

WAR CHEST PLAN ADOPTED

ADVISORY WAR BOARD HAS DRAFTED PLANS FOR USING SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTION

NO FURTHER RED CROSS BENEFITS OR SOLICITATION ONE DRIVE TO DO IT ALL, AND NO MORE OVER-SUBSCRIPTION — UNION COUNTY LEADS STATE.

Reduced to its most crux-like form, the proposed war chest movement in Union county provides for the following features: Ten per cent of card ratings, with a minimum of \$12.00 per year to be the basis of raising the war chest fund, which amount, on this basis, will be approximately \$100,000.

The Union County Advisory War Board requests all town boards and city councils in Union county to issue proclamations to prohibit any solicitation, conduct food sales, clothing raffles, benefits for the Red Cross, or any solicitation for funds for war work purposes whatsoever, until such solicitation or benefit has been passed on by the Union County Advisory War Board.

Managing committee of five to be business head. Executive committee to be composed of chairmen of the different war board districts.

A disbursement committee to be composed of the chairmen of the different war boards districts.

Once more Union county leads Oregon in war activity. Union county is to have a war chest with which to coordinate and operate its war activities. Final decision to that end was reached at a meeting of the district chairmen of the Union County Advisory War Board, and the Council of Defense, held last evening at the Methodist church. The business was transacted during luncheon served by the ladies of the Methodist church.

County Chairman G. L. Larison presided. He pointed out the purposes of the meeting, and then called upon E. E. Kiddle to go into the merits of the proposition. Mr. Kiddle had corresponded with Syracuse, Indianapolis and other eastern communities, which have put the war chest idea on a firm foundation; he pointed out possible objections and answered them in a most conclusive manner. Walter M. Pierce, Dunham Wright, of Medical Springs, and others, spoke of the matter. John Wells, of Allice, was not particularly in harmony with one or two minor features, but as to the general scheme was in complete sympathy. The managing committee of the advisory board had previously digested the entire matter in a most comprehensive way and offered a resolution setting out the salient features, covering the principal fact of how the money, after it is raised, shall be expended.

The war chest of Union county will be raised by memberships and in addition, further money in the way of assessments.

While the whole subject is too broad for a comprehensive review in the limited space available, some of the essentials are set out above and here are some of the things it will do:

Every citizen can, with one subscription, meet every charity requirement for the year, and stop raffles, Red Cross dinners, and all affiliated efforts to raise money, which become a constant and never-ending drain on the public. The war chest will maintain all Red Cross endeavor, local and national. There will be no more sale of tickets for this, that and the other thing for Red Cross benefits.

Every man and woman, young and old, in the county is expected to become a member. The well-oiled machinery now extant for war drives, will put over the war chest drive. The one solicitation will, for one year, end all charity subscriptions, big and small. Investment campaigns such as bond and stamps are not embraced in this movement—only charities.

The basis upon which each person is supposed to give is briefly this: One dollar per month for each person, payable monthly, and in addition, when the financial status of the individual is such that 10 per cent of the assessed valuation as shown by the individual cards already prepared, would equal more than \$12, then more will be expected. Anybody who is now rated for one Liberty bond will of course come under the \$100 a month class, and likewise up to a considerable figure, over one bond. Each individual can figure his pro rata by taking 10 per cent of his assessed valuation as shown by the card ratings on a million dollar basis.

Once a year every individual will (Continued on Page 3)

REVIEW AND THE CHORUS PLEASE ALL

MILITARY FUNCTION AND SINGERS PLEASE BIG CROWD LAST EVENING.

By W. C. Cowgill.

With the precision of trained U. S. troops, on review in dress parade, under the command of Captains Pearce Nelson, headed by the Home Guard band, directed by J. David Haines, on the High School parade grounds, last evening, in the presence of U. S. Army officers, and thousands of visitors, a "Red Letter Day" was scored by La Grande, not soon to be forgotten.

And, too, under the command of one of the "officers of the day," captained by T. J. Serogin, chairman of the local draft board, nearly one hundred patriotic citizens, members of the Council of Defense, City and County officials, fell in line with the reviewing officers and inspected the battalion.

At attention, with hats off, when the colors passed, they also showed of what stuff they were made, should men be called in arms.

At the Tabernacle.

When the large audience was comfortably seated in the Tabernacle, Mr. Pierce had called the meeting to order in a short patriotic address, which called out round of applause, it was soon to be seen that The Community Choir, under the able direction of Prof. L. D. Edwards, was the center of attraction, for the time, at least.

