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ENEMY COMMANDER WOUNDED AND CAPTURED

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(By Simms of United Press.)
ON THE BRITISH FRONT, May 23.—Huge German airplanes of the Gotha type, circling for hours over the hospital area today, and dropping the most powerful of bombs and shrapnel, killed and wounded a hundred nurses of the Red Cross and their attendants. Many of the hospital buildings were damaged by the explosions.

Squadron Commander Captured.
The commander of the German airplane squadron, was wounded and captured. He speaks English perfectly and said that he did not see the red cross denoting the hospitals although the crosses are plainly visible.

Shrapnel Timed To Explode.
The shrapnel discharged from the planes was timed so as to explode on the surface of the ground and in this manner insure the greatest loss of life. I visited the bombing scene and saw a crater fifteen feet across and ten feet deep. This demonstrates the wholesale destructive power of the explosives.

Nurses Show Courage.
Many of the wounded men in the hospitals said that the Red Cross nurses exhibited the greatest of courage, refusing to leave their patients for places of underground safety, while the air raid was in progress.

The wounded German commander is now being treated by the sisters of the women he killed.

DESERTER RECEIVES HEAVY SENTENCE

Companion Of Earl Franklin Gets 25 Years At Hard Labor.

CAMP LEWIS, May 23.—Private Donald Duncan Benton, of Company C, 364th Infantry, was given 25 years at hard labor. In company with Private Franklin, of the same regiment, he deserted March 25. On March 27, the two soldiers held up a man at Huntington and in the struggle that ensued, Franklin was shot, but not fatally wounded. Benton was turned over to the military authorities, and was tried by court-martial for desertion.

Besides his prison sentence, he was dishonorably discharged and all his pay and allowances declared forfeited. Franklin has not yet been given into the custody of the military authorities.

Earl Franklin mentioned in the above dispatch, is still in the hospital at Baker, recovering from his wound received when he and Benton attempted to get away from Section Foreman A. J. Wisner, at Lime. It will be some time before he will be able to leave, it is stated, it having been necessary to perform another operation on him.

WILL CONFER THE CHIVALRY DEGREE

District Association Of Oddfellows At Riverside Park.

The District Association of I. O. O. F. of Union County, will hold their annual meeting June 14-15 at Riverside Park. The Degree of Chivalry will be conferred on three of the Rebekah sisters by the Canton from Baker. An invitation has been extended to the Muscovites of Portland to attend this session.

OREGON EXCEEDS QUOTA

PORTLAND, May 23.—Oregon has exceeded the Red Cross quota of \$600,000 by \$25,000. It is believed that Oregon is the first state over the top in the second Red Cross drive.

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UNITED STATES TO HELP RUSSIA

PLAN FOR POSITIVE AID IN MONEY AND OTHER MATERIAL RELIEF.

(United Press)
WASHINGTON, May 23.—A new and vastly important development of an allied policy to help Russia more is expected this week. The President and Ambassador Reading have had a long conference planning positive aid to the Russian people in giving money and civilian and military relief. They will send American railroads to again untangle the war-racked systems, and will send an important commission to Russia in a short time.

STRIKE IN SAN FRANCISCO.

Employees Refuse To Move Anything But Army Supplies.

(United Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, May 23.—A thousand warehouse employees unexpectedly struck for higher wages today. They will continue to move food for the army only.

CURFEW AGE MAY RAISE

ACTIONS OF BOYS ON STREET ALARM OLDER PEOPLE.

Belief That Heavier Restraint May Be Necessary To Correct The Evils.

Serious thought is being given to the proposition of raising the curfew age in La Grande. This is caused by a bevy of young boys who thoughtlessly are stepping on the toboggan slide and making themselves ridiculous in many ways. Little acts of vandalism are being frequently committed, but the grossest thing is the talk on the streets when young ladies and girls are passing.

Several attempts have been made to remonstrate with these youngsters, according to those who are looking after the situation, but no good has come from the effort. Continued practices, such as using obscene language and making slighting remarks about women passing will, it is claimed, force the raising of the curfew age and making it a punishable offense for boys or girls to be on the streets in the early part of the night unaccompanied by grown people.

ONE HEARING IN LA GRANDE

Commission Will Meet In This City To Carry Out Investigation Of Grain Rate.

A Salem report says: Whether freight rates on farm produce from Eastern Oregon points to Portland are higher than rates from Eastern Washington points to Seattle will be ascertained by the public service commission at three hearings. If the rates are found to be higher the commission will determine whether the higher rate is justified.

