

CHALLENGE TO CHAMBERLAIN

PRESIDENT SAYS PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION WOULD SHOW LACK OF CONFIDENCE

Constitution Defines The Executive Functions And It Is Time To Draw Line Between Friends And Opponents.

(United Press to Observer.)
WASHINGTON, May 15.—President Wilson has notified Congress that he would regard the passage of Senator Chamberlain's resolution empowering the Senate Military Affairs committee to investigate every phase of the war department's activities as "a direct vote of lack of confidence in him and an attempt to take the conduct of the war out of his hands."

The President wrote a letter declaring that the constitution defines the functions of the executive, and the country knows where the responsibility lies, and the responsible ones can be held to their duty. He declared every supporter of the administration should oppose the resolution. He further said that "these are serious times. It is absolutely necessary that the lines should be clearly drawn between friends and opponents."

Many have regarded the letter as the president's challenge for a vote of confidence.

THOS. WALSINGER BOOSTED

Neighbors Suggest His Name as Legislative Candidate.

The Observer has been notified that Thos. Walsinger, of Alcei, is being boosted as a candidate for the legislature from the Twenty-fifth legislative district, which includes Union county. Mr. Walsinger has been endorsed for the position by neighbors and friends who ask that his name be written in on the ballot on the day of the primary election.

LOCAL BOY HONORED

Ray M. Couch Selected To Go To Officers' Training Camp.

Ray M. Couch, son of Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Couch, of Island City, a senior at the University of Oregon, has been selected as one of the boys to go to the officers' training department at Camp Lewis. This selection was made by Col. Leader, the military instructor at the state university, and is very gratifying to the friends of the Union county boy. Ray Couch was in line for graduation with this year's class and he has received full credits for the work required.

BALL PLAYERS HEARD FROM

"Stick" Woods and "Toots" Garrity, two La Grande boys, are with the Pocatello baseball team in the Southern Idaho league. They are holding down the positions of second base and center field, respectively. The league season opened at Pocatello last Sunday and both Woods and Garrity made a score.

BROTHERHOOD DANCE SUCCESS

The dance given yesterday evening by the members of Grande Ronde Lodge No. 475 Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, was a great success. Refreshments were served as part of the evening's social program.

HIGH CLASS VAUDEVILLE

That's What Patrons Will See at Pi-U-Pi-Ann Show.

The finishing touches are being applied to the participants in tomorrow night's Pi-U-Pi-Ann Show. All acts are developing a finish which is seen only in high class vaudeville.

The Parisian Beauties are showing marked ability. Their up-to-date singing and dancing act will doubtless be one of the high hits of the local theatrical season. Don't forget there are six other big acts.

Seats may now be reserved at Silverthorne's.

Popular prices of thirty-five and twenty-five cents prevail.

The curtain will rise promptly at 8 o'clock. No waits; no delays.

SWISS TROOPS ARE GASSED

GENEVA, May 15.—Swiss troops on the Alsatian frontier have begun to suffer from German poison gas floating back from the western front toward the Rhine, Swiss newspapers say.

The civilian population along the Rhine has been warned to provide itself with gas masks. The school children in Mulheim and Freiburg wear the gas masks daily.

SUGGESTION FOR BENEFIT FUND

LOCAL MAN SAYS WORN OUT CASINGS AND TUBES SHOULD GO TO RED CROSS.

Bert Hamilton, local auto dealer, has a suggestion to offer for the benefit of the Red Cross. It is Mr. Hamilton's idea that if all the worn and discarded auto casings and tires were turned over as junk they could be converted into a cash fund of considerable amount. It is believed that the sum of a thousand dollars could be secured in this way.

Arrangements could be made, it is said, with any of the local auto firms to take care of the old tires and other rubber attachments that might be contributed for this purpose.

LOCAL CAMPAIGN MANAGERS

List of Those Who Will Handle the Red Cross Drive.

The principal officers for the forthcoming Red Cross drive, which officially begins Monday, May 20, and continues one week, are: Larry Larson, war fund chairman; Ed. E. Kiddle, general campaign manager; Mrs. E. Polack, cashier; Mrs. T. H. Goodhue, secretary.

