

AMERICANS SCORE BIG VICTORY

"Wallop Hell Out Of Them On To Berlin."

CAPTURE TOWN IN 45 MINUTES.

United States Troops Hold Captured Point Of Importance On Amlens Front Against Two Successive Attacks—Kaiser Is On Aime Sector.

By Fred S. Ferguson. (United Press Staff Correspondent.) WITH THE AMERICANS IN PICARDY, May 29.—American troops charged to capture Catigny, yelling "Now we are in Germany. Wallop hell out of them. On to Berlin."

They captured the town in forty-five minutes, together with 182 prisoners. Catigny is one of the most important points on the Amlens front, and this is the biggest victory the American troops in France have yet achieved.

WEDGE DRIVE INDICATED.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY AFIELD, May 29.—(By United Press.)—Developments of the German offensive indicate that von Ludendorff intends to drive a wedge through the Franco-British lines midway between Soissons and Rheims.

The Germans apparently have engaged a minimum of twenty-five divisions before which the Franco-British armies are offering a dogged resistance, hoping to permit reserves to intervene and turn the tide.

FOUGHT THROUGH THE NIGHT.

PARIS, May 29.—The Germans continued last night on the two wings of the Soissons and Rheims front with the arrival of fresh German divisions.

An official report says: "The French left was drawn back to the eastern border of Soissons, where a furious battle is now raging."

On the right flank, the Franco-British armies, after energetically defending Masnil and St. Thierry, four miles northwest of Rheims, were drawn slowly back south and southwest of those heights. They are now holding positions between the Vesle Canal and the river Aisne.

In the center, fighting continued fiercely on the south bank of the river Vesle, where the French are valiantly defending the heights."

VICTORY OF THE AMERICANS APPLAUDED BY THE BRITISH

EVERY BRITON, FROM HAIG DOWN TO THE SOLDIERS, ENTHUSIASTIC OVER THE LICKING ADMINISTERED IN THE MONTDIDIER REGION—IS A THREAT AND A PROMISE.

ON THE BRITISH FRONT, May 29.—(By United Press.)—Every Briton, from Field-Marshal Haig down to the soldiers, is enthusiastic over the licking the Americans administered in the Montdidier region yesterday. When I entered the room filled with British officers, they spontaneously began a hand-clapping storm. They had just heard that the Americans had captured Catigny.

"It isn't the size of the show that counts, but the spirit back of it. The Cantigny capture was both a threat and a promise," said one. "A threat against Germany, and a promise to the allies."

AMERICAN LOSSES LIGHT.

ON THE AMERICAN FRONT, May 29.—(By United Press.)—The American losses were slight in capturing Cantigny, it is officially announced. Artillery activity has increased on all the American sectors.

GERMANS SHOW VEXATION.

ON THE BRITISH FRONT, May 29.—(By United Press.)—The Americans' capture of Cantigny has apparently vexed the Germans, who are terrifically bombarding the new American positions.

SCARED HEART SCHOOL CLOSED

STUDENTS PRESENT INTERESTING PROGRAM PROCEEDS GO TO RED CROSS

The students of the Sacred Heart Academy held school closing exercises yesterday as a finale to their school work for the year. A large attendance greeted the performers and all were delighted and pleased with the entertainment provided. The proceeds from the exercises were turned into the Red Cross fund.

One of the especially interesting parts of the program was an address by Bishop Chas. J. O'Reilly, whose remarks were received with profound interest and appreciation. The following program was presented:

- Rays of Gold—Orchestra
Woodbird Song—Vocal Selection
Parade and Rainy Daisy Drill—Minims
Aloha Oe—Instrumental Quartet
Gypsy Dance and Lullaby—Juniors
Welcome Pretty Primrose Flower—Two-part song
Clown Drill—Small Boys
Moss Rose—Instrumental Quartet
Drama—High School
The House Party on the Stage.
Dream of the Shepherds—Violin Duet
Mud Pies—Action Song for Little Cooks
Fancy Marching and Poses, Including Boys in Khaki and Star-Spanned Banner—Full Chorus
Farewell Song—High School
Valedictory—Lavina Wolgast
Address—Rev. C. J. O'Reilly

G. A. BARRETT ANSWERS CALL

DECEASED WAS JOINT SENATOR FOR THREE COUNTIES.

