

SINISTER LULL PRESAGE DRIVE

SILENCE IS EXTENDING ALONG
BATTLE LINE WHILE HUNS
PREPARE

Although Battlefields Are Unusually
Dry, Armies Are Curiously In-
active—Cold Drizzle Today
Keeps Airmen Home.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES,
May 14.—A sinister silence spreads
along the battle line while the Ger-
mans are preparing their third and
perhaps biggest thrust. Although the
battlefields are unusually dry, the ar-
mies are curiously inactive.

Today, however, a cold drizzle is
falling and the airmen have scarcely
left their hangars.

ARTILLERY IS ACTIVE

British Reports Successes in Minor
Raids at Merville and Robecq.

LONDON, May 14.—Field Marshal
Haig, in his usual morning commu-
nication reports that German artillery
was active throughout the night on
the Somme and Ancre sectors.

The British scored successes in min-
or infantry raids carried out in the
neighborhood of Merville and Robecq.

CASUALTY LIST GROWS.

Over One Hundred Americans Were
Captured At Seicheprey.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The
names of twenty-seven New England-
ers, who were captured by the Ger-
mans in the battle of Seicheprey, are
listed in today's list of casualties. This
brings the total of Americans captured
in the fighting in the village to over
one hundred.

Other casualties listed are:
Killed in action: 14.
Died of wounds: 7.

BLOODY FIGHTING IS REPORTED

MOSCOW, May 14.—Four thousand
Germans and Finnish White Guards,
who are co-operating, were killed in
a battle with Russian Red Guards near
Lastis, northeast of Helsinki, Finland.
The bombardment of the city
by German heavy guns, killed many
civilians.

Following the occupation of the city
of Abo by Finnish White Guards, five
hundred Russian officers and men
were shot in groups of forty and fifty
by machine gun fire.

The Finns have accused the Russian
Red Guards (Bolsheviks) of having
perpetrated terrible atrocities since
their occupation of Finnish towns and
as these towns have been recovered by
Finnish and Teuton soldiery, retaliation
in the form of mob executions of offi-
cers and men, have been reported.

LEASES ON OIL LANDS

President Does Not Favor Command-
eering.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Acting
on the advice of President Wilson, the
House Public Lands committee has
decided to advocate the elimination of
that section of the Oil Lands Leasing
bill, which would give President Wilson
the right to commandeer for war purposes
all oil lands.

JAMES GORDON BENNETT DEAD

Proprietor Of New York Herald
And Noted Sportsman Passes.

NEW YORK, May 14.—James Gor-
don Bennett, proprietor of the New
York Herald, died this morning at his
home near Nice, southern France.

James Gordon Bennett, of late years
was perhaps better known in Europe,
especially in Paris and the Riviera,
than he was in his native country,
America. When he became wealthy
many years ago, he went to Paris and
for years established himself in the
once gay metropolis of France and be-
came a leader in society, especially
that section which called itself with
outdoor sports. He made periodical
visits to New York and fifteen years
ago, members of the staff of the New
York Herald would sometimes experi-
ence a rude shock, when J. G. B. sud-
denly appeared to demand explana-
tions for errors which had crept in the
paper or beats which had been missed
several weeks before. As the years
went on his visits became less fre-
quent and after he took up residence in
the south of France, he associated himself
more and more with the life of the
well-to-do French.

Nearly every branch of outdoor
sport found in James Gordon Bennett
a liberal patron, and his trophies for
yacht, auto, horse and other races are
well remembered.

BRUCE DENNIS IS BOOSTED

CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL
COMMITTEEMAN RECEIVES
GOOD ENDORSEMENTS

More than a score of prominent
Republicans of the state yesterday
joined in a strong endorsement of
the candidacy of Bruce Dennis, of
La Grande, for Republican National
Committeeman says the Oregonian.
In commending the candi-
dacy of Mr. Dennis, these Republi-
cans refer to his ability as an
organizer and his standing as a
citizen and newspaperman. The
endorsement, which is addressed to
the Republican voters of the
state, follows:

To the Republicans of Oregon—
We, the undersigned Republicans
of this state, recommend and urge
that all Republican voters support
and vote for Bruce Dennis for
Republican National Committeeman
at the primaries on May 17.

