

AMERICANS BECOMING A BIG FACTOR

AMERICANS ANNOUNCEMENT IS PERMITTED OF ARRIVALS IN NORTHERN AREA.

GERMANS ABOUT READY FOR GREATEST BLOW

American Artillery Blows Up New Boche Positions And Indicates Show Enemy Batteries Moved Rearward.

(United Press to Observer.)
WITH THE AMERICANS IN FRANCE, May 17.—American troops have arrived in an area in northern France controlled by the British. This announcement is permitted.

This arrival places General Pershing's forces in probably four sectors on the western front. Those already officially located are brigaded with the French between Hailes and Hangard-en-Santerre and just west of Montdidier, to the southwest of Amiens. It is presumed that Americans are also on the same front near Villers-Bretonneux.

NO DOUBT ABOUT RESULT.

(United Press to Observer.)
GLASGOW, May 17.—"At the climax of four years' cumulative effort the Germans are about to deliver the war's greatest blow," says General Smuts.
"But the Americans are coming, not only by the thousands, but by tens of thousands, and I might say by the hundreds of thousands every month, therefore there is no doubt about the result," said Smuts.

ENEMY BATTERIES DESTROYED

(By Fred S. Ferguson.)
(United Press to Observer.)
ON THE AMERICAN FRONT, May 17.—Yesterday's aerial activity brought a resumption of artillery fire. The enemy hurled high explosives into the villages and along the roads in the Montdidier region; the American guns responding and concentrating their fire upon Cantigny. Newly constructed Boche dugouts were blown up. Two enemy batteries were also destroyed. The indications are that the enemy was forced to withdraw several batteries of light artillery to the rear as a result of the American bombardment.

PERSHING'S SECOND REPORT.

(United Press to Observer.)
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMIES, May 17.—General Pershing's second communique announced active patrolling and increased artillery fire in Lorraine. Otherwise the American sectors are quiet.

PICNIC AT FIVE POINTS

Motorcyclists Looking Forward to Fine Time Sunday.

Motorcyclists are looking forward to an enjoyable time at their big picnic at Five Points on Sunday. Names are being turned in rapidly and a big crowd is assured.
The W. H. Bonnenkamp company will give a nice prize to the motorcyclist catching the largest trout on that day.

SHOW WAS GREAT

Everybody Pleased With The High School Performance.

From the time Professor "Jazz de Souse" raised his baton and called forth the first note from his famous Arica band until the closing number "The Feminist Movement," the show put on by the students of the High School last evening at the Auditorium was a success. It was certainly a sure cure for the blues and every number is deserving of special mention.

IS HEAVY FIRING ON

Enemy Artillery Is Active in Flanders

LONDON, May 17.—Both in allied, German artillery developed "Great activity" Flanders Haig reported. "Great artillery activity" developed on both sides in the Pasent wood sector and north of Hinges, activity between Locon, and Hinges and from Nieppe forest to Metern.

NAVAL BRUSH IS EXPECTED

BIG OFFENSIVE ON THE SEA BY COMBINED NAVIES OF ALLIES IS PREDICTED.

(United Press to Observer.)
WASHINGTON, May 17.—Entente naval experts predict a big naval offensive with Great Britain, France, the United States, Italy and probably Japan participating. They declare that the raid on Zeebrugge and Ostend, and yesterday raid on the harbor at Pola, are only forerunners of the big offensive.

ITALIAN NAVY ACTIVE

Sinks An Enemy Torpedo Boat and Steamer.

(United Press to Observer.)
ROME, May 17.—The Italian naval vessels torpedoed and sank an enemy torpedo boat and a steamer at Durazzo, an Adriatic port, on Sunday night, it is officially stated. Italian airplanes set fire to the military works in Lizza, near Durazzo, on Tuesday.

MEN CALLED IN NEXT DRAFT

FIFTY-THREE ARE TO BE SELECTED OUT OF LIST OF SIXTY-SIX.

Those Who Are Taken Are To Go To Fort McDowell About May 29 Full List Published.

