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## AMERICANS DRIVE HUNS TO THE NORTH

### BOMBARDMENT OF FERENC-TARDENONIS HAMPERS RETREAT OF GERMANS.

### ENEMY COUNTER ATTACK WINS SHORT LIVED SUCCESS

### Franco-American Artillery and Aviators Bomb Shells and Bombs On Vital Railroad Center—Allied Advance Continues.

PARIS, July 25.—(By United Press.)—The Americans continue their advance against the Germans north and northeast of Chateau Thierry and are now driving on Ferenc-Tardenonis on an unbroken ten mile front.

The Germans are blowing up their ammunition, apparently as a prelude to their evacuation of the city. However, Oulehy has been occupied by the allies and from this city the French artillery is enflanking the retreating Germans, making their retreat very difficult.

Franco-American infantry is now gradually approaching Ferenc-Tardenonis from the west, while a terrific bombardment both from the east and the west is making the city untenable. Many fires have been started in the city by shell fire and aerial bombs.

Twenty divisions of Germans, now massed for strategic purposes, is expected to open counter maneuvers in the near future.

### AN ALL NIGHT BATTLE.

### Americans Win Village And Clear Forest Of Enemy.

WITH THE AMERICANS ON THE MARNE, July 25.—(By United Press.)—The city of Ferenc-Tardenonis, north-east of Soissons, is now under constant fire of the Franco-American artillery and aviators are maintaining a steady rain of bombs upon the railroad depot and yards, seriously interfering with the movement of German materials and men.

Ferenc-Tardenonis is the most important railroad center in the Soissons-Reims salient, and is within five miles of the present battle line.

The Franco-American forces were heavily engaged during the night and were successful in their efforts to clear Rize forest, north-east of Jaulgonne, of the enemy. The breaches in the enemy lines near Jaulgonne have been appreciably enlarged, and the Franco-Americans are advancing in this sector of the salient in spite of sharp rear-guard actions which the enemy is forcing.

### TANKS PLAY BIG PART

### German Papers Say French Used Over 800 "Fly" Tanks.

AMSTERDAM, July 25.—(By United Press.)—The Koelnische Zeitung declares that the French, in their counter offensive, employed over 800 tanks.

The correspondent probably refers to the small "fly" tanks, a new type recently perfected.

### HEAVY COUNTER ATTACK.

### Germans Retake Village And Wood Only To Lose Them Again.

PARIS, July 25.—(By United Press.)—The Germans are heavily counter-attacking north of the Marne in the Dormans region. Last night they occupied the village of Chasmines and a wood north of Treloup, but the positions were soon retaken by the allied forces, says an official communication.

### ALLIES PRESSURE STRONGER.

### Seriousness Of Germans Position Is Daily Increasing.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES ON THE MARNE, July 25.—(By United Press.)—The allies continue their relentless pressure on the Germans in the Soissons-Reims pocket.

In spite of their resistance, vital point after vital point is giving way, and the seriousness of the German predicament is becoming daily more marked.

### LA GRANDE SLOGAN.

Something new in the way of slogans has just been published by City Manager Carrey, and reads like this: "Do you know it's true? The rumors you repeat may injure our own boys and assist the enemy."

## MARGUERITE CLARK TO MARRY OFFICER

### POPULAR MOVIE STAR NOW PLANS TO PLAY ROLE OF WAR BRIDE.

NEW YORK, July 25.—(By United Press.)—Miss Marguerite Clark known throughout the world for her clever portrayals on the movie screen, today announced her engagement to Lieut. Palmerston Williams of New Orleans.

### INDOOR BASEBALL.

It's a great game as you watch it played by the Y. M. C. A. secretary and a bunch of "kids." Keeps the boys off the street, besides being the best kind of exercise for growing boys.

## ALL MUST HAVE WATER METERS

### FIFTY ADDITIONAL REQUIRED TO COMPLETE CITY SYSTEM

### Pipe Line Is Taxed To The Limit—City Warrants At Par Instead Of A Discount.

As the city is now running on a strict yearly budget basis, no way can be found until another budget is made next November, to raise the salaries of city employees. But one thing was arranged for the benefit of city employees, and that is that the banks will hereafter accept all city warrants at par, instead of taking them at a 2 per cent. discount.

