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HEAVY FIRING IN WAR ZONE

BRITISH AND AUSTRALIANS AGAIN ADVANCE LINES ON SOMME-ANCRE FRONT

American Artillery Pours Deluge Of High Explosive Shells On Enemy Supply Trains And Lines Of Communications.

PARIS, May 8.—(By United Press.)—There is most violent artillery fire both north and south of the river Avre and along the Amiens front, according to official dispatches made public here today.

The allies repulsed German attacks and took prisoners west of Montdidier and near Hangard-en-Santerre.

American troops are located at both the above-mentioned points.

BRITISH ADVANCE LINES.

LONDON, May 8.—(By United Press.)—The British have again advanced their lines between the rivers Ancre and Somme, and have taken prisoners, according to Field Marshal Haig's report.

There was heavy night cannonading in Flanders. This morning enemy artillery fire increased in intensity in the northern portion of the Flanders front, especially near Meteren and Kemmel.

AMERICAN ARTILLERY ACTIVE.

(By Fred S. Ferguson.)

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN PICARDY, May 8.—(By United Press.)—American artillery throughout the night pounded the German positions in Cantigny, Courtmanes, Fontaines, West Montdidier, Mesnil St. Georges and all the roads and woods in the neighborhood.

Under the extremely heavy artillery fire, Cantigny Forest was destroyed by the rain of high explosives.

Enemy supply trains were deluged with shells and the night sky was literally ablaze with bursting shells.

At the same time Boche artillery concentrated its efforts on the rear of the American lines.

The weather is perfect, but while French airplanes are flocking over the German lines, the front is literally a sea of mud.

HINDENBURG APPEARS READY.

(By William Philip Simms.)

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES, May 8.—(By United Press.)—Von Hindenburg now appears to be about ready to strike at the allied lines. It is now learned that his vast military machine, comprising roads, railways, bridges, airdromes, airplanes and artillery concentration is completed while numberless troops are refreshed and await the order for the resumption of the offensive.

The Australians have again advanced north of the Somme. Once they moved forward for three hundred yards on a five hundred yard front. Again they penetrated the German lines to a depth of five hundred yards on a six hundred yard front.

MADE SUCCESSFUL FEINT

The Australians first feinted with a heavy bombardment in another portion of the sector between the Somme and Ancre rivers. They then attacked simultaneously on two fronts. The enemy threw out a tremendous barrage of shells and machine gun fire, but did not check the Australians. Sunshine deluges the battlefield today.

WEATHER REPORT.

PORTLAND, May 8.—(By United Press.)—Unsettled.

CLEAN UP TIME HAS ARRIVED

PROPERTY OWNERS WHO MAY BE DELINQUENT ON SATURDAY TO BE REPORTED.

The time specified for the cleaning-up of yards and alleys has arrived and property owners who have not taken note of the fact are requested to attend to the matter promptly. It is desired that all accumulations be placed in boxes or sacks of convenient size for handling and placed where they can be taken up by the wagons which will haul the stuff away.

This work is under the direction of the Neighborhood Club, with the approval and authority of the city. It is expected that all this work will be completed all over the city this week. On Friday and Saturday the committee appointed from the Neighborhood Club membership will make an inspection and all who have been negligent in the matter of cleaning up will be reported. The city officials will then take such steps as may be necessary to enforce the cleaning-up order.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Cupid's Inroads Into Public School Faculty Becomes Evident.

Cupid's inroads into the La Grande school faculty was first uncovered last Thursday evening when the teaching staff of the Central building gave a miscellaneous shower for Miss Gladys Winters, a member of that staff, whose engagement to Scott Wheatley, of this city, was therewith announced. The shower was given at the home of Miss Hulda Anderson, a fellow teacher, and the evening was enjoyably spent informally, and was marked with liberal presentations of practical gifts for the popular bride-elect.

AN EVENING OF MERIT

All are Enthused Over the Neighborhood Club Musicales.