The call for fifty-three men from this county as reported heretofore will be filled from a list of sixty-six, as made up by the local board from men in class one in the sequence of their order numbers. These recruits are to go to Fort McDowell, California, and are to leave about May 29. The list of sixty-six includes:

Name.	Order No.
Ray W. Schofield	119
Jack Starco	168
Edward H. Bingham	283
George A. Goodbrod	329
Theodore M. Fisher	338
Alva Lee Crawley	353
Franklin F. McMurren	384
Chas. Sydney Gibson	401
Robert John Chandler	406
Anton Gerrard Bekkers	409
Olaf Robert Olson	421
Perry Elbert Lannan	425
James Lincoln Gekelar	429
Cecil Ray Anderson	435
Anthony B. Amopio	436
Pavlos D. Thampoulos	441
Victor Philip Hahn	444
Guy Edwin Sills	447
James D. Fitzgerald	457
Dwight Martin	461
Gilbert G. Courtwright	462
Sylvan Clifford Cool	464
Louis E. Evans	485
Steve Louis Hiatt	504
Chester Bender Barnett	507
Tom Morikis	511
John Chas. Thompson	517
Virgil Edwin Sandbrook	522
Sullivan Franklin Hoffman	526
Ernest Brannon	532
Eugene Hiram Becker	535
Gustel Frank Pfefferkorn	547
Clarence Everett Williams	551
George A. McNeil	553
Fremont E. White	554
Willford Westinkow	594
John Morrow	602
Chris Nelson	604
Patrick Thos. Murphy	610
Jesse Earl Smith	616
Stephen Sullivan Mosher	624
Chas. Ray Wright	626
John Gray	638
Melvin Clyde Howater	648
Herman Henry Haefter	649
Earl Wesley McMurren	652
Jesse N. Kalinback	659
William Brown	662
Chas. Elwyn Davis	663
James Wm. Titus	668
John R. Snider	669
Joseph Jacob Lesser	670
Alfred B. Anclon	676
Richard D. Hill	679
John Andrew Scott	682
William Alfred McMasters	686
George Walter Nelson	697
Ralph Oliver Jones	701
James Wayne Young	703
Willie Wilson Sanderson	707
Jacob Schmit	711
Arthur Barton	714
Chas. Frederick Belding	717
Hiram O. Starnes	720
Harry H. Van Norman	723
William Ziegler	733

THE DAY'S CASUALTY LIST

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Today's casualties hundred six including 15 killed action, 1 gassed, 6 dead wounds, 2 wounded severely, 60 slightly.

LIGHT VOTE CAST TODAY

REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE DISTRICTS SHOW LACK OF INTEREST

Average Number of Votes Cast in Principal Precincts Is About Twenty.

That there will be a light vote cast all over the county seems evident from the reports of the situation in the La Grande precincts and from other parts of the county.

At noon in No. 5, which is one of the largest in La Grande, in number of voters, there were but three Republican and one Democratic vote cast. In No. 7, another fairly populous precinct, there were 13 Republican and four Democratic voters registered at the noon hour.

Reports from both Union and the Cove, indicate the same lack of interest. In these localities, as well as in La Grande, there will be considerable addition to the voting this afternoon and evening. But the whole situation over the county is about the same and a vote very much below normal will be cast at the primary election.

IN HONOR OF HER SON.

Vault Is Being Made For Remains Of Bert Andrews.

Mrs. C. A. Andrews, mother of Bert Andrews, the first La Grande boy to lose his life in France, left this morning for Athens, where she is having a vault built in which to place the remains of her son as soon as arrangements can be made to remove them to the states. Mrs. Andrews will not be able to be in Athens on Decoration Day so this morning carried with her a basket of beautiful flowers to place in the vault in memory of her son. She will also place a flag on the grave so his soldier comrades can honor his memory.

WALTER FERNALD DEAD

Deceased Was a Well Known Known Banker of Baker.

