

FLANK FIRE DISTURBING THE ENEMY

NEW POINT OF OFFENSE ON VESLE-AISNE DEVELOPS INTERESTING SITUATION.

ALLIED FORCES FILTER IN NEAR SOISSONS

More Than Half of the Enemy Lines Are Being Subjected to An Enfilading Artillery Fire—French Forces Have Reached Important Position in Montdidier Region.

PARIS, Aug. 7.—(By United Press)—The German positions on the flanks of the Aisne-Vesle lines west of Rheims and east of Soissons are being subjected to a severe enfilading fire from allied artillery.

More than half the enemy lines between the Vesle and the Aisne are being subjected to a flanking fire, it is learned this afternoon.

Enemy Is Worried.

The greatest activity is reported on both flanks, where the Germans are distinctly worried and are massing heavy forces to prevent an impending flanking movement by the allies. Heavy artillery is progressing along the whole front.

New Wedge Started.

The allies have occupied Ciry-Salonne, a station six miles east of Soissons, making a breach in the line which is creating an interesting situation in the region northeast of Braine, where fairly strong forces of the allies are continually filtering in.

Important Point Reached. It is reported that the French have reached the suburbs of Moreuil, in the Montdidier region. Moreuil is a very important point between Montdidier and Amiens.

CASUALTIES ANNOUNCED

Total From the Big Drive Announced to Date Is 3544.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—(United Press.)—The number in the casualty list announced for today is 871, making a total of 3544 reported from the time the big offensive began up to the present.

In today's casualty list 92 are in the marines.

COLLEGE PEOPLE GO OUT FISHING

ON RETURN TRIP THE AUTO GETS IN BAD ON DOWN GRADE—LANDS SAFELY.

Arrived in La Grande last evening off the branch train, Miss Helen Cowgill, state leader of boys and girls clubs and A. J. O'Reilly, assistant state leader, from a lecturing and demonstrating trip of about a week, reported having had a pleasant, as well as interesting journey.

Numerous demonstrations were held, as well as lectures, or talks on canning by Helen Cowgill, and pig raising by O'Reilly, in the various country school houses, made new enthusiasm among the children, in view of the forthcoming contests to be held at the state fair, which this year will be on a large scale.

Mr. O'Reilly stated that while up in the mountains it was decided to take a day off and go fishing. A camp was selected high up on the South Fork of the Wallawa river, in timber, where a trout stream was found. It was the pleasure of their party to witness a heavy thunder storm while there, but the camp was well protected, and the grandeur of the scenery was a treat seldom to be enjoyed, even by those whose homes are so close as Enterprise, would seem to make such exhibitions common.

Coming down the mountains next morning, having had excellent sport, as far as fishing is concerned, as amply testified by burned skin and neck and arms, Mr. O'Reilly said, that, in some manner, the brake on his car got out of order, and that it was with difficulty he landed the car in safety at the bottom of a long trail, but finally arrived safely in Enterprise, and from there it was a race against time to get the train for La Grande, which was caught by a very narrow margin.

They left on the midnight train for Pendleton, where other meetings and demonstrations in Umatilla county will follow.

ALLAN L. BENSON



Allan L. Benson, once Socialist candidate for the presidency, has left that party because, he says, it is dominated by Teutonic influences.

ROAD CONTRACT HAS BEEN LET

UNION COUNTY AWARDED JOB ON THE POST ROAD.

Bids Are Under the Estimate For Both the Elgin-Minam and the Union-Telocast Sections.

The contracts for post road improvement in Union county, which were deferred at the meeting of the State Highway Commission last month, when but one bid was received, have been awarded to Union county at figures in both cases below the estimates.

The State Highway Commission, with Herbert Nunn, chief engineer, has awarded the contract to the Union county court for the construction of the road improvement from Elgin to Minam for \$27,274. The estimate of the commission was \$41,410.

