

## GERMANS SPAR FOR TIME AFTER A STAGGERING BLOW

### Haig Officially Congratulates the Second Army for Its Courage American Army Reported to be in a Sea of Mud and Without Shelter

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS, (United Press Staff Correspondent)

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES, May 1.—Staggered by the blow before Ypres on Sunday, General Von Arnim is sparring for time and is utterly unable to press on. Excepting a considerable shelling back of Arras, from Ypres westward to Hazebrouck, and some small raids, the calm is conspicuous. The Germans will doubtless again try to take the nest of hills southwest of Ypres, but Sunday's jolt has compelled a shift of enemy divisions. **3 3**

### GERMAN BABIES FOUND IN TRENCHES.

It is learned today on unimpeachable authority that German babies were found among the dead on the firing line. British retaking Nueveuglis, found two babies. The Germans apparently took them from the village to the trenches for comparative safety. Tommies took the babies to the hospital, where they are now the pets of nurses.

### HAIG CONGRATULATES ARMY.

LONDON, May 1.—(By United Press.)—Field Marshal Haig has issued a general order congratulating the second army. He said, "The enemy's effort to break down the resistance of the British army undoubtedly will fail if all continue to show the resolute courage characterizing the nineteenth division." He also congratulated the ninth, twenty-fifth, thirty-first, forty-ninth and twenty-first divisions.

### LONDON IS OPTIMISTIC.

BY ED. L. KEEN, (United Press Staff Correspondent)

LONDON, May 1.—Military officials are the most optimistic in days. It is too early for a definite decision. The press is cautious, but brighter in tone. Haig reported only local enemy attacks about Ypres, which were repulsed by machine guns. The British raided the enemy near Meteren, taking prisoners. The French have improved their Loere positions.

### AMERICANS NEUTRALIZE GERMAN FIRE.

BY FRED S. FERGUSON, (United Press Staff Correspondent)

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY, May 1.—The Germans brought up additional artillery, following the arrival of American forces. Fierce duels are progressing. One village was entirely destroyed. The American guns raked the roads and villages behind the Germans the past forty-eight hours, harassing the front lines. The Boches poured high explosives in retaliation. The duels were continuous throughout the night. Americans finally neutralized the German fire. The American-French sector is steady. Unless Germans attack soon, the trenches will be strengthened and dugouts constructed, resulting in resumption of the old style of warfare. There are merely minor patrol actions at present.

### SAMMIES IN SEA OF MUD.

There was a heavy rain last night. The Americans are digging in and erecting entanglements, in a sea of mud with no shelters. Front line men are lying waist deep in mud in the trenches and shell holes. Hot food is arriving under shell fire.

### SCHOOL OFFICIAL HERE.

Mr. E. T. Carlton, Assistant State Superintendent, On Tour.

Mr. E. T. Carlton, assistant state superintendent of instruction, of Salem, is in La Grande, and visited the high school today. He has been on an official visit to the schools in Malheur county and from La Grande will extend his visit to Walla Walla county. In the latter county his principal mission is that of standardizing the high school at Lostine. The official visit in La Grande was the occasion of mutual satisfaction both to the state school representative and to the La Grande school officials.

### MISS YOUNG RETURNS.

Miss Sadie Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Young, arrived home on this morning's train from Chicago. Miss Young has been in Chicago since last summer engaged in an advanced course in music. It is her intention to remain at home for the summer vacation.

WEATHER REPORT. FOR A. D. May 1.—Fair.

### NURSE TO LEAVE SOON.

Miss Rose Waller On Visit Previous To Departure For France.

Miss Rose Waller, graduate from the La Grande high school, and more recently a trained nurse in Walla Walla, is in La Grande visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Waller, and with friends previous to her departure for France. Miss Waller has been accepted as a nurse in the war zone and is to be attached to Department No. 60, which has been notified to be in readiness for early departure across the Atlantic. On this account the young lady's stay in La Grande will be limited to a few days during which she will meet her former friends and acquaintances.

### DUKE'S ASSASSIN IS DEAD.

Man Who Precipitated World War, Succumbs to Tuberculosis.

THE HAGUE, May 1.—(By United Press.)—Gabriel Principe, the assassin of Arch Duke Ferdinand, which affair precipitated the world war, died today of tuberculosis in the Bresenstadt fortress.

## GOVERNMENT TAKES ALL UNSOLD WOOL

WASHINGTON, May 1.—(By United Press.)—The government has commandeered the entire stock of unsold wool in the hands of dealers and growers, also the year's entire wool clip, at prices prevailing July 31st last, which it is believed will stimulate production. The authorities have already fixed the prices of raw hides and skins, and will fix tanned skin prices soon. Speculation is to be eliminated. Dealers will be allowed merely compensation for actual services in handling wool.

### LOTS OF FISH

Adolph Newlin, of the La Grande Pharmacy, broke through all restraints yesterday and went fishing. He came back loaded with trout, of course, and placed eighteen of them as samples in the drug store window. They are just the right size, the largest being about sixteen inches in length. The display has attracted a great deal of attention.

