

## WAR'S TIDE IN ALLIES FAVOR

### BRITISH AND ANZACS WREST INITIATIVE FROM HUNS.

Prisoners, Mortars and Machine Guns Captured In New Advance.

### WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, MAY 6.—(By United Press.)

British forces have advanced twelve hundred yards on a front of more than a mile between the Ancre and Somme Rivers. North of the Somme Australian forces advanced 700 yards on a 1,500 yard front. In a later attack the same troops extended their gain by another 500 yards along a 2,000 yard front.

The first Australian advance was carried out under cover of the darkness early on Sunday morning. The Anzacs suddenly leaving their trenches, swept forward silently, completely surprising the thin garrison in the German trenches north of the Somme and taking some prisoners.

In the pitchy darkness of the early hours of this morning Australians again advanced, this time in the face of strong opposition. The casualties among the Germans were very heavy, while those of the Australians were slight.

Today, although it is raining, intermittent shelling is reported.

### HUNS LOSE HEAVILY

PARIS, May 6.—(By United Press.)—A German attack, launched after a violent bombardment, failed this morning when it was attempted southeast of Anchin farm. Numerous Germans were killed.

Reconnoitering parties captured prisoners near Abaucourt. In the Champagne French troops penetrated a German position near Rheims, inflicting serious losses upon the enemy and retrieving a quantity of materials.

### FIRED 60,000 SHELLS

PARIS, May 6.—(By United Press.)—American artillery fired 60,000 shells into the German trenches before their recent attack and completely demolished the enemy's defense works, it is announced.

### ANOTHER POPULAR DANCE

Band Men Invite Public to Participate In Event.

Thursday evening, May 9, the La Grande Home Guard band will give another of its popular dances, and asks the public's support by being present.

Cooperation is needed by more people as was displayed in a fine way at the last dance given by this band. Giles Harden, the Preferred Stock man, lone-handed, sold 65 tickets. The band men point out that a little cooperation from everybody will mean the band's future is assured financially. The extreme necessity of having a band is paramount, but it must have money to live on and one way to get money to the band's coffers is to support the dances, where the donor gets something for his money.

## MAJOR RASMUSSEN KILLED BY SHELL

WELL KNOWN PORTLAND MAN MEETS DEATH IN THE BATTLE AREA.

(By Fred S. Ferguson.) WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 6.—(By United Press.)—Major Rasmussen, of Portland, Oregon, was killed today by a German shell as he was leading his men in a reconnaissance.

### TWO RAILROADERS ENLIST

Leo Kocher and Carl W. Cook Join In the 37th Regiment. In response to a call for Union county to furnish two more men for the 37th Regiment Railway Engineers, Leo Kocher and Carl W. Cook have volunteered for this service. Mr. Kocher is in the east, but he will be in readiness to join Mr. Cook, the other enlisted man, and they will at first be assigned to Fort Ben Harrison, in Indiana.

## ONE MORE ON HONOR ROLL

JOHN HOKANSEN, OF LA GRANDE, DIED OF WOUNDS IN ACTION.

Was Among the First to Enter Service After War Was Declared.

Chief Train Dispatcher J. F. Roberts received a telegram from Portland today announcing the death of John Hokansen, one of the first men to enlist after war was declared. He died on April 28, of wounds received in action.

The deceased young man was born in Norway, December 14, 1888. While in La Grande, he was employed as a Western Union line repairer and he went from here to Portland with several others and enlisted, becoming a member of Co. A, First United States Engineers, First Division U. S. Expeditionary Forces.

One of the boys in the dispatchers' office received a letter from him dated February 21, and as far as known, this was the last message from him to any one here.

John Hokansen was a member of Red Cross Lodge No. 27, Knights of Pythias, of La Grande, and was held in the highest esteem by the members of that order as well as by the railroad employes with whom he was associated. So far as is now known, he leaves but one relative in this country, a sister Miss Lucia Hokansen, of Des Moines, Ia.

