

AMERICAN FLYERS ON NORTH SEA

NAVAL AVIATORS HAVE BEEN
OPERATING OVER HELIGOLAND BIGHT.

ENSIGN POTTER FOUGHT SEVEN ENEMY PLANES

While He Lost His Life The Exploit
Is Significant Of Naval Activity
Near German Coast—Kiel
May Have Been Objective

(United Press to Observer.)
WASHINGTON, May 22.—It has been revealed that American naval land bight, when the Public Information Committee announced the death of Ensign Stephen Potter, of Detroit, in a spectacular battle with seven enemy single-seaters. Potter died over the North Sea. Six weeks earlier he downed an enemy plane over Heligoland.

(The Bight of Heligoland comprises the body of water between the Island of Heligoland and the German mainland. The significance of the report is that American naval operations have been in close proximity to the island fortress and the Kiel canal.)

THREE KILLED IN PARIS

In The Meantime An Enemy Airplane
Was Downed.

(United Press to Observer.)
PARIS, May 22.—Last night's air raid over Paris killed three, the newspapers have announced. One enemy airplane was destroyed. It had dropped a few bombs over the suburbs.

REQUEST FOR NAVAL APPROPRIATIONS

Funds For Training Camps And To
Test Shells.

(United Press to Observer.)
WASHINGTON, May 22.—Secretary Daniels submits to congress an additional request for naval appropriations totalling \$30,000,000. This included \$11,000,000 for constructing and equipping training camps, and \$5,000,000 for procuring and testing shells.

SHIP BUILDING OUTLOOK GOOD

Charles Schwab Optimistic Over The
Tonnage Program.

(United Press.)
DETROIT, May 22.—"More ships are being built in the United States than the German submarines can possibly sink," said Charles Schwab. "The Great Lakes district yards will build 200,000 more tons a year, beginning July 1st, than was built in the entire country the year preceding."

HEAVY SUMS ASKED FOR ORDNANCE

Secretary Of War Baker Presents
Request For Seven Billion.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Secretary of War Baker has asked congress to authorize expenditures of \$7,000,000,000 for ordnance for the coming year. He also asks for an immediate appropriation of \$1,500,000,000 to carry on the ordnance program from July 1 to March 4, 1919.

CONGRESS IS WROUGHT UP OVER DEMAND FOR TAX BILL

(United Press to Observer.)
WASHINGTON, May 22.—It is officially learned that President Wilson regards a tax bill as necessary this session of congress.
Conferring with the President yesterday Secretary McAdoo won the executive's approval of a new revenue measure. There is much opposition fearing that it will unseat the nation's finances. It means a summer-long session.

GUARD BATTALION IN MANEUVERS

MILITARY PROGRAM TO BE CARRIED OUT AT FAIR GROUNDS
DECORATION DAY.

How military guards are posted and how they are relieved, how battalion drill is executed and how it differs from company drill, guard mounting and retreat, the most formal ceremonies in military life, signal drills, extended order by which troops go into battle—these mightily interesting events coupled with continuous band concerts, replete with military airs, constitute a part of a program that has been arranged for Memorial day at the fair grounds commencing at 3:30 p. m. The La Grande battalion of the Second Oregon State Guard regiment, and the guard band are jointly giving this pretentious maneuver-program for two reasons. Both institutions are exceedingly hard pressed for money to buy equipment and a second reason, both organizations are ambitious to show the public it can do all these things and to them properly; in other words, is ready to function as any military institution should. The admission will be 25 cents.

Major Has Returned.
Major Coolidge is back at headquarters, after a stay in Eastern Oregon points and he will personally direct the instruction to a company of officers and non-commissioned officers. Friday evening he will direct similar instruction and rehearsal to Company B and on Sunday evening at 6 o'clock the battalion will be out for final rehearsal with the band, before the Memorial day maneuvers.

Memorial day will be a busy one for the guard, including a parade in the morning with the old soldiers.

Fire Salute Sunday.
One lieutenant, a sergeant, two corporals and 16 privates will be designated during the week to participate in the Memorial Sunday services at the Riverside bridge next Sunday. Not the whole battalion is to participate.

