

GERMANS ARE COMPLETELY CHECKED ON THE BATTLE FRONT OF THE MARNE

Enemy Concentrations Are Observed Opposite Toul Where a New Offensive May Develop---Many Enemy Troop Trains Entering Metz.

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WITH THE FRENCH ON THE MARNE, June 5.—The French military authorities estimate that the American machine gunners killed over a thousand Germans in the battle at Chateau Thierry.

Yankee Gunners Kill Thousand Huns.

The Yankee gunners, during the battle for the city, fired tens of thousands of machine gun bullets into the city. The city streets were filled with the bodies of German soldiers.

Marne Bridge Destroyed Under Hot Fire.

In the operations resulting in the repulse of the Germans by the Franco-American forces at Jaulgonne, the enemy attacked three times before the bridge over the Marne was finally destroyed by an American detachment.

Further German Progress Unlikely.

The Germans have been completely checked in the new battle of the Marne. The allies are now holding the Germans on the entire front from Noyon to Chateau Thierry. The Germans have apparently abandoned any serious attempts to advance elsewhere. Further progress of the Huns is unlikely, unless they use their last reserves.

The present week will undoubtedly determine whether von Ludendorff intends to engage his last reserves in the present drive, or to allow the present battle to become stabilized and hold his reserves for a fresh drive elsewhere.

NEW OFFENSIVE MAY DEVELOP.

WITH THE AMERICANS IN LORRAINE, June 5.—Unusual enemy concentrations of troops have been observed during the past few hours at Metz, the German fortress city opposite Toul.

Many troops trains are entering the city, and special squadrons of German and Austrian airmen are very pugnacious in their attempts to cover the movements of the troop concentrations. It is believed that a new offensive is possible.

AMERICANS LOSE AND RETAKE VILLAGE.

WITH THE AMERICANS IN FRANCE, June 5.—American forces opposing the Germans between the Rivers Oureq and Marne, were finally driven out of the village of Neuilly on Monday, after repulsing three German attacks, according to an official report.

There were four German attacks on the village within eight hours, and eventually the Germans occupied the position. But before they could consolidate it, the Americans brilliantly counter-attacked, hurling the Germans out of the village and driving them back half a mile with heavy losses.

VIOLENT ATTACKS ARE STOPPED.

PARIS, June 5.—The Germans continue to pound the allies on the western end of the Marne battle front with their artillery, but the allies are not giving up any ground, says an official report.

Particularly violent attacks have been directed against the village of Chezy, about four miles south-west of Neuilly, but all were stopped with heavy losses to the Boche.

On the southern and eastern portion of the French battlefront there is only artillery activity to report.

ATTEMPTED RAID REPULSED.

German raids near Morlancoeur, between the rivers Anere and Somme, launched under cover of a heavy bombardment, were repulsed, the enemy leaving prisoners in British hands, Field-Marshal Haig reports.

TALLEST MAN ENLISTS

Claude Sanders, Athena Six-and-a-Half Footer Joins Artillery.

PORTLAND, June 5.—The tallest man who ever enlisted here was Claude Sanders, who joined the field artillery today. His height is 6 feet and 5 inches; his weight, 166, and his age is twenty-one. His home is in Athena, Umatilla county.

SHEEPMAN IN CITY.

D. L. Johnson, of Pendleton, who is ranging sheep in the Looking Glass country, is here today in company with Commissioner Galloway from Elgin.

OREGON BOY IN LIST.

Private Clemmie Atkinson, of This State, Died of Wounds.

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 5.—(By United Press.)—General Pershing has announced a list of 110 casualties, which include:

Thirty-nine killed in action, 13 dead of wounds and 47 wounded severely. Private Clemmie Atkinson, of Denmark, Oregon, died of wounds, and Private Reginald Newman, of Snohomish, Washington, was wounded severely.

THE WEATHER.

PORTLAND, June 5.—Fair.

BIG WHEAT PLAN FOR THE WAR

CALIFORNIA CAPITALIST WILL CULTIVATE 200,000 ACRES OF MONTANA LAND

SAN FRANCISCO, June 5.—(U. P.)—Details of a mammoth wheat-growing project in Montana under government supervision were made public today by the return from Washington, of Mrs. Clara B. Burdett, director of women's work in conservation for the United States food administration in California.

Mrs. Burdett says Thomas D. Campbell, Pasadena capitalist, has closed negotiation with the government for the rental of approximately 200,000 acres of irrigable land in Montana. This great tract will be planted to wheat (which will be sold to the government under a 10-year contract. Indian labor will probably be used exclusively.

