

AMERICANS DO HEAVY FIRING

ARTILLERY BOMBARDMENT DEMOLISHES GERMAN OBSERVATION POSTS.

Great Concentration Of Enemy Reserves Before Amiens Indicates That May Be Next Point Of Hun Attack.

(By Fred S. Ferguson.)
WITH THE AMERICANS IN PICARDY, May 10.—(By United Press.)—American artillery carried out a fierce bombardment of German positions. During the bombardment, Cantigny church and adjacent buildings were demolished by shell fire. The church was being used as an observation post by the Germans. German machine gun emplacements were also destroyed and a number of fires were started in the German-occupied city as a result of intense artillery bombardment. The concussion of the American heavy artillery rocked the entire front the whole night long. Meanwhile, the "75's" poured a hot, harassing fire into the German positions.

The Germans are now making the strongest but unsuccessful efforts to capture Americans, but not a single American has fallen into enemy hands on this front.

BRITISH RECAPTURE POSTS

LONDON, May 10.—(By United Press.)—British troops yesterday evening recaptured a small portion of the trench which the Germans took, north of Albert, in the morning. Field-Marshal Haig reports, "Elsewhere the fighting is confined to artillery exchanges."

HAIG CONGRATULATES ARMY

LONDON, May 10.—Field Marshal Haig has issued a special order conveying his appreciation of the "splendid service rendered by the Royal Artillery at all stages of the Somme and Lys battles, despite the difficult conditions of a defensive fight against greatly superior numbers."

RESERVES BEFORE AMIENS.

LONDON, May 10.—(By United Press.)—The bulk of the German reserves are still held before Amiens, this indicating that there is a possibility of a renewal of the German offensive at that point.

General Radcliffe, director of military operations, has announced, in reply to the German charge that the French suffered the heaviest casualties in saving the British army, that the French losses were "from a quarter to one-fifth those of the British."

COVE MEN FIGHT WATER

Citizens Join Farmers in Protecting Grain When Dam Breaks.

A Cove special to the Oregonian says:—Public-spirited citizens of Cove, Hugh McCall, S. E. Forstrom, R. Z. Baxter, Grover Duffy and R. H. Daniels motored out Monday to help a little band of heroic grain farmers, among whom were Jahe and Arch Conley, L. P. Carter and J. M. Mitchell save 2000 acres of wheat about six miles out of Cove, from destruction by water.

On Saturday night the dam or levee protecting it from Catherine Creek freshets had broken, or, as it is now believed, the levee being solid and in fine shape to hold, was cut by some I. W. W. It took three days' strenuous effort to save the grain.

TEACHERS TO MEET

Executive Committee Will Hold Session at Enterprise

There will be an executive meeting of the Teacher's Association of Union, Baker and Wallowa counties, to be held at Enterprise tomorrow afternoon. Those in attendance will be Miss Elmet, county school superintendent of Baker county, A. C. Strange, superintendent of Public Instruction, Baker school, Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, county school superintendent Union county, E. E. Arant, superintendent schools, Union, Roy Conklin, superintendent schools, Wallowa, Miss Lexie Strachan, superintendent schools at Joseph and J. C. Conley, superintendent of schools of Wallowa county.

FOR EIGHTH GRADE PUPILS

The lists for the eighth grade examination blanks are being sent out from the office of the County School Superintendent. There are thirty-five districts in all.

RAILROAD MEN ARE WANTED

LOCAL EXEMPTION BOARD RECEIVE CALL FOR SPECIAL VOLUNTEERS

A new call for men has been announced upon this state by the provost marshal general, through a telegram received by the local exemption board today. This call is for twenty-five railroad brakemen, flagmen and conductors, to report to the commanding officer of engineers, Camp Meade, Admiral, Maryland. Men may qualify either as brakemen, flagmen or conductors. Only white men and men physically qualified for general military service are to be inducted under this call, which will be open until May 20, after which date no more volunteers will be accepted. The names thus listed will be sent in to the adjutant general at Portland, and this local board will be notified how many men will be required from this county. If a sufficient number of volunteers do not present themselves, boards will be instructed to select men according to order numbers, using the same method as has been used in former drafts. Men who are inducted under this call will be entrained June 1, for Camp Meade. Volunteers should report as soon as possible to their local boards, for as fast as they report, the names will be sent in.

PIONEER DAUGHTERS MEETING

Object Is Permanent Organization to Entertain Remnant Attendants.