BOYS AT FRONT WANT SHOW

WRITE THAT THEY HOPE STOCK
SHOW WILL BE HELD.

Union, Patriotic To the Core, Will
Hold The Big Event—Will Show
Ranchers Things.

They have written from France, from U. S. cantonments and training camps, asking that the Union Stock show be held and sending their best wishes for its success. That is the statement of the Stock show committee and as proof of such statement they have produced a number of letters from France from the Union county soldier boys, telling of their hopes that the old event, now time-honored and successful in every way, may be repeated in this year of war.

The Union people are responding to these letters in cordial answers, telling that the show will be held this year. Not only will it be a stock show, but it will be an economic show in its endeavors to show the ranchers what to raise to make the most food. Also there will be instructors and demonstrators in attendance to show the better ways to prepare food and make the food of the country go the farthest.

It is not going to be so much of a brass band affair this year, but it is going to be the greatest stock show ever held there. Nothing will equal the quality of exhibits, and there never has been such a plan of education outlined for the few days' event as there has been this year.

WEATHER REPORT.
PORTLAND, May 22.—Fair.

BIG INCREASE IN WAR FORCE

AMERICA WILL SOON HAVE MIL-
LION MEN ON WEST FRONT

Ninety Thousand Troops Went To
France During The First Ten
Days In May.

(United Press)
WASHINGTON, May 22.—Predicting that the United States will have between 4,000,000 and 5,000,000 under arms before July, 1919, Representative Caldwell, a member of the military committee, gave the house an official summary of America's fighting strength. He said: "Within one year after the first American left for France, the United States will have a million men on the western front. During the first ten days in May the troop movement totaled 90,000. By June the army will have 2,038,000 men and officers in the service. Caldwell is close to the war department, and his figures are given credence."

FRED ALLEN IS HERE ON VISIT

Old Time Resident Returns After
Absence of Many Years

Fred H. Allen, who was a resident of La Grande in the early nineties and who has been away from La Grande since 1894, dropped in on his old time friends this week. During most of the time of his nearly a quarter of a century absence from La Grande Mr. Allen was living in Portland but twelve years of the time he was a resident of Montana. He will remain a few days rounding up old friends. He reports that his brother, Frank Allen, also a former resident of La Grande, is now located at Marshfield. Both were former prominent and well known residents of this county.

HORN BROOK CLAIMS ELECTION

ALBANY, May 22.—Will Hornbrook claimed his election as democratic national committeeman by 1,500 votes over Morrow. It is generally conceded that Hornbrook is elected on the basis of 25 counties, the official returns of which are available.

TED THYE IS NEW CHAMPION

WON TWO OUT OF THREE FALLS
AT THE MATCH AT ARCADE
LAST NIGHT.

La Grande and the northwest has a new wrestling champion. Ted Thye demonstrated his wonderful wrestling ability against O'Neill, heretofore known as almost invincible in the light heavy weight class. O'Neill won over the best men in the West in 1917, finally attracting the attention of Ad Santel, world's champion 175-pound wrestler, who succeeded in defeating the local man after a splendid exhibition.

But youth must be recognized and it was plain to those assembled last night around the ring that the moment the men stepped on the mat O'Neill was outclassed and doomed to defeat.

Through over-confidence Thye allowed O'Neill to get the toe hold after wrestling about nine minutes, which terminated in a fall in O'Neill's favor at the end of ten minutes.

After a ten minute intermission the men appeared for the second round and as interesting fifteen minutes of catch as catch can exhibition followed as has ever been seen on a local stage. Thye set the pace and when 18 minutes and 33 seconds had elapsed O'Neill was lying flat on the mat, held firmly in a double arm scissors. Thye taking the fall. (By the way, this was exactly the same that Santel used in defeating O'Neill last fall.)

After a short rest the men appeared on the mat for the third fall. Time was called and Thye dove for O'Neill, wrist locking him. Both men went to the mat and like a flash Thye had placed a single arm scissors on his opponent, pinning him flat in less time than it takes to describe it, winning the fall in 17 seconds, establishing a record, as sporting annals do not record a fall in any such time.

