

AMERICANS CONTINUE TO ADVANCE

MARSHY GROUND NEAR RIVER IMPEDES PROGRESS OF ALLIED TROOPS.

ALLIED UNITS ARE ALREADY ACROSS RIVER

German Resistance, Continues Along River, While Artillery Fire and Rain of Machine Gun Bullets Sweep All Approaches To The Banks.

WITH THE AMERICANS IN THE FIELD, August 6.—(By United Press.)—German resistance still continues to be strong along the Vesle River, and heavy fighting is reported along the entire line.

The enemy is holding the heights along the north bank of the river, and already his artillery fire has increased in intensity, while his machine guns are sweeping the river crossings and approaches to the heights on which he has established himself.

American artillery and various supporting units, together with allied infantry have crossed the river.

Isolated bodies of Germans are still in Fismes and are causing some casualties by sniping Americans who are guarding the city. However they are being rapidly silenced as soon as their location is discovered.

The recently-captured Hun base at Fismes is now being patrolled by American cavalry.

Heavy rain is falling in this region and the roads are in places almost impassable, while the rivers are rising rapidly. Owing to the proximity of the river, the fields are now like marshes and delays all movement of the heavy guns. In spite of these conditions, American infantry continues to make progress to the north.

FRENCH ACTIVE IN NORTH

Advance Is Reported On Somme At Montdidier.

PARIS, August 6.—(By United Press.)—The War Office this morning announces that the French are maintaining their position on the north bank of the Vesle river, despite strong German efforts to force them back across the river.

French forces were again successful in an encounter north of Montdidier, and have succeeded in occupying the west bank of the Aisne.

On a three mile front between the River Vesle and Braisne, the French have again advanced. A German raid southeast of Montdidier failed completely, the French taking a number of prisoners.

PARIS AGAIN BOMBARDED.

People Are Killed And Property Is Damaged.

PARIS, August 6.—(By United Press.)—The bombardment of Paris by German long range guns was resumed today.

A number of persons were killed or injured, and some damage to property is also reported.

PENDLETON BOY WOUNDED.

Sergeant H. Franklin's Name In List Of Casualties.

PORTLAND, Aug. 6.—Sergeant H. Franklin, of Pendleton, is reported by General Pershing as among the severely wounded in yesterday's fighting.

MORE ARTICLES NEEDED

Red Cross Shop Wants to Have a Sale at Early Date.

The ladies of the Red Cross store in the Foley building announced this morning that they are greatly in need of many articles which they have calls for daily. This call includes caps, aprons, dishes, knitting bags, handkerchiefs, and other similar articles for every housewife, including ready made children's dresses.

The exact date of holding the rummage sale will depend on how many of these useful articles are donated within the next few days. It is hoped that there will be a sufficient number of articles sent in to the store, so that a sale may be pulled off next Saturday, when there are always a larger number of people in from the surrounding territory.

LIEUT. COL. PRIBICEVICH



Lieut. Col. Milan Pribicevich is head of the Serbian war mission now in the United States. He has recruited here 10,000 Jugo-Slav volunteers for service in the Serbian army on the Saloniki front.

NEWSPAPER TO CUT SPACE

DAILIES MUST CURTAIL READING MATTER 5 PER CENT

Drastic Rules Are To Be Enforced On Sunday Editions—No New Newspapers During War.

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 6.—(By United Press.)—The War Industries Board will shortly send to owners of paper mills and newspapers drastic rulings, which will force a reduction in the size of week day and Sunday editions of newspapers.

The board also rules that "no new newspapers shall be established during the period of the war." Owners of daily papers will be ordered to reduce their reading matter by 5 per cent up to 50 columns.

CHOIR IS A SUCCESS

Special Meeting to Prepare For the Patriotic Convention.

The practice meeting held last night in the Presbyterian church, of the Community Chorus choir, was a successful gathering of about 80 members, and Prof. L. D. Edwards began instructions on a line of music for the chorus choir, which will be used at the forthcoming Council of Defense convention next Thursday evening.

In furtherance of these plans, a special meeting of the choir has been called for tomorrow, Wednesday, evening, at 7:30 o'clock, at which it is desired to have a full attendance of all members.

MOTOR ACCIDENT FATAL.

John Ballweg, Of Baker, Succumbs In Hospital To Injuries.

BAKER, Ore., August 5.—Special.—John Ballweg, a Baker business man, injured in an auto accident on upper Burnt River yesterday, died early this evening. He was kept at a ranch until this afternoon, when he appeared better and was sent to a hospital. The long ambulance trip proved too much for him, however, and he died shortly after reaching the hospital.

