

NEW ATTACK IS EVIDENT

EIGHTEEN FRESH ENEMY DIVISIONS RECOGNIZED BY THE FRENCH.

Present Movements Are Confined To Artillery Duels And Minor Infantry Raids.

LONDON, May 7.—(By United Press.)—Field Marshal today reported that the only operations were in the nature of infantry raids. At a point three miles south-east of Arras, British raiders captured German prisoners and machine guns.

AMERICANS RETALIATE.

(By Fred S. Ferguson.) WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN PICARDY, May 7.—(By United Press.) The rear of the German organizations was thoroughly gassed in retaliation for the gassing of Americans. The Germans used fifteen thousand mustard gas shells, and later spent three hours in throwing high explosives in the direction of the American lines.

NEW OFFENSIVES PROMISED.

AMSTERDAM, May 7.—(By United Press.)—The German press declares that the resumption of the offensive on the western front will be aided by a huge offensive on the Italian front, and promises that "the combined efforts will bring the longed-for German success." The German press has definitely forecasted resumption of the Western offensive.

FRESH DIVISIONS RECOGNIZED.

(By Henry Wood.) WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES, May 7.—(By United Press.)—The French have identified eighteen fresh or reorganized German divisions on the Amiens front. This indicates that the Germans will resume the offensive there. Prisoners admit that the French artillery at Amiens is continually inflicting heavy losses on the Germans.

ALLIES' GUNS EFFECTIVE.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES, May 7.—(By United Press.)—During the past two days, the allied artillery has been steadily shelling the rear of the German lines near Arras. This is hampering the movements of enemy troops, and materials across the war-made desert around Noyon. The full infantry movements continues, and there are heavy May showers.

GERMAN SURPRISE FAILED.

PARIS, May 7.—(By United Press.)—There was mutual exchanges of artillery on both sides of the river Aves, says an official report. "A German surprise attack failed west of Hangard-en-Santerre, where the Americans are fighting."

GUN PRODUCTION RAPID.

Output Is Averaging High And Will Be Increased.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—(By United Press.)—Five hundred machine guns of all kinds are being produced daily from American factories. Ordnance experts declared the production is increasing daily. They expect a maximum of fifteen hundred daily by November 1st. Two hundred heavy Brownings are produced, though not yet shipped. The heavy Browning factories are now ready to speed up. One plant is producing fifty light Brownings daily. Three other plants have a combined total of fifty daily. The authorities say: "The machine gun and rifle situations are the only ordnance problems not causing any worry."

VOLUNTEERS ASKED.

Adjutant-General Wants Men For Special Service.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—(By United Press.)—Adjutant-General Crowder calls for 4,000 civil engineers, ordnance and quartermasters enlistments to entrain May 20th from all the states except Arizona, Delaware and Vermont.

HOUSE COMMITTEE BUSY.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The House Military Affairs committee opened an informal aircraft production inquiry, when it began a hearing on the \$1,032,000,000 appropriation for the war department asked for airplanes. The committee called Secretary Baker, Chief of Staff March and others.

BICYCLE RACES HELD BY Y. M. C. A.

CONTESTS WILL BE FOR FIFTY DOLLARS IN PRIZES BY RUBY CYCLE SHOP.

Bicycle races, under the auspices of the La Grande Y. M. C. A. will take place on Saturday afternoon, May 18. The races will start promptly at 4:30 o'clock. The Ruby Cycle Shop has put up fifty dollars in prizes for the different events and the city has kindly allowed the use of certain streets and the start will be made from the corner, near both the Ruby shop and the Y. M. C. A. The race schedule includes:

Class 1, one mile, two races. "A" open to boys of the Y. M. C. A., between the ages of 14 and 19. "B" open to boys outside the Y. M. C. A. of the same ages. Prizes for both the A and B are \$5 for firsts and \$3 for seconds, in trade at the Ruby shop. Class 2, half mile race, with A and B, same as above, prizes the same and ages the same.

Class 3, two mile race, free for all under 21, except that winners in Class 1 and 2 will be barred. The first prize is a set of Goodrich or Firestone tires, valued at \$10; second prize, \$5 in trade; and third prize, \$3 in trade at the Ruby Cycle shop.

Entries will be received at the Y. M. C. A. where numbers will be issued to each race in the order of the entries. Call and see Mr. Phipps, the secretary.

Clean up that bike and get yourself in racing trim as it is desired to have a great time.

EFFICIENCY IS SOUGHT.

John H. Rudd, Former La Grande, Assigned New Y. M. C. A. Duty.