Had Been Sufferer From Illness For A Long Period Preceding His Demise.

Hon. Chas. A. Barrett, who for two terms held the office of joint senator for Union, Umatilla and Morrow counties, died at his home in Athena yesterday evening at 7 o'clock. He was about sixty years of age. For a long period he was a sufferer from illness, and all attempts to secure relief proved without avail. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jennie Barrett, and a son, Henry, and daughter, Rita, all of whom are residents of Athena.

He was an uncle of Chris Mays, of this city, and a brother-in-law of Chas. Mays of North Powder. The funeral will be held at Athena tomorrow afternoon.

WELCOME BY LARGE CROWD

UNION COUNTY RECRUITS GIVEN PLEASANT EVENING

Military Ball With Short Program Proves Very Successful.

The fifty-three boys who started today for active service in the United States army were given a fine reception last evening when at 8 o'clock the band led the Home Guard in drill from which was formed a parade of citizens on foot who marched up and down Adams avenue before entering Rex hall.

The Haines orchestra provided music in the hall and a short program was held during which the boys were given the assurance of Union county's appreciation of them. Mrs. Clyde Palmer also talked to the recruits for the Army and Navy League, a patriotic institution that is really doing excellent work in La Grande. George McNeill, one of the recruited men and for some time connected with La Grande's schools, responded to the talks in behalf of the men. George Birnie, La Grande's popular male singer, rendered "Our Country's Call" written by Mrs. Bertha Slater Smith, a La Grande lady, and received vigorous applause.

City Manager Fred B. Currey, then "took off the lid" of the city and bid the boys do what they liked at the same time announcing the military ball's opening. For several hours the dance continued with members of the Home Guard and the new recruits thoroughly enjoying the occasion.

Parade Not Up to Standard.

It is but proper that attention be called to the small number of people who marched in the parade last evening. Apparently there was a misunderstanding for Union county people, recognized throughout the state for intense loyalty and patriotism, surely would have marched in large numbers had they realized that the marching behind the new recruits is a silent token of appreciation that is accomplished in no other way. The crowd on the sidewalk was large and why the people did not leave their machines and the sidewalks and march can only be accounted for by reason of a misunderstanding. Another thing lacking was the salute of the colors. Only twenty-one persons in that large gathering saluted the flag as it passed. This is not intended for criticism because everyone knows the intense loyalty of La Grande people, but it is intended to remind everyone of two things that should gladly be accorded the soldier who is leaving for the front—one is to march behind him and the other is to salute the flag whenever it passes.

GROUP PICTURE TAKEN

Soldier Boys Appreciate Interest Of Army And Navy Auxiliary. Unless one was permitted to attend the meeting at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon, when the Army and Navy Auxiliary presented each of the 53 boys who were leaving to join the colors, with a sweater, housewife, and ditty bag, they little realize the work this noble organization is doing and the effect it has upon the boys. Mrs. C. N. Palmer, president of the organization, made a nice "motherly" talk to the boys telling them how interested the people of Union county are in the boys in the service and would be glad in any way to do anything possible to make them happy and comfortable. Then Mr. McNeill, who had been chosen leader for the boys called the roll, and as each name was called the one so-called came forward and was presented with his outfit by Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. J. E. Foley.

After the meeting the boys voted to have a group picture taken and immediately formed in line, and photographer Ritter did the rest.

PARIS SHELLING CONTINUES

PARIS, May 29.—(By United Press.)—Long range shelling is continued. Apparently a slightly different shell is being used.

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WEATHER REPORT.

PORTLAND, May 29.—Fair.

SERVICE OF INTERCESSION

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION IS ARRANGING FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL

The President at the request of Congress, has appointed Memorial Day as one for public humiliation, prayer and fasting.

In his proclamation he states that "it has always been the reverent habit of the people of the United States to turn to Almighty God for His guidance in the affairs of their common life." So in the present critical stage when "the things which we have always carried nearest our hearts," are at stake, let this laudable custom be continued, especially as experience has shown, that it has power with God and will prevail.