Mr. Ballweg was about 65 years old and had been in the shoe business here over 20 years. Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Philip, of Baker, and Hal, of Vancouver Wash.

MISS MARTIN CAMPAIGNING.

Independent Candidate For Senate In Nevada Tours By Auto.

RENO, Nev., Aug. 5.—Miss Anne Martin, independent candidate for the United States Senate from Nevada, today commenced a second campaign tour.

She recently completed a trip through 16 counties, traveling by automobile with a woman companion and camping with her itinerary took her away from the beaten track.

PROHIBITION IS EXTENDED.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 6.—Prohibition of intoxicating liquor to the armed forces of the United States has been extended to the merchant marine recruits being trained here by the United States Shipping Board. It was announced here today by Captain I. N. Hibberd, supervisor of sea training for California.

HUNS MAY RETIRE TO MEUSE LINE

WELL-KNOWN BERLIN NEWS-PAPER PRINTS SIGNIFICANT HINT.

RETREAT WOULD RELEASE MUCH OCCUPIED LAND

Enemy Would Then Be Out of France And Hold Only Small Part of Belgium—German People Expect Defeat And Are Nervous Say Travellers.

THE HAGUE, August 6.—(By United Press.)—The Berlin Vossische Zeitung prints an article in which it hints at a possible retirement of the German army to the line of the River Meuse.

Such a retirement would mean the relinquishment of practically all that section of France which is now in German hands, besides releasing two-thirds of Belgium.

Neutral travellers returning from Berlin say that the German people are now nervous, and are beginning to admit that they expect defeat.

"AT HOME" IN NEW QUARTERS.

Wood Berry Takes Room In Pennington Building.

Wood Berry, he who cleans and presses the clothes of the populace, is stepping high because of his new location which he says has greatly increased his business and placed him in the shopping district. He has removed his tailoring establishment into the Pennington Building, which was formerly occupied by Cherry's Floral store. "I admit the war has cracked the fabric market," said Mr. Berry today, "but even yet you will be surprised at the fine samples I have for this fall's market of both ladies' and gentlemen's apparel. Yes, I like my new location and wish to invite everyone to come and see me, assuring them of the same good quality of Wood Berry treatment on their work."

ESCAPED CONVICT IS NOW LOCATED

THOMPSON IS HIDING BETWEEN HILLSBORO AND SCAPPOOSE SAYS STATE WARDEN

SALEM, Ore., August 6.—(By United Press.)—Convinced that the escaped murderer, Bennett Thompson, is hiding somewhere between Hillsboro and Scappoose, Warden Murphy has issued a warning to everybody in that vicinity to keep a sharp lookout.

ROMANTIC WEDDING

Young Contractor Chooses Bride From the Orange Groves.

One of the pretty romances of life, this one beginning amongst the orange groves of California, culminated in La Grande at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the parlors of the Hotel Savoy, when Wilmer A. Stanchfield, of Portland, was united in marriage with Miss Adelaide Frances Pickler, of Los Angeles, California.

The young bride, a pretty little blonde, was most becomingly attired in a gown of white muslin, with a dark blue banded waist. She carried a bouquet of late Easter Lillies and wore in her belt a large bunch of pink sweet peas.

The groom was dressed in a simple business suit, fitted for a simple quiet affair, which was performed with the ring ceremony of the Methodist Episcopal church, the Rev. G. H. Feeser officiating.

The groom is a son of A. W. Stanchfield, of Portland, of the well known Portland Roofing Company. Mr. W. J. Morton, partner of Mr. Stanchfield, attended the wedding, and it is largely because of his presence in La Grande, while superintending some contracts that he is finishing here, that the wedding occurred in La Grande instead of in Portland.

The bride and groom will remain in La Grande for a week or two, to enjoy the mountain air in excursions out in the mountains, fishing and hunting trips answering in place of the ordinary honeymoon journeys.

After the wedding service yesterday afternoon a wedding dinner was served at the party at the Silver Grill.

MARINE AGE HAS BEEN EXTENDED

SERGEANT J. L. HENRY WILL INCREASE HIS WORK AS RESULT OF INSTRUCTIONS.

Sergeant J. L. Henry, marine recruiting officer for La Grande, has just received an order from headquarters, which probably will enable him to enroll a few more recruits each month.

The order is issued from the division headquarters in San Francisco and reads as follows:

"Age limit for original enlistment extended to forty years, period now from 18 to 40, inclusive. Notify newspapers.—Marine Corps." The former age limit was 18 to 36 years, so that the new enlistment rules gives an additional margin of four years.

Sergeant Henry states that the rules and examinations of the marine corps are so stiff that it is hard to secure volunteers for this branch of the service, which he considers the most important, as well as most interesting branch of government war work.

