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Heavy Counter Attacks Are Completely Repulsed With Heavy Enemy Losses—Prisoners Total Over 1200.

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 3.—(By United Press.)—General Pershing reports that 500 prisoners have been captured and a complete German regiment virtually annihilated, with the capture of great military booty as the result of the American advance near Chateau Thierry.

1200 PRISONERS AT TOLL

It is said that the number of Germans taken prisoner in the vicinity of Toul during the past month number nearly 1200.

MILLIONS GO FRANCEWARD.

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 3.—War department officials hope to maintain, for at least one or two months, the great troop shipments, whereby 1,019,000 Americans will go to France. It depends mainly on how long the British can spare speedy transports for American use.

NEW OFFENSIVE.

Italians Gain 2,000 To 3,000 Yards On Eight Mile Front.

GERMANS MAKE GAINS.

LONDON, July 3.—(By United Press.)—The Germans last night recaptured most of the ground lost to the British on Sunday northwest of Albert, reports Field-Marshal Haig today.

ITALIANS TAKE PRISONERS.

ROME, July 3.—(By United Press.)—An official report issued here says: "At the head of the Sante Lorenzo valley we withstood the enemy counter attack and took six hundred and twenty prisoners and much material. On the Asiago plateau the French, in a surprise attack, captured many prisoners. On the lower Piave river, we carried out thrusts into the enemy lines. Northwest of Mont Grappa, we captured 1900 Austrians and many machine guns."

HUN AIR PLANES DESTROYED

LONDON, July 3.—(By United Press.)—Forty-three German air-planes and three observation balloons were destroyed Monday and Tuesday, says an official aviation communique.

GERMANS GAIN POINT.

British Forced Back Along Old Front Line Of Last Spring.

WITH THE BRITISH AFIELD.

July 3.—(By United Press.)—The British are back along the old front line established when the German drive stopped last spring following the Germans retaking yesterday the ridge northwest of Albert. Apparently the Germans considered the British position menacing Albert and Aveluy, and these being important points, it was determined to take the ridge at all costs. On the fourth counter attack the Germans succeeded in occupying the ridge.

SACK OF FLOUR SELLS HIGH

Mystic Shriners of Oklahoma Break Record With \$86,675.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 2.—For one sack of flour—\$86,675. That is the price paid by the Mystic Shriners of Oklahoma for the "Shriners" Red Cross sack of flour, according to Potentate John D. McGilvary, of Islam Temple, San Francisco, who has just returned here.

YANKS UTTERLY DESTROY HUNS

GERMAN COUNTER ATTACK RESULTS IN VICTORY FOR AMERICANS IN NEW POSITIONS

Ninety-Seven Prisoners Captured After Terrific Barrage Fire, Following Machine Gun Fight—40 Guns Taken.

BY LOWELL MALLETT
WITH THE AMERICANS AT MARNE, July 3.—The Americans utterly demolished the entire German counter attack on the American new positions west of Chateau Thierry yesterday, taking ninety-seven prisoners.

KILLED IN EXPLOSION

Many Victims of Accident in a Syracuse Factory

SYRACUSE, July 3.—Forty-eight are dead at the county morgue and some are believed to be still in the ruins of the Split Rock T. N. T. plant as a result of last night's explosion. More than sixty are injured. "T. N. T." is a powerful explosive used in munitions. The fire started in the pulverizer where the T. N. T. is placed in a solid state in water and heated. The loss is \$75,000.

REV. GIBBS TO RESIGN.

Episcopal Clergyman Will Leave Pulpit For Newspaper Field.

Rev. Upton H. Gibbs returned today from Portland, where he has been on business. He will present his resignation to the vestry of St. Peter's Church at their next meeting, to take effect August 1st. He will move to Estacada, where he has negotiated for the purchase of the Eastern Clackamas News. Before studying for the ministry Mr. Gibbs worked in a newspaper office.

SENATOR TILLMAN DEAD

WASHINGTON, July 3.—Senator Tillman died this morning of paralysis.

DEER HIDES RECOVERED.

Game Warden Walden Makes Hunt In Innaha Section.

