

AMERICANS CAPTURE 450 HUN PRISONERS

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Vaux Village and Hill No. 192 Taken--Hill No. 204, With Aid of French, Also Captured.

WITH THE AMERICANS ON THE MARNE, July 2.—(By United Press.)—The Americans advanced half a mile on a two mile front west of Chateau Thierry last night, taking 450 prisoners and inflicting the heaviest losses on the enemy. The American losses were extremely light.

The Americans captured Vaux village, Hill No. 192, Laroche wood and penetrated Clerbault Wood. A combined Franco-American force simultaneously attacked Hill No. 204 and reported a successful encounter after a bitter struggle. The hills are the most important points dominating Chateau Thierry. Perfect artillery and infantry co-operation made the American advance possible. From positions where the German defense was the strongest the shelling lasted twelve hours yesterday, then the infantry swept forward at six in the evening and attained their objects in forty minutes.

The American gunners hit absolutely every building in Vaux.

BRITISH REPULSE HUNS.

LONDON, July 2.—(By United Press.)—Field-Marshal Haig's official report says: "The enemy attacked west of Albert with the object of effecting the recapture of ground lost on Friday. The Germans were repulsed with heavy losses, except at one point, where they gained a footing."

2,000 AUSTRIANS TAKEN.

WITH THE ITALIANS AT FELD, July 2.—(By United Press.)—Future Austrian attempts to recapture Monte di Valbella are developing. The enemy left more than 1500 dead on the slopes after yesterday's assault. Nearly two thousand Austrian prisoners were taken Saturday and Sunday.

HIGHWAY PROGRAM APPROVED

War Time Policy In Road Building Is Described.

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 2.—Governmental agencies dealing with highway problems fully recognize the vital military and economic importance of the country's roads, according to a letter from Secretary of Agriculture Houston to Arthur H. Fleming, Chief of the State Council's section, Council of National Defense.

The Secretary, whose department administers the Federal Aid Road Act, stated also that the Government recognizes that it is necessary to construct, reconstruct or maintain roads essential for military and vital economic purposes and to defer action on roads not of this class and that it is desirable wherever possible, to use local materials for road building and maintenance in order to relieve railroad traffic.

Important highways, as described in the Secretary's letter, include only those utilized or to be utilized by the military establishment, those which carry a considerable volume of materials and supplies essential to war industries, and those which have a bearing on the production and distribution of food supplies, connecting population and shipping centers with surrounding agricultural areas.

JURY MATTERS COMPLETED

Court Is Now Occupied Principally With Equity Matters.

All the jury cases for the June term of circuit court have been disposed of in one or another and the jurors have been dismissed. The time of the court today was occupied principally in equity suits and this will likely be the line of circuit court work for the next few weeks.

HUNS DRIVEN AWAY.

LONDON, July 2.—(By United Press.)—The British counter attack at midnight, it is believed, drove the Germans from the point where they planted a foothold northwest of Albert yesterday.

CROOKED STICKS MAKE BIG SHIPS

FARMERS OF OREGON ARE MEMBERS OF THE FOUR.

While Doing Their Bit Earn Good Money at Same Time Serving Their Country in Best Possible Way.

BY W. C. COWGILL.

Sticks, crooked sticks, sticks with knots in them, sticks that weigh a ton or more each, worth from \$90 to \$100 at the nearest railroad station are today being marshalled by the farmers of Marion and other Willamette Valley farmers on the plains of Oregon, and these big sticks are destined to take their place in the winning of the war.

There is nothing very mysterious about these big sticks—in fact, they are as old as the world itself, even Noah of old, could not safely land his ark on the peak of Mt. Ayat, and from there have sent abroad the "Dove of Peace" had he not had a few dozen of these big sticks on board.

It sounds like a fairy tale that I am trying to put over, but these crooked sticks are the essential or basic elements of the wooden ships now being built for the government in the ship yards of Oregon, are known as ship knees, and without which our fast growing fleet of vessels built of wood could not be constructed.

Loyal Legion Of Loggers And Lumbermen.

In this ship knee business must not be forgotten the part that is being played by the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, and to which order, initially organized for the purpose of driving from the state the I. W. W.'s, wearers of the bloody pin, all farmers of the state naturally belong, many of whom have especially constructed saw mills for turning out ship knees by the thousand, and have contracts on hand now to furnish the ship building yards in Coos Bay, Eureka, San Diego, Oakland and Columbia river yards, one firm alone, that of Loeb Bros., of Portland, having already turned out and delivered 5000 knees, and are now working on contracts to supply 6000 more knees for various yards.

One of this firm's plants is located at Harris station, on the Yaquina branch of the Southern Pacific railway, seven miles west of Philomath, Oregon.

R. Boyd, of Newberg, is one of several Willamette Valley operators who are getting out ship knees.

What Are Ship Knees?

