

NAVY PATROL IN ATLANTIC INCREASED

AMERICA IS TO STRENGTHEN
GUARD FORCES IN EUROPEAN
WATERS

MID SUMMER HEAT ALONG BATTLE LINES

Aside From Mutual Artillerying
Quiet Prevails In Nearly All
The Principal Army Sectors
On West Front.

(United Press to Observer.)

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The American navy is increasing its patrol force in European waters, the navy department has announced.

The increased patrol is one of the factors in the decrease of submarine activity.

The navy's aircraft contingent is being augmented and the ship forces enlarged.

The department declares that the submarine situation has been improved, but the department is loath to make optimistic predictions lest the people relax and the submarine campaign burst forth with renewed vigor. It is declared that there is reason to believe that the Germans have submarines of unusual powers within the cruising radius.

FRANK BRAMWELL ON A GOOD LEAD

La Grande Man Has A Big Chrome
Deposit In South.

Frank C. Bramwell, for several years in the La Grande land office and one of the popular young men of this county, is in a fair way to grab off some big money, according to reports coming from Grants Pass. He has become interested in a large body of chrome ore and according to indications it is a winner. Frank's friends in this part of the state will rejoice if he makes a million dollars.

SLIGHT GAIN IN ITALY.

(United Press to Observer.)
ROME, May 20.—"A successful coup has established us in a portion of the enemy's trench at Campolite," says the official announcement today. "Early this morning we met a strong enemy counter attack and defeated him, at the same time capturing thirty-one Austrians and four machine guns."

REGISTER BY JUNE 5TH

(United Press to Observer.)
WASHINGTON, May 20.—President Wilson today signed the bill providing for military registration of all men reaching twenty-one years of age since June 5th. The bill requires that all such cases be registered by the fifth of next month.

AGED RESIDENT ATTEMPTS SUICIDE BY SHOOTING

An old man by the name of Isabel attempted to take his life this afternoon by shooting himself in the head. At last accounts he was still alive, but it seemed certain that the shot would prove fatal. Not much has been ascertained as to the circumstances. Isabel was making his home with his son, Allen Isabel, at the corner of W Avenue and North Fir street, where the deed was committed. He is reported to have been in a weak state mentally on account of protracted illness and this appears to be the only assignable cause of the attempt at self destruction.

ESCAPED I. W. W. PRISONER CAPTURED AT FREEWATER

John F. Dixon, the I. W. W. prisoner who was being held in La Grande in default of bonds, and who, while employed on the streets, made his get-away, was recaptured at Freewater on Saturday evening. Dixon resisted arrest, so the report goes, but was finally taken into custody. The report of Dixon's escape was kept quiet by the officials here as a matter of caution as it was felt that his recapture would be only a matter of time. Sheriff Taylor, of Umatilla county, brought the prisoner from Freewater to Pendleton, and Officer Christensen brought him over from the latter place this morning.

WOMEN'S MEETING HELD TOMORROW

DEAN MILAM, DIRECTOR OF
STATE FOOD ADMINISTRATION
WILL SPEAK

Have you planned to attend the woman's mass meeting tomorrow afternoon? Your friends and neighbors will be there to hear one of Oregon's most admirable speakers, Dean Milam, a director of the state food administration. Not only is she a woman of words but of deeds as well for there is not a town in all of Oregon, as well as the great northwest but has felt the splendid influence of her loyal services.

Dean Milam is at present touring Eastern Oregon and lecturing in the most important towns. From Baker she will arrive in La Grande on No. 17, 8:45 tomorrow morning. And will lecture on the present food crises at the mass meeting in the Neighborhood Club rooms at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon, May 21.

The leaders of our nation are making dynamic stands, these days for right and for the night that makes right; toward which goal the democracy of the world has to wage a relentless war. Women of La Grande are you non-combatants or are you soldiers of the commissary who will supply America with daily breads without cutting the loaf you offer to the allies?

Red Cross women come and bring your sewing or knitting and may every woman in La Grande express by her presence at this meeting; herself a comrade in loyalty and devotion to our allied cause.