In rising to a point of privilege, Water Foreman F. G. Kline, in behalf of himself and other city employees, explained his own position in asking for an increase in salary, by telling the commission of the difficulty in finding all the water meters.

President, McKennon said that all the meters should be plainly marked and easily located, and "if you cannot find them it will be easy enough to find someone who can."

That was taken in good part, and ended the discussion. City Manager Carrey's regular weekly report, indicates that, should there be a much larger use of city water during the summer, the pipe line cannot carry it.

In explaining the matter afterwards, Mr. Carrey stated that at present the pipe line from the mountain reservoir leading to the city reservoir passes over several very high places, where the flow of water is slowed down, but by moving the pipe line further up stream or up the mountain higher, presumably a much higher pressure could be secured.

The report follows: City of La Grande, Oregon, July 24, 1918. To the Hon. Commission, City of La Grande, Oregon. Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report for the week ending July 24th, 1918: The fire chief reports three fires for the week. The first was a grass fire at the corner of Cherry and O. Alarm came from box 45. Fire started from sparks from a locomotive. Eleven volunteers answered the call at a cost of \$11. The second was also a grass fire. This was at 2211 Fir Street. This call came from box 41. Thirteen volunteers were out at a cost of \$13 dollars. The third fire was 1202 I Avenue and proved to be a pile of trash back of a woodshed—cause of fire unknown. This call came from Box 43. Six volunteers responded at a cost of \$6. The chief reports that his fire employment bureau has had calls for 32 harvest hands, 12 sawmill hands, 4 cherry pickers and 1 dish washer for the week, and that he has been able to furnish seven men for the sawmills and eight for the farms.

The chief of police reports six arrests for the week, one of which was a state case, two for disorderly conduct, three for traffic violations. Amount of fines and forfeitures \$52.50.

The report from the Street and Water Departments shows a total expense for labor for the week of \$120.88. Thirteen dollars and forty cents of this is charged to the water and sewer department and one hundred seven dollars and forty-eight cents to the street department. The sewer on O Street had become clogged and required reopening. We also had a leak at the fire hydrant at O and First. The Street Department also cut weeds on several streets besides the usual gutter cleaning and pavement

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## BRITISH WAR WORKERS HIT GOVERNMENT

### QUARTER MILLION MUNITION MAKERS QUIT WORK AT VITAL MOMENT.

### TRADE UNION COMMITTEE URGES RETURN TO WORK

### War Cabinet Will Take Possession Of Plants—Strike Is Recognized As Direct Blow Against The Government—Strikers May Be Put Into Trenches.

LONDON, July 25.—(By United Press.)—Over 200,000 munition workers are idle in England today as a result of a strike which became effective this morning at Coventry and Birmingham, the two great English centers of manufacture of war material.

It is understood that the War Cabinet is to take immediate possession of the plants affected with the object of forcing the workers to resume work.

The strike, which has been threatening for some days, is regarded as a direct blow at the government, and the authorities are now perfecting plans which will force strikers into the army unless the men immediately return to work.

The Trades Unions advisory committee held a conference with government officials this afternoon as a result of which it urged the strikers to resume work.

Some time ago it was announced that the Labor Party in England had abrogated a working agreement with the government which had been in operation for over a year. Although the real cause of the trouble is somewhat obscure, the relations between the Labor party and the Lloyd-George government have not been good since Arthur Henderson, leader of the party, was dropped from the cabinet.

### ALLIES CONTINUE ADVANCE.

### "While Not Extensive Are Important," Says Baker.

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 25.—(By United Press.)—Secretary of War Baker declares that the Allies "continue to advance in certain territory."

He added that while the gains were not extensive they are important.

### HEAVY RAINS AT UNION.

### War Board Secretary Was Caught Out In Shower.

Assistant District Secretary of the War Board H. L. Du Bois, who had occasion to motor over to Union yesterday afternoon to see about the new government census, got wet on his return. It not only rained, but, he says, it simply poured down for thirty minutes, and to within a mile of Hot Lake.