The appointment of John H. Rudd as Y. M. C. A. county work secretary for Oregon and Idaho was announced simultaneously Saturday with the statement that Mr. Rudd will leave Monday for a six weeks' tour of Middle Western and Eastern states, concluding with attendance at the employed officers' conference at Springfield, Mass., an special conference of international and state county work secretaries for county work immediately following in early June says the Oregon Journal.

The determination to establish county Y. M. C. A. work was reached only recently by the executive committee for Oregon and Idaho and results directly from the government's desire that recreational life in rural districts be organized as a means of helping intensify the efficiency of war work.

Mr. Rudd has for two and a half years been secretary of boys' work for the two states. He came to Portland from La Grande, where he had been secretary of the Y. M. C. A. there. His successor as boys' secretary is Paul L. Newmyer of Enterprise, Oregon, who was in Y. M. C. A. work up until three years ago. R. E. Fenner, with headquarters at Boise, will be associated with Mr. Newmyer.

An advisory committee will act with Mr. Rudd in his new work. It consists of President W. J. Kerr of Oregon Agricultural college; L. L. Breenridge of Twin Falls, Idaho; Leslie Butler of Hood River; Judge R. N. Dunn, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Governor Withycombe of Oregon.

MADE CLEAN HIT.

Delayed Report Of Sinking Of German U-Boat.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—(By United Press.)—The American steamer Tidewater's second shot scored a clean hit, sinking a U-boat on March 17th, the Navy has announced.

The fight between the merchant ship and the submarine took place at midnight.

SEDITION BILL PASSED.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—(By United Press.)—The House today passed the Sedition bill, and it now goes to the president for his signature.

PROBE UNDER WAY.

Attorney General And Senate Committee Take A Hand.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—(By United Press.)—Two distinct probes into America's aircraft program have developed. The attorney-general has started work and Senator Chamberlain today announced that the Senate Military Affairs committee will conduct an unspaning probe. Senator Chamberlain said: "Some thing is radically wrong. This committee is going to learn where the \$40,000,000 aircraft fund has gone."

ROBBERS ARE AGAIN BUSY

THREE LA GRANDE BUSINESS PLACES BROKEN INTO LAST NIGHT.

At Sawyer-Holmes Warehouse \$35 Was Secured; Other Losses Are Nominal.

Three business places in La Grande were broken into by robbers last night. At only one of them was much booty secured, as far as has been discovered. At the Sawyer-Holmes warehouse the cash drawer was broken and between \$30 and \$35 in money was taken.

All the burglaries were committed in the warehouse district along the railroad track.

The warehouse of the Glafko Produce Company was broken into and \$1.50 in stamps is all that is missing from that institution so far.

Safe-Cracking Tried. At the La Grande Implement Company an attempt was made to crack the safe, but this was a failure. The door and locks of the safe had been tampered with. Not being able to get into the strong box the robbers carried off some brass bearings, and a further inventory may reveal other thefts of this kind.

No Clue Yet Found.

The police department was busy this morning trying to find some clue of the robbers, but so far without success.

Slacker Is Detained.

A man giving the name of Joseph Carr is in custody as a slacker as he is not able to show credentials of registration or other evidence of being exempt from war service. He was arrested by Chief of Police Rayburn yesterday in the railroad yards and had presumably been beating his way. The arrested man says he is between 21 and 22 years of age, but he looks older. He gives New York as his native state. His case will be investigated by the proper authorities, and in the meantime he is detained in jail.

Unnatural Crime Charged.

C. J. Smith is under arrest on a charge of having committed an unnatural crime, the complainant being a young child. At the time of his arrest, the chief of police asserts Smith attempted resistance and made a motion as if to draw a gun. He was disarmed and brought to jail. It is said that he is the same C. J. Smith who was convicted on a similar charge here three years ago. After serving six months on the former conviction he was released on parole.

OPENING SCHEDULE TOMORROW.

The schedule for the opening and closing of business houses begins tomorrow. The opening as heretofore noted will be at 7:30 in the morning and the hour for closing is 6 o'clock, with the exception of Saturdays, when the time for closing will be at 9 p.m.

AUSTRO-HUNGARY STRIKE.

COPENHAGEN, May 7.—All work has ceased in Austro-Hungary since May Day. The workers are demanding an eight-hour day.

LA GRANDE NURSES ARE MUCH HONORED

MISSIE NEWBILL AND CHILDERS GUESTS AT DINNER BY HELEN GOULD.