The meeting announced a few days ago of the daughters of Union county pioneers, will be held in the city hall in La Grande tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The object is to provide a permanent organization the main purpose of which is to provide a reception for the pioneers at their annual reunion. All who are eligible are invited to attend and take part in the business of the meeting.

CLEAN UP WAGONS DELAYED

Property owners who have been cleaning up are notified that the city wagons which were to haul off the trash, will not be on the job until next week. The cause of this is that the city teams have all been up on Beaver Creek doing repair work at that place. They will be back on the job in a few days and will then haul the rubbish away.

BODY TO BE CREMATED

Mrs. Margaret Goodrich Was Daughter of Dennis Kearney

BAKER, Or., May 9.—The body of Mrs. Margaret Goodrich, found dead from exposure in a deserted house here last Sunday, three days after she disappeared from the home of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Jennie Jenkins, was taken to Portland for cremation tonight by her brother, William Kearney, San Francisco police officer, who with his wife arrived here today.

Mrs. Goodrich was 38 years old, daughter of the late Dennis Kearney, one time labor leader in San Francisco. She wandered from Mrs. Jenkins' house the night after her arrival here from China, where her husband died several weeks ago.

SUSPECT DISCHARGED

BAKER, May 10.—Joe Eppache, charged with making seditious remarks, at his hearing in Police Court yesterday was dismissed, the evidence against him being insufficient to justify holding him in the opinion of Municipal Judge Storns. He expressed a desire to return to Portland, where he could get employment, and left the city last night. The testimony against him was largely of hearsay nature.

RAIDERS ARE GREETED.

DOVER, England, May 10.—(By United Press.)—Returning participants in the Ostend raid were greeted with the greatest enthusiasm by the townspeople, who assembled in large numbers on the cliffs to greet them in spite of the early hour of the morning. The engagement with the German land batteries last from midnight until three o'clock in the morning. The firing of the guns was distinctly heard here.

LATEST ESTIMATES

CHICAGO, May 10.—Sixteen were killed by the cyclone sweeping Iowa and Illinois and a hundred were injured.

SOLDIERS IN TRAIN WRECK

SEVEN KILLED AND TEN SERIOUSLY INJURED NEAR COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

Broken Wheel Precipitates Coaches Of Troop Train Over High Trestle While En Route To Camp... Greenville

COLUMBIA, South Carolina, May 10.—(By United Press.)—Eye witnesses declare that a troop train fell thru a trestle near Camp Jackson this morning, killing seven soldiers and injuring many. Two cars were demolished. The train carried the advance guard of the 321st infantry, leaving Camp Jackson for camp service at Greenville. Seven soldiers are dead and ten seriously injured. A wheel under a coach broke just as the train reached a high trestle, causing the car to stop, and finally to go over the trestle. This pulled other coaches over. One was an old wooden coach and the other steel. There were sixty-five men in one of the crushed coaches.

MOTIVE IS APPARENT.

Airboard Critic Was Prompting A Private Enterprise.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—(The Government possesses sworn evidence that Cutson Borglum, the sculptor, was promoting a private airplane production company while prosecuting his sensational probe of the aircraft production board. President Wilson and Attorney-General Gregory are in consultation on this phase of the case.

EXCESS EXPENDITURES.

Aircraft Program Has Run Beyond The Appropriation.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—(By United Press.)—Expenditures on aircraft production have exceeded the appropriations by \$157,453,000, according to a report submitted in the senate by Senator Thomas, of Colorado. The total appropriations were \$749,886,000.

TWENTY-ONE CASUALTIES

Of Which Number Four Were Killed In Action.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Today's casualties number 21, as follows:
Killed in action: 4.
Missing: 1.
Lost at sea: 1.
Dead of wounds: 1.
Dead of disease: 3.
Died following accident: 1.
Severely wounded: 3.
Slightly wounded: 7.

HEADS HOME FOR GIRL WAR WORKERS



Miss Siebert heads the housing committee of the Christian Science Church of Washington, formed to provide a temporary home for girls coming to Washington to do war work, until they can be permanently located.

MANY KILLED IN CYCLONE

LATEST REPORTS SIXTEEN AS DEATH LOSS IN ILLINOIS AND IOWA.

DES MOINES, Iowa, May 10.—Meager reports from the crippled wires show that there are ten and possibly twenty dead. Scores were injured and the property damage is \$500,000, as a result of the tornado sweeping north-eastern Iowa Thursday. Three were killed in central Illinois towns, and hundreds were probably injured.