New York bankers financed Campbell to the extent of \$5,000,000 for the years planting, and will give him guarantees for succeeding years. The project was endorsed by Secretary of the Interior Lane, by the department of agriculture and by the United States food administration. Bankers are said to have appropriated \$10,000 additional to send Campbell to Algeria and France to ascertain wheat-growing facilities there.

REPUBLICANS ORGANIZED

DR. C. T. BACON, OF LA GRANDE, IS ELECTED CHAIRMAN.

Large Delegation Present In Favor Of Solid Support For The Nominations Named In Primary.

The Union County Republican central committee organized at the city hall yesterday afternoon by the election of the following officers:

Chairman: Dr. C. T. Bacon, La Grande.

Secretary: R. J. Green, La Grande.

Treasurer: C. M. Humphery, La Grande.

State Committeeman: Hugh G. McCall, Cove.

Congressional Committeeman: L. A. Wright, Union.

Executive Committee: C. T. Bacon, chairman; R. J. Green, Sec.; G. Earl Stoddard, E. G. Kirby, H. W. Riley, M. McMurry, L. L. Snodgrass.

By unanimous vote a resolution was adopted tendering the thanks of the committee to J. H. Pearce, Colon R. Eberhard, and W. J. Church, retiring chairman, secretary and state committeeman, respectively, for their arduous and unceasing labor and efficient work for the party during the past few years. A number of special tributes were paid to the retiring officers.

By unanimous vote, recognition of the services of the late Senator Barrett was made and the secretary directed to forward a letter of condolence to his widow.

More than half of the thirty-six members of the committee were present. The duty of seeing to it that unregistered republicans in the La Grande precinct should become registered was pointed out and discussed. In all La Grande precincts, voters must go to the court house to register, while in all others, one or more registrars, who receive a fee for each person registered, look after the matter and consequently the registration is much more complete outside of La Grande.

It was the consensus of opinion (Continued on page 4.)

PIONEERS WILL MEET JUNE 20.

REGULAR ANNUAL REUNION TO BE HELD AT RIVERSIDE PARK GROUNDS.

Mr. S. L. Brooks, president of the Union county pioneer association, makes the announcement that the regular annual meeting of the pioneers this year will be held at the Riverside Park on Thursday, June 20. It is the expectation that special efforts will be made to insure the early settlers a good time, which will include transportation between the depot and the grounds.

In the meantime there will be a meeting of the recently organized Sons and Daughters of Pioneers which will be held on Tuesday, June 11. At this meeting further arrangements will be made for the entertainment of the pioneers.

HOW TO SEE THE ECLIPSE

ALL DETAILS OF PHENOMENON ARE FULLY SET FORTH.

Period Of Totality At La Grande Will Be 56 Seconds—Other Planets To Be Visible.

(By H. M. Dubois.)

A total solar eclipse such as will occur on the afternoon of Saturday June 8, 1918, is an event which very few people have an opportunity of witnessing twice, even if once, in a lifetime. As no other total eclipse of the sun will occur in this part of the United States during the next century, care should be taken in preparation for observation of this one.

At La Grande the sun will begin to disappear behind the moon at about 2:40 p.m. The period of totality, beginning about 4:04, will continue 56 seconds. At first one will see a slight flattening of the sun's disc on the lower right-hand side, which will continue until it is apparent that the circular edge of the moon is slowly advancing over the face of the sun. The moon, quite unlike the radiant sphere which we usually see, will be as black as night.

In about one hour the sun will be reduced to a narrow crescent. At this time curious shadows will run in rows along the ground. As totality approaches the sky will take on a deeper blue, while near the horizon brilliant colors will prevail. A swift shadow will be seen approaching from the northwest, which will pass at the instant of totality.

During the period of totality the corona of the sun will show as a ring of soft light about the moon. The solar prominences may be seen only with the aid of a telescope. Several stars and planets will be visible. At a distance of ten times the moon's diameter above and to the left may be seen the planet Jupiter. Twice as far below and to the right of the sun will be Aldebaran, a star of the first magnitude. Twenty diameters to the left and below Aldebaran is the planet Mercury. This is of particular interest, because, owing to its nearness to the sun, this planet is rarely seen by the casual observer.

To the left (40 dia.) and a little below the sun Betelgeuse, one of the largest stars of the constellation Orion, will be visible. Just above the last-named will be the twins, Castor and Pollux. As the totality passes one may see the shadow of the moon rapidly retreating to the southeast.

In watching the sun care should be taken to protect the eyes. A smoked glass is good, or one may use a very dense negative. If a hand telescope or opera glass is used the dark glass should be placed between the eyepiece and the eye. It is safe to look at the corona without a dark glass, even if one uses a telescope, but at the first flash of sunlight the eyes should be again protected.