Doubtless, he said, the farmers of that entire section of the valley will get much bigger crops from the effect of the downpour.

### ENLISTMENTS STOPPED.

### The local board has received notice that all enlistments, either for the army or navy, will be suspended until the August quotas are filled.

### CHAPLAIN J. B. DEVALLES



Chaplain J. B. DeValles, with the Knights of Columbus in France, has been awarded the Croix de Guerre for bravery and coolness while under fire. He was attached to an infantry regiment which was in the thick of the fight, and during the heat of battle he went among the wounded and helped get them to points of safety.

## PERSHING SENDS THE CASUALTY LIST

### HEAVY LIST OF KILLED AND INJURED MARINES DESPERATE FIGHTING ON MARNE.

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 25.—(By United Press.)—General Pershing has forwarded a list of 188 casualties, all sustained in action. The list is as follows:

- Killed in action: 32.
- Died of wounds: 6.
- Wounded severely: 123.
- Casualties in the Marines total: 64, as follows:
- Killed in action: 26.
- Wounded severely: 38.

## BRAZIL WILL DEFEAT THE GERMAN TRICKS

### GOVERNMENT WILL CHECK HUN OPERATIONS BY CLOSING GERMAN BANKS.

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 25.—(By United Press.)—The Brazilian government today struck a blow at the financial end of German propaganda in the republic by ordering the liquidation of three German banks here.

## SIBERIAN PLANS NEAR MATURITY

### PRESIDENT RECEIVES REPLY FROM JAPAN AND CONFERS WITH BRITISH DIPLOMAT

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 25.—(By United Press.)—It was learned authoritatively today that Japan's reply to President Wilson's proposals regarding Siberia, has been received, but it is as yet undetermined whether further negotiations will be necessary.

The President this afternoon held a long conference with representatives of the state department, Secretary of War Baker and the British Ambassador, Lord Reading.

## 4,000 MORE CALLED FOR NEXT MONTH

### BAN LAID ON RELEASES TO THE NAVY, MARINE CORPS AND EMERGENCY FLEET.

### MEN IN THE SHIPPING INDUSTRIES TO REMAIN

### All Class One Registrants of 1918, As Well As 1917, To Be Held Until Quotas For August Are Filled, With Allowances for Rejections at the Army Camps.

Oregon will be called upon to furnish approximately 4000 men for calls during the month of August, according to information received at the selective service headquarters in Portland. The figures are not exact, but are approximately correct.

In view of these calls, there can be no more enlistments of either the first or the later registrants in the navy, marine corps or in the emergency fleet.

The order of Provost-Marshal General Crowder says: "Immediately direct all local boards to refuse releases to the navy, the marine corps and the emergency fleet, to all registrants of the 1917 or 1918 classes, who have been or will be classified in class 1 until a sufficient number of class 1 registrants, physically qualified for general military service, are in sight to fill promptly and properly all calls up to August 31, with a generous allowance for physical rejections at camp. This applies to all registrants, whether or not they have been finally classified and have completed their physical examinations."

### EXPECTS BUMPER CROP

### Frank S. Bridges Well Pleased With His Wheat Prospects.

Frank S. Bridges, who has recently returned from a trip to Los Angeles, stated that he had gone out to his wheat ranch yesterday afternoon and was quite surprised at the big prospective crop of wheat on his 120 acres, about ten miles out from the city on the Cove road.

## HOUSE AND BARN DESTROYED BY FIRE

### The house and barn and adjacent buildings on what is known as the Carbine place, were all destroyed by fire at 3:30 this afternoon. The place has been occupied the past two years by W. H. Duckett. It is located just north of the city park.

But three of the small children were at home, the oldest of whom, George, aged 13, was taken to the hospital badly burned. From reports received, the fire started from a defective flue and the boy sustained the burns in attempting to stop the flames.

Mrs. Duckett and other children were away from home and Mr. Duckett was also absent at work on a nearby farm.