With the assurance of a veteran leading his army of singers to victory, the audience was electrified by the manner in which they sang "The Red, White and Blue," responding with "Keep the Home Fires Burning," sung as never heard before within those sacred walls. With soprano solos, followed by the basses, bursting with the full power of the whole chorus the effect could not have been excelled.

At the close of the truly masterly address of John K. Kollock, the entire audience standing, while the National Hymn preceded by "The Long, Long Trail," was rendered, the very roof echoed to the patriotism of hundreds of voices which will have no half-way victory at the hands of our troops in France.

When at the conclusion of the most American of all American patriotic programs, Mr. Kollock had remarked that he had heard Eastern Oregon had a Community Chorus Choir, but had found that La Grande possessed the only one in all his travels up and down the state that could be called a sure-enough-to-goodness chorus choir, the entire audience with one accord joined in the chorus of "The Star Spangled Banner," not only the rafters of the roof rang, and rang again with the spontaneity of the outburst, but the echoes rang around the entire block.

Can you beat it?

MRS. MATTIE A. ROBERTSON



Mrs. Mattie A. Robertson has been appointed policewoman in the state, war and navy building in Washington, where nearly 600 policemen and guards are on duty. The women employees in the building are her charges.

UNION SERVICE SUNDAY NIGHT

WELL KNOWN PORTLAND DIVINE TO GIVE ADDRESS.

"Unmasking Germany" Is the Theme Dr. Boyd Will Use in His Lecture Here.

La Grande is to be privileged with a visit of a well known Portland minister next Sunday evening. The visitor will be Dr. John H. Boyd, pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Portland, and his theme will be "Unmasking Germany."

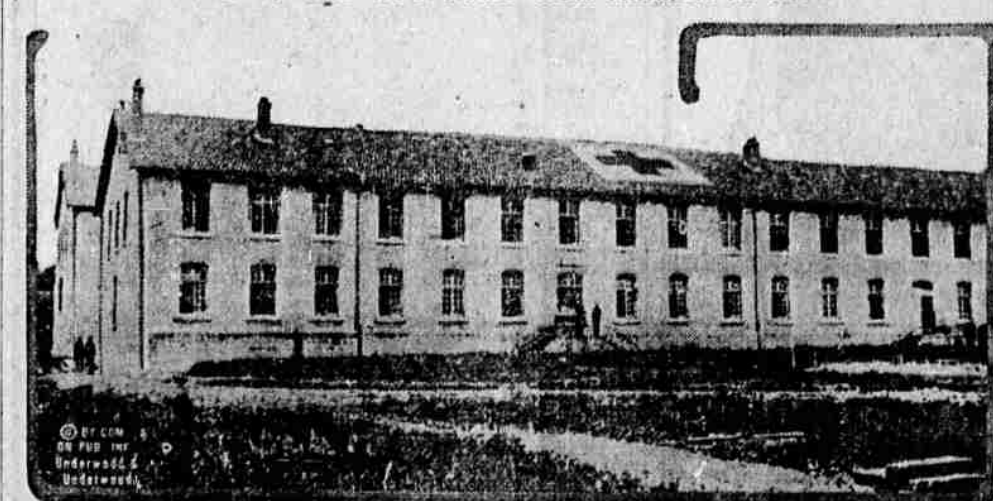
A telegram to John K. Kollock, executive secretary of the State Council of Defense, who was in the city last night and this morning, brings this information to light, and Mr. Kollock arranged, in conjunction with local officials and men, for the meeting. It will be held at the Methodist church and practically all of the churches of the city will make arrangements to let their congregations attend.

"Dr. Boyd is one of the very best speakers I ever heard, and La Grande is fortunate in getting him," said Mr. Kollock this morning.

TO REVIVE FISH HATCHERY.

A movement is on foot amongst the local devotees of Sir Isaac Newton to revive the fish hatchery on the Minam, as this is the last year in which anything can be done about it, for at the close of the year, the title to the hatchery will revert back to the government. It is thought that by united effort the end can be accomplished before the close of the year.

ONE OF THE HOSPITALS HUN AIRMEN ATTACK



This is one of the Red Cross evacuation hospitals behind the lines in France which the Germans' aviators have been deliberately bombing. Only a few days ago German aviators dropped bombs on one of these hospitals at Jouy, killing two enlisted men and wounding nine others.