This mess of fish is in the midst of a confusion of all kinds of fishing tackle and anglers' supplies, which seem in some way to share in the great haul of trout, which would almost make old Isaac Walton green with envy.

## TOWNLEY SAYS THE LEAGUE SUPPORTS WAR

WASHINGTON, May 1.—(By United Press.)—A. C. Townley, president of the Non-Partisan League, denied before the Senate Military Affairs committee today that the league is treasonable or that its officers are traitors. He said he bought \$5,000 of the Third Liberty loan. He read the league's resolutions, endorsing the nation's war aims and pledging the league's support of the war.

### BOARD ASKS DELAY

Telegraph Companies Notified To Send Representatives.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—(By United Press.)—The National War Labor Board wired the heads of the Postal and Western Union companies, asking the discharge of no more operators pending the outcome of negotiations the board is conducting. The board also asked the companies to send their representatives to confer with it.

### BUYS REG SIX.

John Jackson, of the Union Pine Lumber company, has purchased from the Daniels Agency a Reg six cylinder car.

## WAR SECRETARY WANTS AN EXPANSION PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, May 1.—(By United Press.)—Secretary of War Baker will present to the government an army expansion program at the house military affairs committee meeting tomorrow morning. He will probably ask for blanket power to the extent of drawing of men as far as the government wishes.

Congress is apparently determined to demand evidence of the war department's ability to officer, equip and arm the new levies before granting blanket powers.

General Crowder is to appear before the committee with Secretary Baker.

### COUNTESS SELLING BONDS FOR UNCLE



Countess de Brya who came to this country recently in the interest of Anne Morgan's reconstruction work in France, has been so interested in the Third Liberty Loan work that she has already given up her relief work to sell bonds.

### PRESIDENT BUYS BOND.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 1.—(By United Press.)—President Wilson today bought a \$50 bond, on the installment plan, and calls upon a million Americans to buy one more, hoping thus to raise \$50,000,000.

### TROOP TRAIN PASSES.

A train, loaded with recruits for Camp Lewis, passed through at noon today. They were principally men to fill the recent quota from the state of Idaho.

### WOUNDED BY ACCIDENT

Victim Is Boy Who Shot Himself In The Foot.

Dr. Irvine, of North Powder, came down to La Grande yesterday evening with a small son of Mr. Andrew Lunn, who received serious injuries by accidentally shooting himself in the foot. The patient was brought to La Grande on account of the serious nature of the injury and to procure more suitable treatment than could be afforded at home.

Mrs. Lunn came down to La Grande this morning to be with her son.

## CHAS. A. PHIPPS IS SECRETARY

IS SUCCESSOR TO J. GARFIELD KING, AS HEAD OF THE Y. M. C. A.

Repairing, House Cleaning and Other Matters Are Now In Progress.

Chas. A. Phipps is the new secretary of the La Grande Y. M. C. A., succeeding J. Garfield King, whose term expired yesterday, and who is now on his way to have charge of Y. M. C. A. work in France.

Mr. King and his family left this morning for Sisson, California, where Mrs. King and the children will remain during the absence of Mr. King.

### Changes At The "Y."

Secretary Phipps, announces that a change in class schedules is under way, the first of which will be the meeting of the intermediate on Saturday evening.

The swimming tank is undergoing some needed repairs and among other things a complete renovation and spring house-cleaning has been inaugurated. Everything indicates that the "Y" is to be maintained up to the full standard of efficiency.

### FINE WINDOW DISPLAY.

Snodgrass Grocery Shows Benefits Of Home Garden.

The windows of the Snodgrass grocery have some visible lessons on the subject of home gardening and food conservation. The main presentation is a miniature garden with all the implements and tools suggestive of the votary of the soil. Then the practical application of home garden work is shown in a display of canned products, all of which are procurable through the efforts of home gardening and especially to be desired as one of the home applied means for winning the war. The display is suggestive and creditable in all respects.

### MINNESOTA BANS FIGHT.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 1.—(By United Press.)—Promoter Miller has announced that the Willard-Fulton July 4th fight will not be staged in Minnesota, but in a state where twenty rounds are permissible.

### ADOPTS RADICAL MEASURE.

Baker Loan Committee To Investigate Bond Proposition.

BAKER, May 1.—At a meeting of the local Liberty Loan committee last evening, the list of bond buyers was checked over and lists were made of the names of the purchasers of bonds and also of those who have not, of the latter class there being but few. Also a list was made of those who have only partially performed their duty, that is, who have not bought bonds in the amount which their financial ability indicates they should.

At the meeting it was decided to name a special committee to make a personal visit today to those who have either failed to subscribe at all or who have done less than they rightfully should, to give them one more chance to make good as patriotic citizens of the community. Refusal to subscribe, on the last call or to increase subscriptions to a fair amount will result in the names of all those so refusing to be published by the committee as slackers.

### HARK, YE.

Seats now are on sale at the Silverthorn store. So get yours reserved and do not delay. With the board up an hour, they're gone by the score—No one wants to miss this year's Senior play.

## ARE NOW IN STATE MILITIA

LA GRANDE HOME GUARD BATTALION MUSTERED INTO REGULAR SERVICE.