The local campaign managers include the following:

Mrs. Fred Hamilton, Summerville.
Mrs. H. McGoldrick, Imbler.
Chris Johnson, North Powder.
E. E. McLendon, Telocaset.
J. E. Hutchinson, Union.
L. R. Conklin, Cove.
L. Deahna, Elgin.
Mrs. Cochran, La Grande.
Mrs. Charles Playle, Alcei.
C. N. Lewis, Hilgard.
Mrs. Fontaine, Kamela.
Patrick Powers, Medical Springs.
Earl Stoddard, Perry.
Mrs. W. L. Gekeler, Grange.
Mrs. Bidwell, Island City.
Mrs. Mollie Peebler, Ladu Canyon.
Howard O'Brian, Wallowa.
L. D. Crowe, Lostine.
R. Sullivan, Starkey.
J. Ross Leslie, Joseph.
Dr. Clyde Hackett, Enterprise.

VOTING PLACES

Everything in Readiness for Primary Election Friday.

All arrangements are completed for the primary election to be held on Friday, May 17, to elect candidates to be voted at the general election in November. La Grande has thirteen voting districts and the place of voting for each district is given in the following:

No. 1—Monroe's Store.
No. 2—City Hall.
No. 3—W. D. Grandy's residence.
No. 4—Riveria School.
No. 5—Davis residence, 1403 V. Ave.
No. 6—Belmer residence, Cove and Cherry Sts.
No. 7—Kammerer residence, Washington and N. Ave.
No. 8—Court House.
No. 9—Presbyterian Church.
No. 10—Methodist Church Basement.
No. 11—Miss Pogue's residence, 2nd and Main Sts.
No. 12—Harris Hall.
No. 13—2103 U and North Fir Sts.

FOR COMMENCEMENT WEEK

Exercises To Be Held in High School Auditorium May 24.

Invitations are being issued by members of the Senior Class of the La Grande High School for the 1918 commencement program which will take place Friday evening May 24. The exercises will be held in the High School auditorium and Senator Walter M. Pierce will deliver the address. This occasion is always looked forward to with much pleasure and calls forth for the young students many expressions of congratulations.

WESTON SOLDIER KILLED

Hugh A. Taylor, Pendleton Round-Up Rider, Falls in Battle

PENDLETON, Ore., May 13.—Word has been received here of the death on the battle-front in France of Hugh A. Taylor, of Weston, who went over with the Walla Walla Artillery Company, as did a number of other young men from this county. He was the son of Moses Taylor, wealthy retired farmer of Weston, and is well known here. For several years he was one of the participants in the Round-Up, and is the second of the frontier show riders to have made the supreme sacrifice on the battlefield. Dell Blacett, killed March 30, was the first. He is the first Weston boy to fall.

He is survived by his parents, his widow and two small children.

BIG FIRE IN A SHIPYARD

BRITISH COLUMBIA'S LARGEST INDUSTRY DEVASTATED THIS MORNING.

Loss Is Nearly Two Million Dollars in Which Two 8,000 Ton Steamers Are Damaged—One Fireman Crushed To Death.

(United Press to Observer.)
VANCOUVER, B.C., May 15.—Coughlin's shipyard, British Columbia's largest shipbuilding industry, was devastated by fire early this morning. The loss is nearly two million dollars. Duncan Cameron, a fireman, was crushed by a falling wall and instantly killed. Two eight-thousand ton steamers were on the ways, and the War Charger, nearly completed, was not seriously damaged. The War Chariot, the other vessel, on which work to the cost of nearly one million dollars has been done, is almost a total loss. The vessel fell into the mudflat when the ways and foundation were destroyed.

The fire was under control at five o'clock this morning. The blaze started in the boiler room, and it was almost extinguished when an acetylene gas tank exploded.

NEWSPAPER GETS MAURICE

Retired Major-General Correspondent for London Chronicle.

LONDON, May 14.—Major-General Maurice, whose retirement was ordered after the explanations made by Premier Lloyd George in the House of Commons in answer to charges contained in a letter written by General Maurice, has accepted an offer to become the military correspondent of the Daily Chronicle.

This announcement is made by the paper itself and his first article will appear tomorrow.

