

ENEMY ATTACK HAS BEGUN

GERMANS ATTACKED SUDDENLY

NEW DRIVE STARTED THIS MORNING ON A WIDE FRONT IN PICARDY.

AMERICANS SOLDIERS IN THE FIGHTING SECTOR

Offensive Apparently Directed Towards Ypres And Is Progressing In Spots—Yet Too Early For Decisive Results.

LONDON, May 27.—(By United Press.)—The Germans attacked suddenly early this morning on an entirely new thirty-five mile front south of the Picardy region, simultaneously thrusting northwards towards Ypres.

Following a bombardment of great intensity, the enemy struck on wide fronts between Rheims and Soissons, eastward and southwest of Picardy.

Simultaneous attacks were directed at the French between Loree and Voormezele.

Soissons is about ten miles southwest of the former southern extremity of the Picardy battle front. This front includes the famous Chemin-des-Dames sector, where the Americans are fighting.

A statement from the battle area said: "Strong hostile attacks, following a bombardment of great intensity, were made early this morning on wide fronts between Rheims and Soissons. Attacks were also made against the French lines between Loree and Voormezele."

PROGRESSING IN SPOTS.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES, May 27.—(By United Press.)—The German blow Ypresward is reported as progressing in spots, but it is too early to decide results.

The attack was a powerful local blow by von Arnim's army against Scherpenburg, near Loree, where the French wrested considerable territory from the Germans recently. The Scherpenburg battle began with a heavy bombardment of the Ypres-Comines canal.

RESIST WITH VIGOR.

PARIS, May 27.—(By United Press.)—"The Germans launched an attack this morning over a front between Pinon, a forest nine miles northeast of Soissons and Rheims. The French and British troops are resisting with customary valor," the French war office reports.

FOCH'S POLICY INDICATED.

LONDON, May 27.—(By United Press.)—Field-Marshal Haig surprisingly announced that the British are co-operating with the French, south of the present Picardy front. This indicates Foch's policy of a real coordinated allied front.

GERMAN PLOT DISCOVERED.

Claimed Sinn Feiners Had Plan To Release Prisoners.

DUBLIN, May 27.—(By United Press.)—The British have discovered on the part of the Sinn Fein, a German plot, including the release of hundreds of Austrian and German prisoners interned in Ireland, and arming them against the English, officials have announced. They have begun deporting the prisoners.

DISREGARDED RULES.

Say That Americans Lost on Moldavia Were Below Decks.

LONDON, May 27.—(By United Press.)—The deaths of fifty-seven American soldiers on the Moldavia, when she was torpedoed, was because they disobeyed the rules requiring all passengers to be on deck while ship was in the danger zone, declared a dispatch to the London Express from a channel port.

The fifty-seven Americans were below decks. An official inquiry will probably be held.

WILL PRESENT WAR OUTFITS

ARMY AND NAVY AUXILIARY BUSY WITH SUPPLIES FOR THE RECRUITS.

The member of the Army and Navy Auxiliary are working with the industry of bees to get ready an outfit for each of the fifty-three men who are to leave for service this week. Each man is to be supplied with a sweater, pair of socks, ditty bag and sewing kit. Inasmuch as the supplies were to be prepared within a week—since last Thursday to be exact—it will at once be apparent that there was no time to lose. All the auxiliary members have been working overtime to get the outfits ready before the boys leave.

CANDIDATES TO BE QUESTIONED

TUESDAY LUNCHEON TO GRILL THOSE SEEKING TO SERVE THE PUBLIC

Bob Withycombe and Billy Vogel Will Tell of Union Stock Show in Their Own Way

The Tuesday luncheon will be held in the Foley hotel as usual and considerable interest has centered around it since it is to be a day of successful candidates who will assure the people that there is a stern necessity for their election in order to promote the general welfare. A little good natured grilling may occur in the form of questions propounded to those who have successfully placed themselves in the spotlight of public life.

Robert Withycombe will be over from Union and will respond to the subject of "How It Feels to be a Governor's Son." Billy Vogel will also be present at the luncheon and explain what Union is going to do this year with her Stock show entertainment. The general understanding that this is to be the biggest show in the history of the event will be approved and the seal of truth placed upon the statement by Mr. Vogel's remarks at the luncheon.

ALWAYS COMES THROUGH.

G. L. Larison, La Grande chairman of the war board, received this morning a check from Frank L. Baker at Palmer Junction for the Red Cross.

Mr. Larison says: "This man always comes through for any war aid that is proposed. He is never solicited, in fact, he doesn't need to be solicited, he just sends in a check whenever he hears that funds are needed for any war purposes. He has voluntarily subscribed for bonds, has contributed to all the Red Cross drives, the Y. M. C. A. and Armenian relief—anything that calls for war aid always receives a voluntary response from Frank L. Baker."

