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ARTILLERYING MOST INTENSE

AMERICAN AND GERMAN DUEL DESCRIBED AS HELL LITERALLY TURNED LOOSE

Sky is Continually Illuminated At Night And Death's Screeching Demons Fill The Air And Earth Rocks.

(By Fred S. Ferguson.)
(By United Press.)

WITH THE AMERICANS IN PICARDY, May 13.—American and German artillery all night long. The American fire is far the heavier. Gigantic explosions rock the houses. The sky is continually alight. Hell's doors seem literally open, and death's screeching demons fill the air. The pounding of guns jar the earth, while seemingly evil forces are bellowing, trying to break through. The guns' flames resemble great fires sweeping the fields. Multiply the summer sheet lightning by hundreds and the result approximates the fierce duel.

GERMAN TRENCHES DESERTED

(By United Press.)
WITH THE AMERICANS IN LORRAINE, May 13.—German patrols learn that the Germans are thinning the Lorraine lines to the westward. The Germans do not attempt most and sending troops Picardy to hold the shell holes. Patrols constantly find stretches of German trenches deserted.

ARTILLERYING ON SOMME

(By United Press.)
LONDON, May 13.—Field Marshal Haig reported that "hostile artillery was active last night in the Somme valley, in the Albert sector and between Lacon and Nieppe forest."

SURPRISE ATTACK FAILED.

(By United Press.)
PARIS, May 13.—Artillerying on both sides of the Aisne is officially reported. The French penetrated the German lines near Nomeny, capturing prisoners. A German surprise attack near St. Die failed.

HEAVY SUM ASKED.

War Department Wants \$6,000,000,000 For Heavy Ordnance.

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, May 13.—The war department has asked congress for an appropriation of \$6,000,000,000 for heavy ordnance. This is in addition to the \$15,000,000,000 estimate given the House military committee last week by Secretary Baker. General Marretot told the House appropriations committee because of the long time required to build big guns most of those built under the next fiscal year's appropriation cannot be delivered until a year after the contract is let. He said the need for heavies was not pressing because the allies have a large reserve, but the United States must prepare in advance.

OREGON MAN DEAD.

Victor O'Rourke, Cook, Of Mountaine, Died From Disease.

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, May 15.—Thirty-eight New England soldiers are reported missing in today's casualty list. They were probably captured at Scieprey. There are ninety-six names in the list, including:
Killed in action, 10.
Died from wounds, 9.
Wounded severely, 12.
Cook Victor O'Rourke, of Mountaine, Oregon, died of disease.

ITALIANS RESIST ATTACK.

Enemy Forced To Retire After Heavy Losses.

(By United Press.)
ROME, May 13.—"The enemy attacked Monte Carneio after an intense bombardment, but our fire stopped them," an official report says. "We counter attacked forcing the enemy into retirement, inflicting heavy losses."

RETURNS FROM BAKER

Miss May Murphy returned from Baker, where she has been in the interest of food conservation. Miss Murphy will return to Baker tomorrow and will hold a demonstration meeting in connection with the school art exhibit, and will then return to La Grande.

JUNIOR PIONEERS ARE ORGANIZED

PRINCIPAL OBJECT IS TO PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT AT THE ANNUAL REUNION

The daughters of pioneers held a meeting at the city hall Saturday afternoon for the purpose of organization. After some discussion of the matter it was decided that the sons of pioneers will also be admitted to membership and the name of the organization will be "Sons and Daughters of Pioneers." A meeting is to be held two weeks hence for the purpose of completing the organization on the enlarged basis.

At the preliminary meeting the following were elected:
President, Mrs. H. J. Eckley; vice president, Mrs. John Shaw; secretary, Miss Etha Huffman; treasurer, Mrs. Julius Roesch. Vice presidents for precincts were appointed as follows: Union, Mrs. Edith Wright; Cove, Mrs. J. J. Conley; Imbler, Miss Stella Brooks; Elgin, Lee Tuttle; Summerville, Mrs. Jeanette Tuttle; Allice, Mrs. John Shaw.

The committee appointments included the following:
Decorations, Mrs. Ida Cherry, Mrs. Kate Hanley and Miss Mary Warnick.

Badges, Mrs. J. H. Childs and Mrs. Julius Roesch.

Refreshments, Mrs. Dolly Taal and assistants whom she may select.

Constitution and By-laws, J. D. Slater, Miss Etha Huffman and Miss Naomi Williamson.

Reception, Mrs. Carolyn Anderson, Mrs. C. D. Huffman, Mrs. C. R. Hibberd, Miss Fanny Brown. This committee is not complete and several other names are to be added.

The main purposes of the organization is to provide suitable reception for the pioneers of Union county at their forthcoming annual reunion and also to provide a program of entertainment.

OFFICIAL WAR PAPER

Copy of "Stars and Stripes" Is Received by J. D. Slater.