WITH MOTORCYCLE SQUADRON

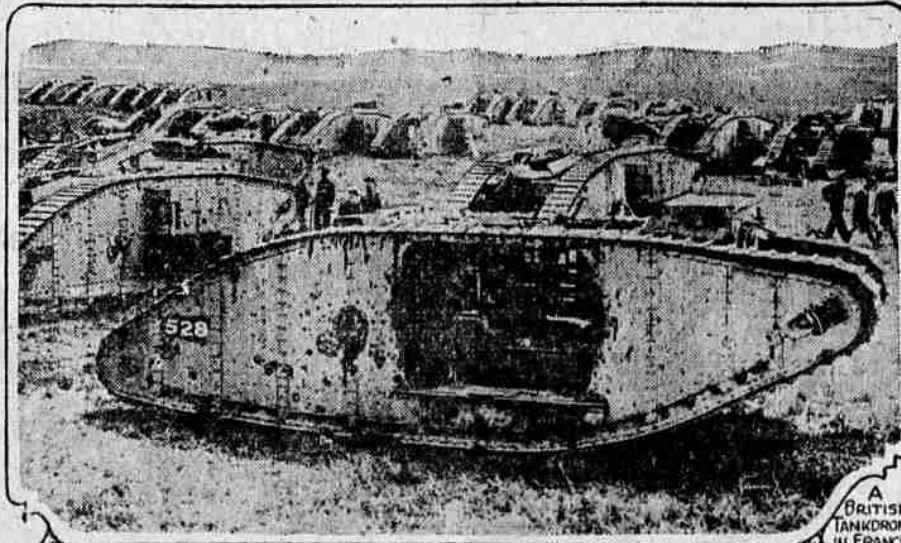
Allyn Hunter, of Island City, Is Appointed Sergeant.

Allyn Hunter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hunter of Island City, is with a motorcycle squadron at a southern army camp, having recently volunteered in that branch of the service. The young man was formerly with the home guards and his training has been recognized in his appointment as a company sergeant. This appointment was made almost immediately after his arrival at the army camp.

PLACE FOR DEFECTIVE MEN.

(United Press to Observer.)
WASHINGTON, May 15.—Secretary Baker has approved the plan of placing rejected men for slight physical defects into recruit battalions for military duties other than overseas.

BRITISH TANKS A GREAT HELP TO THE TOMMIES AND GREAT BRITAIN SEEMS TO HAVE PLENTY OF THEM



The British tank was one of the great sensations of the present war. It not only surprised the world when it appeared in action, but it surprised the Germans—and there was a good strong folk accompanying the surprise. The very idea of a land-battleship was inspiring in itself, but the tanks did not go into action with any desire on the part of their crews to create poetry and romance. They went into action to sweep German machine gun and artillery fire, and not only inspired his men but gave the whole world a laugh when he flew the signal, "England expects every tank to do its duty—dead!"

In these days when Great Britain is asking her sons in the United States to volunteer for service at once so that there may be a steady flow of much needed man power to the western front; when one branch of Congress in Washington passes a

so-called "Slacker Bill" which provides that an alien of allied citizenship must fight or be deported so that his own conscription laws may compel him to do his duty; when Great Britain and the United States are putting the finishing touches on an international draft convention; it may interest a great many able-bodied young men in this country who claim British citizenship, but have not volunteered for service, that the British and Canadian armies have a vast number of these land-battleships, evidence of which is given in the accompanying photograph. This shows only one British tankdrome in France. How many more tanks are ready for action. The censor may know, but he won't tell. However, the Germans may find out—as they did when the monstrosities routed them or captured them at Cambrai!

PUT OVER IN TWENTY FOUR HOURS TIME

APPEAL HAS GONE FORTH TO FINISH RED CROSS WORK IN ONE DAY

"Put it over in 24 hours." That is the command and urgent appeal that has gone forth from General Manager E. E. Kiddle concerning the Red Cross drive which begins Monday. An appeal of this sort came from Portland's state office this morning, in which every county in the state is urged to exemplify as near as possible the trick turned by Union county. In glowing terms Union and Walla Walla county's record, resultant from the posting of a certified check for the whole quota, the circular letters to all county managers point to La Grande.

"Do it in a day," says Mr. Kiddle today. Organization to that effect is going on now and it is so purposed.

TEACHERS GET MORE PAY

SPOKANE, Wash., May 15.—Twenty High School teachers, 10 each from Lewis and Clark and North Central schools, will be given increases of \$2000 a year, commencing next September.

Thirty-four Lewis and Clark instructors will get \$100 a year increase, while 32 North Central teachers will get the same advance in salary. A committee composed of the School Board, Superintendent Pratt and the high school principals recommended the increases.

Both physical directors at North Central and Lewis and Clark schools will be given \$150 increases. Their new salaries will be \$1300.

The biggest advance in salary goes to W. J. Sanders, English teacher at North Central, who was advanced from \$1400 to \$1800 a year.

MAIL MAN COMES A-FLEXING

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, May 15.—"Hortense, look up and see whether the mail man is coming!"