J. W. Walden, deputy game warden, has returned from the brakes of the Snake in the Innaha section where he traced up a traffic between the deer slayers and the Indians and, as a result, twenty of the deer hides were taken by the official. A number of arrests will follow in a few days.

New Double Track Now Being Laid

Carrying out plans formulated some time ago, Assistant Superintendent W. Bollons and Division Engineer B. L. Lyons, are just now engaged in putting through the new double track in the Kamela district. This year this new track will be completed for about two and one-half miles over that part of the mountain, making it that much easier to get trains across than formerly. Eventually, of course, plans call for many more miles of double track, but the officials themselves in Portland do not know just to what extent they will be allowed to go in the matter of betterments, on account of the war. The McAdoo administration of their railroads has made many changes in plans, but the one big idea is "safety first."

It is reasonable to presume that the government with its millions of tons of supplies to move, besides thousands and thousands of troop trains, will leave nothing undone to facilitate these tremendous projects, and track facilities come first.

FREE SHOWS HELD AT PARK

COMMITTEE FOR THE FOURTH HAS SPENT MONEY AS WELL AS TIME

The Great Hayco and other Free Attractions—Free Coffee and Milk

The great big free attraction at the park on the day of the Fourth will be one for everybody to remember when they get old enough to have grandchildren to whom to relate the tale. The committee in charge has arranged for these various attractions to be pulled off between the hours of 4 and 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and it may be said in passing that the committee of ladies has arranged for free coffee and cream—bring your own sugar, and the Red Cross committee will serve luncheons to those who may be unfortunate to have no home of their own or do not care to bother with taking a lunch with them. The great Hayco, the world's famous hand cuff king, will present one of the most sensational acts ever witnessed. It cost the committee a lot of money to bring this famous man here, but it will cost you nothing to see him. The newspapers throughout the country speak most highly of him. In one of his "stunts" he will use a straight jacket, which was formerly used in Matteawan, the insane asylum in New York. This special fact will be worth the price, and always commands the wonder of astonished crowds of people.

WELL-KNOWN HERE.

Mildred Leo Clemens, Chautauqua Speaker, A Former Visitor.

Mildred Leo Clemens, the young woman who appears on the chautauqua program at the park this evening, is quite well known in La Grande. Ten years ago, when she was engaged in newspaper work in Portland, she visited this section of the country, and partly on account of the fact that she is a second cousin of Samuel L. Clemens, but primarily because the title seemed apt and appropriate, she was known as the "Oregon Mark Twain."

LORD RHONDDA DEAD

British Food Administrator Succumbs To Overwork.

WEATHER FORECAST.

July 3.—Fair.

FINAL DETAILS JULY 4TH. PARADE

WASHINGTON AND LA FAYETTE DAYS TO BE RECALLED.

"Four L's" Will Have A Division Of Their Own—History Making Evening In East Oregon

Hear ye, hear ye, all ye good people of Union County, the Fourth of July celebration that will go down into the history of Eastern Oregon will be the one that will be staged to-morrow—to have missed it, will be to have added a life-long regret. The distinctive feature of the day will be the Oregon Guard division, followed by drafted men Red Cross nurses from the hospital—real nurses, soon to see active service in France.

FRANCE WILL CELEBRATE.

With the adoption by the French nation of the Fourth of July as its National holiday, the day in Paris will be celebrated by Americans and French alike. The Stars and Stripes and the Tricolor flags will float from buildings, and will lead American and French troops commemorating the days when General Washington and La Fayette gave to the world that freedom from slavery, preserved by Lincoln and being celebrated now with a determination and patriotic fervor to be appeased only with the crucifixion of the "Beast of Berlin."

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DELLA RAYBURN LIBERTY QUEEN

MISS RAYBURN RECEIVES 1,320,000 VOTES—MISS STELLA DESILET IS SECOND

Closing Hours of the Queen Contest Were Most Exciting—Several Would-Be Queens Work Hard

Miss Della Rayburn, stenographer for the Island City M. & M. company, will be Liberty Queen for the La Grande section of the Fourth of July parade. This fact was determined last evening when Judge Thomas H. Crawford and Judge C. H. Finn, after spending several hours counting the votes in the contest which decided who should have the honor of being queen, announced that Miss Rayburn had received 1,320,000 votes and her nearest opponent, Miss Stella Desilet, had received 720,000 votes.

