

GERMAN THRUST TOWARD PARIS HAS BEEN CHECKED IF NOT DEFINITELY STOPPED

Allies Are Falling Back Slowly and in Order While Reserve Support Is Increasing.—London Is More Optimistic Than Any Time Since Monday.

LONDON, May 31.—(By United Press.)—Thanks to the most stubborn resistance of the Allies, heroically defending every inch and the maintenance of the closest co-ordination of the Franco-British armies, the German thrust towards Paris is undoubtedly checked, even if not stopped definitely. Allied troops are falling back slowly and orderly. Reserves support is increasing.

Developments of the last twenty four hours brilliantly demonstrate the value of the supreme allied commander. The British press and public are more optimistic than at any time since Monday. There is no criticism of the French retirement. They appreciate the overwhelming German numerical superiority, and the gallantry and coolheadedness of the defenders.

ATTACK IS CONSOLIDATED.

PARIS, May 31.—(By United Press.)—The Germans, by their attack on the Ailette river, in the region between Concy Chateau and the River Oise, have definitely consolidated the Aisne and Picardy battle fronts, the war office has announced.

Apparently this is an effort to flank the allied forces below Noyon. Before this attack the French withdrew from Blencourt and Epagny, fighting stubbornly.

Epagny is six miles northwest of Soissons, and Blencourt is five miles northwest of Epagny and eight miles south-east of Noyon.

In the center the Germans advanced slightly towards the River Marne. On the left flank, the French are still holding the western outskirts of Soissons. On the right, a French counter attack captured Thillois, two miles west of Rheims.

PLAN ENCIROLING MOVEMENT.

By Henry Wood.

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES, May 31.—The Germans are determined to capture Rheims. Held up elsewhere, the enemy plans a wide encircling movement to the southeast, hoping to surround the city. Thus the Germans are expected to increase the pressure between Brouilloy and Janvry, intending to break through along the Aisne River.

PREPARING TO LEAVE RHEIMS.

ROME, May 31.—(By United Press.)—Cardinal Lucon of Rheims, preparing to leave the city, has wired to the Pope. The Pope, replying, told the cardinal that he, too, shared the sufferings of the Rheims people.

SAVED LIFE TWICE.

Tragic Exploit Of American Airmen In Lorraine.

WITH THE AMERICANS IN LORRAINE, May 31.—(By United Press.)—Lieut. Rickenbacker saved Jimmy Meissner's life twice within an hour. The two downed two German aeroplanes. Twice Rickenbacker defeated aeroplanes surrounding Meissner, once when Meissner's plane was crippled and limping homeward.

SIXTY AMERICAN CASUALTIES

One Northwest Soldier Reported Dead From Disease.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(By United Press.)—Sixty American casualties, including Private Don Gander, of Pysallup, Washington, who died from disease, are announced today.

TAKE TRUE AIM.

Quality Of American Marksmanship Is Revealed.

WITH THE AMERICANS IN LORRAINE, May 31.—(By United Press.)—American officers examining German dead report that practically all were shot through the head or heart, showing the quality of American marksmanship.

ENGINEER WAS KILLED.

Electric Freighters Collide With Fatal Results At Oswego.

PORTLAND, May 31.—(By United Press.)—Engineer Knight was killed when two southern Pacific electric freighters met in collision at Oswego today.

HEARD ACROSS CHANNEL.

Gunfire And Explosions Lasted For Five Hours.

RAMSGATE, England, May 31.—(By United Press.)—Heavy gunfire was heard in the direction of Belgium for five hours last night. There were also terrific explosions. A great flare accompanied each explosion. It is thirty miles across the channel to Calais.

SAMPSON TRACTOR MAKES GOOD

Economy and Efficiency Mark Machine Sold by La Grande Implement Company

Among the many good farm tractors that are being offered the agriculturists of this section is the Sampson Grip tractor, sold by the La Grande Implement Co. This tractor has all the necessary power, weight and equal distribution of the same that makes it ideal for use on any kind of soil, hard or soft.

It is an economical tractor, having an engine designed to use only the smallest amount of fuel necessary to pull the weight of the tractor and the load it is hitched up to. It is also a speedy machine and will turn over many acres of ground in a day's plowing.

The Sampson Grip tractors are not built solely for demonstrating purposes—they are built to give the farmer the much-needed service in the field and around the farm wherever it is possible to use the great power of a tractor. The Sampson is one machine of the many sold through the West that will help to motorize all the farms in time to come.

MEASURING UP TO THE JOB

WAR CORRESPONDENT TELLS
OF WORK OF REV. CLARK
IN FRANCE

An incidental report of the work Rev. G. L. Clark is doing at the front, is told by a correspondent of a New York paper. In an extensive review of the Y. M. C. A. war work in general, Ralph W. Harbison, a business man of Pittsburgh, in reference to the way Y. M. C. A. secretaries are measuring up to their jobs, said:

"I take off my hat to them—they are literally everlastingly at it, especially in the forward areas with the troops in the actual battle line."