For instance during the seventies, the western portion of Minnesota was ravaged and laid desolate by locusts. Concerning this, the late well known Bishop Whipple wrote in his autobiography:

"They came in clouds, obscuring the sun at midday. I have seen fields of wheat six inches high in the morning, and in the evening not a blade left. After much suffering from this desolation, Governor John Pillsbury appointed the twenty-third day of April, 1877, as a day of fasting and prayer. That it may please the Heavenly Father to remove from our borders, this plague, infidels ridiculed the proclamation. The day was solemnly observed, places of business were closed, and all classes of men attended the public services."

"The day of the 25th was bright and beautiful, and the young locusts were revelling in their work of devastation. On the following day before the sun went down, a violent storm of sleet and snow came and every locust was destroyed."

The above is no fairy tale but fact. Other instances may be given both in our own national history and in that of other nations as well, showing that when "they cried unto the Lord in their trouble," He delivered them out of their distresses."

In accordance with the President's appointment, the Ministerial Association has arranged for a solemn service of intercession to Almighty God, to be held in the Methodist Episcopal Church at 8 p. m. on that day, to which all our people are invited to come and unite in an appeal for the Divine aid and protection in this time of national necessity and peril.

Signed, George H. Foese, F. W. Bussard, W. B. Smith, Upton H. Gibbs.

FIFTEEN MILES ADVANCE.

PARIS, May 29.—(By United Press.)—The Echo de Paris says: "The German advance at certain points on the Aisne front has reached a fifteen and a half miles in depth."

KAISER ON AISNE FRONT.

AMSTERDAM, May 29.—(By United Press.)—Berlin says that the Kaiser is on the Aisne battle front near Leonne.

FREIGHT OFFICE TO CLOSE.

On account of the general understanding that business houses are to close tomorrow at 10 o'clock, the railroad freight warehouse will also close at the hour and remain closed for the day.

MISS GULLING REMEMBERED

Fellow Office Employees Make Gift Of Cameo Ring.

Miss Ethel Gulling, who leaves tomorrow evening for New York to join Base Hospital No. 45 en route to France, was the recipient of a beautiful cameo ring as a token of remembrance from the force of the O. W. R. & N. Co. offices, where she has been employed. Miss Gulling has the distinction of being the first woman in the employ of the O. W. company to join the colors. She goes in the capacity of stenographer.

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AUXILIARY FUND NOW STARTED

S. L. BROOKS OF IMBLER PRESENTS A CHECK FOR FIFTY DOLLARS

War Board at Meeting Yesterday Decided to Raise \$1000 for Home Boys

One of the matters coming up before the war board meeting yesterday was that of support of the Army and Navy Auxiliary and it was decided to provide a fund of a thousand dollars for this organization. S. L. Brooks, well known Imbler resident, started this fund by presenting to Mrs. Polack, treasurer, a check for \$50.00. Mr. Brooks keeps a certain amount on hand for just such purposes and his opportunity came yesterday to start the proposed fund off with a substantial amount.

History of Organization.

The Union County Army and Navy Auxiliary was organized July 24, 1917. Its original promoters being principally the relatives of the Union county boys who had enlisted in the La Grande Hospital Unit, although members therein was and is open to everyone. Its object was to keep in touch with the Hospital Unit and, through concerted effort, see that they were furnished comforts and extras that would make their absence from loved ones as pleasant as possible, and through organization, be the better able to care for any of them who might need aid in any manner. At the beginning a "mess fund" was created, to be expended for the benefit of all alike, and to date, through the channels of the Auxiliary, there have been turned into this fund \$773.99, although other and outside donations have increased this cash sum considerably.

Its Work Extended.