The contract has also been let to the county court for the building of the new road from Union to Telocast, over what is known as the "Old Oregon Trail," for \$27,274. The estimate of the commission on this piece of highway construction was placed at \$30,000.

The cost of this construction work is divided equally between the State of Oregon and the federal government.

It is the intention of the county court to do the work with the aid of local teams and laborers, as far as possible, after the harvest season is over.

IMPORTANT TO SINGERS.

Community Choir Practice At Tabernacle This Evening.

As this evening's practice meeting of the Community Chorus Choir is to be held in the Tabernacle, Prof. L. B. Edwards asks that there be a full attendance of the members, in order that they may become accustomed to the seating arrangements, which will be used the night of the big patriotic rally tomorrow night. If you have not already joined the choir, it behooves La Grande to put forward her best foot and show the strangers within our gates we are equal to any government work that happens to come our way.

SMUT BEING ERADICATED.

When seen this morning in County Agent Spillman's private office, H. M. Woolman, of the state entomologist department, that gentleman said that farmers generally do not understand about the campaign for the destruction of smut in grain, having the idea that it has something to do with the market prices, instead of destruction.

Grain with smut in it, of course, has no market value until smut is removed from the fields. Fortunately there is little smut in this county, but what there is must be eradicated before spreading to other fields, and that is the aim of this campaign in Eastern Oregon.

HOUSE FUMIGATED.

Chief of Police Rayburn yesterday afternoon fumigated the house of Paul Stiles, where there had been a case of scarlet fever, the only case in the city, so far as known.

FINED FOR SPEEDING.

Lee Andrews, apprehended yesterday for speeding, put up \$5.00 cash bail, which was forfeited.

PARIS BOMBARDED.

PARIS, Aug. 7.—(United Press.)—Long range bombardment of Paris was resumed this morning.

HERTLING MAKES WILD PROPOSALS

GERMAN CHANCELLOR AGAIN DEALS IN GERMAN MADE FANCIES OF PEACE.

WILL STILL STICK OUT FOR BIG INDEMNITIES

Will Hang On to Belgium Until Colonies Are Restored, and Insists On Prussian Disposal of Alsace-Lorraine, Russian States and Poland—Must Renounce Boycott.

BERNE, August 7.—(By United Press.)—Chancellor von Hertling, in reply to questions recently propounded in the reichstag, has answered them in a set of declarations which are assumed to be German ultimatum for peace.

The German chancellor said: "Germany intends to keep Belgium until the allies pay an indemnity; and until France surrenders all claim to Alsace and Lorraine."

Other peace conditions imposed by the imperial chancellor include the following: Recognition by the allied powers of the Brest-Litovsk treaty.

Restoration of the German colonies and the recognition of German and Austrian integrity, the same as before the war.

Full recognition of German speech and influence in the affairs of Courland, Lithuania, Estonia and Livonia, and non-interference with German solution of the Polish question.

Finally, the liberty of the sea is demanded as well as a complete renunciation of an anti-German boycott after the war.

GERMAN PRESS DOPE

Events of West Front Ignored or Are Wholly Misrepresented. LONDON, Aug. 7.—(By United Press.)—The German press continues the propaganda of misrepresentation for the purpose of defying the public and to lessen the effects of the defeat on the western front.

Some of the papers are lying outright, while others belittle the smash of the allied armies, by ignoring the principal engagements and playing up the minor news.

Simultaneously alarm is expressed over the growing strength of the allies in Russia, while the movements on the west front are ignored altogether.

The Tageblatt contains no mention of operations between the Vesle and Aisne rivers, but gives prominence to purported "extension of gains" in Albania.

The Vorwaerts tranquilly declares that there is "no major fighting on the west front."

STORE PEOPLE BANQUET.

The proprietors and employees of Hill's Department Store and their families enjoyed a picnic lunch at Riverside Park last evening and spent the evening in a social way.

"DOWN WITH THE KAISER."