A number of Thye's pupils engaged in the preliminaries, demonstrating the possibilities along that line and supplying the best of amusement to the fans.

Wm. Stansfield and Earl Wilson wrestled a two-fall contest with honors even; then a second bout went to a draw.

Harvey Swart, the 83-pound local lad went through a five-minute bout which demonstrated that the little fellow can go some. His opponent was Ben Dotson, whose weight was (Continued on Page 2.)

LIBERTY QUEEN TO BE NAMED

FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE
WILL BEGIN COUNTY TRIP

All Towns and Communities to be
Asked to Furnish Queen.

Beginning with a meeting at North Powder tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock a Fourth of July Committee from La Grande will take up a series of visits to all the towns and centers of the county asking the local Red Cross chapters in each locality to furnish Liberty Queens for the Fourth of July celebration to be held in this city.

The celebration this year is to be entirely free from commercialism. It will be purely patriotic in every way and the money making features of years past will positively be eliminated. It is a Union county celebration and the good old neighborly feeling of long ago will be renewed. It is a time when people will gather and talk about our boys who are "over there" and in a highly patriotic manner pay tribute to the valor of those who have gone to save the Republic.

Those who will go with the pilgrimage tomorrow beginning with the North Powder meeting, then at Union and Cove include the following citizens: Mae Wood, Charles H. Reynolds, F. L. Meyers, J. G. Snodgrass, George H. Currey, A. T. Hill and Walter Pierce.

Committees Being Completed.
This afternoon the different committees for the celebration here are being completed. The names mentioned in the previous article did not represent the full and complete committees and today the remaining members are being added. Also there will be several new committees added to the number, so that the entire working scheme for the celebration may be perfected and work begun in earnest.

NO IDLERS ALLOWED.

Portland Council Has Adopted A
Strict Ordinance.

(United Press)
PORTLAND, May 22.—The Council has passed a strict anti-idler ordinance. Millionaires as well as others must work.

MARINE DIVISION IS RESTRICTED

LA GRANDE NAVAL OFFICIAL
REPORTS GREAT ACTIVITY
IN OREGON ENLISTMENT

Sergeant Henry, in charge of the La Grande marine recruiting station reports a very large number of enlistments for this branch of the service throughout the state. This division, for which Portland is the headquarters, formerly included the states of Montana and Oregon combined. On account of the number of volunteers from this state, Montana has been detached and three new stations have been established in this division. They are at Marshfield, Bend, Roseburg and Astoria.

MANY WOMEN HEAR LECTURE

DEAN MILAM, OF O. A. C., COL-
LEGE GIVES POINTERS ON
CONSERVATION

Says Time Is Coming When Wheat
Will Be Unknown as Bread
Food

Yesterday afternoon witnessed a large gathering of women who met at the Neighborhood Club rooms to hear the lecture by Dean Milam of the O. A. C., who is director of Home Economics of the Federated Clubs. Miss Milam is meeting with the women of Oregon at the principal points in the state.

Miss Sadie Young, who has recently returned from a year spent in Chicago, delighted the guests with her musical numbers and Miss Milam's talk concerning Food Conservation was both interesting and instructive.

Miss Milam has recently returned from a trip to Washington, D. C., in connection with her work and says the time is coming when wheat must be absolutely unknown on the American table if we expect to win the war. During her talk she gave the women a number of receipts containing not 50-50—but whole substitutes, not using one grain of wheat.

Miss Milam is well known to the club women of La Grande, having been here on former occasions in connection with the Child Welfare work and they were more than delighted to welcome her yesterday. She was accompanied by Miss Anna Turley, state leader of home demonstration, of Corvallis, and Mrs. J. D. McCombs, assistant state leader of home demonstration, of Portland. After the meeting these three ladies, with Miss May Murphy, home demonstrator of this section, met with the chairman of the different sections of the county and had a very interesting talk.

CALL FOR BRAKEMEN FILLED Three Young Men of This Vicinity Go Into Service.

