

PLANE PLANT DESTROYED IN 'FRISCO

FACTORY WAS MAKING AIRSHIPS UNDER CONTRACT WITH GOVERNMENT.

THREATENING LETTERS HAD BEEN RECEIVED

Total Loss Is A Million Dollars—Two Complete Air Planes Burned—Much Valuable Linen Was Destroyed.

(United Press to Observer.) SAN FRANCISCO, May 21.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed an airplane factory in the business section today. Ninety minutes later the fire was threatening to devastate several wooden blocks near Market Street.

Linen for airships worth several hundred thousands of dollars was destroyed. The fire started at several places simultaneously. Fourteen flats were destroyed. The total loss is estimated at a million dollars.

AMERICAN TANKER LOST.

(United Press to Observer.) WASHINGTON, May 21.—The American tanker William Rockefeller, has been lost at sea, the navy has reported.

HOFF IN LEAD.

(United Press to Observer.) PORTLAND, May 21.—Hoff led Ryan by 143 for state treasurer, according to official returns from 23 counties. The count in the other counties is incomplete. Johns had nearly 2,000 lead for supreme court.

BRITISH TONNAGE LOSS

Admiralty Reports For The Month Of April.

(United Press to Observer.) LONDON, May 21.—The admiralty has announced that allied ships, other than American lost during April totaled 205,100 tons.

ALBERT HUNTER NAMED

Name Written In For Legislative Candidate.

While the official report is not yet ready to be given out it is presumed that the name of Albert R. Hunter has been supplied on the ballots cast by democrats for candidate for representative in the legislature from Union county.

HOBSON STRIKES HARD AT THE LIQUOR BUSINESS OF NATION

When Captain Pierson Hobson appeared before a large audience in the Methodist church last evening the minds of the people harked back to the days when he was a world figure in naval affairs.

Hobson went to congress by defeating Bankhead. Later the wheels turned around, as they have a habit of doing in national as well as state politics, and Bankhead became senator from Alabama.

MRS. JAS QUINLAND DIED LAST NIGHT

DEATH WAS HASTENED BY RECENT DEMISE OF HER YOUNGEST SON.

Mrs. Cornelia Belle Quinland, wife of James Quinland, died at her home in this city yesterday evening. On Wednesday of this week, Mrs. Quinland suffered a stroke of paralysis resulting in complete coma, which continued until the end.

All the members of the family were present at the time of her death. The death in Montana six weeks ago of her youngest son, Fillmore, who gave his life in the service of his country, undermined her failing health.

Cornelia Belle Hammond was born January 27, 1853, at Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, in the heart of the civil war section. She was married to James Quinland and they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary June 7, 1906.

Besides her husband, she leaves five children. Their children, all of whom were present, are: Mrs. Betty Kohr, James B., Charles D., John J. and Lester M. Quinland, a granddaughter, Mrs. Stanley Stokes, and a great grandson, James Stokes.

The funeral will be held at the family home Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, under the auspices of the Christian church, of which the deceased has been a lifelong member. The funeral sermon will be delivered by Dr. Phipps. The interment will be by the side of the son in the Masonic cemetery.

FINE GRANITE LATEST FIND

J. M. NEWELL OF LA GRANDE PLEASUED WITH SHOWING.

Deposits Near Lostine Give Promise Of Excellent Product.

Returning from Wallowa county, where he has been for some time opening up two deposits of granite, which he believes when properly handled will produce a stone equal to the famous Barre granite, J. M. Newell, proprietor of the La Grande Vermont Marble Works, is making further arrangements to get out a quantity of the stone.

"I am well pleased with the showing," said Mr. Newell today. "I have been handling granite for many years and the two deposits I have in Wallowa county indicate to me that we have here in the west a granite that will be the equal for monumental work to the eastern granite. There are two shades of this stone, one light and one dark, and they take a fine polish. I hope to be able to get out a large quantity in a short time."

The granite mentioned is located a few miles from Lostine and is accessible.