RATES WILL INCREASE.

Advances On Railroad Freight Will Be Effective June 25.

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 27.—(By United Press.)—Twenty-five per cent rate increase on class and commodity freight will go into effect June 25th. Railroad fares will be raised to three cents a mile on June 10th.

Some of the heavy commodities are raised over 25 per cent. This was announced today by the United States railroad administration. It quickly follows the announcement of boosting railroaders' pay, mainly in accordance with the railroad wage board's recommendations.

MUST NOT FAIL TO REGISTER

RULES STRICT FOR YOUNG MEN BECOMING TWENTY-ONE

No Excuse Will Be Accepted and It Is Up to the New Eligibles to Act

PORTLAND, May 26.—Wednesday, June 5, is a date of great importance to every man in the United States who has attained the age of 21 years since Registration Day on June 5, one year ago.

For on this coming June 5, will be held another Registration Day, on which every man who has passed his 21st birthday since last June 5, must register with his local draft board.

This applies to non-citizens as well as to citizens. No man who comes within the age limit is exempted from registering, unless he is already in the military or naval service of the United States.

And men 21 years old who for any reason have been discharged from the military or naval service must register on June 5.

The registration will be conducted by the local draft boards throughout the United States. Each draft board is required to post publicly the location of its registration place, and men 21 years old must present themselves there on June 5, for registration.

The registration places will open on Registration day at 7 o'clock in the morning, and will be open until 9 o'clock that night.

No excuse will be accepted for failure to register. The burden of informing himself of the time and place for registration is by law placed on the registrant himself. Failure to register is punishable by imprisonment up to one year in jail.

Attempts to evade registration will bring disaster to the evader. All city, county, state and United States peace officers have been specifically directed to assist in bringing about a complete registration of men 21 years old, and to examine the registration lists and report immediately to the Federal authorities the names of any persons liable to registration known by them to have failed to register.

Men who are too ill to appear at the registration place in person must send some competent person to the local board to obtain a registration card with authority to fill it out. This card when filled must be mailed or taken in person to the local board in time to be filled on Registration Day, June 5.

Provision is also made by mail of men 21 years old who will unavoidably be absent from their home jurisdictions on Registration Day.

All persons should proceed immediately, without waiting for Registration Day, to the local board nearest to the place in which they happen to be, and have their registration cards made out by this board.

The card must then be mailed by the registrant, together with a self-addressed and stamped envelope for return of a registration certificate, to the registrant's own local board.

As this registration card must reach the local board by June 5, men 21 years old who will be absent from their home jurisdiction on June 5 should make haste now to have their registration cards filled out so they can mail the cards without delay to the proper board.

The War Department has issued the following official warning to all men coming within the 21-year-old age limit.

"CAUTION—All male persons, citizens of the United States, and all male persons residing within the United States, who have, since the 5th day of June, 1917, and on or before the day set for registration by the President's proclamation (this coming June 5th), attained the age of 21 years, must register. The only exceptions are persons in the military or naval service of the United States, which includes all officers and enlisted men of the Regular Army, the Navy, the Marine Corps, and the National Guard and Naval Militia, while in the service of the United States, and officers in the Officers' Reserve Corps and enlisted men in the Enlisted Reserve Corps while in active service."

PORTLAND, May 27.—(By United Press.)—Tonight and tomorrow: Showers.

MEXICAN TROUBLE BELIEVED IMMINENT.

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 22.—(By United Press.)—President Wilson (this afternoon) called a sudden conference with Secretaries Lansing, Baker and Daniels. While no official announcement is made, it is believed that the Mexican crisis, impending through the severance with Secretaries Lansing, Mexico and Cuba, and making imminent a similar rupture with the United States, is the subject of the conference.

DRIVES AUTO FROM PORTLAND

REPAIR WORK INTERFERES WITH TRAVEL ALONG THE COLUMBIA HIGHWAY.

Repair work being done on the Columbia Highway between Hood River and The Dalles will hinder automobile traffic to Portland until early in August, if not later, finds L. C. Smith, who returned yesterday from Portland, fetching a made-to-order Cadillac to La Grande for Steve Blewens, of Joseph. The trip between now and the time when the road is re-opened is a difficult one. First, it is necessary to ferry across the river, then ferry up the river a considerable distance, then drive on the Washington side to White Salmon and then ferry back again to the Oregon side. It took Mr. Smith a whole day to get to Hood River. After that the roads are a mixture into La Grande. Repair work in Umatilla county has made them dusty and soft in places. On the whole, however, one can ramble along at a fair speed except for the places noted. The most convenient way to get to Portland with an automobile the next few months is to ship out of The Dalles.