That is the legend which appears on a German helmet sent all the way from France by Rev. Geo. L. Clark to his son, James, connected with the tailoring establishment of Wilson Bros., in the Foley block.

WEATHER NOT SO COOL.

The weather man changed his mind today and blew up a hot current of air, with the intention of making it rain. It thundered a little off in the hills, as a barrage to the main attack. The glass marked 88 degrees in the shade.

MORE GOODS WANTED.

The ladies in charge of the Red Cross Store, in the Foley Block state that the goods called for for the next rummage sale are not coming very rapidly, and all are urged to send to Red Cross Headquarters in the Foley building all kinds of clothing for children, aprons, empty clean bottles, knitting bags, handkerchiefs, or other articles of value that will meet with ready sale. Old shoes that are not past repairing are always acceptable, others with soft tops can be used in making aprons for the aviation department, but should be sent direct to that department.

GERMAN HEAVY GUNS WORKING

INDICATION THAT STAND TAKEN NORTH OF VESLE.

American Gunners Strongly Retaliate the Shells, and Fire On Town of Esimes.

By Fred S. Ferguson, (United Press Staff Correspondent.) WITH THE AMERICAN ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Aug. 7.—German heavy artillery is in action, for the first time since they have been driven across the Ourcq. The firing is now the most violent since the retreat from the Marne.

This is the first indication that the Germans intend to make a stand with the main resistance line of the heights between the Vesle and Aisne rivers. The American rear is being shelled.

Flames is receiving a deluge of high explosives and gas, but our gunners are retaliating vigorously and are giving better than they are receiving the Huns.

FUEL OUTLOOK IS IMPROVING

STATE ADMINISTRATOR HOLMES TELLS OF CONDITIONS.

Wyoming Coal May Be Diverted From Oregon—Portland Industries Large Consumers.

State Fuel Administrator Fred J. Holmes has returned to La Grande from a month's absence in Portland on government business.

Asked about fuel conditions in Oregon, especially Eastern Oregon, Mr. Holmes said that in a general way, conditions are good.

Coal is being laid in, but the wood fuel situation, he said, is not quite so good—but is improving.

May Lose Wyoming Coal. "Our supply of Wyoming coal may be taken away from us by the government for use elsewhere," he said, "but I hope not."

"While in Portland, I wired a protest to the department in Washington, followed by a long letter, giving my reasons for retaining the coal, and received a reply that no action would be taken in regard to the matter, without first giving us notice and a further hearing."

East Is All Right. "The eastern coal mines are producing 1,000,000 tons of coal per month more than they did last year, so with that large amount available there, we will probably not be called on to help them out, as there will probably be no suffering from lack of fuel in the east."

New Industries in Portland. "The new industries in Portland are using from 20,000 to 25,000 tons of coal per month, more than was consumed last year."

HONOR GUARD GIRLS.

Honor Guard girls are reminded that this is the regular night for work in surgical dressings. There will be no drill tomorrow night, on account of the review of the Oregon Guard.

CAPTAIN RICHARD RUSSELL



Army officer who comes to La Grande tomorrow to address tremendously important meeting, at the L. D. S. Tabernacle, in conjunction with civil and military speakers, especially for all registrants, regardless of classification.

WAR FORCES TO MEET IN LA GRANDE

BIG MEETING IS ARRANGED TO BE HELD IN TABERNACLE TOMORROW EVENING.

ALL WAR REGISTRANTS SHOULD BE PRESENT

Military Review Will Precede the Main Meeting—All Mothers of Soldiers and the Public In General Is Invited to Attend—Dinner in the Evening.

A luncheon will be served at the basement of the Methodist church at 5 o'clock tomorrow evening for the visiting officials, and for the chairmen of the different war board districts of Union county. It is important that the various chairmen attend, as matters of extreme importance will be taken up.

