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AMERICANS ARE BEYOND HUN BASE

FERE-EN-TARDENOIS FALLS TO FRANCO-AMERICANS AFTER DESPERATE STRUGGLE

YANKS ADVANCE 3 MILES ON A 20 MILE FRONT

German Continue To Retreat From Lower End Of Pocket, Fighting Desperately But Unsuccessfully To Stay Victorious Advance of Franco-Americans.

WITH THE FRENCH AFIELD, July 29.—(By United Press.)—The Franco-Americans, after a terrific bombardment of the German positions, have driven the whole of the Germans out of Fere-en-Tardenois and have already taken possession of the city. Fere-en-Tardenois is the most important of the German concentration and supply bases in the Reims-Soissons salient, and its loss is a very heavy blow to the enemy.

The Franco-Americans also captured the towns of Ronchères and Lille Airon Aigulzy, to the southwest of Fere-en-Tardenois.

REIMS-DORMANS ROAD HELD.

Franco-Americans Make Notable Advance Yesterday.

LONDON, July 29.—It is learned here authoritatively that the Franco-Americans have advanced three miles on a twenty-mile front since noon of Sunday.

The allies now hold the whole of the Reims-Dormans highway and the entire northern bank of the River Ourcq.

The German retreat from the lower end of the pocket continues, with the enemy desperately but unsuccessfully fighting in an attempt to rally his forces and check the advance of the allies.

Today the Americans were fighting heavily with the enemy south of Soissons.

GERMANS BURN VILLAGES.

Offering Strong Resistance At Ville-en-Tardenois.

LONDON, July 29.—(By United Press.)—It is authoritatively ascertained here that the Germans are strongly defending the town of Ville-en-Tardenois (on the Reims-Chateau Thierry line). Allied troops are engaged with the Germans in the southern part of the city.

The Germans are reported to be burning villages within an area of five miles round the city of Soissons.

AUSTRALIANS TAKE TRENCHES

Haig Reports Capture Of Hundred Germans Near Somme.

LONDON, July 29.—(By United Press.)—The Australians have advanced on a two mile front between the Ancre and Somme Rivers, capturing two lines of German trenches and taking one hundred prisoners. In reporting this Field-Marshal Haig said an advance had been made in the Morlancourt sector.

U. S. TO FINANCE CHINA

Celestial Kingdom Is To Receive American Help.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—(By United Press.)—The State Department today announced that an agreement had been entered into between American bankers and the government, where China will receive loans from America.

THOMAS LOVELY HOME

Member of Draft Contingent Relieved From Heavy Service.

Thos. Lovely, one of the ninety-one men who left for Camp Lewis last week, was excused from the customary training assigned the soldiers and was advised to return home where he will await the call, if it comes, for less rigorous work in the service of his country.

FUEL SUPPLIES CUT OFF.

The Sawyer-Holmes Mercantile Co. this morning received notice from the government that all fuel supplies will be cut off from dealers who fail to make regular weekly reports to the administration of supplies on hand.

The circular affects all parts of the United States, and seems to be well understood by all dealers in La Grande.

LAURENCE GINNELL



Laurence Ginnell is one of the Sinn Fein leaders who are mixed up in the recent exposure of pro-German Irish plotting. At present he is in the Mount Joy prison serving a six month sentence.

ALL ENJOYED GAME AND RACES

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT FAIR GROUNDS TO SEE EVENTS.

Something Over \$325 Will Be Added To Army and Navy Auxiliary by Moose Entertainment.

Those witnessing the Moose and auxiliary benefit yesterday afternoon at the fair grounds, saw an impromptu program that would have done credit to a regular event, the combination of races and baseball seeming to please the audience immensely.

The program started off with the free-for-all bicycle race, in which Bud Lynch won first and John Donovan second.

In the bicycle race for boys under 14, B. Garity won first and Clark Price second.

There being only one entry for the free-for-all motorcycle contest, Joe Reimer, that race was merged into the stock machine five mile race. Mr. Reimer riding in this race as an exhibition feature and donating his part of the show to the auxiliary.

Red Williams performed some stunts with a motorcycle and side car that were a revelation to the audience, as he rode in almost every way but upside down.

In the baseball game, Enterprise vs. La Grande, the Enterprise team grabbed the honors, although the home boys put up a fine game, for not having been in uniform this year, nor having a single workout to their credit. The score stood 6 to 3.

The Enterprise boys asked for a return game, which will probably be played on the Enterprise diamond in the near future as Enterprise now has an auxiliary, and the occasion will be a benefit for them.