WHITE HOUSE WOOL FOR SALE

PRESIDENT HAS TWO POUNDS
FOR OREGON MARKET.

Successful Bidder Will Receive The
Consignment Direct From The
Executive Mansion.

(United Press.)

SALEM, May 20.—Governor James Withycombe today received a telegram from the national headquarters of the Red Cross, announcing that two pounds of wool from the White House sheep had been presented to Oregon by President and Mrs. Wilson to be sold at auction for the benefit of the American Red Cross.

The proceeds of this auction will be known as the "President's fund." Governor Withycombe will announce later when the auction will be closed, but in the meantime telegrams and mailed bids should be sent direct to the governor. The wool will be mailed to the successful bidder by President and Mrs. Wilson themselves.

EXCURSION WAS RUN

SEASIDE, Or., May 20. (By United Press.)—Despite the word from Salem recently that summer rates would not be offered by railroads, all Oregon railroads offered a special rate of one and one third from all points east and south of Portland to Seaside today because of the Odd Fellows' State encampment that opened here. The S. P. & S. ran a special train here from Portland.

DRIVE NOW ON FOR RED CROSS

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO
LESSEN THE TASK OF
SOLICITORS

Willing Workers Are Ready to Put
the Proposition Over in
Two Days.

True to form, the weather gods tested out the fettle of the Neighborhood Club and other ladies who form the soliciting teams of La Grande and Union county in the Red Cross campaign which opened today. During the Red Cross membership drive last winter exceedingly bad weather prevailed and when the workers got under way this morning there was little improvement over the December climatic conditions. The rain which was general over the valley speeded up the wheat fields but slowed down the Red Cross drive, for it was hard going, generally speaking. But Union county women are made of Spartan caliber and went out without a murmur, bringing in the golden shekels for the mission of mercy these dollars are to fulfill.

Voluntary Giving Urged.

There was a disposition this morning on the part of the citizenship to volunteer donations at headquarters in the Patterson Bros. Grocery store. This is a commendable movement and would tremendously lessen the arduous task falling upon the solicitors.

Those not seen at their homes or offices today should by all means make it a point to make contributions tomorrow morning.

The workers are out to clean the drive up in two days only and early reports today indicate that except for a few callbacks this will be possible. La Grande is divided into areas or districts in which two women work as teams, reaching every house.

Red Crosses Loom Up.

While most of the people were sleeping, sign painters and decorators last evening faced the driving storm to paint the city up to a rich red color. Every block in the business section was given at least two large Red Cross signs, painted on the plate windows underwritten by the one word "Give." This morning the striking effect was largely commented on. The signs were put without the knowledge of the proprietors. Business houses who didn't get the all-popular sign put on today feel they have been slighted.

Sign painter, Parmeyer, Window Decorator Paul C. Massee and C. E. Short, manager of the J. C. Penney Store did the work.

WRESTLING MATCH TOMORROW NIGHT

JACK O'NEILL AND TED THYE
TO MEET IN FINISH
CONTEST

The match between Jack O'Neill and Ted Thye at the Arcade tomorrow night promises to be a treat to lovers of wrestling. Thye has waited almost a year for a return match and all this time he has carried around the idea that he would win over O'Neill if given an opportunity. There is much speculation on the part of the friends of both men as to who will be returned winner of this contest. Both are residents of La Grande and each man has a host of friends who are picking their man to win. O'Neill is considerably older than Thye and will probably weigh a few pounds more than the latter when he steps on the mat. However the match is to be a catch weight affair and Thye will enter the ring carrying a little more weight than usual which should add to his strength and be of some assistance against the heavier man.

O'Neill began his wrestling career as a young lad under the old style of catch as catch can wrestling but by engaging in contests continually against the best talent in the country he has benefited by his experience, being a keen observer and naturally very cunning when facing an opponent, making him without a doubt, considering his age and size, the best wrestler in the United States today.

Ted Thye is a thorough athlete and a wrestler of the modern school, having all the requisites of a successful wrestler. He has the strength, the speed and a world of experience on the mat.

