

AMERICANS SURPRISE THE FRENCH

THEY ARE A FINE LOT, I'M TOLD. IS LORD MILNER'S EULOGY.

A FIFTY MILE ARTILLERY BATTLE IS IN PROGRESS

Ten Hundred And Fifty Prisoners Taken On Italian Front—Smaller Actions With Fierce Fighting Marked Saturday.

WITH THE AMERICANS ON THE SOMME, July 8.—(By United Press.)—It has been revealed to me when I didn't quite expect it. They are veteran men, who have gone across this battlefield as though drilling on the parade ground. Really, they're fine. I'm told that they are even better than Gen. March said they were.

ARTILLERY BATTLE.

PARIS, July 8.—(By United Press.)—An artillery battle is now proceeding on a fifty mile front, between Villers-Cotterets forest and the river Marne, says an official communique.

ITALIANS TAKE PRISONERS

ROME, July 8.—(By United Press.)—Detachments of the enemy which were reconnoitering on the Asiago plateau and north of Monte Valbella were driven back. In small actions in the Grappa region on Saturday we gained some ground, and took prisoners north of Maself. Our troops also advanced at Col Rippe. We have taken 1650 prisoners.

MURDER MAY BE COSTLY.

STOCKHOLM, July 8.—(By United Press.)—It is now learned through diplomatic sources that Germany will demand the right to occupy Petrograd and Moscow, as a reprisal for the murder of Count von Mirbach, her ambassador to Russia.

GERMANY BLAMES ENTENTE.

AMSTERDAM, July 8.—(By United Press.)—A Berlin dispatch says: An official inquiry into the death of Count von Mirbach, instituted by the German government, permits of the assumption that the entente allies are implicated in the assassination. Several social revolutionaries who were arrested at Moscow, has confessed their complicity in the murder.

HUMAN POWER

Women Are the Industrial Slaves Throughout Germany

We read much of man power these days; human power is a better term, because it emphasizes the fact that the women and children also constitute a great factor in this war. In the final victory every man, woman and child in America can and should have a part.

In comparing the man power of Germany with that of the United States it must be borne in mind that a much larger proportion of the manual labor of the man power of the Nation as performed, is exerted by the German women than by the women of America. It is said that in peace times the women constituted 42 per cent of the agricultural and industrial labor of Germany. They work in the fields, in the factories, in the mines, at the very hardest and most laborious tasks, doing the work only done by men in this country.

The women of the United States are nobly, unselfishly, manfully, one may say, bearing their share of the burdens of war. By the grace of God and the power and courage of America the fate of the German women is not and will never be theirs. But it will be with their assistance and cooperation and their full assumption of the burdens and duties of the day that the United States is to exert its full power in eradicating the world of that intolerable German kultur which makes brute soldiers of the men and slaves of the women.

TONS, AND TONS OF CHERRIES

STACKLAND BROS. OF COVE, MAKE SMALL FORTUNE.

Tons Are Shipped To Eastern Markets At A Profit—Altitude Is What Counts.

Not many people in La Grande know that a real fortune is being made in growing and shipping high grade cherries to the eastern markets from Oregon orchards, but such is the case, and it is easy to explain the matter.

Hood river is famous for her apples and strawberries, which are shipped to all parts of the United States, and before the war went to Europe.

Just so it is with the cherries raised by C. M. and G. G. Stackland, whose orchard—some 15 acres all told, is situated a couple of miles out from Cove, and the brothers have now at out the only lot of pickers to be had—in this part of the valley, at least.

This orchard is most favorably situated, lying as it does on the side of quite a high hill, beyond the reach of the frosts which come early in the spring. What's the orchards lying lower down in the valley, like the orchards near Imbler, a few miles away, which suffered so severely that the cherries there were frozen when the fruit had reached the size of garden peas or even larger.

In an interview with G. G. Stackland at the orchard yesterday afternoon that gentleman said in part: "Yes; it takes some time and trouble, besides the actual labor involved, in getting a good-sized orchard bearing, from a wide commercial standpoint. We planted our old orchard about 24 years ago, but, of course, we keep adding new trees every year. Our bearing orchard this year covers nine or more acres, and while this year we are short of the normal production, still I estimate we will have upwards of 50 tons of shipping cherries, and we will begin shipping at once."