PRAISE IS HEARD FOR THE COUNTY

VISITORS' PROFUSE IN COMPLEMENTING COMMUNITY AND PATRIOTIC SPIRIT.

REGISTRANTS PLAINLY TOLD WHAT FACES THEM AT CAMP

Three Visiting Speakers Address a Large Audience in Tabernacle Last Evening, and Outline Many Policies Already in Force Here, and Leave Words of Praise for the People.

"I have made many miles up and down the state of Oregon, but it remains for me to find La Grande, that La Grande and Union county stand first in three important matters pertaining to the government activities, namely: "The best drilled companies of Oregon Guard; the only, and best trained Community Choir, and last, but not least, the first War Chest in Oregon."—John K. Kollock.

Three speakers, each with a message of great importance, addressed a capacity house in the L. D. S. Tabernacle, the biggest audience that has greeted the speakers in their trip over the entire state. They were free to praise the enthusiasm displayed, and in similar instances in the past, found that La Grande leads the rest of the state in many respects. The flags of the allies decorated the rostrum. Walter M. Pierce presided and members of the Council of Defense, city and county authorities, and others, sat on the platform.

John Kollock, executive secretary of the Oregon Council of Defense, was the first speaker, but freely admitted that most of the wind had been taken out of his sails, because, at the luncheon just before the meeting, the War Chest plan had been adopted, the community is well organized, the town possessed a community chorus and these were some of the chief things he had come to advocate.

"I really have no message for La Grande, I find, after coming here," he said. "But all towns are not like La Grande."

Real Test Is Pointed Out.

He pointed out that endurance—endurance in all things—is what will eventually win this war, and he warned with a great deal of fervor, against the day when peace plans, that on the surface sounded fair, should be advanced. It is against that we must endure, he said—to prevent an unjust peace, or a pre-emptive settlement of this conflict. He cautioned the public to guard against sedition and he admonished them to sing—yet the community chorus echoed the fruit of his warning. His address teemed with force and punch.

Military Body Praised.

Major Hibbard, commander of the (Continued on Page Two)

DR. EDWARD A. RUMELY



Dr. Edward Rumely, the vice president, secretary and publisher of the New York Evening Mail, who has been arrested by government agents on charges of perjury which grew out of a statement made by Rumely that the Mail was an American-owned paper. Evidence in possession of the government shows that the paper was owned by the Imperial German government, which paid through its agents the sum of \$735,000, which transferred the control of the paper to the Kaiser.

WILKIE SAWS OUT OF JAIL

LOCAL MAN MAKES GOOD ESCAPE DURING NIGHT.

Charged With Stealing Sacks, and Lodged in Jail, Wilkie Gains His Freedom.

Without giving warning of his intentions to the chief of police, Willie Wilkie, arrested yesterday on the charge of stealing grain sacks from Walter Pierce, where he had been working as a harvest hand, and from other nearby ranches, amounting to \$3 sacks all told, sawed his way to liberty by the use of some kind of an implement, to the police unknown.

Wilkie, who is a local man, has developed the practice of breaking into jail and getting out again to a fine point.

PLEASED WITH LA GRANDE.

W. J. Morton, of the Portland Roofing Co., whose partner, A. W. Skamfield, and son Wilmer A. W. Skamfield, have been associated with him in some contract work in La Grande, stated yesterday that he was well pleased with the city, and while he expected to close up all his contracts with the Elks Temple, and other contracts by next Saturday, he hoped to have other work in the near future, as he is well pleased with the prospects for business in La Grande.

They expect to go to southern Oregon from here where they will be busy for some little time, with a side contract to fill in Canyon A.

ALLIES CHASE HUNS ON FLANDERS FRONT: LINE IN PICARDY TWISTING

TANKS AND "WHIPPETS" GRIND MEN AND GUNS INTO THE MUD, CREATING TERROR EVERYWHERE—CAPTURED NUMBER 20,000, IS REPORT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 9.—(By United Press.)—The State Department announces that a state of war has been declared by the Bolshevik government against the allies. Lenin, in a public speech before the Soviets, declared war existed, and later the allied diplomats were informed. This may not mean an offensive, but a defensive war.

LONDON, Aug. 9.—(By United Press.)—Allies have begun an offensive in Flanders, and this morning at an early hour, the British column was pressing slowly forward in Picardy and had advanced in Flanders today. The initial progress of two miles on an eight-mile front was reported, with the capture of five villages. In Picardy the capture of Morlancourt and the arrival of British cavalry at Chaumes Junction are reported unofficially. Later official reports show additional gains of four miles since yesterday, with a total penetration of 12 miles. The war office reported fourteen thousand prisoners as taken in the drive.