J. D. Slater has received copies of the "Stars and Stripes," the official publication of the American Forces in France. The paper claims no particular location except France and it is of metropolitan size and contains information of especial interest to the American soldiers abroad.

An editorial says the boys do not take kindly to the name "Sammy" which they say was wished on them, but it is asserted that some day a name will be given to the American soldiers which will be more accurate and more acceptable than that of "Sammy." The paper was mailed to Mr. Slater by Clyde Honeycutt, a member of Co. L.

SEAT SALE IS ON

One of the Best Arranged Programs for Benefit Tomorrow Evening.

Seat reservation for the Neighborhood musicale to be given tomorrow evening at the High School auditorium for the benefit of the Red Cross is progressing rapidly today. The sale of tickets is progressing nicely too and as the quality of the musicale is becoming better known, it is clear that there is going to be a widespread support. In many respects the blend and quality of the numbers is the best arrangement that has been made in any of the war-relief programs. The details of the program will be published tomorrow.

The exhausted condition of the Red Cross chapter funds prompts a wholehearted support of the musicale, which in itself is highly meritorious.

TWO NAMES ADDED

Number of Stars for Service Flag Has Been Increased.

Two more names have been added to the list for the high school service flag that will be dedicated in the near future. The names are, Lyle Kiddle, who left Saturday evening for Camp Grant, Ill., and Henry Procter, who recently joined the Marines. Any one knowing a graduate whose name has not been included in the list heretofore published will confer a great favor on the committee by calling Willard Carpy and giving him the names.

THE WEATHER.

(By United Press.)
PORTLAND, May 13.—Fair.

AMERICANS TO BE IN FIGHT

SECRETARY BAKER CORRECTS A REPORT THAT WAS SENT OUT FROM OTTAWA.

British Ambassador Also Says That United States Forces Will Not Be Kept Back From Active Participation.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—American forces in France are to be actively engaged in battle now and regularly hereafter. Secretary Baker announced, in contradiction of the Ottawa statement, "The facts are exactly otherwise. American troops in France now are being used actively in battle, as General Pershing offered, under the supreme commander."

This refutation of Secretary Baker was occasioned by a report sent out from Ottawa Sunday night, which said:

"So confident is the entente of its ability to withstand any drive the Germans can launch that it has been decided not to use the American army until it becomes a complete power and force, according to a cable summary of operations on the western front received here tonight from the war committee of the British Cabinet."

A FURTHER DENIAL.

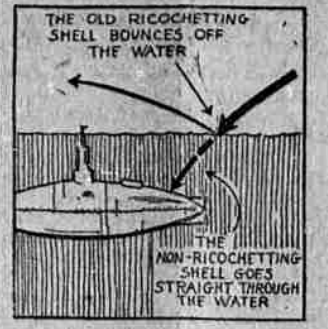
WASHINGTON, May 13.—British Ambassador Lord Reading declared that he doubted the accuracy of the statement this morning from Ottawa, attributed to the British war cabinet, that American troops would be held back, and not used until their forces have reached powerful strength.

Lord Reading declared the belief that no such statement was made "with the knowledge of the prime minister or the war cabinet."

The reported new change in the allies military policy created the greatest surprise.

Lord Reading said: "The statement attributed to the British cabinet to the effect that the allies are now confident and have chosen to wait until the Americans have a most powerful force before using it is diametrically opposed to all the information received by me from the British war cabinet, and to all requests which I have been asked to make of the United States administration. I'm quite in the dark as to the origin of the statement. I can only say now that I am convinced the document was not issued with the knowledge of the prime minister or the British war cabinet."

NEW SHELLS AID WAR ON U BOATS



This diagram shows what part the new non-ricochetting shells play in fighting the U-boats. When a periscope is sighted it is, of course, necessary to fire short in order to hit the sub under water. The old shells would glance off the water, like a flat stone, of have their course so changed that hits were just luck. The new shells which have a nozzle on 'em keeps them in their course through the water.

BOILER MAKER IS WANTED

LOCAL BOARD CALLS FOR VOLUNTEERS TO GO INTO THE ENGINEER'S CORPS

The local board is calling for a volunteer boiler-maker to go into the Engineer's Corps at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, Indiana. Such volunteer must be within the draft age and a registrant of Union county, and must qualify as a boiler maker. He will entrain for this camp on May 17th. If none present themselves before Tuesday noon, May 14th, the board will have to draft the next man down the line. This is a special call for skilled men and it is greatly hoped that Union county can furnish a volunteer. Any man desiring to volunteer for this service must present himself to the local board office before the above specified time.

Volunteers are still lacking to go in the last end, as conductors brakemen and flagmen. This call will close May 20th.