Miss Stella Newbill and Miss Ella Childers, both of whom are graduate nurses of the local hospital, were guests of honor on May 2 at a dinner given to between two and three hundred nurses by Helen Gould at the latter's home in New York City. These nurses Uncle Sam and are about to leave for the other side.

The New York Herald of that date has a group picture of these nurses among which of course are the portraits of the two La Grande young women, Misses Newbill and Childers have been in New York for several weeks awaiting orders to leave for army hospital work in France, and according to the report of the Herald it is probable that the date of their departure is not far distant.

SALES DAY WAS A BIG SUCCESS

BOYS ALSO BUSY YESTERDAY AFTERNOON COMPLETING REGISTRATIONS.

Yesterday being the National War Savings Stamp day, the young ladies of the La Grande High School devoted the afternoon hours to the sale of stamps. Almost every business house in La Grande provided for the sale and the girls were able to add \$553.00 to the now already large stamp sale of this city.

At the same time these girls were so busy, the boys of the High School were no less patriotic and spent the afternoon calling at the mills and shops to give registration cards to young men between the ages of 16 and 21 to sign them up in the boys' working reserve. These cards have to be taken home and signed by the parents of the boys and will then be collected and a report of their afternoon's work given later.

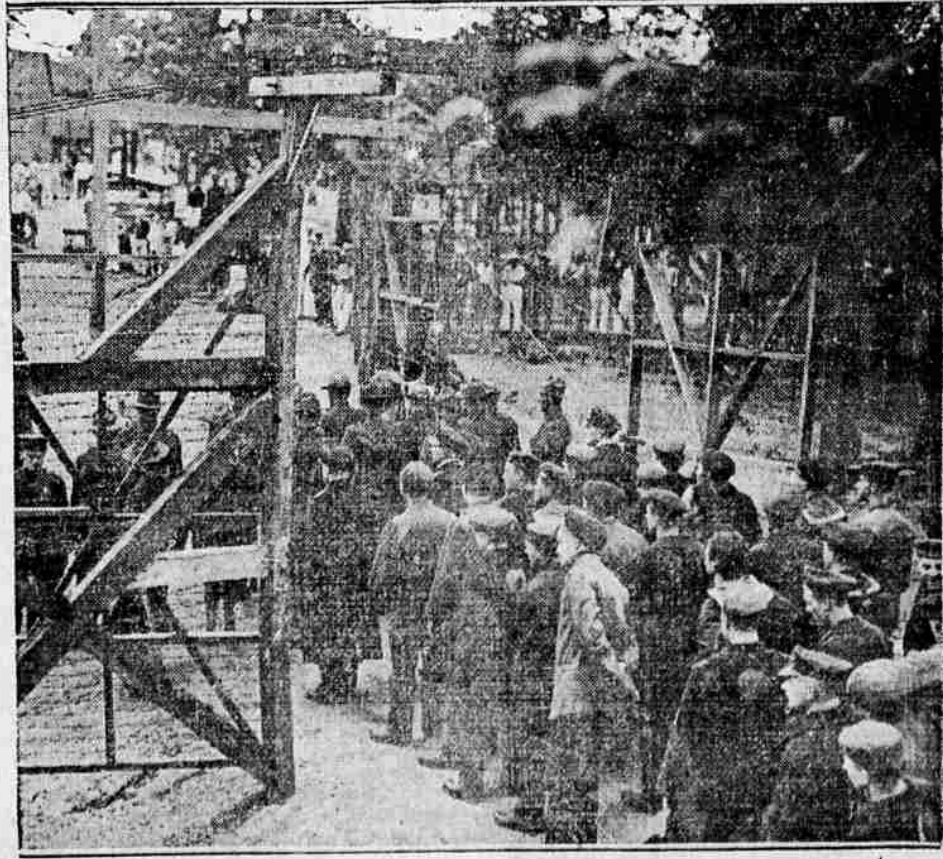
DEFIES THE BLOCKADE.

American Warships Convoy Food Shipment To Switzerland.

BERNE, May 7.—(By United Press.)—American Minister Stovall notifies the Swiss government that America challenges Germany's blockade of Switzerland. It is announced that American warships are escorting two American merchantmen towards France, the ships being laden with grain destined for Switzerland.

FIRST U-BOAT PRISONERS INTERNEED IN AMERICA.

PASSING THROUGH GATES INTO WAR PRISON CAMP.



This news picture, just passed by the censor, shows the first U-boat prisoners, to be interned in the United States, going through the double gates of the War Prison Camp at Fort McPherson, Ga. Scores of other interned men can be seen inside the barbed wire enclosure waiting to greet them. The new prisoners are from the German U-53 captured by the U. S. S. Fanning.