As plans mature for the neighborhood club benefit musicale next Tuesday evening, it becomes more and more apparent that the evening is to be one of extreme merit. The actors in it include many of the very foremost artists in the city, and Mrs. A. L. Richardson, who is chairman of arrangements for the big event, is much gratified over the splendid prospects.

This will be one of the biggest affairs the neighborhood club has yet undertaken in its assistance to the Red Cross chapter here, and there is every reason to believe that it will be the most successful.

PI-U-PI-ANN SHOW

An Exhibition by the Student Body of La Grande High School.

The annual athletic show given by the Student Body of the High School will be presented in the High School Auditorium, May 16. Heretofore the show has been in the form of a carnival, but this year the show will be in the form of six acts of fast and up-to-date vaudeville.

The feature event of the production will be the noted Parisian troupe of singing and dancing beauties, "Les Soeurs des Poilus." This famous group will appear only at one performance and only on this particular date in this country, as they have been imported for the PI-U-PI-ANN Show exclusively.

Another feature of this show will be the celebrated Zulu Medicineman, Inkoosi-kaas. This will be positively the first and only appearance of this wonderful man of magic since leaving his Kaal in Zululand.

These two mentioned acts are only a small part of six first liners which this show is exhibiting, and the management wishes to assure the public that nothing like it has never been seen in La Grande before.

Fitting music for the occasion will be furnished by Jazz de Souse's Arniea Band. This band is too well known to necessitate further mention.

Popular prices of thirty-five and twenty-five cents will prevail. Watch the Observer for further information.

AMERICAN STEAMER SUNK.

Eleven Of The Crew Are Known To Have Been Killed.

NEW YORK, May 7.—Marine circles have learned that eleven of the American steamship Tyler's crew were killed when the vessel was torpedoed and sunk off the French coast on May 3.

SECOND DRIVE FOR RED CROSS

CAMPAIGN WILL BE CONDUCTED THROUGH ITS OWN ORGANIZATION

Ed. E. Kiddle of Island City Will Be Manager for Union and Wallowa.

PORTLAND, May 8.—Next comes the Second War Fund of the American Red Cross for \$100,000. Oregon plans for which were announced in Portland this morning by Henry L. Corbett, state chairman.

Oregon is to aim at \$600,000, as was the case in the first Red Cross war drive, when over \$1,000,000 was subscribed. Portland's quota has been set, as before, at \$250,000, while the aim for the state-at-large is \$350,000.

For the first time the Red Cross will conduct a campaign through its own organization, the campaign committees in each district being selected by the chapter of the Red Cross, which in turn will work through their branches and auxiliaries.

Ed Kiddle Local Manager

Ed. E. Kiddle, of Island City, who had such signal success in former campaigns of this kind, has been designated as the campaign manager of the territory embraced in the La Grande chapter of the Red Cross which includes Union and Wallowa counties.

NO SUMMER RATES.

Ruling Of Railroad Director Discouraging To Tourists.

Railroad officials have been advised that there will be no reduced rates for summer excursions this year. This is by order of Wm. G. McAdoo, director of Railroads. The proposal is presumably for the purpose of increasing the railroad earnings, according to one idea, and another is that it is for the purpose of discouraging summer travel in war times.

NOT AFFECTED HERE

No Reduction of Train Service in this Section.

Though a governmental order is out to the effect that transcontinental passenger service to the northwest be over the Northern Pacific the new arrangement will not affect the number of passenger trains on the O. W. R. & N. The only change will be that trains No. 17 and 18 will not run directly to Chicago as at present. The new deal becomes effective June 1.

There will be no change in mail service between La Grande and the east as the mail trains are not affected by the order.

There will be a reduction of service between Portland and Seattle.

MAY RAISE RATES.

Passenger Fares On Uniform Basis Is Probable.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—(By United Press.)—The Railroad administration is planning to increase freight and passenger rates, because of an \$800,000,000 deficit which threatens the first year. It is authoritatively declared that Director of Railroads McAdoo will consider an increase immediately after disposing of the wage commission's report and fuel contracts.

