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## BATTLELINE SURGES ON NEW FRONT

PROGRESS IS SLOWED DOWN AS GERMANS THROW IN MORE RESERVES.

## ALLIES GAIN IN THE EAST HUN GAINS IN THE WEST

Paris Reports Fighting of Casual Violence On Whole of Crescent-Shaped Salient Which Now Is Germans New Line of Defense—Battleline 50 Miles Long.

LONDON, July 30.—(By United Press.)—It was learned today that the Germans have launched heavy counter-attacks along the whole of the front south of the Oureq River. The Americans have been driven out of Cierges, four miles to the south-east of Fere-en-Tardenois, and the French have also withdrawn their forces from Beugneux, north-east of Oulchy. At the same time, the French have advanced to the crest of the plateau between the Vesle and the Oureq Rivers, south-west of Reims. The enemy is now employing more than 852,000 men on this front, having brought up ten divisions from the group forming the armies of Prince Rupprecht, from the front north of Montdidier. The heaviest fighting now centers between Ville-en-Tardenois (on the Reims-Chateau Thierry front) and the River Oureq. In the Arlardre Valley, north-east of Ville-en-Tardenois, the French have advanced to Aubilly, six miles southwest of Reims.

## FRENCH TAKE ROMIGNY

LONDON, July 30.—(By United Press.)—It was today learned that the French have captured the village of Romigny, southwest of Ville-en-Tardenois. Elsewhere there is no change to report.

## GERMANS ARE ANXIOUS

Depression At Home Is Like That In Austria After Piave Battle. ROME, July 30.—A Berne dispatch says that the news from the west front has caused depression among the German people similar to that which descended upon the Austrians, following the disaster to their army on the Piave.

## SEES U. S. INVINCIBLE

American Force Arouses Greatest Admiration. AMSTERDAM, July 23.—Returning here from a visit to France a correspondent of the Handelsblad writes a long article of enthusiastic admiration of the American achievements and concludes: "From America issues a force against which no European nation can stand. It is a gigantic force which is developing calmly and scientifically. "The German people are told that the U-boats will be able to conjure the American tanker but the German people have not seen what I have seen."

## BEE STINGS ARE FATAL

Grants Pass Girl Succumbs And Her Brother Is Seriously Ill. GRANTS PASS, Ore., July 30.—Audrey Best, daughter of Isaac Best, prominent real estate dealer of this city, died Sunday night. Death is thought to have been caused by yellow-jacket stings received last Monday. Her brother Noble, assistant fire chief of this city, is dangerously ill from the same cause.

## MANY JAPANESE DIE IN EXPLOSION

EIGHTEEN CARLOADS OF POWDER AND BOMBS CAUSE BIG DISASTER. TOKIO, July 30.—(By United Press.)—Eighteen carloads of powder and shells exploded at Shimonsuki, Japan's southern port, while being loaded on board ship. Thirty are known to be dead and 50 were injured. So great was the force of the explosion that all the houses in the neighborhood of the docks were levelled with the ground.

## EARL OF STANHOPE



The Earl of Stanhope, who has been with the English forces at the front, is the man who made the statement before the house of lords, in substance: "The French hold their trenches by their wonderful 75-mm. gunfire. The French system is expensive in ammunition; ours is expensive in lives."

## REV. G. L. CLARK IS PROMOTED

IS APPOINTED CHIEF Y. M. C. A. SEC. FOR RAINBOW DIV.

Former La Grande Clergyman Is Recognized As A Virile Force In War Against The Hun.

