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TURNING POINT IS REACHED

SOISSONS FALLS---30,000 PRISONERS ARE CAPTURED

GLORIOUS VICTORY IS ACHIEVED

CONQUERING HEROES HAVE DECISIVELY TURNED TIDE OF THE WORLD WAR.

ENEMY IS ON DEFENSIVE IN EVERY DIRECTION

Supply Base of Enemy Is Captured—Ammunition Dumps Blown Up—Number of Prisoners and Guns Taken Thus Far Exceeds Greatest Expectations.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—(By United Press.)—The Franco-Americans have captured the city of Soissons, it is officially reported. This, with the capture of 30,000 Germans, marks the war's turning point.

ALLIES' BIGGEST CAPTURE.

WASHINGTON July 19.—(By United Press.)—It is officially announced that the Franco-Americans have already captured 30,000 Germans. This is the Allies' biggest single capture on the west front during the war.

THE DRIVE ON SOISSONS.

WITH THE AMERICANS IN THE CHAMPAGNE, July 19.—(By United Press.)—The intensity of the battles increased along the entire front from the Aisne to the Marne at two o'clock this afternoon, and found the Americans and French driving forward on an extended advance line towards the Soissons-Chateau Thierry highway, which lies from three to ten miles east of the line on which the fighting started on Sunday, these distances representing the extent of the gains of the French and American armies.

German Counter Attacks Fail. The Germans, this afternoon, aided by powerful bodies of reserves, launched heavy counter-attacks against the Franco-American forces in an effort to stem the advancing tide. The counter-attack was launched on the plateau southwest of Soissons, but it was repulsed after a bloody battle and the irresistible tide of allied strength rolled on towards the city of Soissons. Throughout this section of the front the Franco-American forces were either holding their new lines or were advancing to the east.

American Cavalry Is Released.

American cavalry was released today and quickly pushed across the main highway between Soissons and Chateau Thierry, with the infantry in close attendance to complete the work of routing the enemy which the cavalry had initiated. Huge bodies of prisoners were rounded up and sent to the rear, and the number of big guns captured is steadily accumulating.

Transport System Efficient.

The remarkable efficiency of the transport system of the allies enabled the general staff to maintain a constant flow of men and supplies along the lines of communication. Miles upon miles of motor ammunition trucks maintained ample

ANSWER IS DELAYED

Minnesota Woman Points Out Case of Extravagance.

Senator Knute Nelson, of Minnesota, one of those level-headed, thrifty, descendants of the Norsemen, said in the Senate a few days ago that he received a letter from a lady in Iowa saying that there were women traveling around the state giving instructions to the farmers' wives how to make cottage cheese. They claimed, to be employees of the government and were getting \$8 a day and their expenses. She wrote Senator Nelson, inquiring whether that was true. She felt that, if true, it was a great piece of extravagance. Senator Nelson says he referred the letter to one of the executive departments for information on the subject and got no reply. He wants to know whether the government is paying women \$8 a day and expenses to teach farmers' wives how to make cottage cheese. After the Department of Justice gets through prosecuting the profiteers and after profits get through with its adjournment, perhaps the Senator will get an answer to his inquiry.

CANNING CLUB MET YESTERDAY

INTERESTING DEMONSTRATION AT HIGH SCHOOL.

Miss Cowgill Exhibits New Glass Top Container—Mr. O'Reilly Gives Address.

At the High School building yesterday afternoon, between the hours of three and five o'clock, Miss Helen Cowgill, before a class of young girls, gave a practical demonstration of the art of canning cherries at home, using in her demonstrations the newly-patented glass top containers, standard for government use.

An interesting talk on fruit canning in general was given, while the demonstrator answered the many questions asked by the club members.

In these demonstrations, Miss Cowgill was ably assisted by Mr. O. J. O'Reilly, of the federal food department, who is more particularly interested in animal husbandry, who also told some interesting facts along that line, especially relative to pig clubs and their relation to meat preservation.

Miss Cowgill, accompanied by County Agent Spillman and Mr. O'Reilly, will conduct meetings in Cove, Island City and Union, these dates being announced later.