The first hearing will be held at Portland June 25, the second at Pendleton June 27 and the third at La Grande June 28. All three members of the commission will sit in each hearing.

Grain rates are mainly concerned in the investigations. Action has been taken by the commission on its own motion, although numerous complaints have been received from Eastern Oregon producers.

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TWO QUEENS ARE NEEDED

NORTH POWDER AND UNION MAKE SELECTIONS TODAY

All Other County Points To Be Visited At Once.

Two Liberty Queens for the big Fourth of July Liberty float in La Grande's Fourth of July parade were named today when the committee from this city visited North Powder and Union.

They were met at North Powder by a delegation of citizens who showed keen interest in the event and all agreed that this should be a celebration at La Grande of patriotism attended by the entire county.

From North Powder the committee journeyed to Union early this afternoon and met with a like response. Union people were anxious to join with the rest of the county in meeting at La Grande on July 4th.

Cove will be visited before the committee returns tonight and immediately following there will be trips made to Imbler, Island City, Alsea, Summerville and Elgin.

Those who went on the trip today were: James Snodgrass, Chairman of the Fourth of July celebration, Mac Wood, F. L. Meyers, Fred B. Curry, George H. Curry, A. T. Hill, Chas. Reynolds, Colan Eberhard and Walter M. Pierce.

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE PIONEERS

Meeting To Be Held Saturday To Perfect Organization.

The sons and daughters of pioneers are to meet at the city hall (over the fire station) on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 to complete the organization for which the preliminary steps were taken two weeks ago.

S. L. Brooks, president of the Union county pioneer association, will be present at the meeting and all who are eligible to membership are invited to be present and participate in the work of organization.

MURDERED ARE NOW IDENTIFIED

Victims Were The Wife And Children Of Kelly Passett.

(United Press to Observer.)
SEATTLE, May 23.—It has been definitely learned that the woman and two children who were murdered near the Pacific highway two miles from Kelso, were the wife and children of Kelly Passett, whom William Horner killed while on a hunting trip. Horner left Republic, Wash., with the Passetts about six months ago.

HONOR GUARDS MEET TONIGHT

The Honor Guard Girls will meet tonight at the City Hall promptly at 7:30. There will be reports of the state convention and summer plans will be discussed.

REGISTRATION AT LOCAL OFFICE

PROBABLY BE BUT ONE PLACE FOR THOSE REACHING TWENTY-ONE

While the matter is not fully determined by the local military board, it is probable that the place for registration of those who have reached the age of twenty-one since the fifth of last June will register at the office of the local board in the room in the United States bank building. Since it is obligatory on the registrants to keep themselves posted on this matter, any changes which may be made in the plan of registration will be promptly made public as soon as possible.

Wednesday, June 5, has been officially designated as registration day throughout the United States, for all young men who have attained the age of 21 since draft Registration day one year ago.

Every 21-year-old man in the United States must appear at the registration place designated by his local draft, board and register.

The only exceptions are men already in military or naval service. Special arrangements have been made whereby absentees and those too ill to appear at the registration places may register by mail.

But they must all register. Failure to do so makes the guilty young man liable to imprisonment for one year. And ignorance of the fact that June 5 is Registration Day will not be accepted as an excuse. The burden of informing themselves as to the place and date of registration is placed on the men themselves.

June 5 has been selected as the date for Registration Day, because it is the anniversary of the first draft Registration Day, when approximately 10,000,000 men between the ages of 21 and 30 years, inclusive, registered for the draft.

This Registration Day is only for men who have reached the age of 21 years, thus coming within the draft age, since last Registration Day.

OREGON SOLDIER DEAD OF DISEASE

Casualty List Also Includes Name Of George Raborn, Of Tacoma Also Wounded.

(United Press.)
WASHINGTON, May 23.—There were eighty-eight casualties, including:

Killed in action, 14.
Died of wounds, 12.
Severely wounded, 39.
Slightly wounded, 9.
Harvey Palmer, of Hillsdale, Oregon, died of disease.
George Raborn, of Tacoma, was severely wounded.

AIR RAIDERS FLY OVER PARIS

Several Bombs Were Dropped, But No Victims Are Reported In Dispatch.

(United Press.)
PARIS, May 23.—There were two distinct air raids against Paris last night. The first squadron was turned back by an aerial barrage. There were no victims. The second raid dropped several bombs in the Paris area.