The many friends of Rev. G. L. Clark, former pastor of the Presbyterian church of La Grande, will be pleased to know that he has been appointed Chief Secretary for the Y. M. C. A. with the 42nd Rainbow Division. In writing of this appointment Rev. Clark said: "It all means the biggest job yet and more problems to be solved, but by the grace and mercy of the living God, whose Son went forth for two thousand years ago for the rights of humanity, I have laid bare my arm and offered my life, in any form to Him, if only I can endeavor to show my appreciation of what he has done for me, and if I can but help pave the way for the sons of men to find the high rich meadows of Universal Brotherhood and become strangers to the sword and to all the weapons of torture and death. If I shall have had the privilege of helping to put out of the way of national progress the unthinkable boche, as he has foisted his reign of terror and hate on helpless humanity, I shall be glad for the chance to offer my blood to help blot out his name forever, not that I have any love for him as an individual but that my respect and love for all that is fair and decent among nations makes my blood boil, when I even think of him as a political power." Promotion Is Deserved. There is no question of the fact that Rev. Clark is demonstrating on the fields of France the full force of his feeling as so appropriately expressed in his letter. But by a mere accident there is an endorsement of his work that has reached this office, which comes from a source that is in no way influenced or prejudiced in his favor. It is an excerpt from an eastern publication, written by Ralph W. Harrison, of Pittsburg. Among other things the writer says: "Here I saw the first real service of the chief 'Y' man—Rev. George Clark, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of La Grande, Oregon—a real man among men, who had not left his post for 14 days. He entered the cave last and noticing that the soldiers were very quiet and perhaps a bit anxious, he said cheerily: 'Boys, let's sing the Battle Hymn of the Republic,' and then he read some good poems and talked to them. "We were up next morning at 'une bonne heure' and after breakfast at the officers' mess Clark and I started off for the trenches, each of us laden with fifty pounds of canteen supplies besides our gas masks. "When we returned to the outskirts of the town and sat down a few minutes to rest on some smashed carvings in a shell hole in an old orchard, I asked Clark what he was and what he did back home. (Continued on Page Six.)

## GERMANS THROW ALL IN BATTLE

DRAW RESERVES FROM PRINCE RUPPRECHT'S ARMY TO STAVE OFF DEFEAT.

## MANY DEAD MARK LINE OF HUN RETREAT

Allied Leaders Cannot Yet Tell Whether Germans Are Going To Make Another Stand On New Line Or Are Trying To Save Supplies By Sacrifice Of Men.

PARIS, July 30.—(By United Press.)—Fighting of unusual violence has been resumed today on the whole of the crescent-shaped front, says a dispatch which has arrived here. The morning communique says: "There is nothing new to report north of the Marne." The reports issued here indicate that the Germans are now progressing at some points on the western side of the Soissons-Fere-en-Tardenois-Reims salient, but at the same time the allies are also advancing at some eastern points of the same salient. The battle front apparently extends over a line 50 miles long. It was announced here that the Americans had withdrawn from Cleignes and the French had abandoned Beugneux.

## GERMANS MAKE BIG EFFORT

Line Stiffens As Allies Approach New Base At Pismes.

WITH THE FRENCH IN THE FIELD, July 30.—(By United Press.)—The Germans' this afternoon continue to offer a desperate resistance along the whole of their new line. The violence of the fighting is indicated by the number of dead along the lines of the German retreat. It is as yet impossible to tell whether the new line of defense is chosen by the enemy from which to make a stand or whether he is prepared to sacrifice a great number of his men in order to save vast quantities of material which is in the salient. The hardest fighting is around Beugneux, behind which there is an elevation from which the German base at Pismes, 12 miles distant, is plainly visible.

## HUNS MURDER WOUNDED YANKS

DISGUSTING ACT OF SAVAGERY AGAIN PROVES HUNS' BRUTAL METHODS.

WITH THE AMERICANS IN THE FIELD, July 30.—(By United Press.)—In a village which was taken and retaken several times before finally remaining in American hands, our boys found several comrades who had been bayoneted and killed by Huns as they lay wounded and helpless.

## CHORUS CHOIR HOLDS MEETING

"MORE THAN SUCCESSFUL" WAS COMMENT MADE—STORY OF SONG TOLD.

"We accomplished more this evening at the practice meeting of the Community Chorus Choir than I had hoped for, in fact, we made splendid progress towards the goal we are seeking—success in every sense of the word," said Professor L. B. Edwards, at the close of practice meeting last night. There was a larger number of members last night, and the earnest exhibited by Professor Edwards himself as they practiced over and over again "The Long, Long Trail" and "Keep the Home Fires Burning."

The story was repeated last night by the Professor, of the heroic death of the author of the song—an English lady, whose sons, it is said, had been among the first to volunteer for the British army. During one of the air raids over London, during last spring, Lena Gilbert Ford, who wrote the immortal words of the song, sought shelter with others in one of the subway passages provided for the purpose, but the shelter was not sufficient, for a boche bomb ended her life. The Professor, however, told his class that her spirit is living in the hearts of millions of people scattered all over the earth.

## MACHINE GUNS TO QUELL STRIKERS

GERMAN PEOPLE HAVE TASTE OF KILLER IN STREETS OF HOME TOWN.