Monday Miss Cowgill and Mr. O'Reilly will conduct a series of meetings in Baker, in which community there are quite a number of canning clubs already in existence. All of these clubs in Eastern Oregon, as well as canning clubs in other parts of the state, will take part in the prize-winning contests at the state fair this coming fall.

Pig Club Meeting.

At the meeting of boys and girls club yesterday afternoon, Lawrence Trill, Clyde Wilson, Ray Bennett, Lyle Chandler and Verna Sievers, the little girl who is going to raise chickens instead of pigs, were welcomed by Y. M. C. A. Secretary A. H. Prince. Mr. A. J. O'Reilly, the federal food administration agent was also present, as well as Miss Cowgill, who had just come over from attending the meeting of the canning club held in the High School.

Mr. O'Reilly, who is evidently perfectly at home when it comes to addressing small people, gave the boys a few interesting things to think about, which will lead to good results in the future. In the first place, as all the state clubs closed May 26th, the only

IT WILL BE A ROUSING SEND-OFF

FAREWELL AND CELEBRATION TO BE A COMBINED EVENT.

THE VICTORY IN FRANCE LIGHTENS LEAVE-TAKING

Fifty Cars Will Transfer Departing Recruits Monday Evening to the Park, Where Speeches, Music and Dancing Will Hold Sway, in Honor of Departing Young Men.

Preparations for entertaining the boys of the draft contingent at the park next Monday night have been completed, and a splendid program will be presented, consisting of good musical numbers, band selections, speaking and a dance.

Will Be Double Event.

Chairman Emahizer announces that the occasion will be made one of celebration and demonstration in honor of the American victory on the Marne, as well as a farewell reception. One brief talk in celebration of the glorious reports from France is arranged for in connection with the leave-taking entertainment at the park.

Will Assemble At Y. M. C. A.

The new soldiers will assemble at the Y. M. C. A. at 8 o'clock, where the band will give a short concert. The Home Guards will see that the boys are taken care of and supplied with conveyances to the park. Fifty automobiles are required to transfer the boys and their relatives. Owners of autos are requested to report at the Y. M. C. A. at 8 o'clock. Quartermaster Nolan Skiff will have charge of the auto parade and those desiring to assist in making this reception and celebration a success are requested to report to Mr. Skiff. The complete program will be announced in the Observer tomorrow. The following have been notified to appear before the local board Monday, July 22, to entrain the following morning at 6:30 o'clock:

- Alexander Dee Davis.
- Theron Spyster Maxwell.
- Willie Alford, Fuller.
- Vivian Leslie Bellus.
- Kenneth Gekeir.
- Lynn Aaron Behnkenkamp.
- Thomas Jacob Lovely.
- James Earl O'Bryant.
- George C. Cross.
- Francis Hyrum Carbine.
- George A. Chadwick.
- Bernard Orton.
- Fredrick Grout.

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BELGIAN SOLDIER THRIVES ON LEAD

LONDON, July 19.—(By United Press.)—Brig. Gen. Carton de Wiart, the Human Verdurin, has broken into the casualty list again, for the tenth or thirteenth time. His latest wound caused the London papers to leave off positive statements and begin estimating how many times he has been a casualty.

General de Wiart is a Belgian in the British army. He holds the Victoria Cross. His latest photograph shows only four wound stripes, but if he wore all he is entitled to wear he'd be too conspicuous.

KEEP A BEE TO STING HUNTS!

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 19.—(By United Press.)—The little busy bee improves each shining hour just like a Red Cross worker these days, and he's stinging the Kaiser quite considerably.

About 250,000,000 pounds of honey are produced annually in the United States, the department of agriculture announces. This is an important contribution to the nation's food supply, particularly in these days of sugar shortage. The department urges an increase in honey production to at least 10 to 20 times the amount now produced. The available supply of honey nectar at present is only touched by the busy bees.

LECTURE ON CANNING

Arrangements have been made for a demonstration in canning by Miss Helen Cowgill, between the hours of 4:30 o'clock (tomorrow) Saturday, afternoon, and 6 o'clock in the evening. This arrangement has been made in order that the mothers, or others—men or women—interested in the subject of scientific canning of fruits, or vegetables, under government rules, may have the opportunity of attending the demonstration.