BAKER, May 17.—Death claimed one of the best-known pioneer residents of Baker in the passing of Walter Fernald, who departed this life at St. Elizabeth Hospital yesterday afternoon following an operation which he underwent Wednesday, after an illness of several months.

Mr. Fernald was 76 years of age. He was born at Winterport, Me., August 12, 1842. As a youth he followed the sea and in 1861 he made the journey around Cape Horn to California, where he remained but a short time. He journeyed overland through Nevada to Oregon and was for a time at Canyon City, but in 1863 he located at Rye Valley, in Baker county, where he engaged in placer mining with great success, being associated in that enterprise with J. C. Powers and James Odell, also well known pioneers of this county. In 1883 Mr. Fernald removed to this city, where he and his partners in addition to their mining interests, engaged in other lines, including ranching and stock raising, many of the largest enterprises of this kind in Eastern Oregon being backed by them.

With Senator Levi Ankeny, of Walla Walla, and J. H. Parker, Sam Ottenheimer and W. S. Burrell, of this city, and D. P. Thompson, of Portland, Mr. Fernald founded the First National Bank of this city, and from the time of its institution until the reorganization in 1912, Mr. Fernald was actively identified with it, his being in a large measure the guiding hand of its interests and destinies. He was vice-president for many years and a member of the board of directors from its inception until the reorganization. He was also was one of the founders and larger stockholders of the Baker Loan & Trust Company, which was organized in 1905, retaining his interests in the institution until the time of his death.

Mr. Fernald was married in this city on March 6, 1883, to Miss Annie E. Richardson, who still survives him. To them were born three children, two of them also survive, a son Louis Fernald, of this city, and daughter Mrs. Abbie King, of Portland.

DELIVERS SCHOOL ADDRESS.

H. E. Dixon left this morning for North Powder, where he has been invited to address the Senior class at their commencement program, which takes place tonight. Mr. Dixon's theme will be along patriotic lines, the subject of which is "Education and War."

KERENSKY TO VISIT AMERICA

ARRIVAL OF RUSSIAN WAR MINISTER EXPECTED IN TWO WEEKS.

NEW YORK, May 17.—The director of Russian information Sack today said: "It is entirely possible that Kerensky will be here within two weeks."

(United Press to Observer.)

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17.—Madam Baronovsky, Kerensky's relative, declared she is leaving for New York this afternoon, and is expecting to meet Kerensky at an Atlantic port soon. She said she had no direct word from Kerensky, but that she had "information."

FATHER NOOY LEAVES

Well Known Priest Is Attached To Army Service.

Yesterday, after a few days spent in the valley, saying goodbye to his many friends, "Father," now Lieutenant Otto Nooy, Roman Catholic Chaplain of the 34th Field Artillery National Army, left for Camp Lewis to rejoin his regiment which is under orders to proceed to France at an early date. He is enthusiastic over his appointment and during the time he has been at Camp Lewis, since January 1st, has become thoroughly acquainted with "his boys." A fine built, active man as he is, a keen sportsman, and a big hearted, democratic Catholic, he will be a power of good amongst our boys. Almost his last words here were to the effect that he would not exchange his present position and opportunities for all the gold of the Rockefeller's. Not alone those of his own religious faith will come to know him as a friend, even his own appointed servant is a member of the "Holy Rollers" Cult, and his groom orderley is a professing Baptist.

As Father Nooy grandly emphasizes, it is a glorious feeling to know that one has the inside heart of half a regiment of men whose one aim in life now is to "fight the good fight with all their might" and if called upon to pay the supreme sacrifice will go to their reward smiling while a "man's man," a soldier priest administers the last sacrament.

Father Nooy will never fall in his duty as long as one of his boys needs his help.

It is a great consolation to all friends and relatives of the boys, to know that the utmost unanimity of spirit and purpose prevails amongst the Chaplains of the many different denominations who are attached to the army.

THE WEATHER.

Showers, in Eastern Oregon.

WILL SPEAK IN NEW YORK

PRESIDENT WILSON TO MAKE PATRIOTIC ADDRESS IN METROPOLIS.