LLOYD GEORGE VINDICATED

Turned Accusations Of His Critics Inside Out.

LONDON, May 10.—(By United Press.)—Lloyd George turned the accusations inside out. When he finished not even a rag was left, says the Evening News. "Asquith's performance was feeble."

PORT OF BOSTON CLOSED

BOSTON, May 10.—(By United Press.)—The navy department has ordered the port of Boston closed. This is probable of a temporary nature. No reason is assigned for the action of the naval authorities.

U-BOAT BASE AGAIN RAIDED

BRITISH NAVAL FORCES HAVE BLOCKED ENTRANCE TO OSTEN HARBOR.

Old Cruiser Vindictive, Laden With Concrete, Is Sunk Between The Piers—Fort Accomplished With Slight Losses.

LONDON, May 10.—British naval forces again raided the German U-boat base at Ostend. They blocked the harbor entrance, sinking the old cruiser Vindictive, which was laden with concrete between the piers across the harbor entrance. The Admiralty announced that the Ostend-Zeebrugge operation was designed to close the ports and was "complete last night."

LAND AGENCY PLACED

Ray W. Logan, Local Representative Of Large Real Estate Concern.

One of the largest concerns in Spokane, owning lands in Montana and Canada has placed the exclusive agency for Union, Wallowa, Baker and Grant counties with Ray W. Logan, La Grande, who will make an active campaign in these counties.

Few people realize the wonderful results that have been obtained in grain raising in this state, and this with the extremely low prices asked for lands has caused enormous purchases by experienced grain raisers in different localities. In fact, Umatilla county in 1917 furnished a large number of purchasers who took over 27,000 acres of these fine wheat lands. No one can question the ability and judgment of Umatilla county in raising wheat—and a list of these purchasers alone is the best advertisement that Montana wheat lands could have.

Branch offices will be placed in the different counties at an early date, and information will be available for all interested.

Before accepting this agency, Mr. Logan fully investigated the different localities and obtained government crop, seed and weather reports, covering a number of years, and this information, together with personal letters from bona-fide Umatilla county purchasers, will convince anyone interested that these lands are the most attractive opportunity for grain raisers left in the entire United States. Soil, weather, transportation and markets are all there, ready to be taken advantage of and prices and terms are extremely low and easily handled and within the reach of all.

I. W. W. BARRED FROM SPOKANE

COUNCIL PASSES SWEEPING ORDINANCE TO RID COMMUNITY OF DISLOYALTY.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 10.—Spokane will not again be a breeding place for I. W. W. propaganda, or a meeting place for this seditious organization, according to members of the city council. The fiat has gone forth that the I. W. W. is not only to be suppressed but stamped out entirely. In addition to raiding three halls, where the agitators formerly had headquarters and throwing 50 of them into jail, the authorities have continued a systematic search in other localities, resulting in the discovery of a secret rendezvous in a dwelling house where several agitators were arrested and a big quantity of literature confiscated.

Then the city council passed a criminal syndicalism ordinance, sweeping in its nature and giving the police department every power which had been hoped for to crush out any semblance of the seditious organization and to close any building or premises of any kind rented or used for such purposes.

The Chamber of Commerce, Ad Club and other civic organizations which have keenly felt the unenviable attitude in which Spokane was regarded by outside communities, are taking much satisfaction from the following letter, written to the Chamber of Commerce by the city clerk:

"The city council instructs me to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your communication of recent date, and to further inform you that so far as its authority extends, it will enforce the laws against all offenders. The council had hoped that this matter would be handled by some authority with wider jurisdiction than the limits of Spokane, but will not be hindered from doing its whole duty by this territorial restriction."

SMALLPOX AT ENTERPRISE

Board Of Health Closes Schools And Forbids Meetings.

Owing to an outbreak of that dreaded scourge, small-pox in Enterprise, all public functions have been suspended in an effort to prevent any further spread of the disease. Up to yesterday what are described as twelve unmistakable cases had been diagnosed by the local medical authorities, most of the victims being children of school age.

The Board of Health, on the 7th instant, announced that, owing to the outbreak, the schools would be closed indefinitely, and that all public meetings or gatherings of any kind were forbidden until otherwise ordered.

It is also ordered that no children shall be permitted to appear on the streets of the city unless they are dispatched by their parents on definite errands, and parents are urged to exercise as much control over their children as possible to prevent infection.