The lecture and demonstration given at the High School building was principally attended by members of the canning clubs of La Grande, as in line with the college extension work, looking forward to the contests by the clubs of the state to be held at the State Fair in the fall.

MARRIED.

The wedding of Clyde Carrico, of Orsino, Idaho, and Miss Anna A. McIlroy, of Elgin, took place at the M. E. Parsonage July 18, 1918. Dr. Fesse, of the M. E. Church officiating. The bride is niece of Deputy Sheriff McIlroy, of La Grande.

VICTORY BELLS RING.

At 4:30 this afternoon bells will ring and whistles blow and community noise will proclaim the deciding victory in France. City, railway and mill officials are co-operating in the demonstration. It is suggested also, that auto horns be impressed in the service everywhere, and also that a parade be formed to begin somewhere in the vicinity of the Elks' Temple.

Everybody is asked to join in gladness noise at 4:30 o'clock.

PROJECTED PLANT AS IT NOW EXISTS

COMMITTEE IS ARRANGING TO HAVE REPRESENTATIVES VISIT HERE.

METHOD OF OPERATION EXPLAINED IN DETAIL

Grange Meetings of Farmers to Be Called, Where County Agent, With Factory Men Can Confer With the Growers For All Their Products, is Necessary Preliminary Step.

"The only way to get a start for the proposed dehydrating plant in La Grande, is to start it. Get our committee in touch with a representative of the company, invite him out here, take him over the county, call grange meetings here, in Union, Cove and Elgin, and sign up the contracts. I'm ready to go, whenever Chairman McKennon says the word."—P. H. Spillman, county agent.

"It will be a big thing for La Grande, and all our farmers, to have such a plant here."—J. G. Snodgrass. To meet a generally expressed desire for a more definite explanation of the methods employed by a dehydrating plant, the Observer is giving a short description of its methods, taken from the manager's statement of the Salem plant.

What Dehydration Is. E. Clemens Horst, the big hop grower, not only turned his 600 acres of hops into a vegetable growing garden near Salem, but introduced a dehydrating plant of his own on the grounds.

The following excerpt from an article he wrote a short time ago, gives a faint idea of these modern methods of evaporation, and their value:

"The general adoption of dried vegetables instead of canned stock will, to a pretty big degree, solve the car shortage troubles of the country, as it will require 167 cars to transport the same food value of canned vegetables as for a single car of dried stock. This estimate is based on the following figures: That it takes 52 cars of canned vegetables to equal one of dried stock; that the transportation of empty cans necessitates another 52 cars; that the lumber used in box shooks for this amount requires 23 lumber cars; that the tin (hauled raw) in the cans needs six and one-half cars, and that the other materials will use up ten cars," according to the report.

Mr. Horst has succeeded in getting (Continued on Page 3)

WILL ATTACK WEEVILS

Warehouse Men And Millers To Have Assistance Of Expert.

O. A. C. Corvallis, July 18.—Grain weevils and moths which are present in many warehouses and mills in Oregon and are doing untold damage to the cereals and food products of various kinds are expected to receive the undivided attention of a federal expert, who has been carrying on work of the same kind in California. This is being done at the request of Lester Lovett, entomologist at O. A. C.

The government man will work in co-operation with the extension service of the College and carry on actual control demonstrations in warehouses and mills throughout Oregon. Warehouse men and millers who desire assistance are requested to communicate with the extension service at O. A. C. or with Professor Lovett as it is desired if possible to get this work started within the next week or 10 days as the ideal time for the treatment in warehouses is while they are practically empty.

STOCKMEN ARE INTERVIEWED

HOME BREEDERS SOLICITED FOR WALLA WALLA EXHIBITS

Summerville Meeting Adopts Many Rules Covering All Phases Of Stock Handling.

Forest Supervisor E. McDaniels, of the Wenaha National Forest, with headquarters at Walla Walla, accompanied by C. L. Jameson, Agriculturalist for the Farmers Savings Bank of the same city, spent yesterday in La Grande consulting with the officers of the Union-Walla County Fire Associations regarding co-operation work between the association and the United States Forest Service.

In addition to attending to official business Messrs. McDaniels and Jameson, accompanied by County Agent Spillman interviewed a number of the leading breeders of pure bred stock relative to exhibiting at the Walla Walla fair September 9th to 14th.