The Cadillac Mr. Smith brought home is a made-to-order car, with a Cadet Blue body, and a four-passenger arrangement, the usual Cadillac of that size and power having a seven-passenger facilities. The lines of the car are graceful and attractive, and combines all the power and force of the seven passenger, yet is made over for four passengers. All the appointments that go with an up-to-the-minute outfit are provided.

RECRUITS TO BE GIVEN ROUSING RECEPTION AND MILITARY BALL

LA GRANDE PEOPLE WILL HONOR OVER ONE HUNDRED SOLDIERS TUESDAY NIGHT AT REX HALL--PARADE TO PRECEDE EVENT--HONOR GUARD GIRLS TO WELCOME SOLDIERS.

La Grande is going to entertain the large class of recruits who have been recently drafted and on Tuesday evening the fifty-three boys from Union county and the fifty Wallowa county boys will meet in this city and for several hours enjoy the hospitality of La Grande people.

The big event will be in the form of a celebration and reception, followed by a military ball in Rex Hall. In the evening there will be a walking parade with no automobiles admitted. Everyone who loves his country is invited to join this parade, headed by the band and Home Guard organizations. This parade will go through the principal streets of the city and finally enter Rex Hall, where a short program will be rendered. The Honor Guard girls will play an important part in the program and each will claim the attention of some of the boys who are on their way to the front.

Following the program proper, the band will render music for a couple of hours' dancing and at this military dance there will be no introductions, for all formalities have long since been swept aside when the soldiers enter the city.

It is requested that everyone turn out to this reception and dance. Relatives and close friends of the boys will be given every preference possible and the entire city is invited.

This is an occasion where excellent young men—the best we have—are going to the front from Union and Wallowa counties to fight for this country, to fight for the homes of everyone, and undoubtedly the crowd that will welcome the boys of this draft Tuesday night and bid them Godspeed will be a large one.

WILL LECTURE ON ECLIPSES

PROF. TOWNLEY TO BE AT HIGH SCHOOL TOMORROW NIGHT

All Is In Readiness For A Great Treat And No Admission Will Be Charged.

The lecture by Prof. Sidney Dean Townley, of the Leland Stanford Jr. University, will be given at the high school auditorium tomorrow evening. As has been before stated this lecture is on the subject of eclipses and will be illustrated with numerous views connected with the phenomenon. It is of especial interest at this time in view of the fact that there will be a total eclipse of the sun on June 8, and the totality will be visible from this part of the country.

Local people have interested themselves in this visit by Prof. Townley and arrangements have been made so that there will be no charge whatever for what is to be a great treat to those who attend.

A total eclipse of the sun is a rare spectacle and will not likely be seen again from La Grande in a good many years and perhaps in centuries. On account of this being an event of such infrequent occurrence the lecture by one who is recognized as an authority on such matters, and particularly when the lecture is free will no doubt attract a large audience.

TOO MUCH HILARITY.

Following the circus day three were rounded up by the police Saturday night on a charge of being drunk. The list includes John Poole, Frank McLeod and Luther Strover.

RECEIVES JAPANESE TOKEN

Silver Medal Indicates That Recipient Is A Red Cross Supporter.

In the window of J. H. Pearce & Son is a silver medal which belongs to a local Japanese and indicates that the recipient is a sustaining member of the Japanese Red Cross. Accompanying the token is a certificate in Japanese characters giving the history of the case. The medal is of silver and is attached to a silk ribbon of red with light blue stripes. The medal itself is considered to be of the value of \$30.

WAR COUNCIL IS CALLED

MEETING OF COUNTY DEFENSE AND LOCAL BOARD WILL BE HELD TOMORROW.

All members of the county council of defense and members of the Union county war board are called for Tuesday (tomorrow) afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The meeting is to be held at the City Hall.

Many matters of importance on the war situation are to be taken up and disposed of and for this reason it is important that there be a full attendance at the meeting. Several questions of vital importance and interest are to be before the meeting and all who are called upon should bear in mind the time and place of the meeting.

SAM HARRIS HAS ACCIDENT.

Sam Harris, of the Hooverized Grocery, was thrown from his motorcycle yesterday afternoon. He caught up the machine and proceeded to the doctor, where some wounds and cuts about the head received attention.

WANT ALL TO BE WHEATLESS

VOLUNTARY BASIS ASKED UNTIL FIRST OF AUGUST

Meeting of All Flour Retailers Will Be Held Tomorrow to Talk Over the Situation.

