

CELEBRATION GREATEST IN LA GRANDE'S HISTORY

UNION COUNTY PEOPLE HAVE A GLORIOUS TIME

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Perfect Day—Beautiful Floats—People Combine to Make Occasion One Befitting This Great War Year.

Never since the beginning of time—in La Grande, has there been such a spontaneous outburst of enthusiastic patriotism, as was shown in La Grande during the monster Fourth of July parade, which filled through the principal streets of the city yesterday afternoon.

Thousands of flags—big and little—fluttered in the breeze, or were held in the hands of marchers, fastened to coats and dresses, flung from stores, offices and house-tops. It was one grand re-creation of Liberty—served by Washington, and fought for on the battlefields of France and Belgium and along the Italian battlefield, where the Stars and Stripes with the British, French, Belgian and Italian flags are leading on to victory.

Procession Over Two Miles Long

More than one hour was required for the procession which paraded the streets of La Grande yesterday in honor of the Natal day to pass a given point. It was without doubt the greatest exhibition ever given to an Oregon town any ways near the size of La Grande and the perfect manipulation of the parade, the careful handling of every feature, the preparation necessary to have every feature represented reflect upon the man who as head of the event did his duty and did it well. That man was Major H. E. Coolidge.

Among the distinctive features of the parade was the Liberty float preceded by the Herald, Miss Florence Stansfield on her black mount. With bugle she announced the approach of this great pageant.

The Liberty float, designed and constructed by DeLille Green and Eugene Goode, carried the lesson of liberty in its truest sense. Miss Della Rayburn, who was the choice of the people for Liberty Queen of the La Grande section, stood on a pedestal in the center of the float holding a beautiful silk American flag. Queens, elected from the different communities of the county also occupied prominent places on this, the leading float of the parade.

In this section of the parade appeared the forty-seven recruits who leave tonight for active service in the United States army. They were followed by the Grande Ronde hospital volunteer nurse division, all of whom are enlisted for service in France. Appropriate it was indeed, for the nurses to be followed by members of the Grande Army of the Republic and Woman's Relief corps, all under escort of Fourth Separate Battalion of Oregon Guards.

The float of Miss Mae Murphy, who is handling food conservation work, was also located in this section. Robert Withycombe of Union was in charge of the first division.

Red Cross Division. The second feature of the great parade brought forcefully to the minds of all the work of the Red Cross. Leading the long Red Cross section was a float in charge of Mrs. Harry Zurbrick. This float contained an operating table, physician in the act of ministering to a wounded man and other prominent suggestions of the work being done in the field hospital. Red Cross cars from every chapter in Union county followed. Ray W. Logan commanded this section.

O-W Well Represented. When J. F. Corbett promised a railroad feature for the parade no one dreamed to what elaborate extent the company intended to go.

As that section came into view people were delighted and the interest manifested showed strongly the loyalty of La Grande to the O-W. Company for La Grande is the big division point of the system and is recognized throughout the northwest as an O-W town.

Two live locomotives were featured. One was No. 1776 operated by Chief Dispatcher Charles Roberts. The engine was constructed in such a way that at a short distance it had every appearance of a locomotive that had

left the tracks and was wandering through the streets of La Grande. Built over a motorcycle which furnished the power, Dispatcher Roberts with much ease, directed the course of the big engine and at the same time looked from his cab window and smoked a Fourth of July cigar. Mr. Corbett, as chief of this division, also occupied a place in the cab and viewed the great crowd with a justifiable pride.

Flanking the engine was the new service flag for the Umatilla-Huntington division of the O-W railroad in charge of E. T. Buehler and J. W. Egan. It was carried by trusted employees and on that flag were two hundred stars showing employees at the front, and one gold star indicating that death had claimed one of the boys while in action.

Engine No. 348 was a strong feature for it was the engine of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen. Peter Biever, one of the veteran engineers of this division was the architect of this piece of mechanism and for several days had laid off and devoted his entire time to constructing an engine that would represent the Brotherhood in the town where the members of this order love to celebrate the Fourth of July and the town which they fondly call home. Amid the shrieks of the engine, the puffing of steam, the coils of black smoke the railroad division wended its way through the crowd which cheered loudly.

Old Liberty Bell was not forgotten by the railroad boys for J. T. Ride-near, foreman of the shops, had a float with a large bell which rang out clearly in the July air. It guaranteed liberty to the world just as the historic Liberty Bell guaranteed liberty to the colonies in the early days.