AVIATOR HAS TRAGIC TIME

WITH LEG BROKEN FOUGHT TILL ENGINE WAS DISABLED

Surrounded By Bursting Shrapnel He Dragged Himself To Allied Lines.

(United Press to Observer.) (By William Philip Simms.)

ON THE BRITISH FRONT, May 21.—An American captain, an aviator from Philadelphia, fought the Germans over the Ypres lines with a broken leg until his engine was disabled. Descending in No-Man's land he crawled into a shell hole. A German battery, firing at the disabled machine scored a direct hit, smashing it. The captain, surrounded by bursting shrapnel, dragged himself from crater to crater until he reached the allied lines near the juncture of the Belgian and British armies. He is now recovering at a hospital.

MARCH IS NOMINATED.

(United Press.) WASHINGTON, May 21.—President Wilson today sent to the Senate the nomination of Major General March to be general.

SINN FEINERS ARRESTED.

New Leaders Not Radical Against Irish Conscription.

(United Press.) DUBLIN, May 21.—While outwardly everything is very calm and the streets are thronged with groups of men discussing the situation, the arrests of more than a hundred Sinn Feiners has rendered the organization practically leaderless. New leaders have been appointed, but they apparently are moderates and are not advising forceful resistance to conscription. The government announced that it would soon publish evidence proving the Sinn Feiners have plotted for Germany.

THE BLIND AND THE MUTILATED

By Dr. ESTHER LOVEJOY

IN the years to come this war will prove a blessing to the blind. A new world is being evolved. Nature has at least one extraordinary sense in reserve for those who lose any of the five ordinary senses.

The sightless learn to read very quickly by the Braille method. It is interesting to watch the face of a blind man as his fingers pass over the upraised dots of a Braille book and his mind perceives the mysteries recorded there for him.

Men blinded in battle are acquiring great skill in the textile arts, as molders, and in other industries where a highly developed sense of touch is essential to good work.

The higher type of blind men have great personal charm. Their souls seem nearer the surface. They are peculiarly beloved people, and their clairvoyance makes them conscious of the kindness and affection with which they are regarded.

Unfortunately there are forms of mutilation which have the opposite effect. When a man knows that he is repulsive to every man, woman and child who looks upon him; when he shrinks from the reflection of his own disfigured face in the mirror, and shudders at the strange sound of his own voice, he wants to die.

A great deal is being done for these mutilated men. They are being refitted with arms and legs. Plastic surgery is doing its part, too, in the way of restoring palates, teeth and facial contour, and the American Red Cross in Paris is attempting to make life more livable for them by providing masks which restore their original features.

It is the sacred duty of all those who have been benefited by their sacrifice to leave nothing undone to restore their usefulness; to employ every art to increase their mental and physical powers and the charm of personalities, to the end that their lives may be enriched rather than impoverished by the fortunes of war.

INQUEST HELD THIS AFTERNOON

REMAINS OF RICHARD ISBELL WILL BE SENT TO TEXAS FOR BURIAL

The remains of Richard Isbell, the man who shot himself yesterday afternoon and whose death from the wound followed about half an hour later, are at the Bohonkamp chapel and an inquest is in progress.

Isbell was 69 years of age, and he has been in a poor state of health. His son, Allen Isbell, is employed as a brakeman on the railroad and some months ago he brought his father from Texas to live with him in La Grande. Yesterday morning, the elder Isbell inquired of his daughter-in-law for a gun or a knife. A Colt's revolver was hidden under a mattress and this was discovered by the demented man and immediately put to use.

TRIPLE MURDER SUSPECT.

Sheriff Believes Auto Is A Factor In Evidence.

WEATHER REPORT.

(United Press to Observer.) PORTLAND, May 21.—Fair.

WILL LECTURE ON ECLIPSES

PROF. SIDNEY DEAN TOWNLEY WILL VISIT LA GRANDE TUESDAY EVENING

No Charge Will Be Made and the Event Will Not Be Commercialized.