Passenger department officials forecast a uniform rate of two and three-fourth cents a mile as the passenger rate. The Administration will probably boost freight rate seven and one-half per cent. A vastly greater fuel bill and also an increased payroll necessitates the increase in rates.

TWO BILLIONS FOR SHIPS.

All Will Be Used In The Work Of Construction.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—(By United Press.)—Chairman Hurley today informed the House Appropriations committee that the nation's shipbuilding bill for this fiscal year will be \$2,223,000,000. Practically all will be used directly in producing ships.

I. W. W. SUSPECT FOUND GUILTY

JOHN DIXON SENTENCED SIXTY DAYS FOR CIRCULATING SEDITIOUS LITERATURE.

John Dixon, arrested on the charge of circulating seditious literature, was this morning found guilty in the municipal court and was sentenced to sixty days in jail. The case was called last week and trial was deferred pending a decision of the judge on a demurrer to the complaint. This demurrer was overruled and the trial proceeded today with the result as noted.

The case will be appealed to the circuit court for a decision as to the validity of the ordinance on which the complaint against Dixon was based. In the meantime the defendant is given the privilege of furnishing a bond in the sum of \$100. The required bail had not been given late this afternoon.

ANOTHER BAKER MYSTERY.

C. M. Cook Has Been Missing From Home Since Monday.

BAKER, May 8.—Another mysterious disappearance is baffling the local authorities, who last evening began a search for C. M. Cook, who has been missing since some time Monday forenoon and his wife is very anxious and believes that he has met with some mishap. He left her during the forenoon to come up town to see a party about getting work and told his wife he would be back in an hour or so and that was the last seen of him. He was seen up town shortly afterwards by William Pollman, a former employer, but from that time he dropped out of sight.

They came here a few days ago from Buhl, Idaho, and rented rooms at the residence of John Laidy, on Washington Street. Mr. Cook purchased a supply of groceries, provisions and fuel for the use of his wife, and had just got their rooms settled ready for occupancy when he left.

He had considerable money on his person and had paid a month's rent in advance for the rooms. Some time ago Cook had been in the employ of R. N. Stanfield, but recently quit that job and went to Buhl, where they remained a short time before coming here, where he expected to go to work for a local sheep man. Mrs. Cook says he never was away from her long that there was no reason whatever for his leaving and she greatly fears that he has met with some misfortune.

The officers started a systematic search last evening and notice has been sent to the officers of nearby towns, but up to a late hour nothing had been learned as to his whereabouts.

FIGURES GIVEN OUT

Army Mobilization Will Soon Total 1,247,000.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—(By United Press.)—Provost Marshal Crowder today announced that the national army mobilizations by June 5th, one year after the first registration, will total 1,247,000. The figures show that two thirds of the second draft call will be mobilized by that date.

MILITARY VOTING REGULATIONS

Boys In The Trenches Will Not Participate In Next Elections.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—(By United Press.)—The war department has decided that soldiers in France will not be permitted to vote at the coming elections. Men in training here can vote if the states wish to collect the ballots.

BOYS WERE THE ROBBERS

MYSTERY SURROUNDING THE BREAKING IN OF BUSINESS PLACES MADE CLEAR.

Some of the Loot Cashed Away Led to the Discovery and Confession.

The robbery of the business houses reported last Monday was done by five young boys all but one of whom is under fifteen years of age. They were Vernon Bloomquist, 13 years old last December; his brother Vivian, aged 14 last July; Abraham Little, 15 years old March 12; Cecil Huntley, aged 14 last month and Virgil Stein, also 14 last month.

A part of the loot was cashed away in a shed at the home of the Bloomquist boys. They were overheard and Officer Christensen was notified and found the hidden booty as well as the boys engaged in the transaction. A confession followed.

