

ADVANCE OF THE FRENCH CONTINUES

GERMAN COUNTER ATTACKS
REPULSED AND ALL GAINS
ARE MAINTAINED.

ANOTHER BIG DRIVE IS STILL EXPECTED

Expectation Is That Von Hindenburg Will Concentrate Every Energy To Break Through The Western Front.

PARIS, July 9.—(By United Press.)—Striking between Montdidier and the river Oise, the French, aided by a number of tanks, have carried out an advance of more than a mile on a ten mile and a half front, north of Compeigne.

The offensive was instituted at daybreak this morning, and although the Germans at once counter attacked, they were repulsed, and all the territory gained is held. Four hundred and fifty Germans, including 14 officers, were taken prisoner.

The French also took the Porte and Livreaux farms. Active artillery actions are now proceeding along the whole of the Aisne front.

French troops captured 28 prisoners eight miles southwest of Soissons, and also took prisoners in Champagne.

Northwest of Chateau Thierry artillery exchanges are reported.

NEXT BLOW MAY BE LAST

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, July 9.—(By United Press.)—The next German blow against the allied front in France, which is now momentarily expected, may be the last that von Hindenburg will be able to deliver, judging from the increasing tardiness in re-arranging his armies. However, all recognize that the coming blow will be the hardest that von Hindenburg can strike, and will exceed all previous battles in its violence and the number of men and quantity of materials used.

ITALIANS MAKE RAPID GAINS.

ROME, July 9.—(By United Press.)—The Italian offensive in Albania is growing in strength. The Austrians are being pushed back over Niche, and the British are bombarding the enemy from the sea.

Italian cavalry has captured 1500 Austrians and great quantities of war material have fallen into Italian hands.

What is apparently one of the war's greatest battles is now developing in the Albanian mountains, the Italian offensive gaining in strength very rapidly.

WEATHER REPORT PORTLAND, July 9.—Probable

WHITE PINE MEN SHORT OF LABOR

PRESIDENT GEO. W. PALMER
MAKES CORRECTIONS OF
REPORTS

Employers and Operators Are Trying
to Meet the Demands of the
Government

In an interview late yesterday afternoon in his private office out at the plant, President Geo. W. Palmer, in referring to the publication in last Sunday's Oregonian, in regard to the meeting of the White Pine Lumbermen of this city, which was held Saturday afternoon, said in part:

"I do not know the name of the Oregonian's special correspondent here in La Grande, but he certainly got the whole thing pretty badly mixed.

"Everybody knows that Vincent Palmer and W. M. Nichols are connected with the Geo. W. Palmer Co., and not with the Grande Ronde Lumber Co., as reported.

"In the second place, it was not intended that the action of the meeting should be given any publicity whatever, as it was merely routine business in relation to some government contracts with Colonel Disque, U. S. A. and as a matter of fact, this convention here in La Grande was merely an off-shoot, as you might say, of a meeting held about two weeks ago in Spokane.

"This committee has probably already gone to Portland to meet Col. Disque in a meeting of employers, or operators, and that is about all there is to the matter."

Palmer Lumber Co.'s Business.

When asked as to the condition of business this year, Mr. Palmer said:

"Our mills are running to full capacity, except that we are handicapped for men. We are short of men here in the plant, as well as in our different logging camps.

"We are employing in the plant here only 200 men, outside of the general office force, and in the logging camps only about 300, and we need many more in both the camps and here in the mill.

"Notwithstanding we are this year paying high wages for common labor as well as skilled, we are short all the time. It may be that the farmers are getting some of the labor we ought to have. In fact, everybody, farmers included, is short of labor, and wages were never so high as this year.

"Our shipments by rail go to all distributing points in the east and southwest, and business would increase if we could only hire all the men we could use."

U-BOAT WARNING GIVEN.

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 9.—(By United Press.)—The Navy Department has issued a warning that U-boats may strike at the Atlantic coast again. The zone covered by the warning extends from Virginia Capes to New York.

WILL REMOVE TO TACOMA.