Says That America Will Be Continually Ready For An Honest Peace.

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, May 17.—President Wilson tomorrow will tell the nation in his New York Red Cross speech, that the nation must prepare for further sacrifices to meet the demands of the gigantic effort now assuming definite shape in the war for this government to defeat Teuton designs. He will say that America is preparing for a mighty stroke the close of 1919. Meanwhile America will continually be ready for an honest peace.

CANADA WANTS TO KNOW

(By United Press.)
OTTAWA, ONT., May 16.—Canada wants to know what's going on in Uncle Sam's backyard.

H. D. Hemenway, representative of the national war garden commission, Washington, is touring Canada at the request of the Canadian government, to tell Canadians about the backyard gardens of the United States.

The success of the backyard garden movement in the United States brought innumerable inquiries from official and unofficial sources in Canada, and hundreds of requests for copies of the primers on gardening, canning and drying booklets, and other war garden literature issued by the United States commission.

TORPEDO MENACE REDUCED

But One Encountered in February and None in April.

PARIS, May 17.—Admiral Wilson in an interview said that American warships allowed only one torpedo in their waters during February, compared with thirty-four in October and none in April.

NEED MORE ROOM

Camp Lewis Housing Capacity To Be Increased.

TACOMA, May 17.—The survey board has recommended the war department to bring the Camp Lewis housing capacity from 55,000 to 61,000 men.

The estimated cost of the enlargement is \$400,000.

ONLY WOMAN CABINET MINISTER WAS ONCE EXILE IN AMERICA



The only woman cabinet minister the world—Madame Alexandra Kollantay, famous as the most beautiful Socialist, is in prison again. She was—or is—"Minister of Social Welfare" in the Bolshevik government, and like many of her associates, was once an exile in America. She has been captured by the White Guards in Finland and imprisoned. Prison will be no new experience for Madame Kollantay for she has been in prison in nearly every country in Europe.

BICYCLE RACES ARE TOMORROW

START WILL BE MADE NEAR Y. M. C. A. BUILDING AT 4:30 O'CLOCK

Entries for the boys' bicycle races to be held tomorrow afternoon beginning at 4:30 o'clock are coming in rapidly. A slight change has been made in the entry requirements by which all boys under 14 1/2 years of age get two races and all boys over that age and under 20 get two races of one mile. Each race has two prizes. The first is \$5.00 and the second is \$3.00 in trade at the Ruby Cycle Shop.

The free for all of two miles is a very popular entry card. The first prize is a set of tires and the second is \$5.00 and the third is \$3.00 in trade.

There is room for more entries the merrier. Call at the Y. M. C. A. or at Ruby's Cycle Shop for particulars and get your number. The start will be made at the street intersection between the Y. M. C. A. building and the Ruby Cycle Shop. The boy cadets will officiate as street guards during the races.

TO ADVERTISE ANOTHER LIST

CITY COMMISSIONER INSTRUCTS TO PUBLISH THE SECOND INSTALLMENT

Manager Reports That Break at Spillway Is Fully Repaired—No Further Danger to Supply.

The city commissioners yesterday instructed the recorder to complete the list of delinquents on improvement assessments. The recorder was further instructed to publish the second list as soon as possible.

The projected improvement at the city park was discussed. The report was made that material is being assembled and other progress made in the matter of diverting the Nesaley irrigating ditch through the park grounds.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

To the Hon. Commission City of La Grande, Oregon, Gentlemen:

Herewith I submit my report for the week ending May 15, 1918. The chief of police reports sixteen arrests for the week, two of which were for the state, four traffic violations, five juvenile delinquents, two drunk and disorderly conduct, one for smoking cigarettes and two for allowing dogs to run at large. Number of meals served, 22. Amount of fines and forfeitures \$22.50. We still have one I. W. W. on hand who is serving out his sixty day sentence working for the city.

The water superintendent reports a total expenditure for labor in the street and water departments of \$220.50. The water department is charged with \$122.00 and the streets with \$81.50. The repairs on the spillway cost the city \$80.00.

