

DEFENSE IS RIGIDLY SUSTAINED

ENEMY FORCES CROSSINGS OF RIVER AISNE AND CONTINUES FURIOUS ATTACKS.

AMERICAN TROOPS RECENTLY REPLACED BY THE BRITISH

In Some Places The Allied Forces, Facing Vastly Superior Numbers, Are Drawing Back Progressively.

LONDON, May 28.—(By United Press.)—The Germans are still pressing their offensive today on both the Aisne and Flanders fronts.

Allied Reserves Arriving. The French war office declared that the French and British are greatly outnumbered on the Aisne front.

On the Flanders front the fighting is centering east of Dickebusch Lake, where the French repulsed the Germans last night.

Haig Says Positions Held. Field Marshal Haig says: "The enemy exerted a continuous pressure against the British on the Aisne front throughout yesterday."

Facing Superior Numbers. The French war office said: "The Germans, aided by the arrival of new forces, have crossed the Aisne between Vailly and Berry-au-Bac."

Americans Replaced by British. United Press correspondent Wood reported that the American troops, which occupied the Chemin des Dames sector, were recently replaced by British troops.

Weather Forecast. PORTLAND, May 28.—Fair.

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FIRE DIRECTORS MEET TONIGHT

OBJECT IS TO SELECT WARDEN AND PATROLMEN FOR THE COMING SEASON

A meeting of the directors of the Union-Wallowa Counties Fire Association will be held tonight in the offices of the association in the New Foley building.

The following directors will be in attendance: J. H. Mimnaugh, of Wallowa; G. E. Hayden, of Enterprise; E. N. Jacobs, of Union; George Palmer and T. J. Scroggin, of La Grande.

LOBBYISTS IN HOUSE. Kitchen Says Plans Of Publishers Are Apparent.

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PROGRAM FOR MEMORIAL DAY

JOINT SERVICES BY W. R. C. AND GRAND ARMY VETERANS

Military Maneuvers Will Take Place After Conclusion of Program at the Church.

The Memorial day program for Thursday has been arranged and will be held at the Methodist church in the afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The arrangements of exercises at the church as prepared by the W. R. C., will be as follows: Tribute to the Unknown Dead—W. R. C.

Prelude—Mrs. W. A. Winters Star Spangled Banner—Audience Invocation—Dr. Peese General Orders—G. A. R.

Lincoln's Address at Gettysburg—Mrs. S. A. Roe Violino-Flauto Duet—Donna and Floyd Smith

Address—H. E. Dixon Tenting in the Sunshine—Mrs. R. J. Kitchen Quartette

Address—R. J. Kitchen Vocal Solo—Mrs. J. F. Corbett Address—R. J. Green

"Tenting on the Old Camp Ground," Quartette Madames R. J. Kitchen, R. W. Logan, Messers. Leo French, J. P. Caldwell

America Benediction The tribute to the unknown dead will be just before the regular program and will take place on the lawn outside the church.

Military Program Follows. The military maneuvers which are to be executed by the members of the La Grande battalion Oregon state guard will take place after the regular G. A. R. and W. R. C. exercises at the church.

GEO. GOODBROD TRANSFERRED. Union Young Man in Draft List Assigned to Other Branch.

George Goodbrod, of Union, one of the young men in the recruiting party which goes from Union county, will not go with the others to Fort McDowell on account of having been transferred to the radio training school in Texas.

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GREAT INTEREST IN LECTURE

AN EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY THAT COMES BUT RARELY IN ANY COMMUNITY.

The next thing in order of importance to the total eclipse of the sun on June 8, is the lecture on eclipses to be given by Prof. Sidney Dean Townley at the High school auditorium this evening.

The lecture will be illustrated by numerous celestial transparencies is a subject of deep interest and will be taken at former total eclipses.

OUTFITS ARE PRESENTED. The boys of the draft met at the Y. M. C. A. this afternoon at 4 o'clock and each one was presented with a sweater, house wife, tea towel and ditty bag as a gift from the Army and Navy Auxiliary.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED. The engagement of First Lieutenant Frank S. Buckley to Miss Harriet Smith, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Smith of Tacoma has been announced.

KLING IS APPOINTED. Vacancy in Water Superintendent's Office Is Filled.

J. L. Kling, who has been employed in various capacities for the city for a long period, has been appointed water superintendent and entered upon his duties today.

STOPPED A RUNAWAY. Chief of Police Rayburn stopped a runaway team on Fourth street this afternoon and turned it over to the feed yard.

QUARANTINE RAISED. Premises Where There Was Scarlet Fever Are Fumigated.

The city officials this afternoon raised the quarantine that has been maintained on account of scarlet fever. The premises have been fumigated in accordance with the health regulations.

WILL VISIT IN ILLINOIS. Chas. Smith, a prominent farmer of the valley, and two of his nieces, Ruth and Gracie Cullen, were passengers on the morning train enroute to Illinois where they will remain for several weeks on a visit.