His active and untiring interest
in Republican politics, coupled with
his ability as a convincing speaker
and an able writer, prompts us to
appeal to the voters to elect him
as National Committeeman.

As an organizer, Mr. Dennis has
proved his ability, having organized
and managed to a successful ter-
mination a number of state-wide
campaigns. With strong organized
opposition against him he collected
the good roads advocates into one
body and carried the election
which gave to this state its first
constructive highway legislation.
When Oregon needed a State Coun-
cil of Defense he was called to
organize it, and the effective work
of that body with its wide cam-
paigns of education paved the way
for Oregon to be first in her war
work.

His standing as a citizen and as
a newspaper man is well known,
and we sincerely believe that in
him the Republican party of Ore-
gon will have a live, energetic
leader who will not only be
eminently fair to every member
of the party, but who will also
give to the party that life and ac-
tivity which modern politics needs
and demands.

Signed: Daniel Boyd, delegate to
last two Republican National con-
ventions; W. L. Furnish, of Mult-
nomah county; J. H. Pearce, chair-
man Union County Republican Cen-
tral Committee; Marion Jack, Re-
publican State Central Commit-
tee; Thomas Thompson, Republican Con-
gressional Committeeman of Umatilla
county; Frank Curl, chairman
Umatilla county Republican Cen-
tral Committee; T. J. Mahoney,
State Central Committeeman of
Morrow county; William Pollman,
of Baker county; Drew Barnum,
State Central Committeeman of
Sherman county; Jay H. Bower-
man, of Multnomah county; Grant
Dimick, of Clackamas county; F.
S. Bramwell, of Josephine county;
Ed Wright, secretary Public Ser-
vice Commission; D. E. Kennedy,
of Multnomah county; Fred R.
Gross, of Multnomah county; Max
Duedermann, of Multnomah coun-
ty; Dr. J. W. Donnelly, of Gilliam
county, and many others.

GERMAN ATTACK REPULSED

Heavy Cannonading Is Reported From
American Sector.

PARIS, May 14.—A French official
report issued this morning says: "Our
patrols captured prisoners in fighting
north of Hangard-en-Santerre, in the
Amiens sector, and west of the Meuse,
also in the Verdun sector.

A German surprise attack southeast
of Montdidier was repulsed, and other
German efforts were attended with
failure.

Heavy cannonading is reported in
the Vosges mountains and at Butte des
Milne, where American artillery is lo-
cated.

PLATINUM SUPPLY SEIZED

Jewellers Must Sell All Costly Metal
To Government By June 3.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—All plat-
inum in the United States is com-
mandeered for war purposes, the War In-
dustries Board announced today.

All supplies in the hands of jewellers
manufacturers and wholesalers, as well
as supplies of the metal received by
importers up to June 3, must be sold
to the government at \$105 per oz. troy.
Iridium is also requisitioned at \$175
dollars an ounce, and palladium at \$135
per ounce.

PACIFIC MAIL PROSPERING
NEW YORK, May 13.—An extra
dividend of \$1 a share in addition
to the regular semi-annual dis-
bursement of 50 cents was declared
today by the Pacific Mail Steam-
ship Company.

On December 10, last, an extra
dividend of \$2.50 was declared.

FIRE DOES HALF MILLION DAMAGE

STEVESTONE, GREAT SALMON-
FISHING METROPOLIS, IS
DEVASTATED

Three Canneries, Block Of Stores, And
Two Big Hotels Already Gutted—
Fire Still Rages—Heat De-
stroyed Fire Hose.

VANCOUVER, B.C., May 14.—
Stevestone, British Columbia's great
salmon fishing metropolis, was de-
vastated today by the most serious fire in
its history.

The fire alarm was given shortly
after nine o'clock this morning, and
the blaze, fanned by a strong breeze
from the west, rapidly engulfed many
of the principal business buildings and
canneries, completely defeating the ef-
forts of the firemen to cope with it.

Within an hour from the time the
alarm was turned in three canneries,
the Star, Stevestone and Lighthouse,
were completely gutted.