"Our best varieties are the 'Big,' 'Royal Ann,' 'Centennial,' 'Black Oregon,' 'Lambert' and a new variety that we have not named, as yet, although in color, it somewhat resembles the 'Big,' and this I consider our very best canning cherry."

"Our principal markets are Minneapolis, St. Paul, Kansas City, and some points in the Dakotas. We get on the farm here, an average of 35 cents a gallon, or about seven cents per pound, and buyers, or shippers, pay all express charges. Under normal conditions, we ship about 75 tons, besides supplying a few of our neighbors in Cove and La Grande."

"Next year, Mr. Stackland said they would have about 14 acres in bearing trees, and with a favorable season might ship as many as 100 tons of cherries."

The orchards themselves are kept in a high state of cultivation, and have a few irrigation ditches running through them, but, for the most part, it is the altitude of the orchard that makes for its great success.

LA GRANDE BOY PROMOTED.

Dean Smith Appointed Aviation Instructor In Illinois.

Mrs. J. T. Harvey, of this city, is in receipt of a letter from her grandson, Dean Smith, in which the young man states that his expected trip to France has been delayed by reason of the fact that he has been designated as an instructor in aviation and holds the commission of a second lieutenant.

Dean was at San Antonio for a long period and was lately transferred to Belleville, Illinois. From that place he expected to be soon ready for the trip across, but his appointment will delay participation on the other side of the water for some time.

Dean Smith is a native of La Grande, but his very early childhood was spent in Nicaragua, where his father, the late J. C. (Cul) Smith, was engaged in mahogany contracts. The most of his youth was spent in La Grande, and he is not yet twenty years of age. From all reports he is one among the many La Grande boys who are making good.

CAR OF DODGES RECEIVED

A carload of Dodge Brothers' cars, five of them, arrived yesterday for L. C. Smith, local distributor. The shipment was wholly unexpected as Mr. Smith had no advance information of their coming, and, none being expected, the shipment is gratefully received.

SHOCK TROOPS TO HELP THE FARMERS

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 8.—"Shock troops" are busy in American wheat fields, as well as on the western battle front. When the German war lords command an advance at any cost, shock troops are sent forward to buy yards of ground with thousands of lives, but the American agricultural "shock troops" advance in a different manner. They are town men who have volunteered to help farmers cut and shock their wheat, and thus are doing their part in making the battle line firm.

Here are two instances, reported to the United States Department of Agriculture, of how towns and cities are helping to meet the need for harvest workers on American farms:

A South Dakota county has organized all its towns. When labor is needed all business places close early and the town men go in automobiles to every quarter of the county. When they come to fields cut but not shocked, they get out and shock, and then proceed to other fields needing them. They don't talk about pay or who is doing the work. "If the farmer wants to donate the money which he would spend for labor to the Red Cross that is his business," says a letter from South Dakota, "and I think that is where most of the money will go."

"Shock troops" are cutting and shocking wheat in Warrick County, Ind. also. Volunteer business men, clerks and laborers in the towns finish their town work and then are taken in automobiles to help the farmer. In one evening forty men shocked more than eighty acres of wheat.

These forces have been organized through co-operation of farm help specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture, county agents, county councils of defense and other bodies.

THE FIRE SUNDAY AT MIDNIGHT MYSTERY

Just at midnight Sunday fire broke out in a store building at the corner of S avenue and Monroe street, apparently without any warning.

The fire department responded quickly, and soon had the first under control, but the roof was badly burned and the building otherwise injured.

Only Saturday afternoon Joe Busch had leased the premises with the intention of storing a surplus stock of goods in it today. The building is the property of Bloss Bros. of Wallowa.

A careful examination of the premises made immediately after the fire revealed the presence of a large pot of grease and other inflammable matter, just beneath the window where a match would do the work. It is thought, by some that the city has been visited by firebugs others are inclined to believe that it was simply a case of spontaneous combustion. At any rate the police are on the lookout for strangers in the city, who cannot give a good account of themselves.

White Pine Men Hold Big Meeting

At a late hour last Saturday there was held an important meeting of the principal lumber mills of eastern Oregon, at the instance of the government of White Pine lumbermen with impromptu results.

The lumbermen spent the entire day discussing matters of vital interest to the Government's output. The division unanimously adopted a resolution pledging its complete obedience to whatsoever Colonel Disque asks. A delegation of Eastern Oregon lumbermen will leave tomorrow night for Portland to hold conference with the spruce generals.