WANTS MANY MEN FOR ARMY

PROVOST MARSHAL TALKS ON NEW MAN POWER BILL

Says President's Recommendations Must Be Interpreted Liberally And Modified.

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 6.—(By United Press.)—Provost Marshal Crowder today told the Senate Military Affairs committee that the President's recommendations must be interpreted liberally and also modified under the new man-power bill because of the greatly increased number of men affected.

FIVE CASUALTY LISTS PUBLISHED

NEW LIST CONTAINS 498 NAMES—TOTAL OF DRIVE LOSSES TO DATE 1214.

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 6.—(By United Press.)—The war department today published five casualty lists, totalling 498 names.

The total losses resulting from the big drive which has been made public up to date total 1214.

Further lists are expected to be made public today.

GIMPERS DOWN FOUR PLANES.

Americans Play Havoc With Enemy Airmen On August 3.

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 6.—(By United Press.)—The French war office has forwarded a cable which states that American airmen filled four enemy planes on August 3rd.

RED CROSS IS ENRICHED FROM JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

The Red Cross of Union county has a full treasury today for the final reports from the money received from the different Fourth of July activities has been made. The report had been delayed owing to a number of the pay rolls at the industrial plants having to be made up where employees gave subscriptions asking that the officers of the plant handle the matter as to payment. Now everything is in and the report made by Mrs. Goodhue, official secretary, carries joy to the heart of every worker, who labored hard to increase the revenue for the Great Mother of all—the Red Cross.

Mrs. Goodhue's Report. Received from Liberty Automobile Contest \$3,697.74 E. Bonham, 19 per cent. 5.10 Red Cross Sandwich and Buttermilk Booth 120.87 Total \$2,823.71 The Fourth of July Liberty Queen Automobile Contest Committee and counterigned by Mrs. Bruce Dennis, who was named by the committee, to keep all records. The committee comprised Dr. M. K. Hall, Fred J. Holmes, Will St. Crist, J. J. Carr and Bruce Dennis. The official committee on declaring the winner of the Liberty Queen contest was Thomas Crawford, C. H. Finn and George T. Cochran.

MACHINEGUN FIRE SLOWS ALLIES RUSH

GERMANS OFFER FIERCE RESISTANCE ALL ALONG RIVER VESLE.

ALLIED AVIATORS BLOW UP AISNE PONTOONS

Advancing French Troops Find Hun Machine Gun Barrage Too Heavy And Slow Up Until Artillery Is In Position.—Enemy Artillery Is Not Deadly.

PARIS, August 6.—(By United Press.)—With the Germans resisting fiercely all along the River Vesle, French heavy artillery on the south bank of the river, at 4 o'clock this afternoon laid down a terrific barrage on the table land between the Vesle and the Aisne, and also heavily shelled the Aisne crossings.

Franco-American aviators destroyed with bombs two of the enemy's pontoon bridges across the Aisne.

Although the enemy is shelling the advancing troops heavily, the casualties are remarkably light, but advanced French troops today encountered dense machine gun barrages and checked their advance, pending the arrival of more artillery to clear out the machine gun-nests.

FRENCH HOLD BRIDGES.

Strong German Counter Attacks Fail To Move Defenders.

WITH THE FRENCH IN THE FIELD, August 6.—(By United Press.)—The French maintained their hold on the two Vesle bridges this afternoon in the face of two very strong German counter attacks.

The French have seized two bridges and a mill near Braisne village, and are repelling fierce attacks of the enemy.

HUN AIRPLANES MEET DISASTER

ONLY ONE RETURNS OUT OF THREE WHICH RAID COAST OF ENGLAND.

LONDON, August 6.—(By United Press.)—Three German airplanes which raided the English coast were caught in an anti-aircraft barrage. One was entirely destroyed and another badly damaged.

The raid was unsuccessful.

WEATHER REPORT.

PORTLAND, August 6.—Fair.

MRS. HORTENSE WARD



Until the recent passage of a bill granting primary suffrage to women, Texas had a lonely woman voter. Mrs. Hortense Ward, as a member of the Texas bar, could vote at the election of special judges. However she worked tirelessly to enlarge and extend this privilege to all the women of her home state.

HOGS REACH A NEW HIGH MARK

RECORD OF \$19.15 IS REACHED IN PORTLAND MARKET.

Cattle Market Also Shows Up Strong With Advance Of 50 Cents On Prime Steers.

A stock market from Portland yesterday says:

"Highest prices on record for live hogs were paid at the Portland Union Stockyards this morning when 100 red hogs, averaging 205 pounds in weight, sent in by George Strohm, of Hermiston, went at \$19.15 a hundredweight. The last previous top price was \$18.50 and this sale shot the market up 55 cents a hundred. Strohm's check amounts to \$3,984.20.