Continuing on their path, the flames
destroyed a whole block of stores and
business houses, and the two big hotels
the London and Richmond were blazing
at noon today.

When this report was dispatched, 24
buildings were either entirely destroyed
or were heavily afire, and the con-
flagration was still out of hand.

The whole population is busy carting
furniture and other household belong-
ings from buildings within the danger
zone to a place of safety.

The losses already are assessed at
half a million dollars.

So intense was the heat that the
firehose was burned, this hampering
seriously the efforts of the fire brig-
ades.

U. S. LOANS BIG SUMS TO ALLIES

Large Credits Are Extended to Britain,
France And Italy.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The gov-
ernment today authorized the issue of
an additional credit to the amount of
two hundred million dollars to Great
Britain. Similar credits of one hun-
dred million dollars each were extended
to both France and Italy.

NEW AIRCRAFT CHIEF

Expert To Control Aircraft Production
Following Probe.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Archer
A. Landon, of Buffalo, N.Y., has been
appointed chief of the Aircraft Pro-
duction Division. He was formerly vice-
president of the American Radiator
Company, and has gained much experi-
ence of aircraft production in Europe.
He has already assumed his new post.

BOLSHEVIKI CLASH WITH ANARCHISTS

MACHINE GUN FIRE POURED IN-
TO EXTREMIST QUARTERS
IN MOSCOW.

PETROGRAD, May 14.—Serious
fighting has broken out between the
Bolsheviks and anarchists in the old
capital of Moscow.

After street-fighting, the Bolshevik
troops surrounded the headquarters of
the anarchists in the center of the city
and bombarded the building with guns
mounted on armored cars.

Desperate street fighting continues
and is attended with heavy casualties.
The anarchists replied to the Bolshe-
viki fire with machine guns and hand
grenades.

At noon today desultory firing still
continued in the streets of Moscow.

PEACE—AFTER DECISIVE BATTLE

"All Talk Is Idle Until Great Trial Of
Strength Is Fought Out."

LONDON, May 14.—"The govern-
ment is not opposed to peace, but all
peace talk is idle until the great trial
of strength between the allies and the
Germans has been fought out on the
battlefield," said Austen Chamberlain,
the newly-appointed member of the
British war cabinet, in addressing the
Women's Unionist Tariff Reform As-
sociation today.

RUMANIANS OBJECT TO PEACE

Cabinet Resigns Following Dissatis-
faction At Hun Terms.

ROTTERDAM, May 14.—The news-
paper Nieuw Courant learns that the
Rumanian cabinet has resigned.

This was expected, because of the
unrest and dissatisfaction which pre-
vails in Bucharest since the peace
terms submitted by the Teutons be-
came known.

WILL HAVE A DINNER

Busy Bee Auxiliary Will Work for
Red Cross Fund.

The Busy Bee Auxiliary of the
Red Cross will hold a 35c dinner
at the Y. M. C. A. beginning at
noon on Saturday, May 25, 1918.

The same day there will be an
exhibit at Oxner's paint store on
Adams Avenue a few of the
articles the ladies have made, in-
cluding quilts, pillows, etc. These
articles will go for sale and the
proceeds will be turned into the
Red Cross funds.

Mrs. C. W. Bond, a local singer, will sing at
both the dinner and the sale.
Her song will be "The Boys in
Kahki." This song was composed
by Mrs. E. L. Gritton of Baker
Company, and is now in the hands of the
publisher and in about a month
will be out in regular sheet form.

MANY ATTEND THE LUNCHEON

EVENT WAS STRICTLY A RED
CROSS AFFAIR WITH PAT-
RIOTISM IN EVIDENCE

Announcement That Manager Kiddle
Had Put Up Checks Covering
The Quota Received With
Great Enthusiasm.

Mr. E. E. Kiddle, chairman of the
noon day luncheon, made it plain that
the event was a Red Cross affair.
There was a large attendance from
outside localities, the participants be-
ing principally those engaged in Red
Cross and other war activities. The
addresses were mostly brief and to
the point.

Signal For Cheers.

