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"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."

FIFTH DRIVE IS ON.

The anticipated big drive of the Germans is now taking place. As has been expected for some time the brunt of the drive as far as it has so far developed is in the Chateau Thierry region, extending eastward. The most fierce operations cover a front of fifty miles, with the prospects that lateral engagements will extend along the whole line of effort, over a distance of two hundred and fifty miles. The effort is to break the allied line at practically the same point where the last drive came to a stop.

The capture of Rheims is a part of the German program and one of the main objects is to occupy the hilly region north and south of the Marne, which will offer a more advantageous situation for both offensive and defensive operations, especially if the present offensive cannot be forced through towards Paris.

Last week Generalissimo Foch, anticipating the heavy part of this attack to occur as it now has, transferred large French forces between Amiens and Chateau Thierry to the locality where the fierce onslaught has now developed. It is probable that the allied forces both in numbers and in their placement are fully capable of withstanding the onrush as at any previous time.

There is a probability that at least one or two days further will be required before any manifest change in the tide will be definitely known.

The drive as now directed is against the French and American forces and the supreme test is now on. It is more than a probability that the greater part of the 350,000 Americans which General March said Saturday were in the battle line, are now up against the most stupendous impact which the German force can concentrate.

Everybody believes that they will acquit themselves as becomes Americans, and that there will be no wavering in resisting what will most likely be the last great rush of the Hun. The outcome will be awaited with anxious but confident interest.

NEED OF DRILLING.

On every hand can be seen the need of military training. Men who now really believe they have lumbago, bad feet, pains in the body can, in many cases, be loosened up with moderate military work so that they will be new men, comparatively speaking.

That would be good for humanity, not only this generation, but the one that is coming later.

Admitting this to be a fact, there is another phase decidedly important at the present moment. If the war continues the bugle call is going to be as commonly heard in the Grand Ronde valley as is the whistle of the O.-W. shops. There is no way to get around it. Every day all lines of endeavor are put aside for the war, and it will come stronger and stronger from now. The business that is not essential is marked for slaughter before many months. The man power must be collected and put in a condition to be used.

The only way to arrive at such a condition is for a course in military training to be given to every man who can possibly do it. Just what will happen to enforce such a condition quickly we do not know. But we know this nation cannot fight a war the size of this with over half the nation unprepared.

Preparation for war is not confined to the front line men. It is not confined to hospital units, neither is it confined to the distribution of feed stuffs. But it should and must reach into every home, and if there is a man in that home who is able to march and drill that man must give a portion of his time to such work.

The younger boys should be organized and put under drill regularly headed by a fife and drum corps from their own ranks.

We are in war, now let us get at it with the same American vim that goes with everything we undertake.

OVER THE NORTHWEST

In Salem they have put a spoke in the wheel of the restaurant fan, who has been using two or three spoonsful of sugar in a cup of coffe or tea. Hereafter it will be at the rate of three pounds of sugar for every ninety meals served. And, at that, the restaurant owner must purchase through the county food administrator and make out a statement showing how many meals were served one year ago.

A wealthy citizen of Salem, Frank Ford, was bound over to the grand jury in the sum of $250 on a charge of grand larceny. The complaining witness against Ford is Mrs. Maude Campbell, who claims Ford stole a cow from her. According to the testimony offered by the State, Ford was waiting upon Mrs. Campbell at the home of her brother, Ralph Swartz, while he was sick, and although he was paying her, it is said that out of appreciation of her care, he gave her a cow. Some trouble came afterwards, after the woman had been in possession of the cow for more than a year, and Ford demanded the return of the animal, which she refused. He sent an man for the cow, and it was taken from her.

Twenty students of the Oregon Agricultural College, who will be in attendance next fall and four members of the faculty will be sent to the Presidio for 60 days' intensive training, beginning July 18, to fit them for army service. Men who care to serve the government must notify President Kerr immediately.

Now comes the good news for Red Cross workers that Sheriff Will Taylor has handed to the local chapter of the Red Cross of Union, $11 in change, which was handed him by Roy Peebler of Union County on the train. The money was a collection taken up on the train by the drafted men from Baker and Union counties on their way to Fort McDowell. The men expressed a fine appreciation of the work of the Red Cross, and were eager to do something for it.

State Fire Insurance Commissioner Harvey Wells reports that, outside of Portland, the losses by fire during the month of June were $224,200, the classification and number of each being as follows: Nineteen dwellings, $23,915; 3 hotels, $4300; 9 sawmills, $145,000; 6 mercantile establishments, $19,800; 1 bridge $200; 3 businesses other than mercantile $8,200; 2 farm buildings, $4750; 6 barns, $8010; railroad property, $4000; hay and grain, $1025; cordwood, $5000. Fires were attributed to the following causes: Defective flues, stoves, etc., 11; matches, cigars, cigarettes, etc., 4; defective wiring, electricity, 2; sparks, 6; explosions and spontaneous combustion, 3; forest fires 2; incendiary, 6; unknown, 15; carelessness, 4.

Col. John Hibbard and John K. Kollock, both of the Oregon Guards, in Portland, addressed a meeting in the Salem armory on Thursday, in which the necessity of careful guarding of city and timber proporey against incendiary fires, and the mance of the spy system, as affecting local conditions, made a deep impression on their audience.

A crew of 12 convicts has been pulling flax on a 10-acre tract near Turner, south of Salem. The flax is the first of the state's crop to be ready for gleaning. Lack of rain has seriously affected the crop.