He wrestled about seventy five matches in 1917, bearing the distinction of having wrestled more contests than any man on the Pacific Coast. Only one man stands between Thye and the middleweight championship honors, that is Walter Miller the present title holder who lost a fall to Thye in their contest at Bellingham the 19th of December.

O'Neill and Thye wrestled a finish match in this city on July 20th. Thye took the first fall in 29 minutes after some of the fastest work ever seen on a local stage. O'Neill took the second and third falls however winning the match. Many spectators were not exactly pleased with the outcome of the contest at that time and are glad to know that Thye will have an opportunity to try to regain his lost laurels tomorrow night.

A good preliminary program is arranged. A number of Thye's pupils will be seen in action. Harvey (Continued on page 4.)

GERMAN SUBS BOTTLED UP

ENEMY T. P. D.'S AND SUBMARINES
ARE DEMOBILIZED

British Admiralty Announces That
Blockade Of Flanders Base Is
About Complete.

(United Press to Observer.)
LONDON, May 20.—"The greater portion of the German torpedo and submarine craft operating from Flanders bases has been immobilized in the Bruges harbor," the British admiralty has announced.

The announcement is accepted as meaning that the recent raids at Zeebrugge and Ostend have succeeded in the purpose of closing those harbors. The German submarine base was at Bruges, which is several miles inland but is connected with Zeebrugge and Ostend by canals. According to the report received these canals have been effectively blocked and the enemy craft at the Bruges base have been bottled up.

DR. STRAUB TELLS OF HIS ANCESTORS

University Professor Makes Pleasing
Talk at Luncheon.

"Straub is a German name, to be sure, and I am of German extraction," said Dr. Straub of the State University today when as a guest at a luncheon he was called upon to talk. "But I want it distinctly understood that I am against the damnable Hun. My father fought with Karl Schurz in Germany to put down the Prussian curse years ago, and I am today fighting that same curse which my ancestry knew was a cancer on the world then, and it has been growing ever since until today it is grappling with us in its final struggle for existence."

Dr. Straub then paid a high tribute to Union county for her patriotic work done and brought with him the greetings of Eugene, another of Oregon's strongest patriotic communities.

COURT SAYS NINE HOURS.

(United Press to Observer.)
WASHINGTON, May 20.—The Supreme Court today decided that railroad employees dispatching trains or working on signal towers cannot work but nine hours out of the 24. The court refused to dissolve the United Shoe Machinery Company, which was charged with violating the anti-trust laws.

SERVICE FLAG FOR TRAINMEN

LADIES' AUXILIARY WILL HAVE
CHARGE OF THE PRESENTATION
AT EAGLE HALL.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen will present the B. of R. T. with a service flag in honor of the nineteen volunteers who have enlisted in the service. The presentation will be at Eagle's Hall on Tuesday (tomorrow) afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. After the ceremonies refreshments will be served and a social hour enjoyed. All trainmen and the families of the men in the service of their country are invited to be present. On the flag are represented the following volunteers from the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen:

M. F. Bryant, R. L. Blake, J. E. Cox, B. E. Carney, E. T. Crawley, H. R. Davis, C. G. English, R. B. Green, R. G. Haskell, A. Johnston, Jr., Harry Lacey, F. F. Mann, S. S. Mills, J. G. Ormand, M. J. O'Brien, W. D. Sargent, H. M. J. Turner, N. E. Emmett, Jerry Mimmill.

PRAGUE IS IN AN UPRISING

STATE OF SIEGE EXISTS FOLLOWING
DEMONSTRATIONS
AGAINST GERMANY.

Participants In Protest Shout For
Wilson And Quote British And
French Premiers.

(United Press to Observer.)

ZURICH, May 20.—A state of siege has been declared in Prague, following riotous fighting and street demonstrations against Germany. Prague dispatches state.

Czechs and Jugoslavs joined in a monster parade, shouting "Long live Wilson," and repeating declarations of the British premier Lloyd George and Premier Clemenceau, of France. These demonstrations became a part of the celebration which was held for the inauguration of the national theater.

The military garrisons at Prague have been reinforced as a result of the anti-German demonstrations.

CHANGES TO COME EARLY IN JUNE.