But the Hospital Unit having departed for France, the willing hands of the Auxiliary saw other and more extensive work to be accomplished and voted to take up "the mission" and, so long as funds were available to purchase the materials, to make and furnish free to every Union county man leaving to serve his country a complete and necessary outfit consisting of sweater, socks, housewife (which includes needles and threads, pins, scissors, buttons, dish towels and other necessities) and ditty bag in which to carry the assortment. This resolution of the Auxiliary has entailed a lot of labor, as can be realized when it is understood that the sweaters, housewives and ditty bags are all hand made, socks are knitted, and the numerous articles in the outfit all arranged in compact and orderly manner most convenient for the user. Of these outfits the Auxiliary has made and distributed 182 so far, the funds for the purchase of the materials having come through contributions and entertainments for that purpose. Over \$625 has been received by this fund, which is pretty well depleted by the recent heavy drafts thereon.

Memberships Not Restricted.

The membership at the present time is sixty-two, but there is room in the organization for everyone who has it at heart to see that Union county men are comfortably equipped to take up the soldier's duties when leaving home, and through concerted effort to perform the labor and provide the funds necessary to do this. Many hands would make the task lighter and the attainment and continuance of the purpose surer. Anyone wishing to join the Auxiliary or contribute to the same, either in labor or financially, can do so through its officers, Mrs. C. N. Palmer, president, or Mrs. J. J. Carr, secretary. It is a public organization and you do not need a personal invitation to become a member.

BRITISH RAIDS CONTINUE.

Prisoners And Machine Guns Taken Southeast Of Arras.

LONDON, May 29.—"We took several prisoners and machine guns in a successful raid southeast of Arras," Field-Marshal Haig reported. Sharp raiding activities are general.

DON'T WANT MUCH

WASHINGTON, May 29.—The government learns that Pan-Germans are now demanding the most drastic of peace terms, including the retention of Poland, Lithuania, Courland, Livonia, Estonia, the Baltic provinces, Belgium, over sea colonies and "Commensurate war indemnities."

LECTURE WAS WELL LIKED

BIG ATTENDANCE OUT TO HEAR PROF. TOWNLEY'S LECTURE ON ECLIPSES.

That the people of La Grande and vicinity are appreciative of an opportunity to hear a lecture of merit was attested last night when the main floor and a large overflow in the galleries assembled at the high school auditorium to hear Prof. Sidney Dean Townley on the subject of eclipses.

The lecture was deeply interesting and was presented in plain and practical terms that all could understand. The illuminated pictures helped to make the explanations of the various heavenly phenomena, and on the whole it was a treat that was opportune and highly appreciated.

Prof. Townley says that La Grande is about six miles within the zone of totality. The period of totality will be about five minutes past four in the afternoon, on the new time, and will last a good portion of a minute. He said he had not taken time to figure it out exactly, but this is what may approximately be expected. The entire time of the contact until totality is an hour and twenty minutes and the same length of time will elapse before the moon entirely recedes from the disk of the sun.

A vote of thanks is due Prof. Townley for the interesting dissertation and appreciation is also due the citizens of La Grande, principal among whom was Jno. S. Hodgkin, for taking charge of the arrangements for the lecture.

S. F. NEWHARD PASSED AWAY

ORIGINAL OWNER OF HOT LAKE PROPERTY.

Demise Occurred in Portland Where He Has Been Living For The Past Few Years.

Word is received of the death in Portland of S. F. Newhard, well known in Union County, as the original owner of the Hot Lake. Since disposing of the lake property, several years ago, Mr. Newhard has been living the greater part of the time in Portland, but he and Mrs. Newhard were always regular attendants of the Union county pioneer's reunion.

Mr. Newhard was 88 years of age. He was a native of Pennsylvania, but at the age of seven he removed to Ohio. He joined the gold seekers to California in 1852, and followed mining until 1864, when he came to Union county and took up the land on which Hot Lake is situated. This place he conducted as a bathing resort until he sold out the property. In 1882 he was married to Mrs. Anna Lyman, who survives him.

LUSK CASE CLOSED.

Defense Expects Acquittal On The Grounds Of Insanity.

WAUKESHA, May 29.—(By United Press.)—Calling Dr. David Roberts "the serpent who caused insane Grace Lusk to kill his wife," Attorney Clancey finished the defense argument. The defense expects an acquittal on insanity grounds.

ENEMY LOSES PLANES.

Heavy Destruction Is Inflicted By Allied Airmen.