"I met during my trip to the front a Rev. George Clark, of La Grande, Oregon. For fourteen days he had been at work with a regiment that was holding the front line. In that time he had had no relief, not even a chance to change his clothes. His Y. M. C. A. 'hut' was in a building in a destroyed village. Half of the structure was shot away, but he was making good use of what was left."

"Three-quarters of his waking time was spent in carrying up supplies—chocolate, candy, tobacco and so on to the men in the trenches. Free writing material and reading matter were also invariably included in his pack."

The mention of Rev. Clark, as will be seen, is merely incidental and he is described as a type of what the Y. M. C. A. secretaries are doing in the war zone.

WANT MEN FOR SPECIAL WORK

CALL FOR ENLISTMENTS FOR
LIMITED MILITARY SERVICE

Local Board Will Receive Applications on This Call up to the Fifth of June.

The Local Board has been advised that the army is in need of certain skilled men, who are qualified for special of limited military service only. These men are to be engaged in spruce production work for aeroplanes. This is interesting and healthful work and should appeal strongly to men skilled along these lines, and technically qualified registrations are urged to present themselves to the local board for listing. Registrants may apply at local board office for particulars.

The following men are desired: Locomotive engineers, firemen, railroad grade foremen, bridge carpenters, locomotive repairmen, telephone linemen, surveyors or railroad instrument men, telegraphers, draftsmen, pile driver foremen, stationary engineers for donkey engines, steamshovel operators, carpenters, steam fitters, electricians, auto mechanics, auto drivers, cooks, clerks, railroad brakemen, railroad conductors and a large number of laborers.

Registrants must present themselves at the local board office at La Grande before June 6th.

WEATHER REPORT.

PORTLAND, May 31.—Fair.

REPUBLICANS TO ORGANIZE

CALL IS MADE FOR MEETING OF
CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Other Officers Are to be Elected

Tuesday, June 4th, 1918, at 2:30 in the afternoon, at the city hall, in the city building has been fixed as the time and place for the meeting to organize the new Republican county central committee by Attorney Colon R. Eberhard, the retiring secretary, according to notices mailed out to each person elected to serve on the new committee.

The following is a list of the Republican Precinct Committeemen elected May 17, 1918, who are called to meet next Tuesday, the precinct being given in each instance:

Allice.....E. A. Wills
Antelope.....G. F. Haller
Big Creek.....G. W. South
Cove No. 1.....Hugh McCall
Cove No. 2.....L. Brazille
Elgin No. 1.....E. G. Kirby
Elgin No. 2.....H. Huffman
Elgin No. 3.....Arthur Hallgarth
Elgin No. 4.....A. H. Parsons
Hilgard.....J. W. Scott
Hot Lake.....E. T. Peebler
Inabur.....Clay Fox
Island.....G. H. Bidwell
Kamela.....Frank Hansen
La Grande No. 1.....M. McMurry
La Grande No. 2.....L. Snodgrass
La Grande No. 3.....W. D. Grandy
La Grande No. 4.....Harry W. Swart
La Grande No. 5.....Mrs. Hattie Stilwell
La Grande No. 6.....S. B. Williamson
La Grande No. 7.....Fred Spaeth
La Grande No. 8.....R. J. Green
La Grande No. 9.....C. M. Humphreys
La Grande No. 10.....Geo. H. Curry
La Grande No. 11.....C. T. Bacon
La Grande No. 12.....H. W. Riley
La Grande No. 13.....L. H. Bramwell
Palmer.....B. F. Horrell
Perry.....G. Earl Stoddard
Powder No. 1.....L. B. Russell
Powder No. 2.....John M. Gilkinson
Summersville.....John McRae
Union No. 1.....H. H. Dickinson
Union No. 2.....F. A. Bidwell
Union No. 3.....L. A. Wright
Union No. 4.....J. F. Hutchinson

The committee is required to elect from its own membership a chairman, secretary and treasurer and will also elect a member of the state central committee and congressional committee. The officers of the retiring committee are required to preside until their successors are elected.

RETURNING TRANSPORT SUNK

Only Small Loss Of Life Is Reported From The Sinking.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(By United Press.)—The homeward bound American transport, President Lincoln, was torpedoed and the vessel sank within an hour. There was a small loss of life. The vessel was formerly a Hamburg-America liner and bore the same name.

AMERICANS MAKE ADVANCE

Penetrated German Third Line With But Slight Loss.

LORRAINE, May 31.—(By United Press.)—An American raid in force penetrated the German third line northwest of Toul this morning. Following hours of terrific bombardment the Yankees crossed No Man's Land under a perfect barrage. The American casualties were slight.