Snaphots of the crescent may be taken. The smallest stop and the smallest time interval should be used to get the best results. To get a picture of the corona the largest stop should be used and time exposures given. The camera should be solidly placed so that it will not move. As the sun is moving the image will be somewhat blurred. It will move one-fourth its diameter on the plate in 30 seconds.

In order to get the best view of the shadows the observer should be in as prominent a position as possible. Probably the best place in the vicinity of La Grande will be near the box on the Morgan Creek pipe line on the top of the hill due west of the City Aeration Plant. This point may be most easily reached by going up Mill Canyon to the Pierce place and climbing directly up the hill. Mt. Emily will be nearly or quite outside of the path of totality.

TEACHERS CALLED TO COLORS

Seven teachers have answered the call to the colors. Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, county school superintendent, will place a service flag in her office. The ones who will have a star in that flag are G. A. McNeill, principal of the La Grande high school, and Harold Mason, also of this city. Ivan B. Wood, of Union, A. B. Amarino, of Eglin, Olin Hadley and G. C. Mercer, of North Powder, and N. A. Cramer of Kamela.

MARRIED

At the Rectory, 502 5th Street, by the Rev. Upton H. Gibbs, on Tuesday afternoon, June 4th, 1918, Mr. Ray C. Moran, of Pendleton, to Miss Marie Hanley Hughes, of London, England.

DRAFT APPEALS MAY BE MADE

JNO. S. HODGIN IS GOVERNMENT AGENT REPRESENTING PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL

As the time for the next registration of those subject to the military draft is now at hand, the government appeal agent, Jno. S. Hodgin, representing the Provost Marshal General in appeals from the local draft board to the district board, will make a re-examination of the questionnaires. In the former reviews, some of the questionnaires were pending on appeals, or absent when the reviews were made. It is the intent of the government that every individual any variation from the military rules and regulations. If there are any cases which should be investigated for any reason they should be reported to the government appeal agent for the county and they will receive his careful attention, and if any oversights have been made or any cases demand appeal they will be taken to the district board.

Appeals from the decision of the district board to the President can only be taken when there is a division in such district board. Such appeals are not made by the appeal agent for the respective counties.

YOUNG GIRL HALTS ROBBER

GERTRUDE HILLS PROMPTLY FIRES GUN AT STRANGE INTRUDER.

Father is Awakened and Scuds Two More Shots After Fugitive Who Made A Successful Escape.

The prompt action and cool self-possession of Gertrude Hills, aged fourteen, put a bold, bad robber to flight last night.

Miss Hills, who is the daughter of Jack Hills, is staying at the home of her sister, Mrs. Raymond Stites, at 1504 N. avenue. Last night she was awakened about 11 o'clock by a stranger in the room. She picked up a revolver and fired and the man immediately and precipitately fled. The young girl's father, hearing the fracas, at once entered the room and seizing the gun fired two more shots at the disappearing form.

Nothing is known of him except Miss Hills says he had on a brown suit, and he had with the aid of a flashlight been ransacking the other rooms. Drawers were left open which indicated that he was on the quest of plunder, but he got away too quick to take anything along.

Miss Hills says this is the first time in her life that she ever fired a gun and she believes that if she were more familiar with that kind of a weapon she would have been able to stop the would-be robber in his tracks.

RULES COVERING FLOUR RETURN

STATE FOOD ADMINISTRATION HAS FORWARDED INSTRUCTIONS TO GROCERS.

T. J. Scroggin, county chairman, has received from the State Food Administration a circular to all grocers and flour dealers in Oregon pertaining to the return of stocks of flour on hand.

The circular is prefaced by the statement that our army and allies need wheat and wheat flour and as there is only a small stock left on hand the supply must come from what we save.

The administration wants all the white flour that can possibly be spared, but this does not include graham, whole wheat or low grade flour.

The administration has made arrangements to purchase all such flour returned, but the same must be in good condition. The dealers are directed to pay the consumer the price which he or she originally paid. The dealers are then repaid through a draft system, blanks for which are in the hands of the local chairman. To expedite the return of flour, the announcement is made that all flour should be returned by the 20th of June.

Grocers can sell present stocks of graham and whole wheat with the requisite substitutes, as these flours cannot be used for export.

Dealers and grocers are urged to take great care in the flour they buy back. If it has weevils or is damaged it cannot be shipped.

TWENTY-SEVEN OF THE CAROLINA ARE STILL NOT ACCOUNTED FOR TO DATE

Wireless Operator Tells of the Submarine Attack--Operator Told If He Wouldn't Send Message They Would Not Shoot--Another Vessel Victim.