The committee is composed of Vincent Palmer and W. M. Nichols, Grande Ronder Lumber company, La Grande; J. H. Minnaugh, Grande Ronder Lumber company of Perry and Wallowa; Oscar Spear, East Oregon Lumber company, Enterprise; Joe Stoddard and Frank Gardiner, of the Baker mills.

SUNSHINE IN CLOUDS

The people of Cove were very much disappointed that the La Grande Sunshine society members did not show up. "The Cove people desire that it be thoroughly understood they were in hearty sympathy with this movement," said Rev. G. L. Hall, the Colporteur, of the American Baptist Publication Society of Philadelphia.

Resolution passed last night in Cove regretting the fact that the meeting was not held after seats had been taken to the park. A meeting was finally held in the Baptist church in Cove.

ACROSS THE CONTINENT BY AUTO CAR

SUPERIOR JUDGE DARCH TAKES THIS NOVEL METHOD FOR HIS OUTING.

AVERAGES TWO HUNDRED MILES A DAY ON THE ROAD

All For the Fun of Bringing His Wife and Daughter Back With Him—Trip Will Take About Six Weeks—Hopes to See All the Sights in Chicago While On the Journey.

"The longest way around is the shortest way home"—sometimes.

At least that is what Superior Judge William T. Darch said yesterday, as he passed through La Grande, on his way to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where his wife and daughter are now, waiting for him to bring them home in his 7-passenger touring car, a Chandler-Six, which he said he purchased less than one year ago, and it had already made nearly 8,000 miles, without any repairs having been made, worth mentioning.

"You see it is like this," said the judge as I climbed aboard his car. "Last year I only had a few days' vacation at home, because there were a good many important cases to try and so I made up my mind to take a full vacation this summer and as my wife and daughter had already gone to Milwaukee to visit relatives, I promised to go after them in my car. You see it is equipped with everything useful for camping by the way, if need be, a bed and mattress folded up in the back, with some cooking utensils, and I carry fresh eggs and bacon, and get bread and other things on the road. I expect to pass through Baker—may stop there over night, but I think, as I am averaging about 200 miles a day, I can get over into Weiser, Idaho, for the night. It will take me only about three weeks to get to Milwaukee and I intend to go by way of Chicago, and see all the sights, while I am about it."

"I will write you a letter from Milwaukee and tell you all about my trip if you like and how many miles my car will have traveled by the time I get to Milwaukee and other items of interest en route."

"My nephew, a young man named Sidney Ward, is in the 18th Engineers now in France, and I think in Co. E, of that celebrated regiment. Will write you his permanent address as soon as I see my wife, and then may be you can get him to write you some news direct from France."

"Well good-bye and be sure to write me before I get back at my Golden-dale address, as I will be sure to get it there."

UNION OPERATORS ARE LOCKED OUT

IMMEDIATE REPORT ON SENATE RESOLUTION ORDERED.

Action Of Telegraph Company Precipitates Movement For Federal Control.

ATLANTA, July 8.—(By United Press.)—The local telegraph union officials have issued a statement, blaming the Western Union for the lockout of 150 telegraph operators here.

The president of the union, Mr. Joyner, said: "We held a mass meeting yesterday and openly declared the affiliation of our union with the national body. As fast as the names of the members reached Western Union officials, our members were discharged from the employ of the company."

NEW YORK, July 8.—(By United Press.)—The Senate Interstate Commerce Committee this afternoon ordered an immediate report, with-out any recommendation of a resolution to that effect, empowering the President to take over the telegraphs and telephones. This will do away with the necessity of any hearing and will bring quicker action on the main issue, the trouble between the Western Union and its employees.

NINETY-ONE MEN WILL LEAVE JULY 23

Ninety-nine men—every one of the selected men—will leave La Grande the 23rd for a training camp.

As this cleans out all the selected men from this county a new registration will probably be made in the near future.

The full list of the names of these last selected men will be published as soon as the local war office has the time to complete the list—probably in a day or two.