DINNER AT FIVE O'CLOCK

Captain E. M. Burke, of Portland, is in La Grande today as a representative of the Oregon State Hygiene society, making final arrangements for the coming tomorrow of a trio of distinguished officers and civilians who will attend a meeting of war activities workers of Union county. Captain Richard Russell, of Camp Lewis, by order of the war department, has been specially delegated to visit the various county seats of the state to address the draft men in regard to new army regulations. These meetings are held under the auspices of the Oregon Social Hygiene society and the State Council of Defense.

Every mother and father who has a son in the draft age, should see to it that her boy comes to this meeting. It means a matter of future happiness to him. "If the people realized what Captain Russell has to say, they would come to the meeting, at any cost," said Captain Burke today.

Other Officers Coming. In addition to the Captain, there will be two other speakers. Major Hibbard, adjutant of the Oregon police and commander of the Multnomah Home Guard, will be on hand to talk on military defense. Members of the Oregon State Guard battalion here can ask him any question they desire concerning the prospective National Guard company here, or any other subject they may desire.

John Kollock, secretary of the State Council of Defense, will also talk on various matters of state defense.

Meeting at 8 O'Clock. The meeting is called for 8 o'clock and during the evening the Community Choir will sing several numbers. While the meeting is primarily for the selectives of all classification, the public at large is urged to attend.

Military Review at 7:30. At 7:30 promptly, the La Grande battalion will stage a review and retreat ceremony at the high school parade grounds, at which time the visiting officers and civilians, and the Union county advisory war board, the County Council of Defense, county and city officials will occupy places in the reviewing stand.

Immediately after the review, the meeting will begin at the Tabernacle. Wives and mothers of men now in the service, or soon to be, are urgently requested to be present.

Public Welcomed. The public is invited to witness the ceremony at the parade grounds. The Home Guard band will assist.

BRITISH REGAIN GROUND.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—(By United Press.)—Field Marshal Haig announced that the British, counter attacking between the Ancre and Somme, regained all the important positions lost yesterday, southwest of Merlancourt. A number of prisoners were taken.

WEATHER FORECAST.

PORTLAND, Aug. 7.—By United Press.—Forecast is for showers.

MAJ. GEN. E. H. CROWDER



A new photograph of Maj. Gen. Enoch H. Crowder, United States provost marshal general.

NEW SOLDIERS GOOD FIGHTERS

DOUGHBOYS SHOW NO TIMIDITY IN APPROACHING THE LINE.

Their Fearless, Quiet Way Indicates That They Know a Lot About the Business of War.

By FRANK TALYOR (United Press Staff Correspondent.) WITH THE AMERICAN TROOPS IN ALSACE-LORRAINE, July 20.—(By Mail.)—By the dim light of the moon you could barely see the stream of doughboys pouring out of the sheltering woods, and scraping over trenches. They said very little and trudged along with that measured swinging tread which enables European veterans to carry their heavy packs almost unheard-of distances.

The stream seemed unending, as the United Press staff car picked its way from squad to squad without using lights, without falling in ditches, and without touching a single doughboy. Finally one section of the human stream halted in a ruined village. The press car stopped, too, for beyond this point everything except ammunition and food goes on foot.

The officers gave the order to rest, and a lot of packs dropped to the ground, followed by doughboys. Their rifles the never dropped. In the moonlight you could see the ground covered with resting soldiers, mostly sitting. There was a clinking of rifles, and sounds of tightening packs, and bits of gossip which could come only from a group heading for its final night in the trenches.

Our Citizen Soldiers. These were Uncle Sam's citizen-soldiers, new men just over from the "States," as they have a habit of calling home when over here. A few questions revealed the fact that a year ago these boys were clerks, carpenters, students, and whatnot, in civilian clothes. Six months ago they were in a training camp. Now they were making their genuine debut into the war for civilization.

There was no wild enthusiasm nor any evidence of fear or even apprehension among these citizen-soldiers as they rested before making the last lap into the trenches. There was a matter-of-fact sort of confidence prevalent, and very many were making the most of the breathing spell to see that he was 100 percent ready for battle. Interest and talk centered around the clinking rifles and other equipment.