SOMME OFFENSIVE UNEVENTFUL.

PARIS, Aug. 9.—(By United Press.)—The French war office says there is no new change in the new offensive on the front south of the Somme.

RICH STOCKMAN OF WALLOWA DEAD

ISOLATED REGION SCENE OF FATAL ACCIDENT—CHILDREN FIND CORPSE.

ENTERPRISE, Aug. 9.—Walter S. Brockman, the largest owner of cattle in Wallowa county, was found dead below a Snake river trail Monday afternoon. The trail runs from the schoolhouse to the James Wilson ranch, climbing up from the river and crossing a bench, and then dropping down to the stream again.

As the slopes are precipitous on Snake river, there are many places where there is a long drop from the trails to the gulches below. The children of Gus Stumbaugh, who attend the school on the river, were going home along the trail Monday afternoon when a girl noticed a dead packmule lying in the bottom of the gulch below.

The children descended the pitch to the spot and found the body of Mr. Brockman lying near that of the loaded animal. Some of Mr. Brockman's horses also were in the neighborhood, it is said. The children fled from the spot and reported their discovery.

Mrs. Stumbaugh rode to the Innaha store and told what she had learned, and word was brought to Enterprise on Tuesday by C. C. Boswell.

The place where Mr. Brockman met his death is one of the most remote in the country, as it is 50 miles from a railroad, and there is no wagon road nearer than the breaks of Snake river, the crest of the great canyon. The ranches on the tiny bottom lands along the stream are reached by trail or by power boat from Lewiston. Telephone facilities are meager and uncertain.

The last word which had reached Innaha yesterday was that Mr. Brockman's body had been brought to Pittsburg, where an investigation was held by men living there. The supposition from persons who knew the cattleman is that some accident happened as he and his pack animals were traveling the trail, and they were thrown down the steep slope and killed by the fall.

FAMOUS SCOUT IN CITY.

Alfred L. Chapman, famous Custer guide and scout who was with General Custer and is the only man now living, he says, who witnessed Custer's last battle, is a visitor in La Grande today on business. His home is in San Jose, California.

WEDGE DRIVEN BY HAIG.

WITH THE BRITISH FORCES, Aug. 9.—British and French, under General Haig, had driven a wedge six to eight miles into the western wall of the Montdidier pocket at 12:30 today. This morning there was great confusion behind Prince Rupprecht's front. Airmen report enemy transports fleeing rapidly to escape the capture that threatens them.

Some high German officers were captured. Others escaped, wearing only their pajamas, and one division captured more Germans than they could handle. It was necessary for the slightly wounded allied soldiers to help guard the prisoners.

New Weapon Is Popular.

Big tanks, surrounded by little "whippets" looked like dreadnaughts surrounded by destroyers. The "whippets" can turn faster than a man.

Operating over rough ground, they ran down individuals, flattened the machine gun nests, grinding the crews into the mud and terrorizing whole sections.

FRANCO-BRITISH STRIKE.

PARIS, Aug. 9.—The Franco-British advance continues. The allies have reached Bouchoir, south of Roosters, and are progressing towards the Vesle.

PATROLS PENETRATE FAR.

LONDON, Aug. 9.—It is learned this afternoon that British patrols have passed Faucaucourt, which is four miles northwest of Chaumes.

JAPAN PUBLISHES ATTITUDE.

Does Not Believe Czecho-Slovaks As Strong As Generally Reported.

TOKYO, Aug. 9.—(United Press.)—Baron Goto, Japanese foreign minister, when interviewed, said that Japan does not believe her forces to send Siberiavard are strong enough now, than to render slight assistance to the Czecho-Slovaks.

He said Japan has not changed her position regarding intervention, "but willingly conforms to the American desire for a small force with restricted activities." He said the Czecho-Slovaks are not as strong as is popularly supposed, and continued, "Japan means to stand by her promise to respect Russian integrity and will withdraw her forces when the allied aims have been accomplished. We will make every effort to reassure the Russian people. In all probability, the leader of the expedition will be a Japanese."

RUMMAGE SALE.

At Red Cross Shop Saturday, August 10 from 1:30 to 5 o'clock. Under management of Mrs. Lou Given.