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BOYS TO HAVE RECEPTION

ALL IS READY FOR THE FAREWELL AT THE REX HALL

Everyone Expected to Turn Out This Evening in Honor of Departing Soldiers

All arrangements are complete for the farewell reception to the departing soldiers this evening. The parade, which is to include footmen only, starts being barred, will form at the Foley hotel at 8:15.

A brief program will include an address by Bruce Dennis; response on behalf of the boys by G. A. McNeill, principal of the high school and a member of the departing recruits.

George Bernie will sing a solo "Our Country's Call" which was written by Mrs. Bertha Slater Smith, former La Grande resident.

Dances will follow and this part of the affair is to be perfectly informal, with the sole purpose of making the evening one of enjoyment for the boys who are to go.

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BOOSTED FOR CELEBRATION

COMMITTEE MEETS ENCOURAGEMENT AT THE NEIGHBORING LOCALITIES.

A committee which included J. G. Snodgrass, chairman, A. C. Hampton, Ellis Kirtley, Fred B. Curry, Chas. Reynolds and Walter Pierce, went out yesterday on a tour of July celebration trip.

In the localities visited the sentiment was almost unanimous in favor of making the affair at La Grande a county event with all the old time features considered necessary to keep the fires of patriotism burning.

At Elgin the men will call a meeting to decide the question of joining the celebration at La Grande. Out in the valley the opinion is practically unanimous that the celebration proposed is the right thing at the right time and will give the proposition all the moral backing that may be required to help make the celebration a success.

MANY CASUALTIES REPORTED. Three Hundred Were Victims Of Hospital Bombing.

LONDON, May 28.—Three hundred casualties resulted from the recent German bombing of Etaples hospitals, Chancellor Bonar Law announced in the House of Commons today.

UPRISING IN UKRANIA. MOSCOW, May 28.—(By United Press.)—Peasant have reported an uprising throughout Ukrania, accompanied by the burning of crops, forests and machinery.

SHIP SUPPLY INCREASES. Many New Vessels Launched The Past Week.

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 28.—(By United Press.)—Fifteen steel ships and three wooden vessels, with a total of 109,700 tons were launched during the week ending May 25, says the Shipping Board.

RESERVES THROWN IN. WASHINGTON, D.C., May 28.—Allied reserves arriving at the Soissons front are thrown into action, the British officials are informed.

ANOTHER DRAFT PLANNED. Will Follow The Registration To Be Held In June.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—It is learned that Provost-Marshal Crowder plans a large draft immediately following the registration on June 5th.

WAS FORMER RESIDENT. A report from the East Oregonian says that Miss Helen Van Nuy was the Baldwin \$50 oratorical prize for Crook county high school students this year.

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BUSINESS MEN'S LUNCHEON CHARACTERIZED BY MIRTH. A turn of mirth characterized the business men's luncheon today.

The chairman, Bruce Dennis, stated that a change would be inaugurated and the innovation was very acceptable. In the language of an attendant it was "a good show."

After the luncheon was concluded a course of grilling and good natured rally was fired at the candidates for office present. None were spared and the candidates as well as the other attendants appreciated the program.

Will Close Decoration Day. By a unanimous vote the business men present declared in favor of closing their places of business after ten o'clock in the morning on Decoration Day.

COUNTER ATTACKS ARE MADE

FRANCO-BRITISH RETAKE LOST GROUND GAINED BY ENEMY YESTERDAY.

AMERICANS CHASE THE GERMANS FROM TRENCHES

Believed That United States Troops Are Being Held Until The Crisis Becomes Much More Acute Heavy Losses Scored

By William Philip Simms. (United Press Staff Correspondent.) WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES, May 28.—British and French troops are counter-attacking south-west of Ypres. Fighting is still underway. When this was cabled the Franco-British had already retaken practically all of the ground won by the enemy yesterday.

There is every indication that the Germans are throwing everything available into the present drive. Large masses of Germans are concentrating about Peronne, Roye, Ham and Noyon.

AMERICANS INFLECT LOSS. WASHINGTON, D.C., May 28.—(By United Press.)—General Pershing cabled that the American troops have occupied a German trench sector in Picardy, inflicting heavy losses.

The enemy was completely expelled after entering the American lines. Counter-attacking, the Americans were successful.

Although there are enough Americans there to constitute a formidable reserve, it is believed they will be held back unless the crisis becomes much more acute.

ENEMY'S CASUALTIES EXTREME. LONDON, May 28.—(By United Press.)—Although the British losses are admittedly considerable, the front reports indicate the enemy's casualties are most extreme.

Militarists appreciate the gravity of the Aisne crossing, but are calmly confident the enemy will not be able to accomplish the obvious purpose of drawing the allied reserves from the other front where the main attack will undoubtedly be projected.

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The enemy, however, has progressed further against the French to the west.

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