NEW SCHEDULE IS ANNOUNCED

ALL TRAINS TOWARD PORTLAND
LEAVE IN THE EARLY
HOURS OF THE DAY

The new schedule which takes effect on Sunday, June 2, is announced. All trains Portland bound leave La Grande during the early hours of the morning as will be seen by the new time card.

The time of arrival in La Grande, according to the schedule, is as follows:

East Bound—No. 4, 4:50 a. m.; No. 6, 11:25 a. m. (no change) No. 18, 8:15 p. m.; No. 20, (La Grande-Baker local) leaves at 4 p. m.

West Bound—No. 5, 2:20 a. m.; No. 19, 3:05 a. m.; No. 17, 8:05 a. m.; No. 21, (La Grande-Baker local) arrives at 9 p. m.

La Grande-Joseph Branch—leave, 8:30 a. m.; arrive, 5:30 p. m.

Pendleton Local Discontinued.

While the local between La Grande and Baker has been resumed, the Pendleton-Umatilla motor service will be discontinued. On account of the removal of the Umatilla county local service No. 17, will run via Umatilla.

GUARD MADE GOOD SHOWING

LARGE AUDIENCE WITNESSED
MILITARY MANEUVERS AT
FAIR GROUNDS

La Grande Battalion Voted Last Night to Attend the Stock Show in a Body.

A large number of people gathered at the fair grounds yesterday afternoon to watch the movements of the La Grande battalion of the Oregon state guards. The program was carried out without a hitch and revealed the fact that the members of the local military organization are in earnest in the part in which they have volunteered for the protection of home people and home affairs in these crucial times.

The company drill maneuvers included the close order drill by Capt. Pearce's men and the company under Capt. Nelson exemplified the signal drill, the open order and the rushing advance.

Major Coolidge had charge of the battalion close order drill, review and retreat.

The band participated in the first and last parts of the maneuvering and this added greatly to the martial spirit of the program.

Many of the recruits in the state guard have been with the La Grande battalion but three months and it is evident that some work and interest has been expended during that time.

It may be further explained that with all the drilling that the state guards have done, they have received only the instructions that are equivalent of one day's work in the regular military cantonments.

At a meeting of the La Grande guards held yesterday evening it was decided to attend the Union Live Stock show in a body.

BEING GIVEN IMMUNITY HUNS CONTINUE ATTACK ON HOSPITAL OCCUPANTS

Nurses Doctors and patients are Killed Building Fired—Sisters Administering Aid Pinned Underneath—Red Cross Plainly Visible.

PARIS, May 31.—(By United Press.)—A church was struck by a long range shell during the Corpus Christi ceremonies. It is announced that the day's casualties are 18. The British had agreed not to attack cities outside the war zone during Corpus Christi.

VIOLATED THE TRUCE.

By Fred S. Ferguson.

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

WITH THE AMERICANS IN PICARDY, May 31.—German aviators attacked three hospitals behind the American lines on Corpus Christi eve, dropping bombs, and swooping low, with machine gunning. The Boches had obtained immunity for the German towns through the Vatican's intervention.

MANY HOSPITAL INMATES KILLED.

By William Philip Simms.

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES, May 31.—German airmen, on Corpus Christi day, again bombed a British hospital far behind the lines, killing women, nurses, doctors and patients, and firing the buildings. They dropped flares, revealing the target, and then dropped many huge bombs.

One scored a direct hit on a large hospital prominently displaying the red cross, wrecking the building. Sisters administering aid, were pinned under the wreckage.

The British front is quiet and there is artillery only.

NEW SHIPPING SECURED.

Allies Will Have Large Tonnage From Sweden During War.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 31.—(By United Press.)—It is officially learned that Great Britain, the United States, France, Italy and Sweden have concluded a shipping agreement for the war's duration, releasing 400,000 tons of Swedish shipping for the allies.

BOUGHT STUDEBAKER SIX

James Dobbin Becomes Owner of a High Class Car.

John S. Clark, of the M. & M. Co., has sold to James Dobbin a new 1918 model Studebaker Six. The car is among the best that can be had. It is of sixty-five horsepower and capable of all the speed that is required and will carry seven passengers. The car was delivered in Walla Walla and Mr. Dobbin is expected home with it tonight or in the morning.

JERRY RUSK APPOINTED

Receives An Important Place In the Red Cross Department.

Attorney J. P. "Jerry" Rusk has just returned from Portland, where he went in connection with an important commission in Red Cross war work. Mr. Rusk has received the appointment of assistant chief of the French commissioner of the American Red Cross. He will be required to be in New York by June 10 to enter upon the duties of his new position.

MAIHUR PEOPLE BUSY

George H. Currey Says There Is Great Interest In Irrigation.

