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GERMANS MUST RUN GAUNTLET

FRANCO-AMERICAN GUNS LEAVE AVENUE OF ESCAPE ONLY SEVEN MILES WIDE.

AMERICANS HAVE TAKEN THE TOWN OF BUZANCY

Inactivity of German Guns Believed To Indicate Their Withdrawal To North—Sky Is Afame As Germans Put Torch To Villages In Their Retreat—Important River Bend Is Captured.

LONDON, July 23.—(By United Press.)—The Franco-Americans, it is announced, have resumed the offensive between the river Ourcq and the city of Soissons and are attacking fiercely along the whole of a 15 mile front.

The British have captured Petit-Champs wood, near Marfaux, between the river Marne and the city of Reims.

AMERICANS IN NEW ZONE.

With French They Capture Villages North Of Montdidier.

PARIS, July 23.—(By United Press.)—Along the entire southern section of the Marne salient, activity last night was confined to artillery fire, says the official communique issued here.

North of Montdidier, the Franco-American forces advanced on a three mile front, capturing three villages and three hundred Germans.

HUNS ARE NEARLY TRAPPED

Allied Guns Are Shelling Them From Both East And West.

PARIS, July 23.—(By United Press.)—Dispatches from the front declare that the Franco-American artillery is now in such a position that it can bombard the Germans both from the east and west in the Rheims-Soissons salient. At present the shell fire from both points of the compass are within seven miles of meeting, this leaving but a narrow avenue through which the Germans can withdraw.

AMERICANS TAKE JAULGONNE.

LONDON, July 23.—(By United Press.)—The Americans have captured the town of Jaulgonne, on the north bank of the Marne, and about five miles northeast of Chateau Thierry. In this action they brought in 300 prisoners.

The French hold the entire bend of the Marne from Charleville to Treloup, Jaulgonne, the town taken by the Americans, being midway between the two towns.

The Franco-Americans repulsed a sharp German counter-attack at Vandiers.

Between the Aisne and the Ourcq the Franco-American forces are still making progress.

The comparative inactivity of German artillery in the Rheims-Soissons salient, indicates that the enemy is withdrawing his big guns.

Americans Take Buzancy.

According to reports received here, the Americans have captured Buzancy, a town lying east of the Soissons-Charleville highway.

The French are reported to be holding the whole of the town of Oulchy le Chateau.

HUN IS MARKING HIS TRAIL.

True To Form He Blazes His Path With Fire In Town And Village.

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 23.—(By United Press.)—Provost Marshal Crowder has issued a call to 59,325 negroes, who are to entrain on August 5th for service with the colors.

W. FRANK PERSONS



W. Frank Persons, director general of the department of civilian relief of the American Red Cross.

WHAT BOYS AND GIRLS CAN DO

PIG, POTATO, CORN AND RABBIT CLUBS POPULAR.

What Other Boys And Girls Are Doing, Any Boy Or Girl In Town Or Country Can Do.

Assistant Emergency County Agent A. H. Prince reports that while in Union last Saturday afternoon, inspecting war gardens, A. J. O'Reilly, assistant state club leader, also had a look at the pure bred Duroc pigs of the sons of McDaniels, the well-known stock breeder in that part of Union county, and said that it was one of the best, if not the best bunch of pigs he had as yet come across, and these young boys should be able to carry off blue ribbons at the forthcoming State Fair to be held in Salem in September.

Speaking of pig clubs, Mr. Prince said he had on his list of youngsters, corn club, potato club and rabbit club boys and girls.

For instance, there is D. Smutz, out on the road to Hot Lake, just beyond the city limits, who has corn growing that is now 9 feet tall—more than twice the height of the boy himself.

Rupert Clark, of Island City, has the best field of potatoes so far inspected this summer.

But little Valeria Swan is the girl who is making money, and lots of it. Belgian hares, when about four weeks old, are better than young chickens for frying and not so expensive to raise, and can be sold to consumers at a much less price.

This little girl has already contracted for all her output, which are less than four weeks old, at 25 cents each, having already earned about \$30.

As these fine little animals are easy to raise, and are prolific breeders, here is a chance for good money for any boy or girl who will take the trouble to look into the subject.

UNION RED CROSS AUCTION.

ENON, July 23.—The Junior Red Cross of Union will hold an auction, Saturday, July 27, at the bandstand at 7:30 in the evening.

There will be a refreshment booth on the street. This is Union's first auction, and Nellie Lemon, secretary of the Junior Red Cross sends out the call for everyone to come and help make it a success.

PRISONER LIST IS TOO LOW

One Army Alone Has Captured More Than 20,000.