The five-mile auto race for a special purse, by the three fast ones, Anderson's Maxwell Special, Reiland & Shanks' Meteor, and Farnham's Velle, owned and driven by a lad from Summerville, resulted in Anderson winning the special purse, with Reiland & Shanks a second. There was some fast time made in this contest, some saying a little over five minutes for the five miles and some claiming a little over six minutes.

As the cars circled the track eleven times by mistake, the error probably resulted because of this.

Red Williams won the special purse in the motorcycle and side car race.

The one-half mile slow race was won by Grover Grimmer, there being three cars in the race and two being ruled out on account of coming to a stop before finishing. The purse for this race, \$25, was donated to the auxiliary by Mr. Grimmer.

In the novelty race, one-fourth mile backup, then race a mile, Mr. Grimmer again entered, but in backing up his batteries or engine balked. Don Shanks won first, but donated the prize to the auxiliary.

The special Ford race of five miles, and the race for the Gates Half Sole tires, not filling, the hour also getting late, the program ended. It was long enough and good enough, however, to satisfy.

The one real disappointment of the occasion was the non-appearance of the Joseph Moose band, who volunteered their services and they failed to accompany the visitors. Had the management been informed of the fact that they were unable to attend other arrangements would have been made for music.

Something over \$325 will be added to the auxiliary.

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HUN BASE AT FISMES NEW OBJECTIVE

FRANCO-AMERICANS NOW ONLY EIGHT MILES SOUTH OF RAILROAD CENTER.

NEW POCKET FORMED BETWEEN VESLE AND OURCQ

Allied Advance Has Carried Franco-Americans Several Kilometers Beyond River Ourcq, Where Germans Big Effort Was Expected To Be Made To Halt Allies.

PARIS, July 29.—(By United Press.)—Sweeping northward from the River Ourcq, the Franco-Americans are now within 8 miles of the city of Fismes, an important German concentration base on the Vesle River.

Fighting of a most desperate character is now progressing in the new pocket which has been formed by the allies' advance between the Ourcq and the Vesle Rivers.

The Germans are fighting vicious rear guard actions and are strongly covering their retreat to the Vesle River.

At several points the Franco-Americans have pushed forward several kilometers beyond the River Ourcq.

FISMES IMPORTANT POINT.

Captured Of City Might Split Crown Prince's Army.

PARIS, July 29.—(By United Press.)—Fismes, which the Americans are now within 8 miles of, is an important concentration point between Reims and Soissons. If this base is captured it may result in the splitting of the Crown Prince's army.

COMMUNITY CHORUS TONIGHT.

Prof. Edwards arrived from Baker this morning, to be present at the Community Chorus rehearsal this evening. There being no counter attractions this evening, he expressed the hope of a full attendance tonight at 7:30, in the Presbyterian church. Work was begun on three new pieces last week and additional pieces will be started tonight. The books containing the various national airs have arrived. Members having copies of "The Long, Long Trail," and "Keep the Home Fires Burning," will please bring them along.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The W. B. Glafke Co. and the La Grande Fruit Co. report that there is now coming into the markets, watermelons, cantaloupes, tomatoes, new potatoes, corn, carrots, beets, head lettuce and other good things to eat.

There is a scarcity of loganberries and raspberries, as there is none to be had in the Willamette Valley, the source of greatest supply.

A SON ARRIVES.

Born, at Hot Lake sanatorium, on Saturday, July 27, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. George S. Birnie, of this city, a son.

SOLDIERS AT O. A. C. ARE FOND OF MUSIC

GLEE CLUB AND JAZZ BAND ARE BEING ORGANIZED—MEN SING ON STREETS

O. A. C. CORVALLIS, July 29.—The soldiers at the Oregon Agricultural College enjoy music. Long before many persons in Corvallis are out of bed the men sing as they march along the streets in the vicinity of the College. Citizens rush to their windows to get a glimpse of the "boys" who are being trained for service with Uncle Sam.

Much progress is being made by the glee club under the direction of Thomas J. Willis, who reported here from San Jose. He is being assisted by Homer Muris, last year's teaching fellow in the department of entomology in the College. Mr. Muris will report July 19 at Camp Lewis, having been drafted.

Practice work by the jazz band is progressing with enthusiasm. This organization is under the direction of Jack Spellacy of Los Angeles, acting sergeant.

The men are learning to sing the Oregon Agricultural College songs and there has been a big demand for the music for sending home to friends and sweethearts.

First word of the admiralty Goddard responded, enthusiastically re-precating the thanks for the aid America has extended to England.