### NO PEACE OFFERS.

British Secretary Knows Of No Overtures Being Made.

LONDON, May 6.—The Foreign Secretary declared to the House of Commons today that no recent peace offers had been made to the allies through the neutral nations.

### RUSSIAN SOVIET PROTESTS.

Claims American Consul Encourages Opposition Government In Siberia.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—(By United Press.)—The state department received today a protest from the Russian Soviet, asserting that the American consul at Vladivostok had improperly encouraged the establishing of autonomous government in Siberia.

### SHIPPING TONNAGE GROWS.

Sixteen Wood And Steel Vessels Were Launched Last Week.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—(By United Press.)—The shipping board has announced that sixteen new wood and steel vessels were launched last week with a total of 80,105 tons and that an additional tonnage of 80,180 tons was required through contracts.

### SITUATION IMPROVED.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—(By United Press.)—With French and British fresh reserves available the allied situation in France is "considerably improved," although it certainly was "anxious for some time," the British war mission has announced.

## WAS AWARDED HONOR MEDAL

MORE PARTICULARS SURROUNDING DEATH OF CREIGHTON DEWEY FITZGERALD.

While Returning Wounded From the Field, Was Undoubtedly Covered By Shell Fire.

Additional particulars have been received regarding the death of Creighton Dewey Fitzgerald, the first young man of La Grande to enter the great war. This comes in a letter to the young man's sister from the major of the battalion. The letter, which is dated April 9, says:

"Dear Miss Fitzgerald: I am in receipt of your letter of January 18 and have made inquiries as requested.

"Your brother was wounded in the attack at Passchendaele, but was able to walk out. As the only way out was down a road subject to a very heavy shell fire, there is no doubt that he was killed on the way to the advanced dressing station, as a great many more were on that day. As we were only relieved some days after and had suffered very heavy casualties, we were unable to bury our dead and there is no doubt that a number were covered up by earth from the explosions of shells after they had been killed. This would account for the fact that we have had no word of any other unit burying your brother after we left. He has been reported as 'killed' since we left the field. There is no chance of his having fallen into the hands of the Germans, as he was seen well behind our lines going back.

"Your brother was awarded the military medal for his bravery in that action.

"May I extend to you, on behalf of the battalion and myself, our sympathy with you in your heavy loss. Yours sincerely, DAVID PHILLIPS, Major, 7th Inf. Battalion."

The Official Record. Accompanying the bestowal of the medal is the following historical record.

"No. 227,607, Pvt. Creighton Dewey Fitzgerald: For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during our operations north of Passchendaele, November 10 and 11, 1917.

"During the attack he showed marked courage and energy and at great personal risk volunteered to reestablish touch with a company on the flank. Though severely injured, he refused to go out until ordered to do so by his company commander. Though heavily sniped at he did most excellent work with

## MUSICAL DAY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM OF NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB FOR RED CROSS BENEFIT.

La Grande is soon to enjoy another musical treat and at the same time assist the local Red Cross chapter. The Neighborhood club is the sponsor for it and that means unlimited support with promises of fine preparation. Mrs. A. L. Richardson has been placed in supreme command of the program and that is further assurance that the calibre of performers will be of the very highest attainable.

The date is April 14. Last fall when the Neighborhood club 1917-18 program was drafted, Mrs. Richardson was placed in charge of a musical day and the date was set for April 20, but in the meantime it was found expedient for the club to come to the rescue of the depleted exchequer of the Red Cross and it was decided to make the club's spring musical day public, to charge a popular price and give the proceeds to the Red Cross. This will be done.

While a major portion of the program has been arranged for, there are some excellent numbers yet to be announced.

On announcement in connection with the coming musical event—destined to be the foremost of its kind of the year—will be the debut of the Monday club, directed by Mrs. Richardson, which will reintroduce many of the popular young women who made such a tremendous hit in "Melodyland." This musical organization has been rounding into fine form in concerted singing, and will make, in all, three appearances with five numbers in the coming event.