From data given in the "Timberman," of a recent date, is found the following brief description of ship knees:

"A ship knee is a natural crook formed by a shallow horizontal root and a section of a tree trunk. The function of a ship knee is to lend strength to a right-angle brace in a frame member of a vessel. These knees, or crooks, derive their great strength from the nature of the root fibres, which are exceedingly tough and twisted. The knee consists of the following elements: Stem, arm, toe, heel and throat. The stem is the vertical element formed by the section of the tree trunk; the arm is the horizontal member formed by the root; the toe is the extreme portion of the arm, or root; the heel is formed by the intersection of the stem and arm; the throat is the depth measured diagonally from what corresponds to the instep of the human foot to the tip of the heel. All these elements are clearly marked on the drawing herewith."

Coming over by train the other day I noticed a large pile of hand hewn ship knees at a little station called Suver, and the brakeman informed me that Fred Stump, and other farmers of that section were bringing them in every day. These knees, of certain sizes, pay the farmers who make them from \$75 to \$100 each at the railroad station, thus bringing back to Mr. Farmer, part of the money he may have invested previously in Liberty Loan Bonds. It takes from a day and a half to two days to hew out one of these knees, but an expert axeman will, however, grub, fall, buck, score and hew a knee 12 inch in size, in one day.

Patriotic Flag Raising

Just as the whistle blew at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon, the 150 odd employees of the Chas. K. Spaulding Logging Co., every one a member of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen.

THE FOURTH OF JULY WILL BE BIG DAY IN LA GRANDE

SOME OUTSTANDING FEATURES OF PROGRAM, FOR GUIDANCE OF PUBLIC.

Picnic Lunch at the Park at Noon—Free Coffee and Cream Furnished By Committee.

That La Grande will have the most patriotic Fourth of July celebration the city has witnessed in a decade, and one that will go down in history, can readily be seen from the program of events published below, as planned by Mr. A. W. Nelson:

The parade moves at 10:30 and this rule is irrevocable. Sections must form immediately after 10.

Automobiles must not park on Adams avenue between Hemlock and Fourth. They may park, one deep, in Fourth, Sixth and O and all cross streets tangent thereto as indicated below. Every automobile will be removed from Adams avenue before the parade starts.

Picnic lunch at park at noon. Coffee and cream furnished. Picnickers bring containers to get coffee in.

Firecrackers must not be shot on park grounds. State laws forbid it.

Mothers of soldiers must be at the Y. M. C. A. at 10 o'clock. All gold star mothers to ride in leading cars.

Excepting decorated automobiles, all cars hauling people in parade should have their tops down.

The Y. M. C. A. will be host rooms for all ladies, where they may take their children and have all the comforts of their home.

Line Of March.

From intersection of Washington and O avenues, north on Hemlock to Adams; west on Adams to post office; south on Fourth to O avenue; east on O to Sixth; north on Sixth to Pennsylvania; where first and second divisions will disband, going left and right respectively. Other divisions to continue to Spring, third and fourth divisions disbanding by wheeling right and left, respectively. Balance to continue to Washington, then west to Depot Street and sixth divisions disbanding on Depot, turning right and left respectively; seventh division disband on Washington west of Depot.

Second Division: Forms on North side of Washington, headed east, extending west on same intersection as Sec. 1. This division includes all Red Cross units and Red Cross floats. Ray W. Logan, chief.

Third Division: Forms on West side of O avenue, headed east and extending west. This is entirely a railroad division. J. F. Corbett, chief.

Fourth Division: Forms on South side of Washington, headed east, extending west, includes decorated automobiles, bicycles and motors, Volunteer Fire Department and the allied float. Chief, E. E. Kirtley.

Fifth Division: Forms on South side of O avenue, headed east and extending west. This includes mothers and wives of men in service, hospital unit float, Camp Fire Girls and Salvation Army. Roscoe Neal, chief.

Sixth Division: Forms on Washington, opposite first division, headed west and extending east on Washington. This includes equestrian.

Noted War Correspondent Lectures at Chautauqua

Dr. Lincoln Wirt Brings First Hand Story from the War Zone



Dr. Lincoln Wirt, noted American publicist and war correspondent, is coming with a message to Clatsop audiences straight from "Over There." Bearing letters from the Secretary of State and Secretary of War, Dr. Wirt for three successive years visited the war zone and was given unusual opportunities for observation on the Western and Italian fronts. He was permitted to pass freely through the jealously guarded military zones, receiving many courtesies and invaluable assistance at the hands of both civil and military authorities in five of the countries now at war. His lecture at Chautauqua will be one of the most authoritative statements on war conditions that has been presented on the platform and is of vital interest to every American. Hear Dr. Wirt on the sixth night.

RED CROSS QUEEN CONTEST IS RAPID WORK AT THE CLOSE

Things are doing around the Red Cross headquarters in the Security and Savings Co. offices, for this is the last afternoon of the Liberty Queen portion of the Red Cross contest.

How do they stand? That is the question being asked all over the county, meaning, of course, the ladies who are running for election to the honors of Queen.

Well, no one knows, but indications are that several of the girls have a lot of votes.