WAR COSTS U. S. \$50,000,000 DAILY

AMERICA'S EXPENDITURE HAS ALREADY PASSED THIRTEEN BILLION MARK

WASHINGTON, July 29.—(By United Press.)—America's war bill has already passed \$13,035,000,000. The Treasury is now paying out approximately \$50,000,000 daily in war expenditures.

America is throwing behind her associates in the war, the unlimited power of her financial resources, as well as her man-power.

Starting with the first belligerent month, April 1917, when \$259,823,000 was spent, the national war bill has mounted swiftly month by month. July expenditures are estimated to exceed \$1,679,000,000, which brings the war's cost to date to \$15,853,766,750.

MISS BAER TELLS OF THE PERSHING'S CRUSADERS FILM

PORTLAND, July 29.—(Special.)—"Pershing's Crusaders," which is contracted for production at the Arcade Theatre, in La Grande, should be seen by every mother, wife and sweetheart who has a loved one either "over here" or "over there."

Every true patriot will love these pictures. As an evening's entertainment, they are complete and satisfying. Pershing's Crusaders undoubtedly is the finest compilation of war pictures that has ever visited Portland and gives an insight and understanding of exactly what our boys are doing and what their lives are like "over there."

The pictures set the patriotism of the audience aflame and the long applause permits of no restraint. The applause was heard for blocks away from the theatre. I attended the first showing of the pictures and I can say they are marvelous. The tremendous activities of the United States in this world war are set forth plainly.

The pictures were taken by the U. S. Signal Corps and navy photographers and are the finest class of war picture work. They are sponsored by the United States government. With a proper organ program to balance the evening's entertainment, La Grande people will vow there never has been such a production seen before, and the people will arise and call this entire evening blessed, after seeing the war films of Pershing's Crusaders. —Leone Cass Baer, dramatic critic for Morning Oregonian.

The above special dispatch was received today by Mrs. Henrietta B. Leiter, proprietor of the Arcade Theatre, in answer to a request of Miss Baer to furnish an unbiased, fearless criticism of the "Pershing's Crusaders" film, which is to appear at Mrs. Leiter's theatre on Wednesday and Thursday evenings of this week.

BIG U. S. FLEET ON OTHER SIDE

250 WARSHIPS NOW HAVE PERMANENT BASES IN EUROPEAN WATERS.

FIFTEEN NEW MERCHANTS VESSELS ARE LAUNCHED

Vessels Leaving Ways Last Week Totalled 72,400 Tons, Bringing Tonnage Constructed Since Emergency Fleet Board Was Formed To 1,500,000.

LONDON, July 29.—(By United Press.)—Over 250 American warships have permanent bases in European waters, stated Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt today, in an address in which he congratulated the British navy for its aid in transporting Americans across the Atlantic.

First word of the admiralty Goddard responded, enthusiastically re-precating the thanks for the aid America has extended to England.

OUR GROWING FLEET.

Big Figures Are Announced Of Merchant Ship Construction.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 29.—(By United Press.)—American yards during the week ending July 25, launched 15 merchant vessels, of a total of 72,400 tons.

The tonnage put into the water since the Shipping Board was organized is 1,500,000.

WEATHER IS HOT AGAIN.

Local Weather Observer Murchison states that it is 95 in the shade this afternoon, and the man upstairs is evidently getting ready for the usual hot spell in August.



COL. A. FAGALDE

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J. P. RUSK SENDS LETTER HOME

HIS VESSEL FOLLOWED COURSE OF ILL-FATED TUSCANIA.

Interesting Scenes In England Are Described—Next Letter Is Promised From Paris.

Mrs. J. P. Rusk, whose husband left La Grande for France six weeks ago, has received the first letter from him since he arrived safely on foreign shores.

This letter is dated in London, July 27. Mr. Rusk states that his vessel took almost the identical course across the Atlantic that did the ill-fated Tuscania, on which Terry Tuttle, of Elgin, lost his life. The count on which these American boys are buried, was pointed out to him.

The letter says: "Our entry into port (Liverpool supposedly) was a spectacular one. The shores were lined with enthusiastic people. They stood along the sea walls, and waved flags and banners to us, and from the windows of dwellings, sheets and table cloths were waved by others."

Having had sleep cattle, "I had the good fortune to meet personally, Sir James Hope Shannon, president of the Bank of Liverpool."

"On the way from Liverpool to London, our train, going at the rate of 60 miles an hour, over the best ballasted track I ever rode over, the carriages moving as smoothly as if on glass rails well oiled, through meadows where were seen black and white cattle, with sleek sides, we finally reached old London Town itself."