G. H. Rush has sold one of his residences on Penn Avenue to G. S. Levy, taking in trade property in Portland. Mr. Rush left today for Tacoma, where he will probably locate.

Labor Shortage De- lays Railroad Work

In a brief interview this morning Superintendent Bollons, as well as a look into Assistant Superintendent Corbett's office, both gentlemen stated that the work of laying the double track over the Hilgard hill is progressing slowly, observes what he said: "Simply because we cannot get men enough to go any faster." It may be the railroads are short of labor, because the farmers are long on the same commodity, although the general complaint from the farmer, as soon as he gets out of his car on Main street is "want more help on my farm. How do you think I am going to save my crops unless some of you city chaps come out and handle a farm for me or drive a moving machine?"

Do you get the idea, ye idlers by the wayside?

HOW HE GOT THERE

Naval Recruit Reduces His Height
Half An Inch.

PITTSBURG, Pa., July 9.—Alexander D. Dunmore, a nephew of Secretary of Labor William B. Wilson, could not add one cubic cent to his stature, but he did reduce his height one-half inch and thereby lowered bars that had kept him out of the Marine Corps.

Dunmore, whose home is at Curville, Pa., applied here for enlistment two months ago. He was told that he was a half-inch over the height limit. Recently he returned and passed.

To the "how-did-you-do-it" inquiries, he explained that a surgeon had "slipped" his arches the half inch. He narrowly missed a new danger, that of flat feet, by the operation.

LONDON TROOPS IN RAID.

LONDON, July 9.—(By United Press.)—Field-Marshal Haig reports that German artillery continues pounding the new position won by the Australians south of the Somme.

London troops successfully raided the German lines east of Arras, taking some prisoners.

"SOME DINNER."

Dr. and Mrs. Charlton and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Diggs and children enjoyed hospitalities at the Mike Royce ranch, near Summerville, Sunday. Doctor Charlton says he has eaten many dinners, and he has for he is no youngster, but somehow the dinner at the Royce ranch Sunday made a great impression upon him. These war times people in town don't fare the best in the world, and while the Royce's live strictly within war regulations, the Jersey cream, ripe berries, home made goodies, all combine to make a person appreciate such a meal. "Somehow that cream, yes, cream from a real live Jersey fullblood, did have a soothing effect upon my nerves," said Dr. Charlton today.

DR. STRAUB IN CITY.

Dr. Straub, of the Oregon University, is in Union and Walla counties to pick up a few students and meet the graduates from the University. The Doctor is getting so he likes to come to Eastern Oregon and admits that he feels perfectly at home in the mountains.

HEAVY CREAM SHIPMENTS TO THE WEST

QUESTION IS RAISED BY CREAM-
ERIES (IN LA GRANDE)
AS TO CAUSE

Highest Prices Paid for Cream Deliveries to Local Creameries, Yet Hundreds of Cans of Sweet and Sour Cream Leave Here by Express Every 24 Hours—Is There a Conspiracy?

"What is the matter with all the farmers of Union county, some of them at least?"

That was the question asked by Manager C. E. Schiffer of the Valley Creamery this morning, as well as Express Agent L. B. Smith.

In an interview this morning with Manager Schiffer, he said in part:

"We are paying cash on delivery 4 cents a pound for butterfat cream, less one cent a pound deducted for transportation charges, yet hundreds of cans of cream, or butterfat are being shipped from here to Seattle, Walla Walla or Spokane, as the case may be, and the shippers get no more money for it than they would by selling the cream to us, and the big advantage of a local creamery, like ours, for instance, is that we will accept even half a can of cream and pay the cash for it."

"It is estimated that the cow population of Union county is about 3,000, but not many pure bred cattle as there was formerly, but that does not affect in any manner the price we are paying or the fact that we are daily losing a lot of business to other cities."

Shipments by Express.

In a short talk with Express Agent L. B. Smith, he said he simply was disgusted when he had to buy butter for his home use and saw every day an average of 100 cans of cream packed in ice and billed to Seattle, Walla Walla and Spokane.