The house was one of the substantial farm buildings of the county, and the loss will reach several thousand dollars.

## NEW RECORD IN BUILDING T. P. D.

### MARIE ISLAND NAVY YARD COMMISSIONS DESTROYER 17 1/2 DAY AFTER KEEL LAID.

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 25.—(The Marie Island Navy Yard has broken all world records by placing the destroyer Ward in commission 17 1/2 days after the keel was laid.

The previous best time for building a destroyer in an American yard was 20 months.

### THE FIRST GOLDEN ROD.

A large bunch of the first Golden Rod of the season was brought in yesterday from one of the by-ways of La Grande. It is also a reminder to lay in the winter's supply of wood and coal.

Uncle Sam says, "Do it now," and save cars for other uses in the winter.

## M'ADDO GRANTS WAGE INCREASE

### EMPLOYEES ARE URGED TO BACK UP GOVERNMENT.

### Decision Is To Be Given Today Affecting The Wages And Condition Of Employees.

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 25.—Wages of railroad shopmen were increased to 48 cents an hour today by Director General McAdoo with proportional advances for assistants and miscellaneous classes in mechanical departments. The new rates are retroactive to last January 1st, are from 5 to 13 cents and more higher than wages paid these men in most shops under the general wage advance allowed two months ago by the director general, but are somewhat less than the labor organizations sought.

Beginning August 1, eight hours will be recognized as a standard working day and overtime, Sundays and holiday work will be paid at the rate of one and one-half times the usual rate. That pay will be given the men as soon as it can be calculated.

The advances apply to about 500,000 men and apply flatly to all sections of the country, despite local differences prevailing heretofore. The addition to the aggregate annual payroll is estimated as nearly \$100,000,000. The advance is the first extensive modification of the new wage scale and was made on the recommendation of the commission on railroad wages and working conditions, following representations of shopcraft that high wages paid machinists and other mechanical workers in shipyards resulted in discrimination against railroad shop employees.

### DEATH OF A. G. HERMANN

### Well Known La Grande Resident Passed Away at Hot Lake.

August G. Hermann, the well known confectionery man of La Grande, died at Hot Lake yesterday evening at 10 o'clock. Mr. Hermann had been ill more or less constantly for several years, his trouble being a growth in the stomach and cancer of the liver. Mr. Hermann was born in Germany July 16, 1864, and on April 2, 1885, married Margaret E. Rowe, to which marriage there was born, and are now living, four children, Clara Hermann, of Chewelah, Wash.; Nina Sullivan, of Spokane, Wash.; Albert Hermann, of La Grande, and Ammie Hermann, now with the colors at Fort McArthur, Calif.

The funeral will be held from the Henry Chapel Sunday at 2:30 p. m. conducted by the Christian church and Rev. Fred Coley, the Christian minister, will have charge.

The following tribute to his memory is contributed by a friend: "Mr. Hermann was a faithful member of the Christian church at La Grande, a thorough student of the Bible and he ever tried to uphold and when others say the dark side of life Mr. Hermann would always point out that every cloud had a silver lining. Though his face was marked with the pains of his physical suffering, he complained not, and was always thoughtful of other people in their sickness. He smiled when he smiled was a sacrifice, a virtue, for he smiled when he was in the agony of pain. Mr. Hermann has left our midst, but his influence will ever be with us."

### WEATHER REPORT.

### PORTLAND, July 25.—Fair.

## 500,000 HUNS NEARLY ENCIRCLED

### CROWN PRINCE BELIEVED TO HAVE WAITED TOO LONG TO EFFECT RETREAT.

### GAINS OF FROM FOUR TO FIVE MILES MADE BY ALLIES

### Americans Gain Two Miles In South While French Capture Two Important Towns.—Germans Using Only Machine Guns In Some Sectors Of Front.

LONDON, July 25.—(By United Press.)—It is learned authoritatively here that the entire German front in the Soissons-Reims salient is under terrific bombardment of allied artillery.

It is now generally regarded that the allies are on the verge of a tremendous, and what may be a decisive, victory.