Old Employees in Line. The oldest employes on the division held a place in the parade. These included Dr. C. T. Bacon, Tom Silk, M. M. Crippen, J. C. Gulling, L. Given, Frank Brookler, A. J. Martin.

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Allied Float Lead Division. The fourth division consisting of the beautiful Allied float and decorated automobiles was led by Miss Lorna Coolidge representing Joan of Arc. She wore the armor and the costume typical of the famous French woman and was mounted on a snow white horse. When she turned her section into the street lined with people the cheering was loud and long, for Joan of Arc at this time in history is in the minds of all and Miss Coolidge carried out the personification of the noted character in a splendid way. She appeared beautiful upon her mount and her every movement was graceful.

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DOES GERMANY REALLY MEAN IT?

VORWAERTS DECLARES THE PEOPLE FEEL THEIR ISOLATION

Loss of Raw Materials Being Felt—Will the Allies Be "Sensible?"

BERLIN, July 5.—Vorwaerts declared "the German people desire peace so strongly that sensible accommodations from the Allies is bound to lead to its realization. Germany is feeling the loss of raw material due to its overseas isolation.

JUNKERS ARE VICTORS. Socialists Opposed Ratification of Rumanian Treaty.

AMSTERDAM, July 5.—(By United Press.)—The German Reichstag has approved the Rumanian peace treaty, says a Berlin dispatch. Foreign Secretary von Kuehlmann formally announced that Germany does not intend to start a campaign for the invasion of India.

Clyde Meyers Holds Automobile Number

The Red Cross automobile, which was a part of the Liberty Queen contest, is today claimed by Claude Meyers. He has telephoned to the Red Cross claiming the machine and that office has asked him to present proof, which doubtless he will do.

The machine was disposed of yesterday afternoon at the city park as the last number on the celebration program. Great interest was shown in the events from its beginning to its close and the Red Cross has gathered in something like \$2,500, exact figures of which will be printed as soon as reports are finished.

Those who worked hard for the success of this event were J. J. Carr, Will Siegrist and J. H. Pearce, who had charge of the selling end. They were ably assisted by Miss Della Rayburn, who was elected queen, the Honor Guard girls, who worked vigorously under their leader, Miss Naomi Williamson, to the end that a greater amount of money might be raised for Red Cross work.

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YANKS REPULSED THE HUN ATTACK

AMERICAN AND AUSTRALIAN TROOPS CAPTURE UPWARDS OF 1300 PRISONERS

Field Guns, 100 Machine Guns and Trench Mortars Taken—Finland Declares War.

LONDON, July 5.—Haig announced that the German counter attack on Memel captured by the American and Australian troops was repulsed last night.

FINLAND DECLARES WAR

STOCKHOLM—Finland is reported on verge of a war declaration against the Allies. Finnish troops cooperating with fifty thousand Germans are reported ready to campaign into the Russian-Murman district where a small Allied force is guarding military supplies.

Vladivostok Taken Does Not Mean Much

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 5.—(By United Press.)—A spectacular move of the Szechuan-Slovaks in Russia, in which they defeated the Russo-German forces and captured Vladivostok is probably neither a great nor important action. A gallant band of 50,000 merely fought their way to Vladivostok. The Russian forces failed to rally around them as hoped, says the official dispatch.

Property Sales Slow—Should Be Brisk

"I don't know why it is, but it is a fact, that there is very little property of any kind—farm, or city, that is being sold here in La Grande this season, and it should be just the other way," said Wm. Miller, the veteran realty man of the city.

"It is not because the people have no money for investing in real estate, for they have, as is evidenced by the fact that La Grande and Union county have 'gone over the top' in the matter of buying Liberty Loan bonds, war savings stamps and thrift stamps. But there seems to be an uneasy feeling everywhere—may be the war has been felt more here than elsewhere, but I can hardly think that is true. We would be glad indeed to exchange real property for Liberty loan bonds, or war stamps, but have not done so, as yet.

"Crops, on the whole, are good, and prices are high for everything produced on the farm. Factories of all kinds are busy as they were never before, and wages are high—everything is high, too, but if ever there was a good time to buy property of any kind in this valley, or any part of Oregon, now is the time.

"I think we will win this war in two years, or less, and the close of the war will see America at the top of the heap. Munitions factories, as well as gun factories will be turned back to where they were before, and put to making agricultural machinery again, and the world will be our market, as it never was in the old past.