"Only last year, or a few months ago, my night clerk took care of all this business, now I am compelled to employ three extra men and three extra trucks each night of the world in order to handle this increasing business and that is why I have to order butter for my own table, when it is quite positive that if all this sweet cream, or butterfat, that is going out of here each night was to be made into butter by our local creameries we would get the fresh product for much less than we are compelled to pay now."

"I wonder if there is some combination among producers of milk in this county to force up local prices on butter?"

It would look as though the farmers who trade in La Grande or in other towns of the county, have been misled in regard to the milk situation by telegraphic reports of the difficulties now existing in Portland between producers and distributors but as very little of their business ever sees Portland there must be some other reason for export of cream from Union county.

Singers of La Grande Are To Organize

In keeping with the decision of the members of the late 4th of July Community Chorus to effect a permanent organization a meeting has been called for that purpose. Tomorrow, Wednesday night, at 7:30 o'clock in the Presbyterian church the committee on preliminary arrangements will meet the chorus and report. It is desired that not only the members of the chorus that sang on the Fourth but all other music lovers will be present.

The committee advises there are a number of singers in this city that were unintentionally overlooked in the last chorus and it will be their endeavor to enlist all singers in the community who would like to develop themselves as well as add materially to the entertainment of the citizens of this city when the organization is in full way.

SEATTLE HAS WHEAT

Over Half Million Bushels Ready
For Commercial Channels.

A Seattle market report of June 29, as published in the Oregon Farmer, says:

Puget Sound millers today held 560,000 bushels of the 1917 crop in bins and warehouses no. yet ordered by the grain corporation to move east, and the agreement with the government expires tomorrow. With all restraints against handling the wheat now commercially removed, millers expect to grind this wheat, as part as is taking with the new crop and selling the remainder commercially.

Seattle millers are laying off all activities for the new crop year pending further advice as to the wheat price or 1918, and whether Seattle is to be made a primary terminal market, as is now proposed at Washington.

Modernized methods of wheat cultivation and harvest, with power tractors and a reduction of the needs of hand labor, have, millers claim, greatly cut the former overhead charges, while at the same time increasing production, and they claim that to allow the Chicago wheat price at Seattle would mean to penalize consumers.

BETTER THAN AVERAGE.

Wheat Estimate Slightly Less Than In June.

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 9.—(By United Press.)—The Department of Agriculture now estimates that the wheat crop will be 891,000,000 bushels, which is slightly lower than the June prediction of the department. The condition of the wheat crop is considerably better than in average years.

LENINE CAUSES ARRESTS.

Attempt Made To Fix Blame On Counter-Revolutionists.

LONDON, July 9.—(By United Press.)—Lenine has caused the arrest of more than five former members of the Lenine cabinet. He is evidently trying to fix the blame for the recent upheaval, which culminated in the murder of German ambassador Mirbach, on the counter revolutionaries.

IS HOME FROM THE HIGH SEAS

JOE CORBETT LA GRANDE BOY
ON 20 DAYS FURLOUGH

Has Traveled 80,000 Miles And
Brings Back Good Reports Of
Life On The Ocean Wave.

Joe Corbett, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Corbett, is home on a twenty days furlough, after sixteen months' service in the navy with the cruiser San Diego. He has traveled 80,000 miles. The young man is looking fine and feels the same. He says the treatment of the boys in the navy is fine—a hundred per cent. knows the boys in the army are treated as well. "All you have to do is to obey orders and attend to business, and you'll get along tip-top," is the way he explains it.

Some Secrecy Enjoined.

There are some things which are not told, but these related almost exclusively to naval and army movements. While he was mostly in the convoy service, making seven round trips across the Atlantic and knows perfectly well what a submarine looks like, and a good deal as to how they have been maneuvering in the path of the San Diego, he is not permitted to go into any details.

Joe holds the position of second class gunner's mate in the torpedo room.

Still Likes Home.

With all the travel and experience and the good treatment, the young man is emphatic in one thing and that is that there is absolutely no place like home.