The La Grande Home Guard battalion are now regularly inducted into the Oregon state militia. The ceremonies included a review at the high school grounds yesterday evening. The review was before Lieut. Col. Williams, of Portland. The procession to the parade grounds was accompanied by the Home Guard Band under the leadership of Prof. J. David Haines. Among the guests at the inspection were Lieut. Newhall, of the signal corps, and Dr. Briscoe and Esigun Delanty, of the Navy.

In Rex Hall after the exercises attending the review and inspection each member of the Home Guard took the oath of allegiance and became regularly installed members of the state militia of Oregon.

Very interesting addresses were given by Col. Williams and Lieut. Newhall. At a future date the Observer will print the roster of the La Grande battalion, including the officers and the men who form the organization.

### NEW MUSICAL CLUB.

Organization To Be Under Direction Of Mrs. A. L. Richardson.

The Monday Club, under the direction of Mrs. A. L. Richardson, is a new musical organization composed of 14 leading vocalists of La Grande. They will make their first public appearance May 14 in the High School auditorium under the auspices of the Neighborhood Club. The proceeds will go to the Red Cross.

The members of the Club are: Miss Mary Newlin, Miss Friederike Schilke, Miss Jeannette Stoddard, Miss Florence Lynch, Miss Leona Newlin, Miss Dove McGee, Mrs. E. M. Calvert, Mrs. Hal Bohenkamp, Miss Ethel Wright, Miss Elleana Penre, Miss Julia Hopkins, Miss Dorothy Meyers and Miss Faye McKinnis. Mr. Frank Clark is the accompanist.

### TOBACCO FUND CEASES.

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The Observer is in receipt of a circular from the American Tobacco company which states in effect that the government will take over the company's output and on this account the fund which has been contributed to the Observer for tobacco for the boys in the service has come to an end. No more contributions will, therefore, be received. All orders will be filled under the existing arrangements or which there is funds on hand, but it is presumed that tobacco will now be furnished to the boys through the regular government channels.

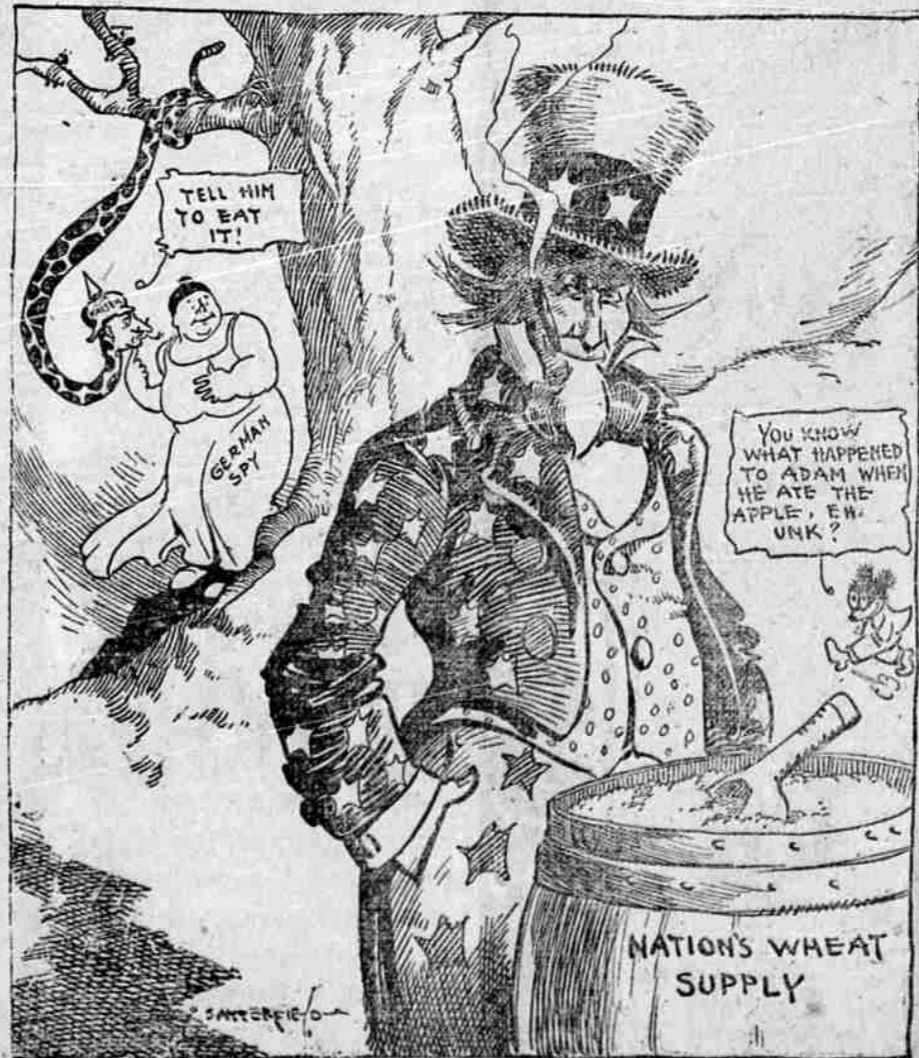
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