When A. W. Nelson, publicity chair-
man, explained the act of Mr. Kiddle,
who yesterday evening put up two cer-
tified checks for \$11,500 each and
covering the quota for Union and
Wallowa counties, there was a demon-
stration. The checks were exhibited
as was also the receipt of the same
by Mrs. Polack, cashier.

The cheers following Mr. Nelson's
report were modestly acknowledged
by Mr. Kiddle, who explained that he
had perfect faith that the people of
the two counties would make the ac-
count good, and this was accompanied
by a response "We will," from all
over the room.

Many Ladies Present.

The luncheon was made distinctive
today by the presence of a large num-
ber of women, all of whom are active
in Red Cross affairs. Mrs. Mosman
spoke of her recent visit to the head-
quarters in Seattle and the good work
there given out as to the standing of
the La Grande chapter. Mrs. Ivan-
hoe told of the work of the school
children throughout the district and
affirmed that it was the children who
went home and gave their parents
much of the inspiration which has
been shown in all the war activities.
Mrs. George Cochran affirmed that
the women of the community are all
ready to do any work that may be as-
signed them.

Various Reports Received.

Mr. A. T. Hill, county chairman,
said that the bond drive had been
completed in every way and that the
number of subscribers was about four
times that of the former bond cam-
paign. He said the sales could have
been made bigger and that there was
a reserve kept for bond sales of the
future. J. C. Snodgrass announced
the committees for the Fourth of July
celebration and said that the event
was going to be a big, successful af-
fair. H. E. Dixon responded in be-
half of the theaters and four minute
speakers and promised that whenever
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O'NEILL AND THYE WILL SETTLE IT

WRESTLING TITLE WILL BE
DECIDED AT ARCADE
THEATRE, MAY 21

Jack O'Neill and Ted Thye,
through the efforts of J. E. Ander-
son, have finally agreed on terms
by which they will settle the
matter of wrestling supremacy at
the Arcade Theatre, Tuesday even-
ing, May 21st.

The two men will wrestle a
finish under Police Gazette Rules
at catch weights. To local
wrestling fans this should be one
of the most interesting matches
that could possibly be arranged.

Ever since July 20th last year,
when A. W. Nelson as referee of
the bout between O'Neill and Thye,
decided that O'Neill was the best
man on that occasion, Thye has
had a longing in his heart to try
again, believing he is the man who
can beat O'Neill and going to the
extreme of finally locating in La
Grande and thoroughly acclima-
ting himself before tackling the
job a second time. He has camped
on O'Neill's trail the past six
months but apparently the latter
has a very high regard for his
younger man's wrestling ability
for up to the time that Mr. Ander-
son made up his mind he would
offer the largest purse ever posted
for a wrestling watch, he pre-
ferred to stay out of the game
altogether. But the purse was too
much of a temptation for Mr.
O'Neill and he has not only signed
up the articles of the match but
has posted a forfeit of \$200 as a
guarantee that he will be present
on the evening of the big show.

So the matter of supremacy will
be settled and the lovers of good
wrestling who will be privileged
to witness the coming contest will
undoubtedly see one of the best
mat shows ever staged in La
Grande.

RARE TREAT THIS EVENING

Program Is Complete for Neigh-
borhood Benefit Entertain-
ment.

All is in readiness this after-
noon for tonight's big musicale
given in benefit for the Red Cross
under the auspices of the Neigh-
borhood club. Every performer
has mastered his part, and that
the program will move off with
a smoothness and precision of
the veteran talents is a foregone
conclusion. The program begins at
8:15 promptly and it behooves all
to be seated at that time. From
the moment the Monday Club
makes its debut with "Carmena"
until the singing of "America"
at the close, every moment will be
taken up with first class talent.
The admission price is 25 and 35
cents. Following is the program
as arranged by Mrs. A. L. Rich-
ardson, chairman of the Neigh-
borhood Club's work in the pro-
gram.

