, Governor Withycombe, commander-in-chief of the state guard, will also be present. Official promise to that effect is awaited with keen interest, and officers of other Eastern Oregon Home Guards will be invited to be present on the occasion. The public will be cordially welcomed at all the functions.

In preparation for the formal function, the Home Guard companies will hold a complete rehearsal Friday evening, at which time it is necessary that all be present.

As to the muster itself, it is compulsory for all members to be present.

The balance of the uniforms will probably be here for the muster so that 120 men will be out in uniform.

PROMINENT OREGON WOMAN

Mrs. Castner, Of Hood River, En Route TO National Federation.

Mrs. Chas. H. Castner, of Hood River, president of the state federation of Women's Clubs, passed through La Grande on No. 18 last evening en route to Hot Springs Arkansas, to attend the bi-annual meeting of the national federation. From Hot Springs, Mrs. Castner will go to Washington, D.C., to attend a conference of the woman's committee of the council of national defense. Mrs Castner is chairman of the Oregon division of the National defense. A number of prominent club women of this city were at the train to greet her and wish her good luck on her journey. She will return to Oregon about the first of June.

L. J. SIMPSON CANDIDATE IS IN LA GRANDE

L. J. Simpson, candidate for the gubernatorial nomination on the Republican ticket, is in La Grande today. He is accompanied by Ralph Staell and O. C. Leiter, of Portland, who are assisting Mr. Simpson in his campaign.

That Mr. Simpson is making friends wherever he goes is shown by his recent visit to other Eastern Oregon points. His campaign is different from that of any other candidate, who has ever run for governor of Oregon. He is making a personal visit to the different communities and meeting as many people as possible. His attitude is that he wants to serve the state as governor and gives his reasons in a dignified manly way.

"I do not happen to be connected with any combine or political slate," said Mr. Simpson today. "First, I do not believe in the combine plan, and second I am out for governor because I firmly believe I can see a way to do something for the state that is my home. If elected governor a purely business administration will be given and upon this promise I hope to meet the people and convince them of my sincerity."

Mr. Simpson will speak this evening at the dinner for the recruits to be given by the public at the Foley Hotel.

NOTICE TO HOME GUARDERS.

All members of the La Grande Home Guard are ordered to report for drill Friday evening at the usual hour.

H. E. COOLIDGE, Commander.

LISTING OF THE BOY POWER

That the boy power of La Grande may be listed the United States government, through what is known as the Boys Working Reserve, has requested that all boys between the ages of 16 and 21 years be registered and Superintendent Hampton, of the city schools has opened offices at the High School building for this undertaking. The High School boys are already registering, and it is believed that the school here will show one hundred per cent within a very short time.

The problem comes in getting the boys who are not in school to register and an additional office has been opened at the Y. M. C. A. for that purpose.

In speaking of this work, Superintendent Hampton made the following explanation: "It must be understood that boys who are at work will not be changed from their present postions, but the government desires a complete survey of all the boy power in the country and La Grande is very anxious to do her part in this as in all other patriotic matters, and do it quickly."

Government is to Control all the Wool Output

WASHINGTON, April 25.—(By United Press.)—Measures have been taken to "control all the wool," the official war industries board stated today, after a conference with wool growers. It is unknown whether an outright seizure will be restored to or not. It will depend on the attitude of the growers. A basic price has been agreed on, but it is stated that differentials have not been worked out.

JUDGE COKE IN THE CITY.

Prominent Jurist Of Marshfield Meeting The People.

Judge John S. Coke, one of the best known circuit judges in Oregon, arrived in La Grande this morning to meet the voters. He is a candidate for supreme judge and has the support not only of his home country, which includes all of South-western Oregon, but many prominent people throughout the state. Southeastern Oregon has not been represented on the supreme bench since 1880 and Judge Coke in his modest way mentions that fact by saying: "Our home people down in that big, fast developing country feel that they are entitled to a place on the bench and have very kindly centered upon me."

Judge Coke will speak this evening at the dinner for the recruits in the Foley Hotel.

NAVAL MEN COMPLIMENTED

WASHINGTON, April 25.—(By United Press.)—Officers and men of the United States destroyer, Parker, has been commended by Secretary Daniels for bravery and heroism in the work of rescuing nine survivors from British hospital ships at Gennat Castle, while a heavy sea was running after the hospital ships were torpedoed on February 26.