Railroad Have Not Made Final
Announcement Yet.

There are to be some changes in trains early in June, according to reports now in circulation from authentic sources. Just what those changes will be have not as yet been announced in detail but it is considerable a good guess that the pet train known as No. 5—the fast mail—will become a slower train, and there will be no fast trains across the continent. If this should come to pass it is likely the time for arriving in La Grande will change considerably for there will be several hours added to the running time between Chicago and Portland. Every one will await with interest the announcement.

WRESTLERS REST THEATER

The Arcade Theater has been rented for Tuesday when the wrestling match will be held there. Meyers & Leiter, the proprietors wish to announce they have nothing to do with this match other than renting the theater.

AMERICAN ACE KILLED.

From Correspondent Taylor.
FRANCE, May 20.—Major Raoul Lufberry, the American ace, formerly with the La Fayette Escadrille, was shot and killed in an air battle over the American lines Sunday. His body was recovered by the Americans.

CITIZENS ENDORSE SCHOOL OFFICIALS AND ASK THEM TO RUN

At a meeting today in the Foley hotel dining room at which nearly a hundred business and professional men were congregated for luncheon, George H. Curry offered a resolution endorsing the work of the city schools during the past year and requesting A. T. Hill and Colon R. Eberhard, retiring members of the school board to permit their names to be again used for the offices. The resolution was seconded by Walter M. Pierce and Judge Knowles, acting as toastmaster, added a few words of commendation regarding the work done by the school board and faculty the past year. Unanimously the assembly approved the resolution and a petition was circulated for the nomination.

"WE'LL WIN BY GOING BONE DRY"

CAPTAIN HOBSON DELIVERS LOGICAL
DRY TALK AT DINNER
IN CITY TODAY.

NATIONS THAT ABOLISH ALL LIQUORS ARE STRONGER

Merrimac Hero Admits He Kissed
The Ladies And "Pusses The
Buck" To Knowles, Who
Approves Hobson Act.

"There is but one ending for this world war," said Captain Pier-Hobson today as chief speaker at the luncheon, "and that is with unconditional surrender of the enemy."

And with that remark to preface his talk the hero of the Merrimac delved deeply into the scientific side of the bone-dry movement. He showed how Germany, realizing the dire effect of alcohol upon her physical army, had issued four orders tapering off the use of liquor until now, he claims, Germany is dry and has made Austria-Hungary likewise. He claimed this decision of the imperial government followed complete and exhaustive scientific research which proved the deteriorating effect of alcohol upon man, decreasing his physical powers tremendously. He assailed England for continuing the rum ration in her army, spoke with regret of the wine which is served the French soldier, and praised unreservedly our boys who have been reared under prohibition and who know not the use of alcohol.

His talk today was a forerunner of his address this evening at the Methodist church when he will handle the same subject of a bone-dry nation in a more exhaustive manner.

Captain Hobson has a splendid personality. His kindly face lights up as he discusses the subject which he has dedicated his life to and the many reasons he gives for reformation are reasons which heretofore were never put forth by the prohibition orator or the person who sought out an individual and forced upon him a white ribbon. That he has logic in every utterance was generally conceded by everyone present and his visit to La Grande is undoubtedly a welcome one from every point of view.

Did He Kiss the Ladies?
When Toastmaster Knowles introduced Captain Hobson he dwelt upon his great achievement in San-tiago bay during the Spanish-American war, and amid great applause the Judge said, "But, while we adore him for his patriotism and heroism we also call to mind another instance in his life which gives the Captain prominence—that of kissing the ladies."

Responding to this introduction Captain Hobson said, "And I say to you Judge Knowles, indicted as I am by your own statement relative to the ladies, I ask you before I plead my case in answer to this charge, what would you have done if you had been in my place?"

The eyes of the jurist twinkled and he responded, "Your action suits me precisely and I exonerate you sir, I exonerate you."

TWO ENEMY FLIERS DOWN

(United Press to Observer.)
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMIES, May 20.—General Pershing's communique today says: "Aside from mutual artillerying it is a quiet day on all our fronts. Our aviators felled two."



Contributed by Frank Godwin.