George H. Currey has returned from Vale, where he visited his son and incidentally looked over the country. The people of Malheur county are very enthusiastic, Mr. Currey reports, over an irrigation project. There is a tract of 32,000 acres to come under the plan and the cost will be \$400,000, of which all but \$50,000 is now provided.

In other affairs the people of that section are busy and hopeful.

SPEEDERS ON THE CARPET

A good bunch of "speed merchants" were before the municipal judge today. Fred Kiddle paid five "bones," Frank Thomas and George Williams each a five, and Clark H. Sharp, following the rule of progression, paid ten on account of this being the second offense. O. F. Howell did not appear but forfeited the five he had posted on the race.

WAS BOUND OVER

Dewey Potter Held to Await the Action of Grand Jury.

Dewey Potter, mentioned yesterday as the young man arrested in company with a fourteen year old girl, waived examination before Justice of the Peace Williams and was held with bonds placed at \$1500 to await grand jury investigation. He is in jail in default of the required bond.

LARGE DRAFT IS CALLED

Men Are to Entrain On the 24th of June, for Army Camps.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 31.—(By United Press.)—Approximately 275,000 men are called to entrain on June 24. Every state is affected by the call, but the quotas are not yet available.

(A report reached Portland yesterday that Oregon's quota for the second draft, entire, would be 5453 and Union county's share was given at 192. This was on the basis of a total call of 620,000. The call indicated in the above report would make this county's quota about one-third that given in the report to Portland. The local board has received no word of the number required for the June 24th entrainment. There are now but 200 Class 1 registrants left in Union county.)

MUCH DAMAGE TO FRUIT

Commissioner Weatherpoon Says the Outlook Not Encouraging.

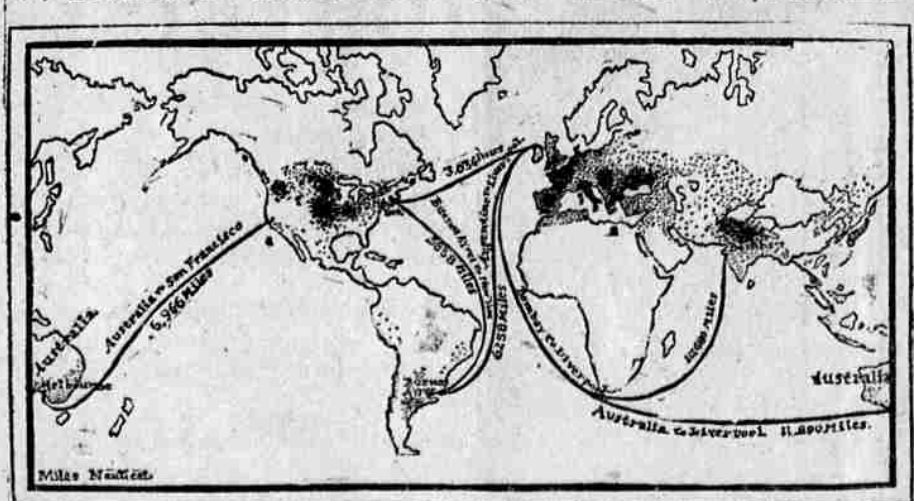
H. H. Weatherpoon, horticultural commissioner for the fifth district, was up from Elgin today and presented a gloomy report on the fruit outlook. He says that Eastern county reports almost a total loss and the same is true in Malheur county and Southern Idaho.

Severe damage resulted almost all over Union county to all kinds of fruit. The one chance of redemption for apples is the second blossoming of the Rome Beauties, which will bring back about ten per cent. He considers the value of fruit in the district is \$250,000 under normal conditions, and the output will now not be more than ten per cent of that sum. The damage all resulted from the frost last week. Mr. Weatherpoon says the damaged fruit will all fall off the trees in June.

AUTO TOURISTS EN TOUR.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thiele, of Junction City, Kansas, were in La Grande today, en route to Tacoma where they have a son in the service. They are traveling by auto and report good roads most of the way between Kansas and La Grande.

WHEAT FIELDS OF THE WORLD



Why Allies of United States Look to North America for Bread.

otted areas indicate the world's wheat fields, and the steamer routes show why, with the present shortage in ocean tonnage, it is not possible to transport wheat from India and Australia to Europe. India has an exportable surplus of 120,000,000 bushels and Australia 140,000,000 bushels. But the U-boats having made the Mediterranean impracticable, it is 10,650 miles from India and 11,550 from Australia to Liverpool. Argentina, 6,253 miles has 145,000,000 bushels for export, and it now is hoped that shipping will be available to carry 100,000,000 bushels of it to Europe. The wheat fields of Rumania, to the west of the Black Sea, and of Ukraine, to the north of it, also are indicated, showing the tremendous food advantage Germany has reaped through forcing peace with Rumania and Rumania.