1. "Carmena" Wilson
- THE MONDAY CLUB
- Mrs. A. L. Richardson, Director
2. "A Cycle of Life" (Selections)
"Prelude" Landon Ronald
- "Down in the Forest" (Spring)
"Love I Have Won You (Sum-
mer)"
- Mrs. A. L. Richardson, Soprano
- Mrs. W. W. Berry, Accompanist
3. (a) "An Irish Tune"
Harmonized by Percy Grainger
(b) "Vivienne" (4th Bar-
carolle) Goddard
(c) "Mazurka No. 2"
Horowsky
- Miss Sadie Young, Pianist
4. "Kiss Waltz" Arditi
- Miss Mary Newlin, Mezzo-soprano
5. "Madrigal" Simonetti
- Miss Florence Lynch, Violinist
- Miss Friederike Schilke, Accom-
panist
6. (a) "In the Time of Roses"
Reichardt
(b) "Woe Thou Sweet Music"
Elgar
- The Monday Club
7. "A Pot O' Broth"
William Butler Yates
- Miss Naomi Williamson, Reader
8. "Spring Is Here"
Edith A. Dick
- Miss Jeanette Stoddard, Mezzo-
contralto
9. Flower Dance
Victor Herbert
- Miss Leona Newlin
- Miss Hilda Anthony, Accompanist
- Mr. J. David Haynes, Violin
10. "Moonlight Starlight"
Gilbert
- Mrs. A. L. Richardson
- Mr. Frank B. Clark, Accompanist
11. "America"
The Monday Club

WEATHER REPORT.

PORTLAND, May 14.—Showers.

QUOTA RAISED FOR RED CROSS

UNION AND WALLOWA COUN-
TIES LEAD THE ENTIRE
UNITED STATES

Manager Kiddle Puts Up Certified
Check for \$23,000 and the
News Is Spread Over the
World

Union and Wallowa counties
stand at the top of the whole
United States in the coming Red
Cross campaign. Her quota has
been guaranteed by a check for
\$23,000, certified by a local bank,
and filed with Mrs. E. Polack,
campaign cashier, who in turn has
appeared before a notary public
to give affidavit that such certified
check is in her hands.

Whole World Knows It

Throughout the English-speak-
ing world, Union and Wallowa
counties are today pre-eminently
on the map. Local Associated
press correspondents, and scribes
for the big city papers, last night
hurled the news forth to the
world that the two counties com-
prising the district of the La
Grande Red Cross chapter had
guaranteed the full quota a week
early. At Portland last night the
news was developed further and
resent to the New York offices
of the Associated Press and the
United Press, and from there dis-
tributed to the world at large.
The publicity bureau of the cam-
paign at Portland in turn sent
special telegrams to a dozen of
the foremost papers of the country
which in turn played up the news
with big headlines.

National Advertising Given

"An even week before the open-
ing, two counties have guaranteed
their quotas with a check," reads
the introductory sentence of the
messages sent forth to the world
last evening.

National advertising such as the
two counties have never before
dreamed of has resulted.

This remarkable incident came
up in a peculiar way, coupled with
a good purse and a strong nerve.
Yesterday morning District Man-
ager E. E. Kiddle was in conversa-
tion with W. E. Witham, state
manager at Portland.

"What is our quota?" queried
Mr. Kiddle.

"Twenty three thousand" came
the answer.

"Well, that isn't so fierce after
all!" soliloquized the local man-
ager. Then, aloud—"We got that
raised already."

There the conversation stopped.

Late yesterday afternoon Mr.
Witham got Mr. Kiddle on the tele-
phone again and here is what was
said:

"What was that you said about
Union and Wallowa counties hav-
ing raised their quota already?"
asked the Portland manager.

"Well, not exactly raised, but
it's guaranteed you—"

"What do you mean, guaran-
teed?"

By this time Mr. Kiddle's sandy
complexion was beginning to
sparkle a little blurring disposi-
tion, and the Portlander was
promptly hushed by the remark:

"Well, if you don't believe us
suppose we deposit a certified
check for the amount!"

The Portland man gasped and
dropped his receiver momentarily
but found spirit to say:

"If you do, your district will
get the biggest bit of publicity
it ever got in its life."

In a half hour's time, Mr. Kiddle
had deposited the certified check,
guaranteeing the Red Cross as-
sociation that the people at large
would subscribe it in full, has
been before a notary public and
today Mrs. Polack has a check for
\$23,000 that is as good as gold.

Within a few minutes telegraph
wires were burning up the news to
the national headquarters.