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 25.—(By United Press.)—Further indications are now available that the German Crown Prince has been playing his armies to stand and fight instead of retreating from the Soissons-Reims pocket, as was originally planned by the German high command.

The allies are now within five miles of Ferenc-Tardenonis, which is the Germans' great traffic center of supply for all units now in the pocket. The center of the town is now within easy range of allied artillery, and is being mercilessly shelled, rendering it practically useless as a base of supply.

More than half a million Germans are now within the pocket, and until a few days ago it was thought that they could escape capture. Owing to the changes in the line which have been brought about by allied pressure it is now recognized that they have sacrificed their great opportunity and the Crown Prince has seriously endangered this great force by deciding to make a stand and fight the battle to a finish.

The Germans are fighting most desperately along the entire front, and at some points are counter-attacking. Elsewhere violent artillery and infantry actions are proceeding.

### AMERICANS ARE VICTORIOUS.

### Pershing Reports Another Gain North Of Chateau Thierry.

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 25.—(By United Press.)—General Pershing reports that the Americans have again been victorious in a fight with the Germans. In an action which took place on Wednesday, the Americans forced the Germans back from one to two miles on the front northwest of Jaulgonne.

### FRENCH ADVANCE FOUR MILES

### Two More Towns Fall As Allies Advance Towards Victory.

PARIS, July 25.—(By United Press.)—Since this morning, the French have advanced nearly four miles, completing the capture of Bois de Chatelet and taking the town of Bree, seven miles north of Chateau Thierry.

At some points the Germans are resisting hotly, but elsewhere apparently only machine gun garrisons remain to guard the positions.

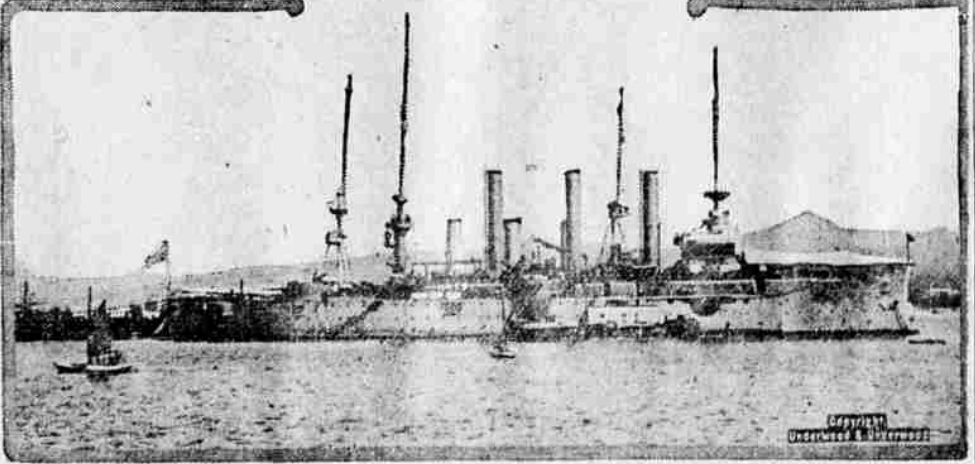
### W. W. McCULLY DEAD

### Railroad Fireman Succumbs After Illness of a Year.

W. W. McCully died at his home in La Grande yesterday after an illness covering the period of a year. The deceased was 34 years of age and leaves a wife and three children. A brother, Floyd McCully, is in the service at Fort Columbia, Washington. A half sister, Mrs. H. Compau, lives in Walla Walla. The deceased was a nephew of John, Frank and Daniel Graham, of Elgin, and of Mrs. Wm. Ferguson, of Pendleton, and Mrs. J. H. Kenney, of La Grande.

The funeral services will be held at the Bohemian chapel Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock and the interment will be in the Elgin cemetery.

## AMERICAN CRUISER BROOKLYN IN VLADIVOSTOK HARBOR



The United States cruiser Brooklyn in the harbor of Vladivostok helping to protect valuable stores and maintain order. Back of it is the British cruiser Suffolk.