As heretofore announced Prof. Sidney Dean Townley will lecture on eclipses and as at present arranged the lecture will be on Tuesday evening, May 28.

Prof. Townley, B. S., M. S., Sc.D. (doctor of science), is professor of Applied Mathematics at Leland Stanford Jr. University. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, and formerly instructor and astronomer in University of Michigan, University of California, and the Lick Observatory.

HOUSE VOTES ANTI-LIQUOR

OPPOSES USE OF BOTH GRAIN AND FRUIT IN ALCOHOLICS

Question Came Up On An Amendment To The Emergency Food Bill.

(United Press.) WASHINGTON, May 21.—The House, by a vote of sixty-nine to fifty-eight, recorded itself as favoring the stoppage of the use of both grain and fruit in the manufacture of alcoholic beverages.

FOUR ARE DEAD.

Pershing Announces Casualty List Of Forty-one.

(United Press to Observer.) WASHINGTON, May 21.—Pershing announced forty-one casualties, as follows:

Killed in action: 3. Died of wounds: 1. Wounded severely: 18. Wounded slightly: 8.

DEMANDS DISMISSED.

La Follette Fighting Disloyalty Charges Before Senate.

(United Press.) WASHINGTON, May 21.—Senator La Follette, has demanded that the Senate committee on privileges and elections dismiss the disloyalty charges filed against him by the Minnesota public safety commission.

BRITISH MAKE RAIDS.

German Attacks In Western Flanders Are Repulsed.

(United Press.) LONDON, May 21.—Successful British raids in Flanders and Picardy, active hostile artillery near Arras, repulse of German attacks on the western portion of the Flanders front is reported by Field Marshal Haig.

PREPARING FOR THE CELEBRATION

COMMITTEES HAVE WORK WELL IN HAND FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY

The general committee for the Fourth of July celebration in La Grande has been at work for several weeks on the preliminaries of the event. They announce that the work is well in hand and with the addition of other helpers it is expected that the celebration will be swung with all the old-fashioned vim and enthusiasm. The idea is to make the event one worth while for all the people of the county who care to celebrate in any way, with especial efforts to keep the fires of patriotism burning.

- Chairman.....J. G. Snodgrass Secretary.....F. B. Currey Advertising.....A. W. Nelson Committee man for speakers.....George T. Cochran Parade.....H. E. Coolidge.....A. C. Hampton.....E. E. Kirtley Sports.....Paul Spillman.....Chas. Reynolds.....C. D. Emizher.....Mac Wood Vocal Music.....Mrs. A. L. Richardson Finance.....A. T. Hill.....F. S. Meyers.....T. J. Seroggin.....G. L. Harrison.....E. E. Kiddle.....Geo. H. Currey.....Mac Wood.

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AMERICAN FIELD ARMY IS FORMED

TROOPS IN FRANCE WILL SOON EQUAL THAT OF BRITISH ARMY.

THE NATIONAL ARMY ARE ONES BRIGADED

Field Army Is One Formed Of Seasoned Troops Who Have Been In France For Long Period—Col. Bjornstad Chief.

(United Press to Observer.) WASHINGTON, May 21.—America's first field army of approximately two hundred thousand men has been formed in France. It consists of two army corps of three divisions each, with Colonel Bjornstad chief of staff.

STARTLING TROOP MOVEMENT.

There are startling revelations of the giant strides made by the American army Francwards. It is disclosed that the American army in France will equal the British facing the Germans within two or three months, unless the British are greatly reinforced meanwhile.

AGAINST FLAG DESECRATION

Patriotic People Are Urging Law Covering Case.

(United Press.) WASHINGTON, May 21.—(By U. P.)—Patriotic organizations all over the country are urging the house military affairs committee to get immediate action on the bill preventing the use of the American flag for advertising purposes.

WAS CLOSE CALL

Ross Miller Bruised in a Tractor Accident Near Imbler.

While escaping with only severe bruises and cuts which will not be attended with serious consequences Ross Miller was the near-victim of a serious accident yesterday.

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