NEW YORK, June 5.—(By United Press.) The schooner Eva Douglass docked here today, bringing 250 survivors of the liner Carolina, including 94 of the crew, with Captain Barber and 10 army officers from the military training school at San Juan.

The liner's wireless operator Nogel described the attack on the Carolina. He said that after the Brooklyn navy yard had answered the wireless call for help, the submarine sent a wireless message to the Carolina in a key that could not be detected ashore: "If you don't use your wireless, we won't shoot."

"Then I repeated the wireless call for help, but each time I touched the key the submarine fired at the ship." "The captain was afraid the shells would kill the women, and he ordered me to stop sending out messages before I could give the Navy Yard the ship's position."

The passengers from the Carolina got into the boats in fifteen minutes, singing the Star Spangled Banner.

The official figures show that 27 of the Carolina's passengers and crew are still missing. This includes those that were lost by the boat capsizing. Ten passengers are missing.

ANOTHER ADDED TO TOLL.

NEW YORK, June 5.—(By United Press.)—Another ship was added to the toll of the submarines when the crew of the schooner Samuel Mengel arrived here. The Mengel was sunk 175 miles off New York on Sunday.

MINE FIELD IS REMOVED.

LEWES, Del., June 5.—(By United Press.)—A perfectly laid mine field at the mouth of Delaware Bay was destroyed by United States mine sweepers in record time. They exploded two and brought eight here.

TORPEDOED VESSEL FLOATS.

LEWES, Del., June 5.—(By United Press.)—The schooner Desayss, which was torpedoed by a German submarine, was discovered floating stem up off the Delaware Capes. This was the first vessel attacked by the U-boats in their recent raid.

TENTS FOR CHAUTAQUA

Camping Facilities Are Available for Those Who Apply.

There has been some talk of sending the tents that belong to the Chautauqua association to the soldiers boys. This may be done a little later on but it being so near the coming meeting it has been decided to wait a little while before disposing of the tents, so it is going to be possible for those who wish to camp to do so. The rate on tents will be \$5.00 with electric lights provided the tents are located in Chautauqua row. If it is desired to camp a different place an additional charge of 50c will be added. Anyone desiring tents can secure them by calling C. J. Black or Mrs. E. Polack.

NOONDAY WEDDINGS

Porter D. Dial and Helen C. Fitzgerald, of La Grande and Arthur V. Olson and Relta B. Mercer, of North Powder, were married at the parsonage of the M. E. church, South, at high noon today, the pastor, Rev. W. B. Smith officiating.

Kodaks Were Turned In.

In a letter from one of the boys in the Hospital Unit he says the government had that day issued an order that every one having a kodak in his possession must, together with all kodak supplies, turn them in to the Signal Corps. The order said that any one found with a kodak in his possession after the issuing of this order would be looked upon as a spy. Needless to say all "our boys" turned in their kodaks.

Does It Pay To Advertise?

The old saying "It pays to advertise," was demonstrated the other day by Mr. W. H. Briggs of Starkey. He placed an ad in the Observer stating he had 20 sheep for sale. Calling at the office today Mr. Briggs said, I wish I had 100 sheep for sale, as I could easily have sold that many in answer to the advertisement placed in your paper.

DOWN FROM BEAVER CREEK

Joe Woods Here to Buy a Bond and Swat the Hun.

Joe Woods, is in from Beaver Creek. "I could not stand it any longer," said Joe today. "I just had to come down and buy a bond, pay a little to the Red Cross and kick myself for getting old, for, oh, how I would like to take a few shots at the Hun."

With this, the old stage driver's face assumed that stern look which marked earlier days when he frequently drove his six horses and Concord under a tree where vigilantes had a few hours before stretched the neck of some miscreant.

When asked about reports of a small distilling plant near the intake, Joe said there was nothing doing, to his personal knowledge. "In fact," continued the old pioneer, "things are a bit quiet; there is no whisky, and horse stealing seems to be a trifle dull, for I don't see any suspicious looking men in my part of the country."

MET FRIEND IN FRANCE

Bobby Pattison Runs Across Man Known In La Grande.

In a letter to his mother, Mrs. Robert Pattison, Robert Pattison, who is "Somewhere In France," with the La Grande hospital unit, said that he was in a restaurant and got into conversation with a young soldier, and when the soldier found out Robert was from Oregon, asked him if he was acquainted with anyone in La Grande. On being informed that he was from this town, the soldier told him that when he wrote home to have them remember him to Mrs. Finn and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Newlin.

The young man was Henry Lineville and was formerly from Huntington, and was the honor guest at a dancing party given by Mrs. Finn and Mrs. Newlin. He is now with the engineer corps in service.