PARIS, July 23.—(By United Press.)—Correspondent Mellett states that when all the war prisoners are counted, it will probably be discovered that one allied army alone has captured more than the present official estimate of 20,000.

COOLER WEATHER.

The local weather office yesterday reported a big drop in the thermometer, as it registered only 83 degrees as against 102 a few days ago.

SOCIAL IS POSTPONED.

The L. D. S. Sunday School social, which was to have been held on the evening of July 24, has been postponed indefinitely on account of the death of Mrs. N. W. Schofield.

AVIATORS SET FIRE TO HUN BASES

MORE THAN 32,000 POUNDS OF BOMBS ARE DROPPED—TOWNS IN FLAMES.

BRITISH NOW EXPECT BIG HUN OFFENSIVE

Watchfully Waiting For Blow To Be Struck Against Allied Lines On Pleadingly Front—Great Masses Of German Storm Troops Are In Readiness And Only Await Signal

PARIS, July 23.—(By United Press.)—The Allies have further hampered German attempts to avert disaster by swift withdrawal from their present front by setting fire to the cities of Pore-en-Tardenois and Fismes in the Soissons-Reims salient. A large squadron of Allied aviators have dropped more than 32,000 pounds of bombs on the two cities, which are now burning furiously.

Pore-en-Tardenois and Fismes are the two great bases from which the Germans have been directing their operations in the drive on the Marne and are very important strategic points.

The allies are still progressing at several points, while the Germans continue to withdraw toward the River Vesle, on which it is believed their new line of defense is prepared.

BOMBARD ENEMY LINES.

Nine Enemy Planes Were Brought Down Yesterday.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—(By United Press.)—French cables to official circles here state that French aviators have dropped more than a ton of explosives on various depots on the enemy lines of communication and cantonments in the valley of the Vesle.

Yesterday nine enemy aeroplanes were brought down by allied aviators and anti-aircraft gunfire.

FARMERS URGED TO LIST HELP WANTED

COUNTY AGENT SPILLMAN REVIEWS FARM LABOR QUESTION—OFFERS ADVICE.

"I am told that men are passing through La Grande continuously looking for farm work. They apply at the Y. M. C. A. or the fire station for work, but in case there is no call for help listed, these men invariably pass on, either going west or east, and leave this section with that much less help," says Paul H. Spillman, county agent. Continuing Mr. Spillman says:

"Let these agencies know your labor wants, but do not wait until the last minute, and expect to run in and pick up a crew. If necessary, get your men several days before harvest time and put them to mowing weeds, fixing fences, or any work. In this way it is probable that considerable help may be picked up.

"Let your labor wants be known ahead of time, and you will benefit thereby."

TURKEY PROMISES TO MAKE AMENDS

WILL DO HER DUTY TO U. S. IF HER TROOPS COMMITTED OUTRAGE AT TABRIZ.

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 23.—(By United Press.)—It is announced here that Turkey has promised to make full amends to the United States if it is definitely ascertained that Turkish troops were responsible for the anti-American outrages at Tabriz.

It will be remembered that Turkish soldiers were alleged to have looted and fired the American consulate and an American-owned hospital in Tabriz, Persia, on the occasion of the occupation of the city by Turkish troops. The report was confirmed by Spain, and the American dispatched a strong note to the Turkish government.

TAKES OVER CANAL.

U-Boat Menace On Atlantic Coast Is Met By Government.

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 23.—(By United Press.)—The government has taken over Cape Cod canal, which cuts off 79 miles from the sea route between Buzzard's Bay and Sandwich, Mass.

The seizure was the direct result of the menace offered by the visit of German U-boats to the Atlantic coast.

MORE THAN HALF MILLION IN NAVY

SECRETARY DANIELS MAKES IMPORTANT STATEMENT OF NAVY'S PERSONNEL.

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 23.—(By United Press.)—Secretary of Navy Daniels today announced that the enlisted personnel of the navy has now passed the half million mark.

The total strength of the armed naval forces is 593,793, to which are to be added 90,000 laborers, mechanics and office men.

VON HINDENBURG IS SERIOUSLY ILL

HAS NOT BEEN IN COMMAND SINCE JANUARY—TOO TIRED EVEN TO SPEAK.

LONDON, July 23.—(By United Press.)—Various dispatches which have arrived here declare that von Hindenburg has been too ill since as long ago as January of this year to direct military matters.

He attended the recent imperial reception only with great effort.

If he speaks he quickly becomes tired, and he lies at Hanover in a critical condition.

ROOSEVELT SAYS HE WILL NOT RUN

DECLARES HE IS TOO BUSY WATCHING WAR TO CONSIDER GOVERNORSHIP

NEW YORK, July 23.—(By United Press.)—Colonel Roosevelt today announced that he is far too busy watching the conduct and progress of the war in Europe to become a candidate for the post of Governor of New York.