DEVELOPING RESOURCES OF ITALY

Intensive prospecting in Italy for mineral deposits for use in war industries as well as to form a basis for the industrial development of Italy after the war has succeeded in locating considerable deposits of lignite coal. The great need of Italy is coal and while no deposits of anthracite have as yet been discovered, mineralogists still have hope that such will be found. Offsetting this lack of fuel, there has been during the past two years a tremendous increase in the development and use of water power which is abundant on the peninsula. So abundant is the water power of the country that it has been known as "white coal."

HUNS LOOTING ROUMANIA

All Food Removed by Germans for Home Consumption.

PARIS, July 8.—Dr. Breckenridge Baine, of Washington, has arrived at Berne from Bucharest, where, for several years, he had charge of a Roumanian hospital.

He declares that Germany is taking all food supplies from that country for home consumption. For example, he said, the Germans have left only one cow on every tenth farm.

RIOT CREATED IN MOSCOW

COPENHAGEN, July 8.—(By United Press.)—A serious counter revolution has started in Moscow today, says an official report sent out by the Wolff Bureau. Street fighting is proceeding between the Bolsheviki and the social revolutionaries, with the former winning.

ERNEST VEHR'S HOME

La Grande Young Man Completes Pharmacy Course.

Ernest E. Vehrs, well-known La Grande young man, arrived home this morning direct from Philadelphia, where he completed the full course in the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, and coming out with practically a clean score on all branches of the subject. Mr. Vehrs will now become a permanent resident of La Grande.

LOST WOMAN FOUND

Word was received that Mrs. Bullion who was lost in the mountains near Baker was found today.

Prominent Oregon Men Are Drowned

BEND, July 8.—Vernon Forbes, Republican leader in the last session of the legislature, and Ralph Poindexter, a druggist of Bend, were drowned yesterday at Crescent Lake while fishing.

Vernon Forbes was a member of the legislature from Crook county and is a well known lawyer and politician of Bend. Poindexter is also a well known business man of this place.

HUGH McCALL HOME

Reports Rousing Meeting of the Republicans in Portland.

Hugh McCall, cashier of the Cove State bank, arrived home today from Portland where he attended the meeting of the Republican State Central committee. He brings back the report that the meeting was largely attended and the utmost enthusiasm prevailed. Mr. McCall is a member of the state committee for Union county.

C. P. GALBRAITH DEAD

Word is received in La Grande of the death of C. P. Galbraith at Joseph. While the deceased has been making his home in the Wallowa county the past few months he is quite well known in La Grande and is a member of the Knights of Columbus and of the Eagles' lodge of La Grande. The funeral will be held in Joseph tomorrow.

Machinery has been invented for shredding waste paper into an acceptable substitute for excelsior.

PORTLAND IN NEED OF HELP

RECRUITS WANTED FOR FIRE AND POLICE BUREAUS.

Representatives Will Be In La Grande Wednesday To Secure The Needed Additions.

A recruiting "mission," composed of Chief of Police N. F. Johnson and O. C. Bortzmeier, secretary of the Municipal Civil Service Board of Portland will be in La Grande, Wednesday, July 10, for the purpose of securing applicants for the police and fire bureaus.

The novel plan of entering Eastern Oregon in search of proper material for the recruiting of these two departments resulted because of the inability to secure sufficient men in Portland and its environs.

No effort will be made to enlist men who are now working in the police and fire departments of La Grande, but men who are physically fit and morally competent, who are not engaged in war work will be sought. American citizens between 25 and 48 are eligible for the police bureau and between 19 and 27 years of age in the fire bureau.

Shipbuilding and other war industries, located in Portland, has increased the scope of work in both departments. Men from the police bureau are needed to protect the war industries from alien enemies and the fire department must be kept fully maintained in man power in order to at all times, be prepared to fight fires, not only in any part of the city, but especially along the waterfront where the war industries, in the main, are located.

The two representatives, sent by the Portland City Council, will maintain headquarters during their stay in La Grande at the Foley Hotel, where they will be glad to discuss appointments with any persons interested.

LOOK OUT FOR FIRE

Dry Season Calls for Extra Precaution of the People.

The forest fire danger season having arrived for this season the Union and Wallowa Counties Fire association asks that the public be especially careful. Every fire that takes labor and supplies detracts that much from the nation's war energies. Wardens have strict instructions not to overlook any careless, or other unnecessary breaking of the forest laws. Citizens are expected to do everything possible to prevent fires and keep them from spreading. Fires should be reported to the Secretary at Williamson's land office, in the New Foley Building, or to the Union County Warden, L. H. Russell.