A short time ago a call was issued, calling for three brakemen to enter the service. The following local men responded and will leave June 1st for Camp Meade, Maryland. Clarke Allen and Ruben Beveridge of Perry and Harold Heaving of La Grande.

IMBLER TO HAVE A MOTHER'S DAY

Special Services Will Be Held With
Appropriate Program

Mother's Day and Children's Day will be held as a combined event in the Methodist church in Imbler next Sunday, May 26. The services will begin at 11 o'clock in the morning. A program has been prepared for the occasion to include music, recitations, talks and songs. The services are intended for all members of the family and all are urged to come.

SWEEPING INVESTIGATION ON AIRCRAFT DECIDED UPON

(United Press.)
WASHINGTON, May 22.—Investigators Gregory and Hughes have determined upon much more sweeping investigations of the aircraft production program that was at first planned. They will not limit the inquiry to the dishonest charged against the Aircraft Board, but will comprehensively determine whether civil suits are needed.

GERMANS MAY STRIKE IN PICARDY

LULL IN ARTILLERY ACTIVITY
IS CONSIDERED A SIGNIFICANT
SIGN.

AIR OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN RESUMED

Suggestion Is Made That The Allied
Lines May Give Way Somewhat
To Lighten Force Of Hun
Blow.

(United Press to Observer.)
(By Fred S. Ferguson.)

WITH THE AMERICANS IN PICARDY, May 22.—The enemy methods of marked aerial activity with a correspondingly marked artillery quietude is taken to indicate that the offensive resumption may strike here. It is entirely possible that the allied lines may give somewhat before the blow, thus lightning it.

CANVASS NEARLY COMPLETED

Total Vote On The Principal Candidates Is Now Known.

The canvass of the returns of the primary election has been under way at the Court House since yesterday. This afternoon the total vote received for the principal candidates on the state ticket was made known. The count official and complete shows the following:

For the Democrats: Pierce, 505; Starkweather, 43; West 338; King, 145.

For the Republicans: Dennis, 388; Williams, 298; For governor, Anderson, 64; Harley, 33; Simpson 212; Withycombe, 658; Mose, 58; Olcott, 276. For treasurer, Adams, 89; Cusick, 186; Hoff 257; Plummer, 113; Ryan, 312; West, Ben, 201. For supreme judge, Coke, 301; Johns, 470; Kelley, 267. For labor commissioner, Dalziel, 270; Holston, 64; Gram, 350; Mickum, 184. For commissioner, Miller, 665; Williams, 298.

On the county democratic ticket Hal Bohnenkamp received the nomination for coroner by twenty votes.