MOTORCYCLE PICNIC

There will be a motor cycle picnic on Sunday, May 19th. Riders of all makes are invited and those wishing to join the crowd will please notify Ruby Cycle Shop as early as possible so that arrangements can be made for handling the crowd.

Y. M. C. A. AGAIN IN FINE SHAPE

PREMISES HAVE BEEN CLEANED AND CLASSES WILL BE RESUMED

Bicycle Races, Scheduled for Next Saturday, Will Include Lively Events and Entries Are Now in Order.

After a thorough cleaning, the class work at the Y. M. C. A. will be resumed with a few slight changes.

The big thing this week will be the bicycle races scheduled for Saturday afternoon, May 18th at 4:30 o'clock.

All entries in completion for the \$50.00 worth of prizes donated by the Ruby Cycle Shop, must be made at the Y. M. C. A. All boys whether members or not have a chance in these races, as there are classes for members and non-members. Prizes are the same for each class. Half mile, mile and two mile races.

Boys will obtain their numbers in the order in which they file their names and make their entries.

There is no charge for entering. Call at the Y. and get all information as to ages of the different classes, what the prizes are, and all other details of the event will be cheerfully furnished.

UALMER FAMILY REUNION

Mrs. Beulah Newlin, of La Grande, and Mrs. A. E. Jones of Portland, who have been visiting in Baker, were joined Sunday by Joseph Palmer, Mrs. B. W. Grandy and Mrs. Emma Harding, of La Grande and they all were guests of Mayor C. L. Palmer, of Baker, in a family reunion. The La Grande members of the party returned home last night.

MOTHER'S DAY OBSERVED

Interesting and Appropriate Service at M. E. Church.
Yesterday morning the M. E. Church celebrated Mother's Day in a very appropriate and pleasing way. The young ladies of the church acted as ushers and presented each one attending with a flower. The pastor, Rev. G. H. Fesse, delivered a splendid sermon on "The Beautiful Jewel of True Womanhood."

MEN WHO CANNOT FIGHT AT THE FRONT IN FRANCE CAN STILL DO THEIR BIT IN FORESTRY UNITS



Even if a man cannot fight, there is still plenty of opportunity for him to do "his bit" for his country in France. The work of obtaining a sufficient quantity of timber for the Western front is a very big one and employs a large number of men. The timber is used for a great many purposes in the trenches, for making bridge parts and sides and roofs of dugouts, roads, bridges, etc., etc.

At the commencement of the war a great many of the finest forests in northwestern France were entirely cut down to supply the armies with timber. Since then the British and French have had to go farther and farther afield until now the Forestry units are working all over France and all over Great Britain. Even the trees in the famous old Windsor forest have been cut down.

These Forestry units consist entirely of men who have been accustomed to forestry work and they get very little military training. In fact, they are working on lines of employment to the similar Canadian lumber camps. Men from 18 to 55 years are taken by the British and Canadian Armies and the same standard of physical fitness is not required for these units. It practically means that any man who is fit to work at his job is taken. This provides an opportunity for men who are over age or are not fit enough to go overseas to fight, to engage in forestry work in France. If a man can handle an axe or a saw or has any knowledge of the work, he will be taken.

The British and Canadian Recruiting Mission has recruiting offices in many cities all over the United States, and men who desire to enlist in the Forestry units can do so by applying at the nearest one.

EXAMINATIONS FOR RURAL CARRIERS

WOMEN AS WELL AS MEN ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS BRANCH OF SERVICE

The United States civil service commission has announced an examination for the county of Union, Oregon, to be held at La Grande, June 8, 1918 to fill the position of rural carrier at La Grande and vacancies that may later occur on rural routes from other post offices in the above-mentioned county. The examination will be open to citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of a post office in the county and who meet the other requirements set forth in Form No. 1977. This form and application blanks may be obtained from the offices mentioned above or from the United States civil service commission at Washington at the earliest practicable date.

During the continuance of the present war the commission will, in accordance with the request of the post office department, admit women to rural carrier examinations upon the same conditions as men.

WAR RELICS RECEIVED

Serber Kline Sends Harry Pattison French Shell and Hand Grenade

Harry Pattison received a package of war relics this morning from Serber Kline, former employe at the Pattison Bros. grocery and now in service in France. The articles sent include a 16-inch trench shell, a hand grenade or "lemon" as they are sometimes designated, and these were wrapped in a newspaper printed in French and a publication called "Camp and Trench Life," printed in English.

The bottom of the shell carries the regulation mark "75-D. C." The shell is of brass and it has been hammered out for the purpose of ornamentation and has the outline of a Dutch scene, with wind mill and Holland maiden, and the words "Lorraine" and the famous Lorraine Cross. This package of war relics, coming direct from one of the La Grande boys, is attracting great attention.

MAC WOOD BUYS BUICK SIX AND LIKES THE CAR

Observation Among Other Owners Leads to Conclusion that Buick Meets Test.