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 29.—(By United Press.)—Allied airmen downed and destroyed 252 German air planes for the week beginning May 16th, according to war office reports received by the British military attaches.

ESTIMATE OF WILSON.

Senator New Says President Is Adroit And Persistent.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 29.—Addressing the Indiana republican convention, Senator New declared that President Wilson is the "Democrat's shrewdest president, uncompromisingly partisan in every thought and deed, and as adroit as he is persistent."

WRECK KILLS FIVE.

High Water Weakened Track On Illinois Central.

WATERLOO, May 29.—(By United Press.)—Five were killed and a dozen injured, when an Illinois Central passenger was wrecked this morning. High water weakened the track.

BUSINESS OF WAR IS FIXED

County War Board Adopts Workable System.

DETAIL WORK TO BE LOOKED AFTER

Board Petitions County Court For Monthly Allowance To Take Care Of Collection Of War Subscriptions And To Handle The Detail Work.

Getting war work down to a business is the prime necessity in every community at this time and yesterday afternoon Union county made a long stride toward this very important undertaking.

The County War Board, after deliberating upon many questions, including the wheat situation, raising of the extra mill in the state for war purposes, then took the bit in their teeth and ferreted out the weak points in our present system of drives and collections. It was found that many hundred dollars subscribed to the different drives in the past has not been collected for the reason that business men are busy with the planning of the drives and cannot get down to the detailed work of collections.

After debating this phase of the matter with an endeavor to make a change that would give the best results it was decided to ask the county court for a small appropriation each month to take care of the needed expense incurred to bring the business of war up to a standard where there would be a balancing of books in the same efficient manner that any merchant runs his business.

Ed. E. Kiddle went deeply into this matter, and as head of the Red Cross drives in this county, gave concrete examples that could not be misunderstood showing the need of the work named. After Mr. Kiddle had finished Chairman Larson offered the following resolution which was adopted by a rising vote and afterward was signed in order to make it take the appearance of a resolution and petition as well to the county court:

Whereas, The Union County War Board assembled in session today, realizes the importance of having a small fund available each month for the purpose of paying the expense of collecting the different war subscriptions, and to attend to the detail work of the different drives; therefore be it

Resolved that this body petition the county court of Union county for an appropriation of \$250 per month during the duration of the war to be paid from the general fund for the work above mentioned; and be it further

Resolved, That in asking the county court to make such appropriation we are mindful of the legal limits that prescribe the court's action and we hereby pledge ourselves as citizens and taxpayers to approve of the court's action in this matter and should the amount asked for place the county expenditures above the legal limit.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon, May 28, 1918.

Signed by: Walter M. Pierce, Ed. E. Kiddle, C. D. Huffman, Tom Walsinger, J. G. Snodgrass, Mac Wood, H. H. Hug, A. J. Rodgers, Frank E. Smith, F. S. Johnson, C. M. Hale, Percy C. Woodell, L. B. Hyatt, V. E. Long, Angus Shaw, C. J. Forestrom, Forestrom Bros., S. T. Forstrom, L. L. McKennon, J. A. Gaskill, Royal J. Allen, E. E. Bragg, A. C. Hampton, C. M. Ramsdale, James Evans, B. E. Slack, J. T. Hutchinson, Tony D. Smith, L. Z. Terrall, N. H. Anson, C. C. Welch, A. R. Hunter, Floyd McKennon, W. H. Vogel, Clyde E. Kiddle, Robert Withycombe, James Noss, Clyde H. McKenzie, M. F. Davis, F. L. Meyers, M. W. Huffman, J. W. Kennedy, G. I. Wade, J. M. Mitchell, W. B. Watson, Lee Warnick, J. W. Scott, E. C. Meyers, H. H. Huron, A. E. Lammon, W. R. Frizzell, H. E. Bull, Anna M. Polack, W. R. Ledbetter, J. F. Conley, T. J. Scroggins, Bruce Dennis, Karl J. Stackland, G. L. Larson, George T. Cochran, F. B. Currey.

BOYS BARRED FROM YARDS

TACOMA, Wash., May 27.—Tacoma shipyards will not entice boys away from the fields this summer, for they will not hire lads between the ages of 13 and 17.