The Stein boy is already under parole privileges, while the Little boy and the Huntley boy have both been in the reform school.

On account of the boys ages the case will go to the juvenile court. The boys are all in custody.

THE BRITISH CRISIS.

Politicians Are Taking Sides Over Lloyd George-Maurice Row

LONDON, May 8.—(By United Press.)—The most serious crisis that the Lloyd George government has been involved in is expected to reach its culminating point tomorrow.

Supporters of Lloyd George and Bonar Law and the backers of General Maurice are now strenuously canvassing members of the House, each in the hope of securing a majority when the crisis arrives.

The crisis arises out of charges preferred against Premier Lloyd George and Chancellor Bonar Law by ex-Director of Munitions Maurice to the effect that false statements have been made by these two cabinet ministers before the house, especially regarding the situation and condition of the British armies on the western front.

The charges were contained in an open letter printed in prominent newspapers, and the ministers contend that General Maurice should be court-martialed for making public information which he gleaned while he was a servant of the government in a military capacity.

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QUARTERLY DRAFT REGISTRATIONS

PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL CROWDER SAYS THIS PLAN MAY BE NECESSITY.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—(By United Press.)—Quarterly draft registration of men reaching the age of 21 during next year may be necessitated by the new army expansion program, Provost-Marshal General Crowder told the House Military Affairs committee today.

General Crowder presented estimates for \$15,000,000 for draft purposes which exceeds this year's estimates of draft expenditures by \$3,000,000.

"Quarterly registrations are expensive," the Provost Marshal explained.

BUSINESS HEAD NEEDED

Proposal For Civilian Control Of Ordnance Production.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—(By United Press.)—Many are urging the appointment of a civilian head for the Ordnance Department, coincident with Secretary of War Baker's investigation of the ordnance situation. Those favoring a civilian head declare that military men are best fitted to distribute the ordnance, whereas the production needs a big business man at the head.

HOME RULE IS NEAR.

Government Hopes To Introduce New Bill By Next Week.

LONDON, May 8.—(By United Press.)—Chancellor Bonar Law announced in the House of Commons this afternoon that the government hopes to introduce a new Home Rule bill next week.

WHEAT OUTLOOK GOOD.

Acreage And Condition Both Ahead Of Last Report.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—(By United Press.)—The condition of the winter wheat crop on May 1st was eighty six and four-tenths per cent of a normal crop, against seventy-eight and six-tenths per cent on April 1st, and eightyfive and seven tenths per cent, of a ten-year average crop, the Agricultural department has announced.

The winter wheat acreage on May 1st, was 8,962,000 greater than last year.

HALF MILLION IN FRANCE

Secretary Of War Baker Gives Out Definite Figures.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Secretary of War Baker announced today that there are more than 500,000 American soldiers now in France.

RUBBER IMPORTS RESTRICTED

War Department Takes Action To Conserve Tonnage.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—(By United Press.)—The War trade board has announced the restriction of crude rubber imports to a hundred thousand tons annually, the object being to conserve tonnage for war purposes.

HOME FROM PORTLAND

Jack Peare Reports That Politics Has Reached Exultation Stage.

J. H. Peare arrived home this morning from Portland, where he was in more or less direct contact with the political situation.

"Politics in Portland," says Mr. Peare, "has reached the heated state. It now seems quite apparent that the Republican liek between the present chief executive and the man from Coos. It is a seven-day wonder the way Louis Simpson is gathering support. I believe all the other candidates on this part of the ticket are the same as eliminated."

For senator, Mr. Peare is of the decided opinion that it will come Stanfield's day. "The attempted tricks of the past few days are transparent to all, and the groundless charges made against Stanfield not only fall flat, but are reacting in the Eastern Oregon man's favor," says Mr. Peare, who is credited with being better than a novice on political guessing.

FRUIT GROWERS' MEETING

There will be a meeting of fruit growers at the City Hall on May 11, at 2:00 p. m. All fruit growers invited to attend. Spraying and spray materials will be discussed.