"The parks all through England are very beautiful, and they told me that they were beautiful, even for England, just at this season of the year."

"While in London, I visited many places of historical interest, especially did I enjoy my visit to Westminster Abbey, the Tower of London, etc."

"We have received orders to sail for France on the Fourth of July, and my letter from France will be my next."

Mr. Rusk's address in France is J. P. Rusk 2, rue Elysee, Paris.

FARMERS' MEETING

Telephone Residents Are Addressed By Robert Withycombe.

"We had a dandy meeting at Telephone Saturday night, said Robert Withycombe, superintendent of the Eastern Oregon Agricultural Experimental Station."

"You see," he continued, "it is just like this. Farmers are, in the first place, pioneers in that section, where it is 'dry' farming, or nothing, and we are helping them all we can, with our experiments in raising different varieties of trees, and these farmers have problems of their own to work out."

"We are growing fifteen different kinds, and trees is the sweet crop in that locality. We are furnishing them the seed from the experimental farm."

"There were about 25 people, all told, including women and children."

"There was a musical program, recitations, etc., closing with a big feed."

"They expect soon to organize a community club in that section, which will be a great benefit to them."

BULLETS FAIL TO STOP YANKEES

BRIDGE GUARDED WITH MACHINE GUN NESTS TAKEN IN FRONTAL ATTACK.

CROWN PRINCE'S ARMIES MAY RETIRE ON AINSE

German Rapid Retreat Of Yesterday May Delay American Advance To The North And North-Eastward—Fighting Continues Only At Few Points.

WITH THE AMERICANS IN FRANCE, July 29.—(By United Press.)—Today the Germans delivered, between the Neules and Soissons, their first considerable counter attack since their retirement began.

The attack was delivered on a two mile front between Neules and Soissons, west of Fere-en-Tardenois. The counter attack followed a severe bombardment of the Franco-American forces, but was completely repulsed with heavy losses along the whole line. Two hundred German were found dead in one narrow ditch.

The Americans today captured a footbridge across the Ourcq which was guarded by machine guns. The line of these guns did not stop the Americans, who took the bridge in a direct frontal attack, the fleeing Germans being shot as they hurried up the opposite bank of the river.

The Crown Prince's retreat yesterday toward the Croix and Vesle rivers, may continue clear to the Aisne. Owing to this the American advance northward and north-eastward from Fere-en-Tardenois may be delayed until the real disposition of the enemy forces is definitely ascertained.

Fighting continued at a few points on the north bank of the Ourcq, where enemy defenses are not yet completely destroyed.

HUN IS GOING NORTH.

Dangerous Salient In Enemy Front Provokes Desperate Counter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 29.—(By United Press.)—Working to the north-east from Fere-en-Tardenois, the Franco-Americans are apparently driving the Germans to the north.

The battlefield now shows a tiny salient, with its apex at Neules, Serzy and a part north of Fere-en-Tardenois. The Germans evidently realizing the danger to which this salient may be subjected, delivered a fierce counter attack today on the east side of the wedge on a two mile front between Neules and Serzy. This, however, was completely repulsed.

The village of Serzy changed hands several times, and the losses of the enemy in and around the village were terrific.

WHEAT BAN IS RAISED

Voluntary Pledge To Be Raised After August First.

Food Administrator Hoover has called a release to hotels, clubs, restaurants and dining cars throughout the country of the voluntary no-wheat order, which release is to take effect on August 1. But public eating places, the administrator said, are to continue to comply with the baking regulations and serve "victory bread."

Mr. Hoover congratulates all for their patriotic services. He says that the voluntary pledges has saved the country between 175,000,000 and 200,000,000 pounds of wheat, 150,000,000 pounds of meat and 50,000,000 pounds of sugar.

BROKE COLLAR BONE

Clarence A. Shafer Injured When His Motorcycle Skidded.

While on his way from Enterprise, his home, Clarence A. Shafer, in attempting to turn a sharp corner near Imbler, his motorcycle "skidded," throwing Mr. Shafer into the ditch. Notwithstanding the broken collar bone, he managed to get as far as the Paley hotel, at an early Sunday morning.

Dr. Richardson was summoned at once, and took the young man to the hospital. Reports from the hospital this afternoon, state that young Shafer tried to get down town this morning, but was compelled to go back to the hospital for further treatment.

COOKING UP A SAVORY MESS FOR THE FIGHTERS



British and French "cookies" preparing a tempting repast for hungry comrades. The woods screen their fires from detection, but they can't bottle up the savory odors that make the hungry fellows' mouths water.

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