"Nothing is now doing except it pertains to war. After the war, not only our allies, but Germany herself will have to look to us for food stuffs. Fifty years' time will not restore the fields of Belgium and France to such conditions as they will raise crops, and a part of Germany is in the same shape.

TEN MILLION AMERICANS

Gen. Biddle Tells Of Enormous Force Available. LONDON, July 5.—(By United Press.)—American naval forces, comprising 250 vessels and 45,000 men, are now operating in all areas of European waters, from the White Sea to the Adriatic, Admiral Shams announced in a speech at the Anglo-American fellowship meeting.

General Biddle, speaking, declared: "We have ten million men just like the soldiers marching today in various British cities, who can be brought over when needed."

WEATHER REPORT. PORTLAND, July 5.—Fair.

GOVE WELCOMES THE SUNSHINERS

MOVEMENT IS APPROVED BY ALL EASTSIDE RESIDENTS.

After Trip Of La Grande People Sunday A Return Meeting Will Be Held Soon.

Col. Morehouse, the official head of the sunshine for the slum-in movement, has received advices from Cove saying that the people of that locality are ready to extend a suitable welcome to all visitors next Sunday. This is the second of the series of such gatherings. The initial gathering at Hill-gard a couple of weeks ago having been interfered with on account of rain. It is hoped that weather conditions will be more propitious for the second venture of the kind. Certain it is that no better place in the county could be selected than Cove.

CHIEF OF POLICE RAYBURN BUSY ON THE 4TH

Chief of Police Louis Rayburn reports that in a raid made on the Fourth, he arrested Hans Andersen and Charles Erickson, for being intoxicated and having liquor in their rooms.

J.P.A. O'Neill Here Says Traffic is Good

In an interview with "Jack" (J. H.) O'Neill, the genial traveling passenger agent of the O-W, R. and N. Co., he said last evening:—

"Yes, notwithstanding war conditions and the increase recently made in the price of railroad and sleeping car tickets, travel this summer is rather on the increase, than decrease. I suppose the reason is that everybody is making money this year—the farmers more than any one, and traveling back and forth over the line, with an occasional trip east, is no more a matter of necessity than pleasure.

"The passage of troop trains these days through La Grande is getting to be of every day occurrence, almost. I am leaving on the early train for the east in the morning, but will return in the afternoon with a troop train filled with soldiers, who will go into temporary training at Camp Lewis, which recently, as you know, sent two or three troop trains out of there on their way east. Nobody knows where they are going just now, but eventually of course, they will cross the big pond.

"An' sorry I got in this morning just to be late to see your big Fourth of July celebration, especially as I understand the boys from our shops made a magnificent showing, along with the Red Cross and Lumber companies.

"La Grande certainly is putting on a lot of new stunts this year, and I always like to stop off here for a few days."

O'Neill is known from one end of the line to the other, as well as from ocean to ocean, as the traveling man "with a smile." He is a firm believer in the principle, best expressed with the old adage: "Smile, damn you, smile." It gets more business than a frown.

AMERICAN ARMEN SHOOT DOWN THREE GERMANS

DESPERATE FIGHTING IN THE AIR—TWO AMERICANS ARE MISSING.

Four Americans and Six Germans Engaged—One Boche Shot, and Two U. S. Airmen Lost.

By Fred S. Ferguson. (United Press Staff Correspondent.) WITH THE AMERICANS ON THE MARNE, July 5.—Three German airplanes were shot down in two aerial battles this morning. Two American airmen are missing. Four American and six German machines participated in the fight.

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The official report says: "Between the Oise and the Aisne, northward 7:30 in the evening, our troops attacked the German lines west of Outreches, ten miles north-west of Soissons, on a front of one and a quarter miles, advancing their positions nearly half a mile. In the evening, a new attack was launched between Auroeppeps and the mountains, just at the moment when the Germans were about to attack. This advanced the lines a mile on more than a three mile front.

"We took many prisoners, including 18 officers. North of Montdidier, between Montdidier and the Oise and along the right bank of the Meuse, many prisoners were taken in French raids."

MRS. KIRTLEY'S CAR RECEIVES FIRST—MRS. J. J. SECOND

In the decorated automobile section of the parade were many beautifully decorated cars and the committee hung up prizes for the best. The judges had several beautifully decorated ones to choose from and the task of selecting the winners must have been a difficult one. The car driven by Miss Nell Grinnett was made into the form of a boat and was a splendid effort, but it is understood that the committee was uncertain as to whether a float should be considered when instru-

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