PAUL H. SPILLMAN, County Agent.

PROGRAM FOR CHAUTAUQUA

NINTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY TO HAVE MANY FEATURES OF INTEREST.

Net Proceeds Of This Year Will Go To La Grande Chapter Of The Red Cross—Veterans Will Attend Free.

The ninth annual chautauqua assembly begins on the 27th day of June, 1918. This is on Thursday evening and the first number is a patriotic musical program, given up the direction of John A. Patten, 24th regiment of Michigan Volunteers. This company is composed of Union and Confederate veterans all over the age of 73 years. They will give a program of instrumental music, camp fire and war time songs. As is the usual custom of the Grande Ronde Chautauqua, the G. A. R. veterans will be invited to the program free. The oldest of this company is eighty years young. They will play the "Devil's Dream," "Money Musk," "Cap'n Jinks" and the "Arkansas Traveler" with such vim that the pioneers will have a hard time to keep still.

War Lecture On Friday.

On Friday, June 28th, besides the regular morning lectures, in the afternoon will be a prelude by the Fenwick Newell Concert Company, a lecture on the meaning of the great war by Dr. C. J. Bushnell, a special instructor of the officers reserve training corps for the U. S. Army; in the evening there will be a prelude by the same concert company and a lecture on the remaking of the Kentucky mountains, by James A. Burns. He is usually known as "Burns of the Mountains" and is president of the Onoia Institute. "Burns of the Mountains" went into the Kentucky feud district and has accomplished wonders by his personal work among those people.

Musical Program Sunday.

On Saturday there is the usual morning lecture and in the afternoon an entertainment by the Morrison-Smith Co. and a lecture of the work of juvenile courts by Judge Baggot. Judge Baggot is an imitator of boys and some of the incidents here given will be very pathetic while others will be comic in the extreme. In the evening a prelude from the Morrison-Smith company and then the Luzerne Players will produce some of the plays of our allies, giving short dramas, picturing the home life, the emotions, habits and customs of our allied nations.

On Sunday, June 30th, arrangements will be made for Sunday School and a morning sermon.

In the afternoon will be a musical program by the Zedeler Symphonic Quintette. Music of the old masters will be interpreted so that the audience will understand them, and their music will be equal to the Schumann quintette which all enjoyed so much several years ago. This will be followed by Charles Crawford Ghorst, the most remarkable bird imitator in this country. You can hear him on the Edison and Victor Records. This is your opportunity to hear the man himself. In the evening there will be another concert by the quintette and this will be followed by a lecture by Captain J. M. de Beaufort, author of "Behind the German Veil." He is a Belgian artillery officer and nobleman. He has seen service in Germany and active service in the trenches. He has interviewed von Hindenburg from his nephew who gained access to the German headquarters, visited the naval bases at Kiel and Wilhelmshaven, met and interviewed the leaders in the military, Germany. In Berlin he was suspected Ambassador Gerard came to his aid, and recently in this country, said to him, "You never knew young man, the trouble I had to keep the Germans from shooting you."

Great Band Will Attend.

On Monday, July 1, there will be the usual morning lecture, and in the afternoon and evening there will be the grand concerts by Thovein's band. This band opened and closed the San Francisco Exposition and will be a great treat. On Tuesday, July 2, there will be the morning lecture, and in the afternoon a musical prelude by the Treble Cleft Orchestra and a cartoon lecture by Ned Woodman, who gained national reputation through his contributions to Life, Judge and other magazines. In the afternoon there will be a lecture by Lincoln L. Wirt. Wirt was a member of the Red Cross officers' observation party sent under military escort to the trenches in the spring of 1918. This was his third visit to the war zone and each time he has viewed the war close up. On Wednesday, the last day of the Chautauqua

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Queen Wilhelmina, her daughter Princess Juliana, the heir to the throne, and Prince Henry, Wilhelmina's husband.