A strong representation of all classes of Union County stock was assured. Supervisor McDaniels is making a tour of the forest and meeting with all established co-operative Live Stock Associations and organizing others. Since leaving Walla Walla he has attended meetings at Dayton, Pomeroy, Gloverland, Troy and Summerville, and expects to visit Gibbons and Weston before returning to his headquarters.

A new association was organized at Troy and one will be organized at Gibbons.

At the meeting at Summerville the association in addition to adopting "special rules" concerning the co-operative purchase and handling of salt, hire of herders, construction and maintenance of improvements, vaccinations for black leg and burning of all carcasses on the range, purchase of registered Sloathorn or polled Durham bulls for each twenty-five head or fraction thereof of female cattle over six months of age and dehorning.

Also voted to exhibit a carload of mixed one and two year old range beef steers at Walla Walla and also named a committee to attend a call meeting by Supervisor McDaniels, for the purpose of effecting a central organization of all the local associations on the forest. A committee consisting of Dan Murchison, Wm. McClure, and A. C. Glenn were appointed to select and exhibit the range stock while President James Woodgett and George Wade were appointed to attend the call meeting.

SUMMER SCHOOL NEXT MONDAY

Miss Hulda Anderson, and Miss Mollie Snider will open a summer school next Monday morning in the Central School house, for the pupils in the intermediate grades. However, any of the children who failed to pass in their examinations are welcome to take advantage of the opportunity to go on with their work before the next term of school opens in the fall.

IMBLER HAS A PROGRAM FOR SUNDAY

RESIDENTS OF THE WHOLE COUNTY ARE INVITED TO BE PRESENT.

COMMUNITY FLAG IS TO BE RAISED AT IMBLER

There Will Be Patriotic Services at the Chautauqua Tent, and Interesting Programs—Grand Army and Spanish War Veterans to Attend As Special Guests.

The people of Imbler are preparing to make Sunday a day of devotion to the sacred cause of democracy. With the assistance of the chautauqua tent and others, there will be patriotic services at the tent at 11:00 a. m. and at 3:00 p. m. At three in the afternoon the new community flag will be raised on an 80-foot pole, with appropriate ceremonies, preceded by a program.

Imbler extends a cordial invitation to all the residents of Union county to be present and a special invitation to Grand Army and Spanish-American war veterans. The Grand Army veterans are to take part in the flag raising.

During the chautauqua season the Red Cross ladies will serve dinners and suppers, and on Sunday a chicken dinner will be served at 1 o'clock with a lunch or supper in the evening. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the local Red Cross.

FURTHER ENDORSEMENT

State Superintendent Approves Baby Saving Campaign.

What is your city health bureau doing to save 566 babies? We can always rely upon Oregon's Superintendent of Public Instruction:

"The work of the Children's Bureau, as carried out by the Woman's Committee, Council of National Defense, under the direction of Mrs. Fred G. Schille, meets fully my approval, and I trust that Mrs. Schille will have the co-operation of all the teachers of the State in carrying on this most important work.

Child life must be conserved in America as it has never been conserved before as a means of national defense. We must look after the health, the education and the living of the American child if we are to have the American manhood and womanhood that we shall need in America at the close of this war to assist in building the new and related world that is going to rise out of the ruins of the old."

Very sincerely yours, (Signed) J. A. CHURCHILL, Supt. Public Instruction.

GRASS FIRE CALLS OUT DEPARTMENT

About 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, in response to a fire alarm from Box 45, the fire department made a quick run to the corner of Cove and Cherry streets and smothered a grass fire, found burning around a house. The men did not stop long enough to learn the names of the occupants of the premises, as no damage was done.

ACCEPTED FOR SERVICE

After Three Attempts, Walter Leale Joins Canadian Forces. Walter Leale, of this city, and a brother of Mrs. W. Cass, was accepted yesterday at Seattle and will be allowed to join a Canadian contingent. He left Seattle last night for Halifax. This young man is an Englishman by birth and he made three previous attempts to get into the service, and each time was turned down for one reason or another.

TAKING FOOD UP TO THE AMERICAN TRENCHES



Transporting food on a narrow-gauge road, car hauled by mule, to the trenches under cover of dense woods.

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