Wallowa county fires should be reported to Jones Trump, County Warden, Promise, Ore. The association is always glad to pay the phone expense.

Forest officials hope that it will not be necessary to ask that the hunting season be closed this year in order to curtail the additional fire risk. The use of the mountains for recreation purposes by the public is desired by all officials; but in order to make this possible the closest co-operation is imperative.

Patriotism should make every citizen feel his responsibility as to forest fire, says Lovell Williamson, Sec.

ITALIAN WOMEN FORM ANTI-GERMAN LEAGUE.

An anti-German league of prominent women teachers, writers and artists has been organized in Rome, Italy. Before adjourning the Congress voted to meet next year at Udine, now in the hands of the enemy, but which Italians firmly believe will soon be retaken by the Italian army.

Resolutions adopted by the Congress declared that the indignation of the Italian people against Teutonic barbarity and cunning would for a long time guide Italian public opinion in its attitude toward the Germans and Austrians.

FIVE SONS IN SERVICE.

La Grande Woman Has A Distinguished Part In War.

Mrs. R. E. Pierson, of 702 Adams avenue, will be entitled to carry five stars in the mother's service badge as that is the number of her sons who are either now or soon will be fighting for liberty. The oldest son, Irwin, is 37 and is a sergeant; Ray, aged 27, is at present in a shipyard at Portland, but in a few days will enlist. The other three Warren, Gerrold and Howard, aged 23, 21 and 19, respectively, are all in the service.

RUSSIAN MIX IS SETTLED BY WILSON

ALLIES WILL PROBABLY LEND A HAND—JAPAN MAY BE INCLUDED.

MUCH WORRY IN WASHINGTON HAS COME TO END

Pershing Will Have A Million Men On The West Front—250,000 Now On Lines Do Not Include Those Brigaded With Allies.

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 8.—(By United Press.)—The expedition of trade and business experts, to be supported by a suitable force of police or interallied troops, will be sent to Russia to aid in restoring order. The United States is seeking to learn the attitude of Russia regarding the allies' intentions, but it is now possible to state that the above outlined program has been definitely determined upon and will soon be put into effect.

President Wilson has been asked by Secretaries Wilson, Houston, Redfield and Lane to submit a list of men tomorrow who would constitute suitable experts for the mission to Russia. The President will announce the personnel of the commission within a week.

JAPAN MAY COMPLY.

TOKYO, July 8.—(By United Press.)—After two weeks' negotiations over the request of the European allies that Japan intervene on behalf of the allies in Siberia, it is now asserted that Japan will not consider intervention until the United States joins the European allies in a request for Japanese intervention.

In view of the changed attitude of the United States it is now believed that Japan will comply with the request of the allies.

BIG ARMY IN FRANCE.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—(By United Press.)—With a month, or even sooner General Pershing will have more than half a million men under his direction on the western front, the Senate Military Affairs committee has been informed.

General March today said that the 251,000 Americans now on the firing line do not include the Americans who are brigaded with the British and French forces. Additional to these, all troops sent over during the month of June are still in training, and nearly 300,000 of these will be ready for battle by August.

HUN PRACTICE EXPOSED

Germans at Front Have On American Uniforms.

BUFFALO, N. Y., July 8.—That German soldiers who lived in the United States before the war, thus being able to speak the American language fluently, are being sent to the front clad in American uniforms, is the startling information conveyed to Mr. John La Tour, of this city by his brother, James Donohue, a private in the U. S. Marine corps and the first American prisoner to escape from a German prison camp and successfully make his way back to the American lines.

"I saw a number of German soldiers in American uniforms," wrote Donohue, "and all of them could speak English fluently. One of them asked me where I was from and when I told him Buffalo, he laughed and said he had been a waiter in a restaurant there at one time."

Donohue was captured when knocked senseless by a Boche rifle butt and after being made to work night and day digging graves for dead Germans and being spit upon while at work by German officers, he made his way back to the American lines, living on some bread and water he took off a German Red Cross dog. He successfully passed through an American barrage while on his way to the American lines.

CARLTON MAKES STATEMENT.

NEW YORK, July 8.—(By United Press.)—Newcomb Carlton, president of the Western Union, today announced that there are only 56 union men now in the employ of the Western Union in the entire country.