THIRTY FOUR GRADUATES

HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT WILL TAKE PLACE FRIDAY EVENING

Senator Walter M. Pierce Will Be The Principal Speaker of the Evening.

The regular commencement exercises of the La Grande High school will be held at the High School auditorium on Friday (tomorrow) evening. Senator Walter M. Pierce is to give the graduating address. There are thirty-four graduates from the High School this year, as follows:

Julian Ash, Clyde Bunting, Iels Bryant, Ruth Courtney, Gertrude Courtney, Edna Danstrom, Nellie Davis, Estelle Graybill, Dewey Glaze, Philip Heldenreich, Kenneth Keeney, Ruby Ledbetter, Zela Lofladd, Rollo Lyman, Lena Lotties, George McDonald, Elmer Moon, Eugene Moon, Imogen Olson, Alfred Owsley, Frank Patty, Leal Russell, Ralph Root, Howard Stoddard, Friederike Schilke, Lena Stein, Mary Taylor, Park Taylor, Avis Vinacke, Eva Wright, Lynn Wright, Miriam Wheatley, Marguerite Winters, Edna Watkins.

Exempt From Examinations.
Exempt from final examinations with a grade of 90 per cent. Seniors are not included in this list, because they are exempted on a different basis.

Exempt in five studies—Carolyn Palmer, Lorna Coolidge.

Exempt in four studies—Marcella Berry, Bessie Moran, Bessie Andrew, Harry Snodgrass, Ardis Palmer, Olaf Anneson, Princess Bond, Ruby Shirley.

Exempt in three studies—Harvey Carter, Thelma Nixon, Waldo Stoddard, Zilpha Allen, DeLoris, Joy Weagel, Anna Arnoldus, Rush, Grant Swaberg, Julia.

Exempt in two studies—Chandler, Helen Sims, Helen Owsley, Edith Bragg, Fannie Broughton, Josephine Evans, Grace Yeck, George, Avis Henderson, Frieda Klopfenstein, Estrid Johanson, Vada Briggs, Gladys Curry, Elsie Nash, Iris King, Erma Stoddard, Palmer Byrkit, Robert Williamson, Florence Baird, Evelyn Underwood, William Casey.

The following program for the graduating exercises has been prepared:
Invocation—Rev. W. B. Smith.
Solo—"Alone In Love's Garden" Hewitt, Mrs. J. J. Carr.
Commencement Address—Hon. Walter M. Pierce.

Double Quartette—"Loudly Proclaim"—Jones, Misses Schilke, Lynch, Stoddard, Pearson. Messrs. Prouty, Casey, Glaze, Bunting.
Reading—"The Courage of Commonplace"—Andrews, Miss Naomi Williamson.
Solo—"Mattinata"—Leoncavalla.
Miss Jeannette Stoddard.
Presentation of Diplomas—G. A. McNeill, Principal of High School.

WEATHER REPORT.
PORTLAND, May 23.—Fair.

WOMAN IS ON LONG AIR FLIGHT

CATHERINE STINSON IS ON A NON-STOP TRIP FROM CHICAGO TO NEW YORK.

(United Press.)
CHICAGO, May 23.—Catherine Stinson, on a non-stop Chicago to New York mail flight, passed Stryker, Ohio, this afternoon. She left Chicago at 7:30 this morning.

PASSED CLEVELAND.

(United Press to Observer.)
CLEVELAND, May 23.—Catherine Stinson, who is on a non-stop trip from Chicago to New York, passed Cleveland at 1:30 this afternoon.

BOMBARDMENTS AND RAIDS.

(United Press.)
LONDON, May 23.—Germans are bombarding portions of the Picardy and the Flanders front. There were many raids, Field-Marshal Haig reports.

ALL READY FOR STOCK SHOW

TENTH ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD JUNE 5, 6, AND 7

Great Program Is Arranged and Prizes and Trophies Will Be Awarded.

The Union Live Stock Show will hold its tenth annual meeting at Union on June 5, 6, and 7, and the wheels and machinery are now in full motion.

For a time some were of the opinion it might be well to postpone the event this year on account of the war, but finally by majority vote it was decided to hold the show as usual, and from now on the barrage by Union forces will be continuous day and night towards capturing victory and scoring success as in the past.