"When my term of service is over you will see me right back here in La Grande, and I will be here to stay."

"Oh, gee, but I'd hate to be a slacker when the boys come back," said the young man, with evident enthusiasm. "There will be nobody who will be so near a blank in every way as the ones who shirk the duty of getting into the game," is his conclusion on this part of the war situation.

LOOK OUT FOR SHARKS

Men Out Exchanging Worthless Stocks for Bonds.

An official circular from the treasury department at Washington, D. C., and addressed to Liberty Loan State and County chairman, says:

"There has been reported to us very considerable activity by stock salesmen and promoters, principally those representing companies whose securities are utterly worthless, in efforts to exchange the stocks they are issuing for Liberty Bonds.

"This practice is specifically disapproved by the Treasury Department and we shall be compelled to characterize any continuance of it as an act unfriendly to the Government.

"If any such cases come to your notice, please write promptly, giving name of company issuing the stock which is being offered, its address, name of the salesman, and of the officers of the company if you can get them.

"Meanwhile, we hope that you will give wide publicity to this matter, with a view of stopping the practice complained of wherever possible."

CHARGED HE WAS AGENT OF KAISER

NEW YORK NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER IS ARRAIGNED BEFORE GRAND JURY.

FALSE STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP IS ALLEGED

Dr. Rumeley The Defendant Claims That Paper Was At All Times A Loyal Supporter Of Government In War Activities.

NEW YORK, July 9.—(By United Press.)—Dr. Edward Rumeley, publisher of the New York Evening Mail, was arraigned before a United States grand jury today, and charged with committing perjury. His bail was reduced to \$35,000, which he declares he will be able to furnish.

Dr. Rumeley, in his report to the Allen Property custodian, said that the Evening Mail was owned by Americans, whereas, the authorities charge, it is really owned by the German government.

Evidence in possession of both federal and army authorities shows that Rumeley received money from the German government with which to purchase a large block of stock in the paper.

Dr. Rumeley, in a statement issued from the strong room of the federal court building here, says: "The editorial policies of the Evening Mail were under my absolute and sole control, and were unfettered by any other consideration than my own judgment of what is right from the standpoint of America's interests. The Evening Mail has backed every war activity of the government to the limit of its power, and my return to the Allen Property custodian was truthful."

The federal grand jury has begun an investigation of the charge against Dr. Rumeley.

FEDERAL TAX PROPOSALS.

Burden To Fall On All Luxuries And Many Necessities.

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 9.—(By United Press.)—The treasury department has commanded that a flat tax is to be imposed on retail sales and a specific tax on manufacturers. The department would tax all luxuries and many necessities, including practically all household needs. The basis of the new taxes will be as follows:

Gasoline: 10c a gallon.
Household necessities: 25 to 100 per cent.

Jewelry: 50 per cent.
Telegraph leased wires: 10 per cent.

GERMAN COMMANDER REFUSED

ROME, July 9.—(By United Press.)—It is learned here that Austria has refused to accept a German generalissimo to direct operations on the Italian front.

MANY KILLED IN RAILROAD WRECK NEAR NASHVILLE

FIRE IN THE DEMOLISHED COACHES INCINERATES VICTIMS BURIED BENEATH.

Greatest Loss of Life Was In Negro Coaches, Which Were Crowded—Engines Crashed at High Rate of Speed.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., July 9.—(By United Press.)—Between 80 and 100 persons were killed or injured, when two passenger trains collided this morning on the Nashville-Chattanooga and St. Louis railroad.