AMSTERDAM, July 30.—(By United Press.)—The Echo de Belge declares that, during recent strikes in Kalk, near Cologne, the German soldiery turned machine guns on the strikers and thus broke up their demonstration. The police dispersed the crowds and arrested the leaders.

## KERENSKY IN U-BOAT BATTLE

GUNNERS' MATE SENDS REPORT TO NEWSPAPERS THAT FORMER PREMIER IS IN U.S.

CHICAGO, July 30.—(By United Press.)—Private messages received here declare that Kerensky is in America. A gunners' mate named John Haggrode has wired the editor of trade papers that Kerensky was on his ship during a U-boat battle. He said that Kerensky was calm thru the entire engagement.

## GERMAN PEOPLE ARE NOW NERVOUS

RETREAT OF ARMIES IS NOW BECOMING KNOWN AT HOME.

PARIS, July 30.—(By United Press.)—The news of the German retreat became known in Berlin yesterday and caused extraordinary nervousness among the population, says a Zurich dispatch. The Berlin newspapers declare that the ground lost is important.

## COUNTY WAR CONFERENCE TO BE HELD

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY JOHN K. KOLLOCK AND OTHER OFFICIALS ARE COMING.

## REGISTERED MEN ASKED TO BE PRESENT AT MEETING

County Council of Defense and All War Board Members Will Meet In La Grande—General Public Invited—Band and Chorus to Furnish Music For Occasion.

Following instructions received from Executive Secretary John K. Kollock, of the State Council of Defense and Adjutant-General Williams, Chairman T. J. Scroggin, of the County Council of Defense, last evening called a meeting of citizens and set plans going to hold a big county war conference in La Grande on August 5th. The occasion will be the visit of Secretary Kollock, who will instruct the people in needful defense program during the war period. He will also tell the registered men how to proceed from a legal standpoint in order to protect their property rights while absent at the front.

Colonel John B. Hibbard, commander of the Multnomah Guard and also adjutant of the Military Police of Oregon, will be in attendance. Captain R. H. Russell has been detailed from Camp Lewis to attend this meeting and will address the registered men only after the general public meeting.

That it will be a general county gathering was decided last evening when Chairman Scroggin named the following committee to make all arrangements and attend to details for the occasion: Bruce Dennis, A. W. Nelson, J. H. Pearce, J. C. Snodgrass and G. L. Larson. The committee immediately held a session and decided on securing the L. D. S. tabernacle for the occasion. Mr. Pearce and Mr. Nelson will look after the military phase of the evening and have the Home Guard out in review for the visitors. On the reviewing stand besides the out of town visitors will be seated all members of the Union County War Council and members of the County Council of Defense, along with the Union County court and the city commissioners of the city of La Grande.

The band was at once engaged and a request was sent to the Community Chorus to assist in the evening's program. Promptly at 8 o'clock on Thursday evening, August 5th, the program will begin and it is requested that people coming from all parts of the county try and be present by that hour.

## RED CROSS SALVAGE DAY

Don't forget that tomorrow is another Red Cross Salvage Day, and all good people who have any article or goods and chattels that will in any way help the good cause along, are earnestly requested to call up the Red Cross shop, in the new Foley building and the articles, goods and chattels will be called for by the committee.

## EARL OF BEAUCHAMP



The Earl of Beauchamp has been elected president of an organization formed in English towns for the purpose of "adopting" American towns so as to give the arriving American soldiers all the comforts of home. The people of Worcester have "adopted" Worcester, Mass., and will do everything possible to attend to the wants of our boys hailing from the American city. Newport has "adopted" Newport, R. I., and it is said that London may "adopt" New York.

## TRIO OF BOYS FROM LA GRANDE

WILL GO TO EUGENE MILITARY TRAINING CAMP EARLY IN AUGUST.

"Jack" Pearce, W. M. Pearce, Norman Desilet, While L. L. Snodgrass May Also Attend.