Washington and New York households actually began using this admonition today, when the first airplane mail service was scheduled to start between Washington and New York.

Only first class mail is to be carried at present, and only one trip each way is to be made daily. Army aviators will be used as carriers, at least until the service is thoroughly established.

DRAFT DESERTER SENTENCED

(United Press to Observer.)
WASHINGTON, May 15.—The war department has announced that the Camp Lewis court martial has sentenced William Pemberton, owner of a large Seattle bakery to a long term of imprisonment. Pemberton was a draft deserter.

DESPERATE PLANS LAID

ENEMY GATHERING ALL AVAILABLE FORCE FOR THE LAST GREAT VENTURE.

Great Activity Among The Austrians Is Also Noticeable Along The Italian Front—Aircraft Is Busy.

(By United Press.)
(By William Philip Simms.)
ON THE BRITISH FRONT, May 15.—The Germans are rapidly retooling their armies with boys aged 12, and this leaves little doubt that Germany has embarked on a last great adventure, using every man, boy, horse and machine desperately endeavoring to win a decision now fulfilling the Kaiser's boast that he will continue to rule the world or see every man, boy, horse and dog die.

ENEMY RAIDS UNSUCCESSFUL

(United Press to Observer.)
LONDON, May 15.—Field Marshal Haig reported that the German artillery began a bombardment this morning at points between the Somme and the Ancre Rivers and on the northern portion of the Flanders front.

"South-west of Morlaucourt and north of Kommel the enemy's fire increased this morning."

Field-Marshal Haig reported that several British infantry raids were attempted with success, while those attempted by the Germans were without result.

COUNTER ATTACKS REPULSED

(United Press to Observer.)
PARIS, May 15.—Violent artillery fire is progressing north of Montdidier and between Montdidier and Noyon.

An official report says that the French took the wood south of Hallies, where the Americans are located. Then they repulsed sharp German counter attacks. The French took seventy prisoners.

ENGINEERS WILL AFFILIATE

(United Press to Observer.)
CLEVELAND, May 15.—Members of the Locomotive Engineers Brotherhood in convention assembled here will affiliate with the American Federation of Labor.

CHAS. E. HUGHES SELECTED

Will Accept President's Request To Join In The Probe.

(United Press to Observer.)
WASHINGTON, May 15.—The President has asked Judge Chas. E. Hughes to act as co-investigator in the probe of Gutzon Borglum's charges against the aircraft production board. Judge Hughes has agreed to serve.

MAIL IS SENT BY AIRPLANE

NEW SERVICE INAUGURATED BETWEEN WASHINGTON, PHILADELPHIA AND NEW YORK

(United Press to Observer.)
WASHINGTON, May 15.—Cheered by a great throng, including the president and Mrs. Wilson and Postmaster-General Burleson, America's first official airplane mail service was inaugurated when an army aeroplane left for New York.

LEAVES NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, May 15.—An army biplane carrying mail to Philadelphia and Washington, left at 11:30 o'clock this morning.

ARRIVED AT PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA, May 15.—Lieut. Webb landed with the first aerial mail delivery from New York at 1 o'clock. Lieut. Edgerton relieved him, and proceeded to Washington.

LANDS AT WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—Nineteen letters and packages were delivered to President Wilson via the first airport delivery from New York.

LARGE NUMBER MISSING.

Day's Report Shows Unusual List of U. S. Casualties.

(United Press to Observer.)
WASHINGTON, May 15.—Today's casualty list is one of the longest yet issued, and contains one hundred and twenty-four names, among them being those of 39 New Englanders, who are reported as missing. Other casualties are defined as follows:
Died in action: 3.
Died of wounds: 3.
Wounded severely: 6.
Wounded slightly: 48.

AUSTRIANS CONCENTRATING

(United Press to Observer.)
ROME, May 15.—It is announced here that great masses of Austrians are concentrating along the Alpine lines and in the Friuli Plains. Austrian aircraft is desperately trying to prevent Italian observations.

CASHING IN ON LIBERTY

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, May 15.—Holders of Liberty bonds of the second issue are cashing coupons throughout the nation today.

The coupons for the interest on the second 4 per cent bonds may be cashed at any bank and at many other agencies.

BIG CITIES "CUT" GERMAN

Language of Enemy Not to Be Taught in Schools.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 14.—Teaching of the German language in the elementary schools of San Francisco will be discontinued after the end of the present term, according to a resolution adopted unanimously by the board of education.

PHILADELPHIA, May 14.—Elimination of the study of the German from the public high schools of this city was voted today by the board of education.