TO STAMP OUT RED PLAGUE

STATE AND MILITARY HEALTH AUTHORITIES HERE FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Movement Is Nation Wide And Is For Safeguarding Men In Service.

Dr. R. E. L. Holt, of the state medical board and Col. Magruder, an official of the medical division at Camp Lewis, are in La Grande to confer with the authorities for the enforcement of a state wide movement intended to control and stamp out as far as possible the spread of venereal plagues among soldiers.

To do this the program includes the gathering in of all lewd persons, both male and female, and if necessary, to place them under enforced treatment. It is recognized that this movement would be futile if confined to mere localities and the campaign is to extend all over the United States and will be put into effect as rapidly as the communities can be properly organized for the work.

Dr. Magruder says the health conditions of the boys in the camp could scarcely be made better and the next thing to fully safeguard their physical efficiency is to stamp out the red plague.

While the details of this plan are lacking it is given out that it is a nation-wide movement and it is on this business that the civil and military medical authorities are represented today in La Grande. Dr. Holt and Col. Magruder will hold a conference with the city commission and city manager this evening.

GUY VAN FLEET HERE.

Former La Grande Young Man En Route to Army Camp.

Guy Van Fleet, a former La Grande boy, is here on a visit for a few days previous to joining the colors. Guy has been living in Boise for a considerable time and has been engaged in the cigar trade. His military registration is at Cle Elum, Wash., but he has received permission to entrain from La Grande and leaves here next Friday evening for Vancouver. He is married and his wife will remain with her people in Idaho during his service in the army.

A brother, Arthur Van Fleet, who was formerly employed in the La Grande postoffice and is locally known as "Red," has been at Camp Lewis since March, and he has been assigned to the military postal department with Division 166, D. B., at Camp Lewis.

Both these young men were former La Grande boys and are well known here. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Van Fleet and are brothers of Clint Van Fleet, of the Golden Rule Company, and Miss Dora Van Fleet, also one among the popular young people of this city.

HOSPITAL BOYS ENJOY TREAT

THE UNIT RECEIVES VICTROLA THROUGH THE RED CROSS ORGANIZATION.

One evening last month the La Grande Hospital corps in France had one of the most enjoyable evenings that it has been the unit's lot to enjoy since crossing the Atlantic. The occasion was the arrival in unit barracks of a fine Victrola with 10 records—music on both sides. Letters reaching La Grande tell of the unbounded joy the records created "All American songs and music, by the big artists—music that we hadn't enjoyed since leaving New York," writes one of the hospital unit to his mother in La Grande. "The unit," he continues, "had a wonderful evening, and all it cost us was a promise that we would tell the folks back home how it came about. The Red Cross gave it to us and the only cost attached was that we would write our folks and tell them about it. I for one am deeply grateful indeed, for it gave me an evening at the feet of America's song-birds, such as I had longed for, but never yet had experienced since arriving here." More of the same spirit of gratitude crops out in the letter, all reflecting on the vari-natured work of the Red Cross, and forcibly tells how the weary toll of trench life is oftentimes brightened and lightened by a bit of wise beneficence on the part of the Red Cross. The letter, bursting with spontaneous gratitude to that wonderful organization, the Red Cross, would stimulate the crustiest mortal into the realization that the Red Cross is a God-send to the soldiers.

SERIOUS CHARGES MADE.

British Ministry Assailed By Former Military Director.

LONDON, May 7.—(By United Press.)—A public letter from General Maurice, formerly director of military operations, substantially charging that Premier Lloyd George and Chancellor Bonar Law lacked veracity concerning vital matters, has admittedly presented the gravest situation confronting the much-assailed government.

Mr. Asquith precipitated matters in the House of Commons this afternoon by bluntly asking the government what steps it intended to take regarding the letter.

Chancellor Bonar Law replied that an army council inquiring into the question of military discipline, is raised by the publication of the letter. He said the government had asked for the appointment of two judges to investigate the allegations of General Maurice against the ministers. Mr. Law offered to permit Mr. Asquith to name one of the judges.

GOES TO SALT LAKE.

Fuel Administrator Holmes Called to An Important Meeting.

Fred J. Holmes, state fuel administrator, leaves this evening for Salt Lake to attend a meeting of practically all the state fuel administrators west of the Missouri river. This meeting is called by Walter E. Hope, who is one of the chiefs in the office of Federal Administrator Garfield. "There are several important matters to come before this conference," said Administrator Holmes today. "The fuel situation in this state is in excellent shape, but there are still matters which require attention to provide consumers with adequate protection before the press of transportation, which is expected to make the matter of fuel supply during the cold season a matter of practical impossibility."