QUEENS ALL NAMED FOR PARADE.

Different localities throughout the county have named their queens and with the choosing of La Grande's Liberty queen last evening the list was completed for the big parade on July 4th as follows: La Grande—Miss Della Rayburn. Cove—Mrs. Hugh McCull. Alice—Miss Margaret Taylor. Union—Miss Margaret Phy. North Powder—Miss Janette Haynes. Hot Lake—Red Cross Float. Summerville—Iren Wagner. Perry—Esther Johnson. Laid Canyon—Etta Banton. Elgin—Veda Patton.

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NEW YORK, July 2.—Preston Gibson, nephew of Chief Justice White, an author and playwright, has refused an army commission to enlist as a private in the Marine Corps. He has notified Colonel E. Lester Jones, at headquarters of the Signal Corps in Washington.

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BROUGHT GREAT WAR MESSAGE

ADDRESS OF DR. WIRT WAS FILLED WITH OPTIMISM.

Chautauqua Program Tonight Will Pertain To Hawaii, Paradise Of The Pacific.

Literally a classic, patriotically filled with fire, and all in all a gem from any point of view the auditor wished to assume, the lecture by Dr. Lincoln Wirt, official government war observer, delivered at the chautauqua last evening stands out just as it was predicted—the great, big, powerful oratorical effort of the week. Space forbids a full reprint of Dr. Wirt's story, but no other speech of a war kind delivered in La Grande has so stirred an audience or left the effect.

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"SOLICITORS" ARE "SERVICE" MEN

WAR CHANGES HAVE MADE SOLICITATION OF FREIGHT UNDESIRABLE.

One Time Traveling Freight Agents Now Cover Line To See Shippers Get Cars And Service.

"How are you, Mr. Poulterer, are you just up here in the mountains?" "No, not exactly, you see I make this trip once a week, just to see that the Union Pacific System is giving its patrons as good service now as when we solicitors were canvassing the territory for routing orders."

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"An Evening in Hawaii" at Chautauqua "Rambling Through Paradise" with Mildred Leo Clemens



It is hard to imagine a program of greater charm than the one which will close Chautauqua this year. "An Evening in Hawaii," Mildred Leo Clemens, author and lecturer, cousin of Mark Twain, will present a travelogue, "Rambling Through Paradise," accompanied by wonderful dissolving views of the Islands. The Royal Hawaiian Quintet will present a full concert of the enchanting melodies of their native land. This group of Hawaiian players and singers is one of the best brought into this country in many years, including among its members Joseph Kekuku, originator of the steel method of guitar playing.

Germany Denies Sinking Llandoverly

AMSTERDAM, July 3.—Germany has denied sinking the Canadian hospital ship, the Llandoverly Castle, in a semi-official statement issued from Berlin today. The statement said: "Like similar British admiralty assertions, it is probably incorrect that the submarine was responsible. Apparently no one observed the submarine and it may be attributable to a British mine."

GOES TO SHIPYARDS.

Alvin P. Snapp, well-known druggist at the Levy-Vogel store, has resigned his position and expects to leave the end of the week for Portland, where he will enter the service of one of the shipyards.

SOLDIER MOTHERS ARE WANTED.

There seems to be some misunderstanding as to who are entitled to ride in the mother's section tomorrow. The division is open to the mother or wife of any man who is in service, in any department.

MOVE MORE THAN A MILLION

Figures Regarding Troop Movements Are Given Out.

WASHINGTON, July 2.—American troops sent overseas numbered 1,019,155 on July 1.

This was made known by President Wilson, who gave to the public a letter from Secretary Baker disclosing a record of achievement which the President said "must cause universal satisfaction," and which "will give additional zest to our National celebration of the Fourth of July."

Steady Stream Started.

June saw this number increase by 12,271, and thereafter khaki-clad "crusaders" from the Western Republic flowed overseas in a steady stream until upwards of 300,000 had departed, when the great German thrust began last March.

CALL FOR BANK STATEMENTS

WASHINGTON, July 3.—The comptroller of the currency has called for statements of the condition of the National banks at the close of business June 29.