Fred J. Holmes, fuel administrator for Oregon, makes the statement that Portland may have to adopt a system of fuel rationing before the winter is over. "At present," said Mr. Holmes, "Oregonians can order fuel in unlimited quantities and are being encouraged to get in their supplies. In a short time, however, the entire situation may be changed on account of the demand for fuel in the East and Middle West. The national fuel administration may see fet to divert a large part of our normal flow of westbound coal to the East. Under such conditions, added to the generally increased demand for fuel, Oregon may find herself doling out fuel to huseholders before the winter is over." The regulations laid down by the fuel administration in the East, according to telegraphic advices, indicate that only sufficient coal to keep a house at 68 degrees temperature will be allowed. In addition, householders must follow certain measures in its consumption that will insure maximum conservation.

Weston, Oregon, is to have a new pumping plant, which will soon be installed by the city at the station above town, to be used during the dry season in connection with the gravity system. Orders to quit irrigating will be issued at once.

An important meeting of Weston stock growers will be held in the city Saturday, July 20th. Matters of importance to range men will be discussed. The meeting will be attended by Supervisor L. E. McDaniels, who has charge of the Wenaha reserve, with headquarters at Walla Walla; Mr. Jameson, agriculturist of the Walla Walla banks; Mr. Shrock, Umatilla county agricutural agent; Rangers Bottcher and Jeffreys.

M. S. Shrock, county agent for Umatilla County, reports that H. M. Woolman, in charge of smut control for the Oregon Agricultural College, is in Umatilla county this week, arranging for the placing of smut traps in various sections of the county.

BARONESS DE VICTORICA

Among the persons recently indicted in New York for conspiracy to commit treason and espionage is Baroness Marie de Victorica, who is under arrest. She is said to be a cousin of the German empress.

Concluding the Story of Afternoon Frocks

The conclusion of the summer's story of afternoon gowns introduces a few new and interesting features. When midsummer was barely in sight along came organdie and took its place by the side of crepe georgette as a favorite for the sheerest and quaintest frocks. Then appeared foulard, in bold figured patterns, showing a white design on a colored ground, veiled with georgette, or otherwise combined with it, in the same color. Just by way of showing that georgette is not indispensable these figured foulards have been made up with wide laces, and again foulard has shown itself quite equal to standing alone in gowns that found no room for sheerer stuffs.

A graceful model for a foulard or crepe de chine or soft satin frock appears at the left of the picture. It has a plain skirt with a tunic which starts out by being nearly as long as the skirt, but wanders upward in its course about the figure until it falls to reach the knees, in length. The bodice has a folded vest of georgette, in the color of the foulard, at the front, and an embroidered collar. The small buttons are covered with the silk.

At the right a frock of georgette achieves a tunic effect by the simple expedient of a wide tuck and bands of embroidery or braiding that looks like embroidery. It has a soft and wide crushed girdle of georgette and a scarf collar that hangs below the waistline and is finished with small silk covered balls. The very tiny buttons on the sleeves are covered with several thicknesses of the georgette crepe. Foulard gowns are usually quiet in color, sand, beige, blue and black with navy blue having white figures, are all popular. In georgette and organdie the gayer, flower-like colors are favored. Heliotrope, pale yellow, green, pink, rose and coral are the livelier tones, but sand and grey are never to be left out of the reckoning, in this delicate and beautiful fabric.

Julia Bottomley

Feathers Hang Limp.

Limp feather trimmings are the go. They tumble about hat crowns and over brims and above feminine eyes and noses like weeds run wild in a garden on a wet day. But the effect is tremendously smart; the more of these limp feathers on a hat, the more modish the effect; and in taupe shade they seem to be most popular

CAN WITHOUT SUGAR

Fruits Will Keep, Water May Be Used As Fresh Products.

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 15.—"Keep canning, sugar or no sugar," say specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture. If you can't get enough sugar for home canning put up your fruit without it. The products will keep perfectly until a time when more sugar is available or until a sugar substitute program has been worked out. Fruits put up in this way are excellent for pie-filling and salads and may be used in desserts, puddings, ices and punches.

In canning fruit without sugar, can the product the day it is picked Cull, stem, seed and clean fruit by placing in strainer and pouring cold water over it. Pack the product carefully in hot glass pars or tin cans until full. Use a tablespoon, wooden ladle, or table knife knife for packing purposes. Pour boiling hot water over the product in the hot jar. Place rubbers and caps in position, not tight. If using tin cans, seal completely. Plce in the sterilizer vat, or canner, and sterilize for the length of time given below according to the particular type of outfit used:

	Minutes.
Hot-water bath, homemade, or commercial	20
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5 pound steam pressure	12
10 pounds steam pressure	10

After sterilizing remove the filled containers. Seal jars; invert to cool and test the joints. Wrap in paper to prevent bleaching and store in a dry, cool place. If tins cans are used it will be found advantageous to plunge them into cold water immediately after sterilization to cool them quickly.

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It is much better to lay aside 55 cents at the home each month for the Observer collector, for we much prefer to have the collection on a monthly basis.

An order from the government urges the scarcity of paper and asks that every newspaper circulate no more copies than its actual paid-up list calls for. This we have tried to do in the past, but the habit of letting the subscription run has become all too prevalent and it will have to be reduced down to a systematic basis.

Pfropfhebephrenia.

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PAULINE LEDLERE

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