TAKE OVER ALL WIRE SERVICES

TELEPHONES, TELEGRAPHS & WIRELESS TO BE RUN BY GOVERNMENT.

THE PUBLIC ARE TO OWN ANOTHER UTILITY

Postmaster-General Announces That His Department Will Extend Value Of Service To Public At Cost Of Operation—Will Mean Big Improvement.

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 23.—(By United Press.)—President Wilson today signed an executive order placing the nation's lines of communication under government control on July 31st. David J. Lewis will be director of the service under Postmaster-General Burleson.

The government thus takes over control of all the telephone, telegraph and wireless systems in the United States from the 31st of this month.

Postmaster-General Burleson today announced that the post office department will try to run the lines with a much broader use of the service at cost to the public. He said: "The change will not affect press leased wires, except to improve the service wherever possible."

NEW HUN OFFENSIVE

Shock Troops In Large Numbers Await Kaiser's Orders.

ON THE BRITISH FRONT, July 23.—(By United Press.)—The British are watchfully waiting for the great offensive against their lines in Picardy for which they definitely know Prince Rupprecht has been preparing for many weeks.

Plans are complete for this offensive and great masses of German shock troops are held in readiness to be loosed when the signal comes from the German high command.

MRS. SCHOFIELD DIED SUDDENLY

END COMES WHILE SHE WAS WITH OUTING PARTY IN FOX HILL VICINITY.

Mrs. Mary Schofield, wife of N. W. Schofield, died very suddenly at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Schofield was with a party, including members of the family and friends, who had gone up on Fox Hill northwest of town. She had been walking over the hills and had become exhausted from the exertion, and without alarm or warning of any kind, dropped dead.

Mrs. Schofield was about 65 years of age. The family are well known residents of La Grande and they occupy a farm on the foothill road south of town. They have been residents of this community for upwards of 20 years, and Mrs. Schofield was known as a woman of most exemplary character.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Schofield leaves six children. Ray, the oldest (Continued on Page 3.)

ALEXANDER I. KONOVALOV



Alexander I. Konovalov, minister of commerce and industry during the Kerensky regime, has arrived in the United States to inform the administration at Washington of the exact conditions in Russia and to ask aid for that war-torn country.

"PERSHING'S CRUSADERS."

GOVERNMENT SANCTIONS FILM SHOWING U. S. IN WAR.

Public To Have Views Of This Country's Activities Through Official Pictures.

Under the title of "Pershing's Crusaders," a series of moving pictures have been prepared showing actual and authorized scenes of the war. The pictures are presented under direction of the United States committee on public information.

Everybody wants to know at this time what the government is doing in war work and what the boys are doing "over there." These pictures show it all. They constitute the greatest educational as well as inspirational views ever presented. The great features are being shown to crowded houses in all the principal cities of the east and are now being given in Portland. The Arcade Theater in La Grande has secured these films and they will be presented here just as soon as they are released from Portland.

In these views the United States Government has made it possible for the great American public to be an eyewitness to the vast activities of the army and navy both "Over Here" and "Over There." Through the medium of the motion picture you are enabled to see in the making the momentous force which is to end the greatest war of the ages.

These official pictures will give the people of La Grande their first opportunity of seeing our boys in action in France; to understand just what these months of preparation have brought about in co-ordinating our common enemy; to enable the worker in the factory and office, the toiler in the field—in fact, every man, woman and child who is doing his or her part, to visualize the result of their labor to the present time.

These remarkable pictures will show those who subscribed to the Liberty Loans, Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., Knights of Columbus, Navy and other campaigns what their money has accomplished.

Every American will be intensely interested in seeing the baking of mountains of bread for the Army; the making of millions of uniforms; the manufacture of tons of guns; the launching of thousands of airplanes into the air and thousands of ships into the sea. You will see our Navy and our Army in action thrill with a vital pride at sight of—our own crusaders striding in legions on to victory!

You will see the first line trenches in France, the first batch of German prisoners caught by the Yankees—the hundreds of important and interesting details of modern warfare. You may see your boy or your neighbor's boy, or your friend behind the lines at work or marching through the streets of some little French town.

You will see the mighty Pershing President Poincare of France, and Secretary of War Baker on his recent tour of inspection of our armies in France. In short you will see America in the war. This remarkable motion picture, fittingly entitled "Pershing's Crusaders," was photographed by official government cameramen, sent with the army and navy for that purpose (Continued on Page Six.)

POPULACE JOINS IN FAREWELL

SELECTED MEN OF TWO COUNTIES WERE GUESTS OF HONOR LAST NIGHT.