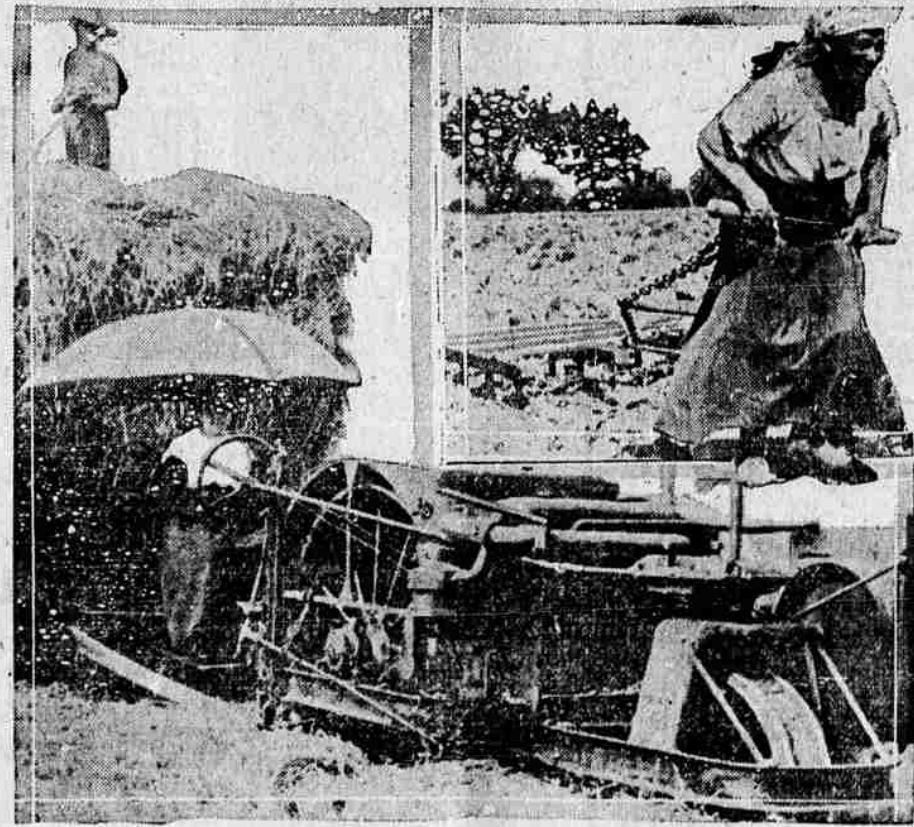
Assistant State Manager Elrod
came to La Grande last evening
to help organize the district for
the campaign. When he learned
what had happened, he disgustedly
cursed the loss of time in coming
here and took the first train back.
"Nothing for me to do here!" he
grunted as he climbed the fast
mail.

U. S. FINANCIAL CONDITION

All National Banks Must Make Early
Report.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The
comptroller of currency has issued an
order which provides that all national
banks throughout the country shall
present a statement of their condition
on May 10th.

MILLION WOMEN WORKERS FOR FARMS!



WOMEN FARM WORKERS—"OVER THERE" AND HERE IN THE U. S. A. THIS IS A MONTANA
FARM GIRL SECURELY SHADED BY THE UMBRELLA ATTACHMENT ON THE TRACTOR DRAW-
ING THE LOAD OF HAY. INSET AT TOP IS ANOTHER PICTURE—THAT OF A FRENCH WOMAN
DRAGGING A HARROW OVER A NEWLY PLOWED FIELD.

A million women workers are needed on American farms this year. This number the Woman's Land
Army of America hopes to make up.

The Land Army was organized in New York following a conference of officials of the U. S. Depart-
ment of Agriculture, the Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense and the woman's division
of the U. S. Employment Service.

The army's plan is to send out units, each under the direction of a chaperon-leader. Units are com-
posed of from 4 to 100 women. They will live in tents or vacant farmhouses during the summer, going
to and from the farms in cars furnished by the farmers. They will be paid \$2 a day, out of which each
must pay her share of camp expenses, or they can sign up for \$15 a month, and the unit pay all costs,
collecting from farmers at the rate of \$2 a day for each worker.