HIG HERD OF CATTLE.

Some of the Stillwell Band Will Be Ready For Market Soon.

Up at the T L cattle ranch, between La Grande and Beaver creek, in which Frank Stillwell is the official head, there are about 300 fine steers, of two and three year olds. They are all looking fine and before very long it is probable that a considerable number will be ready for market. The grass, the water and the weather are all to the good for the cattle on this ranch.

SUSPECTED ROBBER ESCAPES.

Three Others Awaiting Extradition Get Away.

CHICAGO, May 7.—(By United Press.)—Thomas Mullen, who was awaiting extradition to Washington state as a suspected train robber and murderer, and three men of Yakima county, escaped from the Chicago city prison by sawing the bars. A thunderstorm aided the prisoners in making their escape.

I. W. W. PEOPLE CONDEMNED

RESOLUTIONS ARE ADOPTED AT LUNCHEON FAVORING THE DANCE OF THESE PEOPLE.

Pledge to Go Over Top in Union County Safe Democracy.

At the business men's luncheon today the following resolutions, presented by Judge Crawford, were unanimously adopted:

Whereas it has come to the knowledge of the Business Men's Tuesday Luncheon Club of the City of La Grande, Oregon, that there are certain seditious, unloyal persons in our community, who are members and organizers of that vicious and unloyal organization known as the I. W. W. and are circulating literature of the I. W. W. and soliciting membership therein, in aid of German Propaganda;

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that all such persons are enemies of our country, who should be suppressed and stamped out.

That there is no safe place for them in our community.

That we pledge ourselves and the people whom we represent to rid our community of their presence, and to use all lawful means to that end.

We pledge ourselves and all we have in support of our local authorities in cleaning out our community of these disloyal pests, and in this we propose to go over the top and make La Grande, and Union County, safe for Democracy, in both person and property.

The resolution is signed by E. E. Bragg, W. H. Reuter, E. L. Eckley, E. Poiatek, T. H. Crawford, Fred J. Holmes, E. E. Kiddle, Chas. H. Reynolds, R. F. Murphy, L. A. Bohnenkamp, L. L. Murphy, Wm. Miller, R. E. L. Holt, D. Robinson, C. M. Magruder, E. E. Kirtley, P. J. Driscoll, G. L. Larson, F. L. Meyers, Geo. T. Cochran, Lloyd Scriber, H. M. Bay, N. O. Deslist, C. H. Seranton, Pat Foley, S. D. Crowe, E. P. Mossman, L. B. Moe, J. G. Shodgrass, A. W. Nelson, W. D. McMillan, F. Bleune.

The luncheon today was presided over by E. E. Kirtley, who acquitted himself very creditably. In addition to the I. W. W. matter various reports were made. F. L. Meyers reported continued success in stamp sales. The results of yesterday's special efforts have not been tabulated, but are known to have been of large amount. The total sales in the county exceed \$80,000.

Fred Currey reported that the Fourth of July committee have a promise that Col. Leader will be secured as speaker for the La Grande celebration and definite information on the subject will be known later.

George Cochran recommended a committee to act jointly if advisable for Decoration day exercises and also to assist in the preparations for entertaining the pioneers. The committees appointed are: For pioneer day—J. D. Slater, Mrs. Ella Russell and E. L. Eckley. For Decoration day—Judge J. C. Henry, H. E. Coolidge and Mrs. J. A. Russell.

Rev. Father Driscoll offered some very appropriate remarks and a pertinent suggestion to the effect that as much water as possible should be donated by the city for use in home gardening and similar purposes.

Dr. R. E. L. Holt of Portland and Col. Magruder of Camp Lewis, were among the outside visitors at the luncheon. Both spoke on the subject of cleanliness and health preservation which in fact is the object of their present visit. Col. Magruder told of sanitary conditions at Camp Lewis which he says are of the very best and soldiers are in more healthful surroundings now than many of them would be in their own homes.

Judge Crawford was the speaker on the general subject of loyalty and his remarks were the preface to the introduction of the resolution as to the I. W. W. which is herewith given.

Ed E. Kiddle, of Island City, mentioned the fact that there would soon be a Red Cross drive, and applause followed the announcement that he had been designated as the leader in this drive for Union and Wallowa counties. He said he did not know just yet how the drive would be met, but that the top just the same as other matters have gone.