"This old gun's sure going to do some work from now on," said one doughboy to his pal, as he played with the rifle fondly. "It's the best gun in this army."

"Say, you never shot this gun," replied the other. "Nobody ever did and nobody will but me. It's some boche-getter. It was made for me 'specially, Bo."

Officers went through the crowd, giving a final warning about the use of gas masks, and attention centered around masks for a moment. A lot of chaps tried them on again. Then packs were again adjusted, and the group of doughboys streamed slowly on.

More Silent Now. As they got nearer the front trenches, the word was passed to walk more quietly. Conversation except in undertones stopped, and they descended into trenches. All you heard was the steady knock of bobtailed shoes on the trench duckboards, as these new arrivals were quietly initiated to the trenches on the western front, somewhere in France. Quietly and without commotion the officers stationed their men, with lookouts watching across moonlit No.

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HUN CHANCE WILL NEVER COME AGAIN

THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE BY LLOYD GEORGE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FRENCH COMMANDER PRAISES THE YANKS

Courage and Skill of the Americans Is the Subject of Highest Commendation—British Shipping Is Recovering From the Submarine Menace of Past Years.

LONDON, August 7.—(By United Press.)—"The chances Germany had on March 21 will never come again," Premier Lloyd George told the House of Commons this afternoon.

"The American army will soon be only slightly smaller than that of the Germans.

"We all desire peace, but peace is not acceptable must be just and durable and with proper power behind it to enforce it.

"I believe in a league of nations, but we must be careful of the conditions under which it is established.

"Marshal Foch's counter stroke was the most brilliant in the war's annals. He has driven the enemy back but the danger is not over."

There was widest cheering in the Commons when the name of Foch was mentioned by the British premier.

In regard to the submarine danger, Lloyd George said: "The tonnage of the British navy at the beginning of the war was 2,500,000. It is now 8,000,000 tons."

The premier said that everyone knew of the American army's courage. "But its trained skill, and especially that of its officers, is beyond the power of words to express."

PROVED WORTHY SONS.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Aug. 7.—(By United Press.)—General Mangin, addressing the Third United States Corps today, said:

"Your magnificent clan has taken the enemy by surprise; your indomitable tenacity stopped a return offensive by his fresh divisions. You have proved yourselves worthy sons of a great country."

LIGHT HOUSE SHIP SUNK BY U-BOAT

ENEMY U-BOAT COMES WITHIN HALF MILE OF SHORE OFF CAPE HATTERAS.

WASHINGTON, August 7.—(By United Press.)—A submarine, approaching within a half a mile of the beach, shelled and sunk the Diamond Shoals lighthouse ship off Cape Hatteras, on the North Carolina coast, yesterday afternoon, according to an announcement made public today by the United States naval department. All members of the crew were rescued in boats, the announcement states.

GAIN ON TWO-MILE FRONT.

PARIS, Aug. 7.—(United Press.)—The allies repulsed attacks against Lagrange farm, on the Vesle. They captured Story-Salonne station. The allied forces progressed one mile on a two-mile front west of Montdidier.

STEPHENSON-BYNG WEDDING.

Thomas P. Stephenson and Mrs. Ida L. Byng were married July 31, 1918, at the home of the groom on Second street, Rev. Fessie, pastor of the M. E. church, officiating. Only members of the family were present and after the ceremony a dainty luncheon was served. Mr. Stephenson has lived in La Grande for many years and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stephenson, pioneer residents. Mrs. Stephenson has a ranch in California where they expect to make their home in the future.

COVE PEOPLE DIVORCED.

After hearing the testimony of many Cove witnesses for two days, Judge Knowles last evening gave Mrs. Julia Goodell, of Cove, a divorce from her husband, George E. Goodell, and gave her the custody of three small children until the further order of the court.