All retailers of flour are called to meet at the city hall tomorrow (Tuesday) at 1 o'clock to talk over the situation in regard to a voluntary wheatless basis. This meeting is called by T. J. Scoggin, county chairman of the state council of defense.

The proposal for the people of Union county in this matter is in line with the resolutions adopted in Portland by the convention of county food administrators.

The main points of the resolutions, which is the intention to make applicable in all counties of the state, include the following:

"That the wheat situation of the nation and of the allies has become very acute, so that the most drastic curtailments in consumption are necessary in order to meet the duty and grave military necessity now before us.

That it is the unanimous conviction of the county food administrators that Oregon shall be placed as nearly as may be on a voluntary wheatless basis until August 1, 1918.

The resolution provides that each county administrator shall take immediate steps to bring his county to such wheatless standard; that it is not contemplated to curtail the consumption of wheat products by heavy manual laborers or others necessarily dependent on baker's bread to a point where it will impair their efficiency; that bakers should curtail their consumption of wheat flour to 70 per cent of that of the corresponding period of last year; that dealers should sell with each pound of flour three pounds of substitutes, and should not purchase or sell to exceed twenty-five per cent of their purchases and sales of last year without special permit.

There is also a provision that dealers and communities be requested to use their best efforts to make the wheat consumption not more than a half a pound of flour to each person per week. Those who may have an extra amount of flour on hand will be requested to turn the same back as far as practicable.

The entire movement is one for a practically wheatless period in all the counties of the state until the first of next August.

J. M. BERRY ON VISIT

Former Merchant Circulating Among His Old La Grande Friends.

J. M. Berry, for many years a merchant of La Grande and now of Portland, is here on a visit for a few days. During the past winter Mr. and Mrs. Berry were at their old home in Arkansas. Mrs. Berry is not with her husband on his present trip, but is at her home in Portland.

TAX PLAN TO BRING REVENUE

PRESIDENT MAKES SPECIAL ADDRESS TO CONGRESS ON THE SUBJECT.

LEADERS SAY MEASURE MUST BE PASSED

Financial Policy Contemplates Forty Per Cent By Taxation And Sixty Per Cent By Loan—Profits And Luxuries First.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 27.—(By United Press.)—President Wilson called on Congress to sacrifice political expedients and drive thru the tax bill. Appearing before a joint session on Washington's hottest day in years, the President found an audience composed of distinctly disgruntled solons with the prospects of perspiring over revenues.

The message was strictly business. The President said congress must do its duty completely before going before the people in preparation for the fall elections. He said "Additional revenues must manifestly be provided it is an unsound policy to raise too large a proportion by loan." He said we cannot, in fairness, "wait until the end of the fiscal year to apprise people of the taxes they must pay on the earnings of the present fiscal year. It wouldn't allow the public to practice the necessary economies to make the taxes available."

Definiteness and early definiteness is necessary for the successful administration of the treasury. The President said that congress naturally would turn for revenues to war profits and luxuries.

BILL WILL BE PASSED.

Congressional leaders declared that the "Commander in chief has spoken" and the duty is plain. We will pass the revenue bill, taxing excess profits, incomes and luxuries." It is learned that the president's financial policy contemplates providing income by forty per cent by taxation and sixty per cent by the issue of bonds.

SENATE WILL PROBE

Tour Is To Be Made Among The Aircraft Factories.

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 27.—(By United Press.)—The Senate military committee's sub-committee on aircraft has decided to begin immediately an aircraft investigation, touring the aircraft factories. It is announced they will work in complete harmony with Special Investigator Hughes.

U. S. GUNBOAT HITS ROCK

SHANGHAI, China, May 26.—An American gunboat proceeding to Chung King struck a rock 10 miles from Ichang Tuesday. Although badly damaged, she succeeded in returning to port.

GIVES ACRE OF WHEAT

Martin Peterson, one of our prosperous farmers in the Whiskey Creek section, this week donated an acre of wheat at threshing time to the local Red Cross chapter. An average acre will be around 25 bushels and at \$2.05 per bushel will swell the Red Cross coffers \$51.25. We expect to hear of several more patriotic farmers coming forward with the same kind of an offer.—Wallowa News.

HURT IN ELEVATOR

Clarence Oswalt, employed as office boy at the Foley hotel, was severely injured yesterday afternoon by being caught in the elevator shaft at the second floor. The boy, who is a little past sixteen years of age, had undertaken to stop out of the elevator when he was caught. He was badly bruised about the back and on his legs. This afternoon he complained of having pains in the region of the stomach. It is hoped that the injuries may prove less serious than they were at first supposed.