Among the hardworkers is Della Rayburn, who is being backed by several and it is admitted that she has a good showing of votes.

The Honor Guards have several candidates in the race but this afternoon several of the girls asked that further support that was to have been given them be turned to Stella Deslet. This would indicate

that quite a bit of the Honor Guard support would be centered until the ballot box closes this evening on Miss Stella Deslet, who already has a lot of votes, and has many friends working since the contest first started. Miss Mabel Osterling, Miss Bessie Allinson and several others have workers out, and the outcome of the Queen feature is very uncertain at the time of going to press.

Closes Tonight.

The votes for Liberty Queen close tonight and the judges will announce the one elected either tonight or in the morning. But the Red Cross contest will be prolonged for the final event which is the disposal of the Red Cross automobile on the afternoon of July 4th.

Fourteen girl contestants have withdrawn from the contest in favor of Stella Deslet.

GERMAN SPIES, DIRTY WORK

TORPEDOING OF LIANDOVERY CASTLE RESULT OF GERMAN SPY SYSTEM.

Wireless Communications Discovered Which Gave The Huns Exact Information — 234 Are Now Missing.

LONDON, July 2.—(By United Press.)—Stories of the survivors of the torpedoed Liandoverly Castle hospital ship indicate that German spies have direct wireless communication with Germany from Canada and the United States. The German submarine commander had definite information of the eight officers aboard, but declared them to be American officers instead of Canadian medical officers.

The submarine plowed through the raft of drowning nurses, seeking "flight officers."

Two hundred and thirty-four are missing.

Appeal Made for Laborers on Farms

The free employment bureau just established by La Grande and in charge of C. M. Combs and C. O. Murchison, of the fire department, wants everybody in town and the outlying country to know that they are in need of farm laborers in Union county as never before.

Large crops of cherries will require upwards of three weeks hard work for pickers to save this much valued crop.

"Farmettes" don your "nifty" trousers, and make a bee line for the fire department and register your names.

"Boy Scouts" here is your chance, not only to have a lot of fun, but to earn real money, for the wages offered are good, and those who are able to drive hay rakes, or help in the hay and wheat fields, now waiting for the harvesters, can earn from \$3 to \$4 per day and the best board that money can buy on a farm.

Meals will be like those "mother used to make."

Will this appeal of the farmers of Union county be made in vain?

Employers' List Needed.

The fire ladders in charge of the free employment bureau request that all farmers who are in need of any kind of farm labor, list their names at the office of the fire department, stating just what they require in the way of additional farm help—berry pickers, cherry pickers, or general harvest hands in the field.

By working together in this manner good results can be obtained to the satisfaction of all.

PROF. HORNER HERE

Prof. J. B. Horner, of the chair of history, O. A. C., is in the city today for the purpose of meeting with the graduates from Union county on the Fourth of July. Further announcements of Prof. Horner's visit will be made later.

THE COMMUNITY CHORUS NEEDED

PROPOSAL TO CONTINUE THE SINGER'S ORGANIZATION.

For This Purpose A Committee Of Five Was Named At The Recent Meeting.

At the time of the last rehearsal of the community choir which is to furnish the vocal music for the celebration, the suggestion came up Why not make the community choir for La Grande a permanent organization? The idea was endorsed on the spot. A vote on the proposition showed not a dissenting voice. All will agree that it is a great move.

To get the matter down to a workable basis a committee of five was elected to attend to the preliminaries of organization. This committee includes: J. H. Trayner, Mrs. A. L. Richardson, Dr. S. A. Roe, H. E. Dixon and Mrs. J. F. Corbett.

In response to this strong musical desire this committee will proceed to secure a director and make other necessary arrangements for a body of singers, such as are here resident in La Grande and who can on a united basis fill a demand which is one of the community's needs.

BIG EXPLOSION.

LONDON, July 2.—(By United Press.)—Between 60 and 70 persons were killed in an explosion of the munitions factory in the mid-land counties today.

"DESTROY ALL BEASTS."

LONDON, July 2.—(By United Press.)—Referring to the torpedoing of the Liandoverly Castle, Chancellor Bonar Law said: "You cannot argue with wild beasts, but must destroy all of them."

SENATE ACTS QUICKLY.

German American Alliance Act Is Repealed.

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 2.—(By United Press.)—Without discussion or calling the roll, the Senate today repealed the act incorporating the National German-American Alliance.

MISS PATTON QUEEN.

Elgin Makes Choice Of Liberty Goddess For Fourth.

ELGIN, July 2.—(Special.)—The committee announces that Miss Veda Patton has been elected queen to represent Elgin on the Fourth.

CENTRAL SCHOOL REPORT.

The Central School Thrift Stamp society reports the sale of \$622.75 for the month of June.

WILL CLOSE ON THE FOURTH

It is announced that all the stores in the city will be closed all day on July 4th as many of the storekeepers and their clerks will be in the line of the parade. Housewives should do their necessary shopping before the Fourth arrives.