PROMINENT MEN ARRESTED

Sequel To I. W. W. Deportations From Bisbee, Arizona.

(United Press to Observer.)
BISBEE, May 15.—Twenty-one Bisbees were arrested today by a United States marshal, charged with conspiring to deprive citizens of their constitutional rights. This is the sequel to the deportation of fifteen hundred alleged "wobblies."

Those under arrest are all the most prominent men, and include several mine superintendents, the city marshal, and several deputies, health officers, cattlemen, a state senator, bank cashiers and consulting engineers.

BIG PLANT PROJECTED.

Mammoth Ordnance Concern For Big Howitzers And Projectiles.

(United Press to Observer.)
WASHINGTON, May 15.—The government and the Midvale Steel Company seriously contemplate constructing a mammoth ordnance plant designed to produce big howitzers and projectiles, it is learned.

RESULTS SATISFYING.

(United Press to Observer.)
LONDON, May 15.—The general trend of the warfare against the submarines has progressed quite satisfactorily since January 1st, Dr. Mac Namara, financial secretary to the Admiralty announced in the House of Commons today.

MUSICAL WAS GREAT EVENT

TALENT OF HIGH CLASS WAS EVIDENT AT LAST NIGHT'S PERFORMANCE

The Monday Club, a New Musical Organization and Several Local Artists Combined in Entertainment.

A musicale event that stands out among the years of the past, an event that conclusively proves La Grande's young will in the immediate years to come bring musical renown upon the city, occurred last evening when a galaxy of local stars rendered a Red Cross Benefit under the auspices of the Neighborhood Club, under direction of Mrs. A. L. Richardson. A majority of the participants were young ladies—embryonic stars of tomorrow. Those who heard the program last evening know that there is musical talent of high class for today and that the morrow is likewise saved for.

"Carmina" (Wilson), handled by the Monday Club, Mrs. Richardson directing, opened the evening's program. In the soothing and harmonious classic, replete with necessities for the little needles that go with high grade concerted work, the singers met their responsibility fully and did the piece justice.

Second on the program was Landon Ronald's masterpiece "A Cycle of Life" which Mrs. A. L. Richardson has selected the "prelude," "Spring" and "Summer." Swinging from the descriptive number into the fine strains of "Spring," and then into equally rapturous "Summer" melodies Mrs. Richardson did herself proud. The extremely difficult music was played by Mrs. W. V. Berry with excellent skill.

Miss Sadie Young's numbers convinced the audience that another of the Young family is coming into foremost prominence. Fresh from a year's study with Chicago masters and reflecting the influence of her artist sister Miss Harriet, the performer showed complete mastery of the ivory keys.

Miss Mary Newlin's charming voice was brought into full play in her "Kiss Waltz" (Arditi). Her clear, bell-like voice filled the auditorium with charming music. The young lady displays unusual possibilities.

With commendable poise and confidence Miss Florence Lynch appears before an audience with promise of a great future. Young, and petite, she displays rare talent with her violin and her number last evening was excellent. She was ably accompanied by Miss Schilke.

In the second appearance of the Monday Club, the organization's power to attack, shade and sustain, was very noticeable. In both numbers of this group the club showed splendid polish and finish. It is safe to predict that with a little more time this group of girls under Mrs. Richardson's tutelage will be a musical organization par excellence.

Miss Naomi Williamson hit upon a production when she rendered Yates' "A Pot 'O Broth" that gave her fine opportunity to display her talent. The piece, pastoral in nature, deals with the religious fervor and native superstition of the plebeian Irish and is full of keen wit and humor which Miss Williamson developed with fine success.

Miss Jeanette Stoddard's mezzo-contralto voice was at its best and her principal number and encore were given with fine feeling and commendable control of a naturally musical voice.

Miss Leona Newlin has probably hit upon the masterpiece of her esthetic dancing repertoire in Victor Herbert's "Flower Dance." The production gives Miss Newlin a fine chance to bring into play the grace and charm for which her dancing is justly popular. The number is unquestionably the best thing she has done yet—and it was her first time with the interpretation too.

In "Moonlight-Starlight" (Gilbert) Mrs. Richardson found beautiful chances for her voice. The piece, which is just off the press, seemingly was written for Mrs. Richardson's voice. A majority of the scores are cadenzas and trills, full of life and snap, and the performer got out all that the author had put in. With perfect ease she came to the finale on high e in alt. Her encore was a pleasing number. Frank Clark

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