Exceeding care was used in picking a date, and so far as known nothing conflicts with it, and it is hoped by the neighborhood club that there will develop no counter attraction in order that the meritorious talent to perform may be stimulated with a good hour and that the receipts therefrom may be the biggest possible.

DRAFT LAW SUSTAINED WASHINGTON, D. C., May 6.—(By United Press.)—Men raised under the draft can be sent anywhere in the world to fight for the United States, the supreme court has decided. The court upholds the selective draft law.

His rifle, killing many of the enemy and materially assisting his company in consolidation. Awarded M. M. (military medal), authority D. R. O., 23-12-17.

Carried No Insurance. There was no insurance provisions for the Canadian battalion to which the La Grande boy was attached, but practically all his pay received while in the service was sent to his mother, Mrs. Mary Fitzgerald, of this city.

## WATER OUTLOOK IS IMPROVING

CUT IN BEAVER CREEK SPILLWAY BECOMES MUCH LESS THREATENING.

Force Of Men Will Go At Once To Forestall Further To Water Supply System.

The situation at the Beaver Creek intake is much less alarming than it appeared on Saturday when the first report of the sluicing of the spillway at the lake was phoned in. The washing away of the channel below the spillway has checked up very materially. This apparently is due to one or both of two reasons. The water flow has decreased with the lower temperature, so that the flow as it emerges from the lake is now but about six inches in depth. But possibly the main reason for the checking up is that the formation in the channel of the spillway nearest the lake is of much harder substance and more completely filled with heavy rock, while at the lower end the water washed through a gravel formation which yielded readily to the force of the heavy discharge. It was at this juncture that the damage was first made apparent last Saturday morning, and it then looked like the sluicing away of the channel would continue up to the point where the surplus water leaves the lake.

### Looked Scary At First.

Manager Fred Currey, who with Superintendent Hoyt and Engineer Neel, was at the head of the Beaver pipe line, says that the situation looked very dubious at first. When the force of water struck the lower part of the spillway it gouged out holes as big as an ordinary room until the whole channel of the spillway had been scooped out and the lake itself would be practically emptied. It was on the strength of this appearance of things that the report was phoned in. At the lower end the water cut to a depth of fifteen feet.

### Dam Is Entirely Intact.

The dam, which empounds the water at the lake, is not disturbed in the least and there are very fair prospects that the threatened damage can be nipped in the bud. A force leaves for the intake at once and they will fill the spillway channel with rock, which is expected to make a bottom sufficiently solid to withstand the force of the water which is discharged from the lake.

### THE DAY'S CASUALTIES.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—The American casualties include fifteen missing, who are believed to have been captured under the Seicheprey fighting. Six died in action, three of wounds, nine of disease and two by accident. Four were severely wounded and forty-eight slightly wounded.

## C. E. CONRAD IS A VOLUNTEER

YOUNG MAN, OF SUMMERVILLE, PAST THE DRAFT AGE, ENLISTS.

C. E. Conrad, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Conrad, of Summerville, has enlisted in the service of Uncle Sam and has joined the engineering corps. This young man is beyond the draft age, and enlisted to help do his part in the country's emergency. A brother, Heber Conrad, is already with the fighting forces in France.

One more boy of the family, aged 19, is the only one left to take care of the farm work. He, too, announces that he will take a hand in the fight against Fritz if it becomes necessary, but at present can be more suitably occupied in the service of his country by raising food for the armies and the allies. There are no grounds for doubting the patriotism of the Conrad family.

### LYLE KIDDLE HOME

Island City Young Man Wins Place in Training Camp.

Lyle Kiddle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kiddle, arrived this morning from Corvallis to visit a week with his relatives and friends before being assigned to duty in an officer's training camp. This honor falls to the Island City young man as the first one from Eastern Oregon at O. A. C. to receive this distinction. The young man's many friends in La Grande are pleased over this recognition and feel that the honor has been safely placed.