BATTALION IS REVIEWED

Capt. Hobson Complimented La
Grande's Military Organization

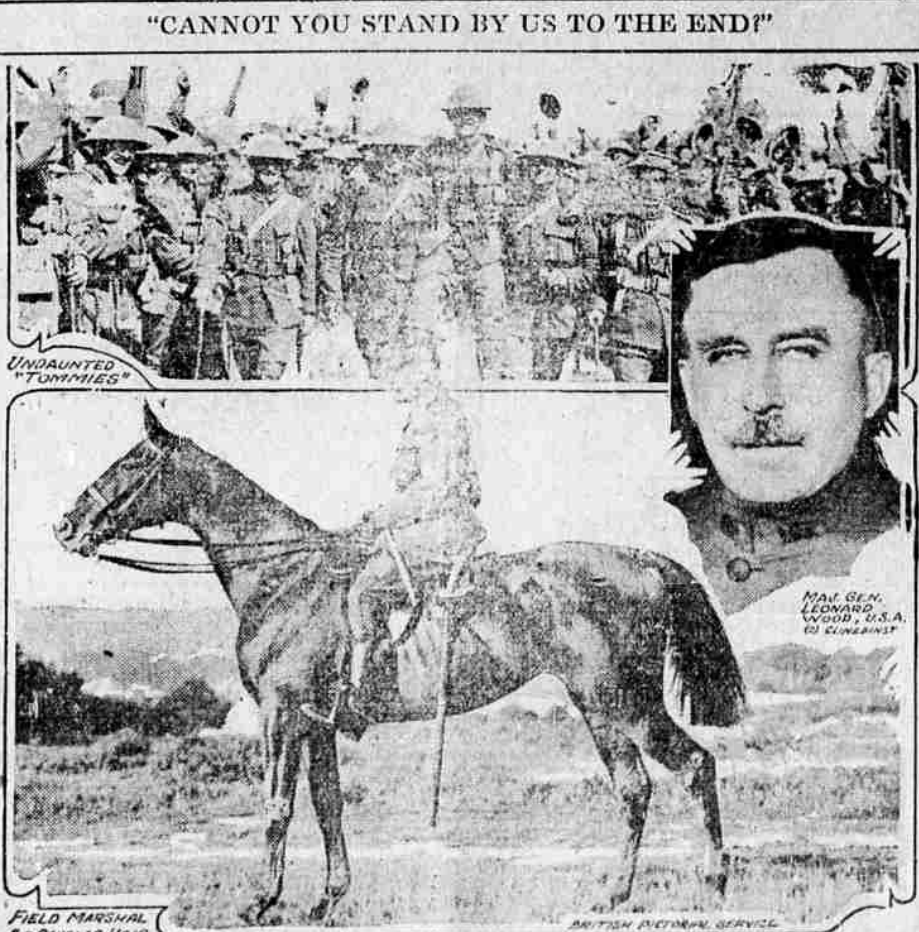
The La Grande battalion of the Oregon state guard was reviewed yesterday evening by Capt. Richmond Pearson Hobson and T. J. Scroggin, county chairman of the state council of defense.

While Capt. Hobson did not have time to make a special address to the La Grande guards he was lavish in his praise of the evidence of the training they had received, as well as the general "pep" and dash evidenced by the men. The distinguished visitor admonished them to continue in the good work they have so auspiciously begun.

GRADUATED AS NURSE

La Grande Young Lady Finishes
Course At Portland Institution.

Miss Gertrude E. Halley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Halley, who has been a student at the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland the past three years, graduated with honors in the class of 1918. The graduation took place last Wednesday, and Miss Halley was the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts. The exercises were held in the protestant cathedral. A reception at the home followed after which dancing and refreshments were enjoyed. Dr. Labbe, who recently returned from France, gave the address. Miss Halley will remain at the hospital for some time.



THIS IS THE APPEAL OF A BRIT-
ISH TOMMY AT THE FRONT—
GREAT BRITAIN AND
FRANCE WEARY, BUT UN-
DAUNTED, DECLARES MAJOR
GENERAL LEONARD WOOD—
EVERY BRITISHER AND CAN-
ADIAN NEEDED.

"We're in a war which is going to tax us to the utmost," declares Major General Leonard Wood of the United States Army. "We are going into the valley of the shadow. We're going to win, but not easily, not without paying the price that all must pay for waiting too long. Everything we have must be engaged. Men, women, children must lend their activities."

"France and Great Britain are glorious but they are tired. They

are weary, but speaking literally, on a long tour through the trenches I have yet to hear one man talk of quitting. Their determination should be an inspiration to us. What they need is the vigor of our support. We must adopt the motto of the Black Prince—"I serve."

"If the United States officer makes such an appeal, what wonder that British and Canadian officers are working days, nights and Sundays to secure British and Canadian volunteers in the United States to help their brothers hold the line and win the war?" said one of them today.

"We need every man we can get." British and Canadian soldiers, battling bravely and unflinchingly against the hordes of Huns on the Western front are writing to the folk at home and to their kinsmen in the United States pleading with

them to do their bit. One of the best, straight from a soldier's heart is the following:
"Cannot you stand by us to the end? Have your very sons, brothers and pals died in vain? For God's sake, give us your full, mighty support! You do not see, as we are seeing, old man, women and children, trekking away from their homes, stumbling under heavy burdens, crying quietly as they go. You did not see a girl lying at a roadside yesterday with a bullet through her head. You did not know that Boche machine guns slew civilians across that very road. It is, therefore, difficult for you to realize it at all. But will you have it said for the rest of your lives and through all history to come that the Boche was because the British race refused to the army, all the men that were required."