OVER THE TOP

Empey's Great War Narrative Produced in Film

A. B. Cleland, representing the Greater Vitagraph company, is in La Grande from Seattle conferring with Manager Trull, of the Sherry Theatre in regard to the coming presentation of Arthur Guy Empey's great war story, now running in the Observer as a serial.

This war narrative is shown in nine reels and is certain to attract attention. The story, itself, has been read by 25,000,000 people and is considered the most lucid and correct experiences in the trenches that has ever been put out. "Over the Top" will be shown at Sherry's in the near future. In the pictures are shown the author, Arthur Guy Empey, in a great variety of situations.

WALLOWA BOYS IN FRANCE

The old 65th coast artillery, with five Wallowa county boys, is now in France. It is no longer a coast artillery division, but a part of the regular army. The first of this week a letter was received from Emerson Reav-er written in England. On Tuesday two letters came from Alvin Clayton, one from England and a second one from France, where the soldiers had been taken. The boys wrote most cheerfully of their experiences, having enjoyed their long trip and being very well cared for.—Chieftain.

VISITOR FROM UTAH

Orson Brandt, of Eureka, Utah, arrived in La Grande this week on a visit to his aunt, Mrs. Chas. Bedingfield.

NEARLY HALF TO BE CALLED

UPWARDS OF TWO MILLION MEN ARE AVAILABLE FROM CLASS ONE.

Oregon's Quota In Second Draft Is 6,245; Quota For The State Of Washington Is To Be 7,906 Men.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—(By United Press.)—Approximately 40 per cent of Class 1 men will be called this year the war department has announced. The total of class one men is \$2,018,500. Class 1 physical rejections numbered 365,800, which is about 13 per cent of the total. The number in Class 1 in Oregon is 15,717, in Washington 19,899. The second draft quota for Oregon is 6,245 and for Washington 7,906.

GRADE SCHOOL ART EXHIBIT

Displays Made By La Grande Pupils Brings Out Large Attendance.

The art exhibit of the grade pupils of the La Grande public school under direction of Miss Blanche Clark, is in session this afternoon from 2:30 to 4:30 and will be open tomorrow afternoon from 2 to 4.

Each of the first grade rooms has a special feature which combined, represents a four ring circus. The principal feature at the Riviera school is a merry-go-round and Uncle Sam selling thrift stamps.

At the Greenwood school there is a Ferris wheel and the main attraction at the Central school is a long parade, in one of the nooks there is a colored band. Each grade has a special feature. The girls of the seventh and eighth grades have a millinery hat shop, where victory hats are on display in great profusion.

There was a very large attendance and each visitor was presented with a hand-painted card of welcome, each of different design.

In the rooms presided over by Miss Bloom and Miss Mahaffey the children gave a patriotic program, which was especially designed for the parents. The program included the following:

- America By all the children.
- Wood Nymphs
- Indian Dance
- Poem Hiawatha
- We Love Our Flag
- Five Boys
- Song Days of Independence
- Song Making of First Flag
- Poem Farmer Folk
- Song Windmill
- Moon Group of Songs
- Violet Poem
- Drill Soldiers
- Red Cross Nurses
- Flag Drill
- Star Spangled Banner

One of the treats of today was an address by Mr. O. M. Plummer, of Portland, on the subject of food conservation. Mr. Plummer is a man of large affairs, being one of the directors and interested in the Portland stock yards, and is also a member of the Portland school board. His experience in educational matters are of great interest to all who have a heart in this work. He goes tomorrow to Wallowa county on a speaking tour among the schools.

The art exhibit is an unqualified success and brings out unanimous expression of delight from those who attended today. The public is invited to the exhibit tomorrow afternoon and it is hoped that parents especially will find time to attend.

A more complete review of the affair will be presented in tomorrow's Observer.

O. M. PLUMMER HERE.

Candidate For Republican Nomination For Treasurer Makes Visit.

Mr. O. M. Plummer, a well-known citizen of Portland, is a visitor in La Grande. He is candidate for the Republican nomination for state treasurer and has a platform except his past record as a live wire in all public affairs. As a member of the Portland school board, Mr. Plummer has had supervision of expenditures amounting to \$3,000,000 per year and he is also one of the main members of the live stock association and has had much experience in large business and civic operations. He is well known over the state and particularly by the stockmen.

WEATHER REPORT.

PORTLAND, May 10.—(By United Press.)—Fair.