### SOLD IDAHO RANCH

Sherwood Williams and Family Return to Grande Ronde.

Word has reached La Grande that C. S. Williams, who with his family recently moved to Fairfield, Idaho, on a large ranch that was purchased by Mr. Williams and John T. Wilby, of Lumber, has disposed of the property and will shortly return to Grande Ronde valley. This will be very welcome news to the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Williams in this vicinity.

### SWARMS OF CHICKS

Coolidge Hatchery in May Park, Turns Out Four Thousand.

Yesterday was a busy day at the C. C. Coolidge hatchery in May Park, when 4000 little new chicks came out of the incubator and are now on their way to Wallawa county, where they will be distributed to different locations. Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge have a ten-acre fruit farm and are raising chickens of the White Leghorn variety. This is the only hatchery of this kind in the valley, and yesterday's hatch proves what can be done in this line.

### STUDENTS' ART EXHIBIT

Grade Pupils Will Make Display Friday and Saturday.

On next Friday, May 10, the students of La Grande will be given a chance to see just what the grade pupils are doing in the art line, as on that date the students of each room will hold an art exhibit in the various rooms from 2:30 until 4:30. All are invited and especially are the parents urged to attend. The students will also hold their exhibit on Saturday from the hours of 2 until 4.

## CLOSING HOURS HAVE BEEN FIXED

MERCHANTS AND CLERKS HAVE MUTUAL AGREEMENT ON SUMMER SCHEDULE.

The employing merchants and members of the Clerk's Union held a meeting last week and came to a mutual agreement as to hours of opening and closing for the ensuing season. The agreement was reached with perfect and satisfactory understanding all around and the schedule in effect will be:

Open at 7:30 a.m. Close at 6 p.m. This schedule is for all the six days of the week, except Saturday, when the hour for closing will be at 3 p.m.

This new time set is to go into effect next Wednesday morning.

WEATHER FORECAST. PORTLAND, May 6.—(By United Press.)—Fair.

## BLACK SEA IS RECOVERED

HUNS HAVE BIG HAUL IN HARBOR OF SEVASTOPOL.

Russians Expected Much From This Fleet In Control of Black Sea.

### CONSTANTINOPLE, MAY 6.—(By United Press.)

German troops which have occupied the Russian Black Sea naval base at Sevastopol, found in the harbor most of the Russian Black Sea fleet, including destroyers, torpedo boats, submarines, and merchant ships, it is officially announced.

This dispatch indicates that the Germans have captured a large portion of the Russian fleet. This fleet recently aided in the recapture of Odessa, the big grain port.

The Russians expected the fleet to greatly aid them in retaining control of the Black Sea.

### AMERICANS ACTIVE

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NEAR MONTDIDIER, MAY 6.—(By United Press.)—American guns are now shelling Montdidier, Cantigny, Mesnil St. George and other towns and roads in the same vicinity, which is within the territory recently captured by the Germans.

Montdidier, which is visible already shows plainly the effects of the bombardment, although the church has not been damaged by American gunners.

### TAKE 150 PRISONERS

LONDON, May 6.—(By United Press.)—The British have advanced their lines on a "considerable front" on both sides of the Somme river, and in the face of strong resistance, Field-Marshal Haig has announced. Among the spoils were 150 prisoners, two machine guns and a trench mortar.

### WIPING OUT AMIENS

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES, MAY 6.—(By United Press.)—The Germans on Saturday began the systematic destruction of the city of Amiens, which they will try to destroy as they did the city of Rheims. During the day the enemy threw 50 shells and 60 aerial torpedoes into the city.

There was heavy property damage, a number of civilians were killed and the cathedral is endangered.

### SAMMIES BEAT HUNS

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN LORRAINE.—MAY 6.—(By United Press.)—An American patrol in Anreviller penetrated the German lines to a depth of 300 yards on Sunday morning, overcoming the garrison of an observation post, capturing four Germans and killing three.