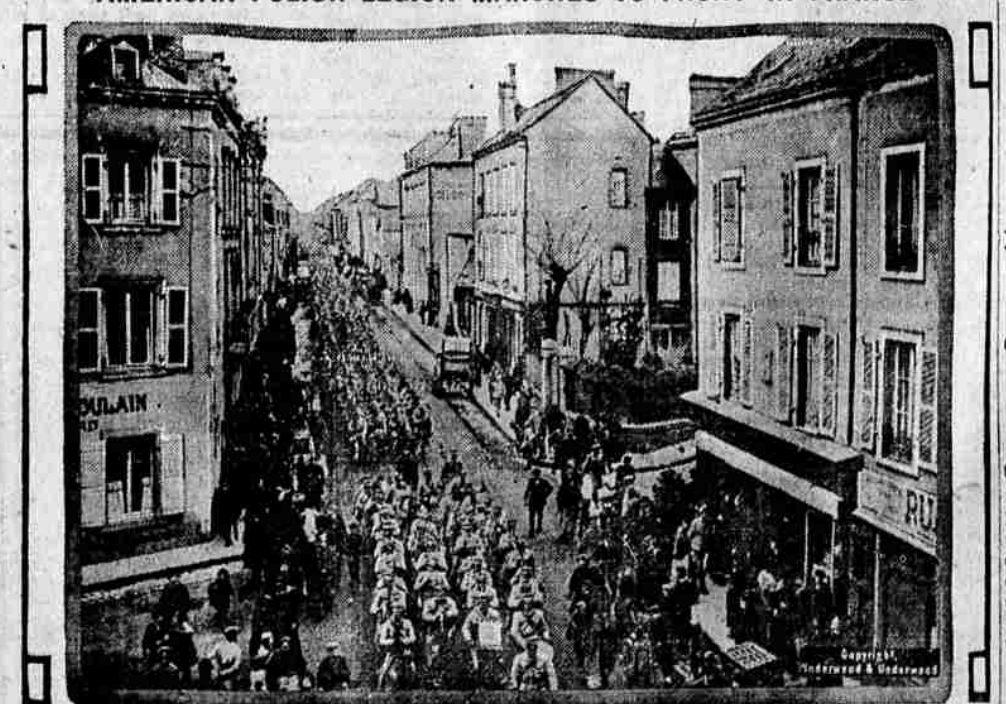
Railroad officials this afternoon, state that they estimate that the dead will total from 20 to 75.

Following the collision, fire broke out in the debris of the cars, and before help could be rendered, a number of passengers, pinned beneath the wreckage, were burned to death. Some of those who escaped death, were frightfully burned.

In response to telephonic messages, a train, carrying doctors, nurses and firemen was immediately dispatched from Nashville to the scene of the disaster. A number of charred and mangled bodies which have already arrived here, have been distributed to the various morgues, where they await identification.

At the time of the collision, which was head-on, both trains were running at high speed, and as a result of the terrific impact, both engines were telescoped, and the coaches reduced to a tangled mass of wreckage. The greatest loss of life occurred in the negro coaches, which were crowded.

AMERICAN POLISH LEGION MARCHES TO FRONT IN FRANCE



With their hand playing martial airs the long line of Polish Legionaries is marching through Laval in France on the way to the front to fight for democracy and the independence of their country. The regiment is composed entirely of American Poles who were trained in the United States. Every man and every officer is a volunteer, and they are all citizens of the United States.

WAR SAVINGS STAMPS ARE NOW BEING SOLD RAPIDLY

REPORT OF F. L. MEYERS OF SALES MADE TO DATE, MAKES GOOD SHOWING.

Out of County Quota of \$324,000, Almost One-half Has Been Paid—Continue Until Full Amount Is Raised.

That Chairman Fred L. Meyers, of the War Savings Stamp committee has not been idle is evidenced by the following detailed report of sales made to date—the territory not entirely covered, but showing brief, that of the county's quota of \$324,000, nearly one half has been collected with an assurance that the county will "go over the top" in a short time.

The report by districts follows:

1.....	52,475	8.....	13,415
2.....	2,410	9.....	1,310
3.....	2,025	10.....	7,920
4.....	1,005	11.....	6,260
5.....	13,950	12.....	275
6.....	2,775	13.....	3,035
7.....	940	14.....	2,030
		15 (Cove) not reported	
		16.....	390
		17.....	4,620
		18.....	2,330
		19.....	1,625
		20.....	510
		21.....	195
		22.....	375
		23.....	8,435
		24.....	485

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