The following is the report of the City Treasurer:

Receipts	
From Water Rents	\$1171.70
Improvements Dist. Interest	46.58
Imp. Dist. Installments	950.53
Rent, Septile Tank Ground	25.00
Electrical Permits	2.00
Merry-go-round license	9.00
Dray	10.00
Taxi	5.00
Dog	2.00
Total Receipts	\$2621.81

Disbursements	
For Improvement Dist. Interest paid	\$ 15.66
Bond paid	22.04
Contingent Warrant paid	5.10
Water warrant paid	90.20
Street warrant paid	7.50
Park warrant paid	50.35
Total Disbursements	\$190.85

The following is the report of the City Recorder.

Receipts from fines \$22.50

WARRANTS DRAWN

On Contingent Fund	\$ 28.12
General Fund	388.56
Water fund	121.75
Total	\$538.43

ARTILLERY NEAR AMIENS

PARIS, May 17.—Violent artillery fighting Hailes sector southeast of Amiens is reported by French officials.

PRESIDENT NOT OPPOSED TO THE PROBE

BUT IS AGAINST "COVERT PURPOSE OF THE CHAMBERLAIN RESOLUTION."

SAYS HE KNOWS MOTIVE BEHIND IT

Emphatic Statement Is Made To Explain Conflicting Interpretations Of Congress On His Attitude.

(United Press to Observer.)

WITH PRESIDENT WILSON EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK, May 17.—President Wilson has authorized Secretary Tumulty to deny emphatically that the President opposes any investigation of the government's aircraft program. The President said, however, he opposes the "covert purpose" of the Chamberlain resolution, declaring that he "knows and understands" it. The president's direct statement is intended to explain the conflicting interpretations of congress regarding his attitude.

RESOLUTION IS MODIFIED

(United Press to Observer.)

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The Senate leaders today agreed to modify the Chamberlain resolution, giving the Military Affairs committee funds to investigate the aircraft, ordnance and quartermaster's department. But the investigations, however, must not be permitted to interfere with the conduct of the war. A vote on the modified resolution will be taken on Monday.

GAVE TO CHARITY.

All Of Mrs. Potter Palmer's Wealth Bestowed On Benefits.

(United Press to Observer.)

CHICAGO, May 17.—Mrs. Potter Palmer's will, which was probated today, divided the Palmer's fifteen million dollar estate between two sons. The society queen divided her \$1,600,000 among charities.

GRAPPERS ARE WORKING

Both O'Neill and Thye Training for Friday Evening Match.

Both O'Neill and Thye are working out daily in preparing for their wrestling match next Tuesday evening. Both men are in good condition as they have been doing light work right along the past couple of months in anticipation of a match sooner or later and a few more days strenuous work should place them both in first class shape and fit for a good long contest.

Pat Foley, now recognized as the best amateur heavy wrestler in this part of the country, is giving O'Neill just the right kind of work on the mat to finish his training for the contest and O'Neill admits that a few more months as a pupil will polish Pat up for a contender for the heavyweight honors. They are working in private in the Y. M. C. A. Building.

Ted Thye, instructor of the wrestling and a spasm master of the art, still has his class at the Y. M. C. A., including some pupils that are beginning to be able to entertain him "right smart" and his class work with his daily labor in connection with his position as boilermaker at the shops gives him ample exercise to insure his condition when he steps on the mat next Tuesday night.

LEAVES FOR CHICAGO

Fred Schilke Will Attend Meeting of International Fuel Association.

Fred Schilke leaves Sunday evening for Chicago where he will attend the international fuel association as a representative of the O-W R & N company. Mr. Schilke, who is an old engineer on the road and more recently has been holding the official position of road foreman of engines, and A. W. Perley, special representative of the O-W R & N, are the only delegates from the rail road to attend the convention, which will be in session on May 23 and 24. All railroads of the United States will be represented at the meeting. Mr. Perley will arrive from Portland Sunday and will be joined here by Mr. Schilke on the trip to Chicago.