Mac Wood, manager of the Golden Rule Co., has graduated into the Buick fraternity. Friday he walked into L. C. Smith's place of business pointed his pipestem at a certain Buick six declaring: "F'll'er up." Mr. Smith did, and Mr. Wood climbed in, stepped on the starter and was gone. His very first trip was a drive to Union which he negotiated with all the ease of a veteran big-car driver.

"The reason I bought a Buick" said Mr. Wood "is because I have observed that the large number of Buicks in this valley are standing up. Men who own Buicks and get capacity use out of them do so without grief. I had first sized up the field, and am now convinced that the Buick is the car for me—it stands the test, and with it all carries the modern features."

JUVENILE COURT CASES

Two Boys in Robbery Paroled and Two Go to Reform School.

In the juvenile court the cases of the Bloomquist boys, engaged in the recent robbery, were sentenced to the reform school but put on parole until they reach the age of twenty-one.

Abraham Little, another one of the band, is earning \$65 per month and he gives the money to his mother. His case has been continued.

The Huntley boy and the Stein boy were each sentenced to the reform school and they will be taken away in a day or two.

MRS. MANN GOES EAST.

Mrs. Floyd Mann left Saturday night for St. Paul, Minn., where she will visit with her husband, who is attending the aviation school at that place. Mrs. Mann will visit relatives at Flint, Mich., before returning to her home in La Grande.

WILL LIVE IN LA GRANDE

Mrs. Chris Mays will arrive for Elgin tomorrow evening to make her home in La Grande. Her husband has recently accepted a position with the Putman Drug store, of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Mays will occupy the home of Mrs. Olive Bay.

RED CROSS IS TO BE THEME

QUOTA FOR UNION AND WALLAWA COUNTIES IN NEXT DRIVE IS \$23,000.

State Manager Elrod and Local Captains Will Be Present at the Tuesday Noon Luncheon Held Tomorrow.

QUOTA IS \$23,000.
According to word received by General Manager Kiddle today, the quota of Union and Wallawa counties, comprising the La Grande chapter of the Red Cross, will be \$23,000 for the coming Red Cross drive.

Tomorrow noon at the regular luncheon, Mr. J. O. Elrod, assistant state manager of the Red Cross campaign, will be the chief speaker upon whom Chairman E. E. Kiddle will call. In addition to this distinguished Portlander, there will be a score or more men from outside points, including all local campaign managers in Union and Wallawa counties, and the executive committee of the Union county advisory war board. The coming Red Cross campaign will be the subject discussed. A full attendance of citizens is desired.

Local Managers Appointed.

In each of the sub-districts of the main district the general manager has appointed local campaign managers each of whom will supervise his home district. In this way the machinery will be full and complete. These local managers are expected to be present at the luncheon tomorrow for final instruction. The executive committee of the war board will also be present as well as the publicity committee. The latter includes A. W. Nelson, chairman, and all the editors in the two counties.

Mr. Kiddle Will Preside.

Mr. Kiddle will be the chairman for the luncheon tomorrow noon, and Judge Knowles, previously appointed, will preside at the luncheon to be given in honor of Richard Hobson, hero of the Merrimac, who will be here May 20.

Other Committees Named.

H. E. Dixon, A. C. Hampton and Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe constitute the speakers' committee in this county. George Wyatt, of Enterprise; C. T. McDaniel, of Wallawa, and A. W. Schupp, of Joseph, are the speakers' committee for the Wallawa county end of the district.

AUSTRIAN FATALLY HURT

Several Companions Injured in an Accident Near Vincent.

Dan Musick, an Austrian, was the man who was fatally injured in the accident reported in the Observer Saturday evening. The accident happened the night before. A party of eight Austrians who are employed on the railroad were on a speeder going to Vincent for supper when they collided with an engine. Musick died from his injuries Saturday morning. Four or five of the others were considerably bruised and were brought to La Grande along with the remains of their unfortunate companion Saturday evening. The injured ones were taken to the hospital, but it appears that their injuries are not of sufficient consequence to detain them long from their work.

The remains of Musick were interred from the Bohenkamp chapel this afternoon. The deceased was 34 years of age and as far as known he has no relatives in this country.

IN MUNICIPAL COURT

Fines Imposed for Speeding and One Caught With Booze.

In the municipal court today Walter Pohnman and Barney Harris were each fined \$5 for fast driving and the same amount was charged to Harry Moenkhouse, aged seventeen, for smoking cigarettes. A thimbleful was caught with a bottle of whiskey, was fined \$50 and sentenced to two days in jail.

CENTRAL POWERS SATISFIED.

BERLIN, May 13.—(By United Press.)—It is officially announced that the Kaiser, Emperor Karl and members of their respective staffs are in complete accord with the relations of the two monarchies.