R. J. GREEN AND J. L. RAND SPEAKERS OF THE EVENING

Eloquent Addresses Appeal To The Hearts Of All—Stirring Music By Band—Women Sing With Fine Effect—Dance Closes Evening.

"God bless our boys in France—every one of them—if their blood is shed, it will be spilled for us and for freedom, and if they come home, and I hope they do, we will honor them for ever."—Hon. John L. Rand.

A rousing patriotic demonstration and farewell marked the eve of the departure of the 91 select men of Union county and 62 from Wallowa yesterday evening.

The master of ceremonies, C. A. Emahiser, saw to it that there were no breaks in the program. The band played several patriotic selections before the introduction of R. J. Green, who made the opening address.

Mr. Green made two points in his address of only a few minutes. He said there were two classes of soldiers—those already in France, and those, like the men before him, who were preparing to go.

One other good point he made was the manner in which he depicted our unpreparedness a year ago, and the lies the Kaiser told his people and is still telling them. But the Americans surprised not only the Kaiser, but our allies in putting into France an immense army, completely equipped, and today is leading in crushing the Germans back.

"Americans are taught in childhood to be independent men and not machines, like the Germans," he said was the secret of our success.

Hon. J. L. Rand.

As a fitting prelude to the address of the Hon. John L. Rand, of Baker, Mrs. P. A. Foley sang the "Red, White and Blue." The song was followed by an encore, which was instantly demanded by the audience.

Mr. Rand, having a son in the service himself, was particularly well qualified to speak straight to the hearts of the sons of his neighbors.

From the start to the close of his 30 minute address, Mr. Rand held his audience to the deepest appreciation of every word that he uttered.

"One year ago today America was wholly unprepared for war—today she is one great furnace of war activity from one end of the land to the other; munitions, arms, and ships are building with feverish zeal. We have 1,200,000 men or thereabouts over there now, and 250,000 more on the way with 200,000 on the western front. If need be, we will put 5,000,000 men in the field to end Prussianism."

Almost as a benediction came the last sentences of the speaker, Hushing to intense silence the great crowd about him:

"God bless our boys in France—every one of them—if their blood is shed, it will be spilled for us and for freedom, and if they come home—and I hope they do—we will honor them forever."

Immediately following Mr. Rand's able address, came as a fitting close the song rendered by Mrs. T. J. Serogin "Up to a Man."

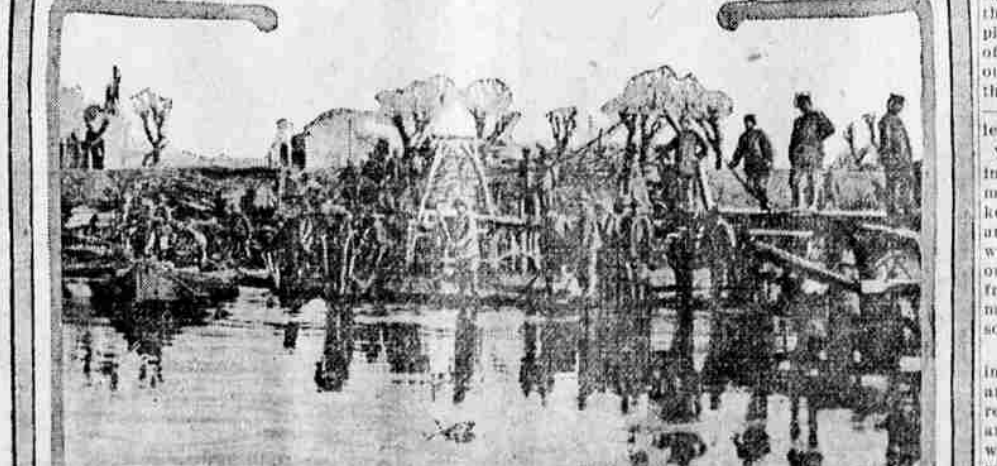
If ever any bunch of young soldiers, before leaving home, had their hearts filled with courage and affection for those who love them, it is the ones who left this morning.

About ten o'clock the band struck up some dance music and dancing ended an auspicious evening.

Many See Boys Entrain.

The Union and Wallowa county contingents got away on a special train at about 7 o'clock this morning. An immense crowd of relatives and friends were at the depot watching the departing soldiers' final good-bye. While some of the leave-takings were of impressive sadness the general air was one of (Continued on Page 4.)

ITALIAN TROOPS WHO ARE FIGHTING ON THE PIAVE



ITALIAN OFFICIAL PHOTO

These Italian troops have driven back the Austrians on the Piave and are busy constructing a pontoon bridge to cross that river.