The show has adopted as a slogan this year "Over the Top" Three small words, but words of immense and particular significance at the present moment. An institution with the object of improvement of the various breeds of live stock. The show is of paramount importance from an educational standpoint along such lines toward obtaining practical results of inestimable value. With our nation at war the essentials of the show are better horses, and better and more beef, the sinews of war for support of our forces facing the foe.

Various cash premiums and valuable trophies will be awarded in the horse and cattle classes, and the sum of \$900 has been set aside as premium money for one breed of cattle alone.

The old saying and a true one, "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," therefore besides exhibits, the management has very wisely arranged for a varied and fascinating program of amusement by way of races, sports, music etc., not forgetting features patriotic, so that visitors one and all may spend a sociable and pleasant holiday at the show.

Union therefore respectfully extends a very cordial invitation to exhibitors, friends and the public generally not only throughout Union county but also adjoining counties and sincerely hopes to be honored by their presence on June 5, 6, and 7th.

STRIKE SETTLED BY AGREEMENT

Employees Will Now Await Action Of Court Of Arbitration—20,000 Employees Involved.

(United Press.)

WINNIPEG, Man., May 23.—A joint agreement is to be signed tonight settling the civic strike, involving 20,000 city employees whose strike called out thousands, and others agree not to strike again before the arbitration court acts.

BRITISH BOMB ZEEBRUGGE BASE

German Destroyer Was Sunk, According To Report Issued By British Admiralty.

(United Press to Observer.)
LONDON, May 23.—British naval aviators' bombs sunk a German destroyer and badly damaged the Mole of the seaplane base at Zeebrugge between Monday and Wednesday, the admiralty has announced.

EVERY MAN MUST WORK OR FIGHT

THIS IS THE ORDER SENT OUT FROM WASHINGTON BY PRO- VOST GENERAL CROWDER

RULE IS OPERATIVE ON FIRST OF JULY

Local War Boards Are Empowered To Select And Draft Idlers And Non-Essential Workers—Some Classes Excluded.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—All men subject to draft must hereafter do a man's work or fight. Provost-General Crowder announced that the rule would be operative on July first.

It will affect gamblers, race track men, waiters, bartenders, attendants of clubs, hotels, apartment and persons occupied in games, sports and amusements, with some exceptions, domestic servants, salesmen, other than department store or mercantile clerks. Dependency exemptions will protect the men thus classified.

Local boards will weed them out and are empowered to summon idlers and non-essential workers to demand an explanation and to draft them. General Crowder would not state whether this rule affects professional baseball players.

Was Unanswerable Objection.
Provost-General Crowder said that one of the unanswerable objections to the draft was the taking of men from the farms and useful occupations and marching them past loafers.

"The remedy is simple. Give the idlers and men not effectively employed the choice between military service and effective employment. Every man in the draft age must work or fight. We must prohibit the engagement of the able-bodied men in the field of hurtful and ineffectual employment. We must make ourselves one army in which every factory and loom is a recognized part, just as Germany has done."

NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB IN SOCIAL MEETING

Renewed Determination To Assist In Winning The War.

The last social meeting of the Neighborhood Club was of special interest and enjoyment to those in attendance. Mrs. Silverthorne presided during the short business meeting and program. Mrs. A. R. Hunter, as chairman of the year book committee, gave a splendid report on the line of work for the coming year. Other members of the committee are: Mrs. Gordon Powers, Mrs. R. W. Logan and Mrs. L. E. Moe. Miss Haley will assist the committee.

Mr. E. E. Kiddle presented the work of the Red Cross and received the hearty support of the club in the drive, which is now progressing so splendidly.

A motion was adopted that the club stand back of and support every patriotic movement. The Neighborhood Club is the mother of the Red Cross movement in this vicinity and has repeatedly proven the ability of La Grande women in doing the big things. It is now more imperative than ever before in its history that the club maintain its organization in full strength, in order that it may co-operate in all patriotic work and the winning of the war.

A delightful musical program included violin numbers by Miss Bertha Young, assisted by Miss Hilda Anthony on the piano.

Mrs. Rodney Kitchen captivated her hearers by her rendition of "The Sunshine of your Smile" and "Coming Through the Rye." Mrs. H. L. Ford was her accompanist.

CHURCHES ARRANGE FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Services Will Be Held In Methodist Church Next Thursday Evening.

The La Grande ministerial association held a special meeting to arrange for their part in the memorial services on Sunday and Thursday. According to the President's proclamation services are to be held by the churches and the services for this community will be held at the Methodist church at 8 o'clock Thursday evening.



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