Capt. "Jack" Pearce, W. M. Pearce and Norman Desilet will leave La Grande on the morning train next Friday, August 2, in order to report at the officers' training camp at the U. of O. in Eugene, bright and early on the morning of August 3, the time set by the government for them to be there. L. L. Snodgrass also filed his application yesterday, for the privilege of taking this course in training. In speaking of their proposed training yesterday, Captain Pearce said, in part: "We have selected the training camp at Eugene for the simple reason that the training of officers for the United States army is now in the hands of a master of the art, and, you might add, a past master, being no less a man than Col. John T. Leader now on leave in this country, having been wounded in action while at the head of his famous Royal Irish Rifles. "This is one of the most brilliant officers in the entire British army bar none, and we who are going to Eugene to get the benefit of his experience, and expect to learn much about actual trench fighting, the maneuvering of brigades and battalions on the field, the use of gas, and defense from its use by the Huns. "In fact, while our positions in the Oregon Guard have made us more or less familiar with military tactics, as practiced by the United States army, you might well say, about modern warfare as now being carried on in France by the boys who went from here. "Personally, speaking for myself, will do what I can to get a commission 'over there.'"

## CAMP IS PRAISED

Is Success At Eugene Officers' Training Camp.

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## LEATHER IS WANTED

Cast Off Kid Gloves and Shoe Tops Are Acceptable.

Please bring your old kid gloves and soft tops of old leather shoes. This is for the military relief work of the Red Cross chapter, and will be made into vests for the aviators just as fast as the materials are furnished. The Standard Laundry company has kindly offered to clean the materials ready for use. Please leave at Hill's Department store, N. K. West's, the J. C. Penny store, or at the Golden Rule.

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## TURKS MAY BREAK WITH HUN RUMOR

GERMANY'S BACK DOOR IS IN BAD CONDITION BECAUSE TURKS ARE GREEDY.

## TURKS NOT SATISFIED WITH SHARE IN SPOILS

Germany Is Pleased With Ottomans Because They Wanted Too Much Rumanian Territory—Bulgaria Also Was Not Satisfied With Share Of Territory.

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 30.—(By United Press.)—Reports are arriving here to the effect that Turkey has broken relations with Germany. Although the report is not confirmed, there is increasing evidence that Germany's back door is not so strong as German writers would have the world believe. Official dispatches show that Turkey is greedy for territory, which has made Germany angry. It is believed that Turkey will try and strike a bargain with the Allies before undertaking to break with her ally.

It has been known for several weeks that considerable heart-burning exists in the Near East since Germany acted as arbitrator in the division of the spoils, following the defeat of Rumania and Russia. Turkey, who had played a very minor part in the subjugation of the Rumanians, was awarded one-fifth of the territory which fell to Bulgaria, as her share of the spoils. Shortly afterwards, it was announced that the Turkish cabinet had fallen, and it is presumed that the cause of its retirement was public dissatisfaction at the share Turkey was to receive for her participation in the war.

It is also announced that the recent change in the Bulgarian cabinet was the outcome of Bulgarian dissatisfaction at the division of the territory between herself and her German ally.

## VISITED A CRUISER

La Grande Young Lady Received Unique Souvenir From Crew.

Miss Ardis Palmer returned yesterday evening from a visit of several weeks with friends in Salem and Portland. One of her most pleasant experiences while absent was a visit with a lady friend, accompanied by an American army officer, to a cruiser just completed in the Vancouver yards for the French government, and which had just been turned over to the French marines for sailing to San Francisco, where it will be equipped with the necessary guns. While on the cruiser, the ladies met many of the crew, and through an interpreter had quite an interesting time. Among the crew were four Frenchmen who had been wounded in ways that unfitted them for the front, but yet allowed them to serve in the boat's crew. One of these, on learning that Miss Palmer had a brother in the service in France, presented her with a ring cut from a piece of shrapnel removed from his breast after the battle in which he received the wound. The piece of shrapnel was large enough to make three rings, and the carving was done by himself while recovering. It is a souvenir of the trip that Miss Palmer values very highly. She says the Frenchmen had almost the entire ship covered with American flags and could not do too much for their American guests.

## NOTED CRIMINALS IN JAIL BREAK

BENNETT THOMPSON, NOTORIOUS MURDERER, ESCAPES FROM SALEM.

SALEM, July 30.—(By United Press.)—Bennett Thompson and Fred Thurber, both desperate criminals, escaped from the penitentiary this morning and are still at large. Thompson was undergoing a life sentence for the brutal murder of Mrs. Jennings, owner of a ranch, in Washington County, and a jilted driver, two years ago.

## FRENCH TROOPS ADVANCING TO FORWARD LINE



French troops on the road moving up; British Tommies also ready to advance watch their pass.