The entire market at the stockyards was strong today with prime steers selling at \$12.75, an advance of 50 cents, and all quality offerings commanding a good price throughout. The sheep market only failed to show a change, but was reported steady to strong.

FIXING NEW PARSONAGE.

The "Little Brick" School House Will Pass To Other Use.

The building on North Fir Street which was for many years known as the "little brick" school house was recently acquired by purchase by the M. E. Church, South. The church building of this denomination is on the opposite corner of the block and the former school building is being converted into a parsonage, which will be occupied as soon as the necessary changes are made, by Rev. W. B. Smith, pastor of the M. E. Church South. The present parsonage will probably be used in the future as an assembly room for the Sunday school. Rev. Smith is overseeing the work of changes in the building.

THREE AVIATORS RESCUED

British Steamer Enters Atlantic Port Towing Hydroplane.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Aug. 5.—Towing astern a hydro-airplane and carrying three American aviators who were picked up 25 miles off this coast, a British freight steamship arrived here from Liverpool. The aviators had been in the water three hours, having been forced to descend because of engine trouble. They were unhurt.

MANY OVERCOME BY HEAT

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 5.—Prostration of nearly 400 persons by heat tended to mar the success of today's launching at Hog Island. Suffering from the high temperature was intense among the 50,000 persons at the shipyard.

JAMES H. CAMPBELL DIES.

Oregon Pioneer of 1849 Passes In Umatilla County. PENDLETON, Ore., Aug. 6.—James H. Campbell, a pioneer of 1849, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. B. Chapman, near Lenman Springs, last night. He was in his 100th year. He had been hale until just recently, when a slight fall he received seemed to break him down.

MUST HAVE DEVIL'S OWN LOCK TO WIN

VON HINDENBURG NOW HAS ONLY ONE CARD TO PLAY AGAINST ALLIES.

NOT MUCH USE AGAINST FOUR ACES ALLIES HOLD

German Leader is Now Shortening Line To Conserve Man Power May Try One Great Offensive When Armies Are Ready—Allies Should Win In Fifth Year.

WITH THE BRITISH AND FRENCH ARMIES, August 6.—(By United Press.)—The German armies are now at bay and their leader, von Hindenburg, has but one unexposed card to play against the strong hand of the allies. This is a belated consignment of the complete rearrangement of the western front and the shortening of the entire line, which includes the adoption, at least for the present, of defensive tactics from behind the big rivers.

As soon as he is ready he will probably concentrate all the remnants of his armies and select one spot, where his entire army would be thrown into battle to force a decision.

To make such a bid for victory a leader must have the devil's own luck to succeed. Over the work of what was the world's greatest army of offense now looms the oppressing shadow of defeat.

In view of these conclusions the allies should win in the fifth year of the war.

LOOKING FOR SMUT

Official Inspectors Will Try to Eradicate the Pest.

J. C. Bell and H. M. Woolman, of Corvallis, are in La Grande and will inspect the fields of this county for "smut," of which pest a few cases have been found.

In speaking of the matter this morning, County Agent Paul H. Spillman stated that the government is going after the evil in a thorough manner this season, as that, with other evils to contend again, added to a short crop in some localities, and every pound of grain possible to be saved must be garnered and stored for use, otherwise, a shortage which the country cannot stand for, might occur.

RAILROAD ORDERED JUNKED

Colorado Midland Doesn't Pay Expenses—Court Stays Decree.

DENVER, Aug. 5.—The state supreme court today stopped temporarily the "junking" of the Colorado Midland railroad, granting an application to stay action until the attorney-general has had an opportunity to present an application for a writ of superseades.

The supreme court's action does not restore train service, which was discontinued this morning. Inability to meet the operating expenses was the cause of the circuit court's decree.

NOTED JURIST STRUCKEN.

Judge I. B. Hazeltine, Of Canyon City, Is Victim Of Paralysis. BAKER, Ore., Aug. 6.—Judge I. B. Hazeltine for many years County Judge of Grant County and Recorder of the town of Canyon City for upward of a quarter of a century, suffered a stroke of paralysis at his home in Canyon City and is not expected to recover.

Judge Hazeltine is one of the oldest and among the most prominent residents of Grant County.

WILL GET REPORTS.

The Observer has had arrangements completed for some time, by which war casualties that may include any of the boys from this section of the country will be received by wire as soon as they are released by the war department. While the Observer could not handle the entire list, it will get the names of those near home. The first report to be received through this arrangement is that of the wounded Pendleton young man received this morning.