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TAKE 37,000 HUNS IN 3 DAYS

ENORMOUS STORES OF SHELLS LOST

WHILE FIGHTING PROGRESSES AROUND ROYE, FOE IS SAVING STORES.
PERONNE CLEARED OF ITS GREAT STOREHOUSE TODAY

Fall of Roye Now But a Few Hours Away, Is Belief—Lassigny Is Enveloped—Americans Preparing For New Activities—Germans Again Lose Fismes Ground.

PARIS, Aug. 13.—(By United Press.)—At 4:00 p. m. today, Germans are hurriedly removing enormous quantities of war material from Peronne, which lies well back from the present front. The enemy troops are crossing the Somme. The road about Peronne is crowded with German transports attempting to move the material to a safer place.

Huge ammunition dumps at Ressonsurmatiz and Orvillers, containing millions of shells, were abandoned by the enemy in their flight, and this has been captured by the French. It is believed the allies are preparing for some new activity, although comparative lulls exist between the Aisne and the Somme.

ROYE NEAR COLLAPSE.
LONDON, Aug. 13.—(United Press.)—At 4:00 p. m. today, evacuation of Roye, a big and important center in the German retreat, and Lassigny's fall are expected hourly. This will probably force a German retreat to the Somme canal, and additional retirement of from five to ten miles all along the line.

BRIDGES OVER THE SOMME AT PERONNE HAVE BEEN SMASHED, CUTTING OFF THE ENEMY'S SUPPLIES, AND HINDERING THE RETREAT.
The allies, since the offensive began, have gained between nine and ten miles on a forty-mile front.

FRENCH DRIVING FORWARD.
PARIS, Aug. 13.—(United Press.)—French are driving forward today, trying to flank Roye, Lassigny, and Ribecourt, it is learned this afternoon. The Germans, as a result of the pressure by the French, are evacuating the southern defenses of Ribecourt. They have retired from trenches on three miles of front between a point on the Oise and from Ribecourt to Bally, while southeast of Ribecourt the French forces have occupied deserted positions. Roye is being pressed closely from the west and south, and French are apparently commanding the city. Communications from the eastward are under heavy artillery fire of the allies.

AFTER CAPTURING IMPORTANT WOODS BETWEEN ROYE AND LASSIGNY, THE FRENCH PROCEEDED BY TAKING THE WOOD TO THE EASTWARD. FRENCH HAVE CAPTURED LECOUVILLON, BETWEEN LASSIGNY AND RIBECOURT. THE GERMANS HAVE WITHDRAWN ADDITIONAL TROOPS FROM THE BATTLE LINE. THERE ARE NEARLY 400,000 GERMANS ON THIS FRONT.
On the Vesle front, Franco-Americans, by strong counter attacks, retained positions lost temporarily near Fismes. The French have almost reached the crest of Lassigny heights.
A British communique said that the British advanced last night north of Roye and along the Somme's north bank, where the Americans are fighting and taking additional prisoners.

"FINE!" SAYS MRS. HOOVER



Mrs. Herbert C. Hoover, wife of the federal food administrator, registering astonishment and admiration at the number of potato bugs captured by a diminutive girl scout guest at the Hoover home. Mrs. Hoover entertained a large number of girl scouts from Washington at her country residence, and went to the soil with them in a girl scout uniform.

KERENSKY MAY SAVE RUSSIANS

EX-PREMIER CHOICE OF ALLIES IN NEW MOVE.

GERMAN FORCES ARE NOW MARCHING ON PETROGRAD, TO OCCUPY THAT CITY.

GERMANS APPROACH THE RUSSIAN CAPITAL

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 13.—(By United Press.)—A Helsinki dispatch declares Germans are marching on Petrograd, intending to occupy the city.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—(United Press.)—It is indicated that the allies are grooming Kerensky, deposed Russian premier, as a possible leader to drive the Bolsheviks from Russia and to establish order there.

U-BOATS OFF FIRE ISLAND.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—(United Press.)—German U-boats appear to be operating all along the Atlantic coast, from New England to the Carolinas.

CASUALTIES ARE SMALL.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—(United Press.)—Secretary of War Baker announced a casualty list of 90 today.

MANY PLANES DESTROYED.

LONDON, Aug. 13.—(United Press.)—The air ministry has reported 20 German battle planes destroyed over the Picardy area. Twenty-five were driven down. Four hostile observation balloons came down in flames, while seven British aircraft are missing.

MR. EAKIN TO SPEAK

Attorney Will Deliver Brief Address at Anniversary Service.

MARINE TAKES BRIDE.

Raymond West and Miss Lovely United in Marriage.
Sunday at high noon Raymond W. West, a Union county Marine home on furlough, was married to Miss Bertha F. Lovely. Rev. W. B. Smith officiated. Both the bride and groom are well known locally.

NEW CALL FOR UNION IS 20 MEN

MEN TO ENTRAIN BETWEEN AUGUST 26 AND 31 SAYS THE ORDER.

JUNE REGISTRANTS MAY BE DRAWN ON THIS TIME

Small Quota Sent In August Because of Agricultural Reasons—Unofficial Prediction In September Will Be a Large One—Quota of This State Is One Thousand Men.

Union county's August quota of selected men will be comparatively light as the Department of War has recognized the necessity of keeping agricultural interests going, and deferred calling the August quota as long as possible. Now, however, the quota has been announced and the time of entraining has been set for August 26 to the 31st.

WILL TOUR THE COUNTRY BY AUTO

AL. ANDREWS AND BOB STODDARD START OUT FOR THE NORTH POLE.

Al. Andrews and "Bob" Stoddard, of Baker, early yesterday morning left La Grande in a brand new motor car, secured for the occasion, and took the "short line" for the coast, intending to make Seattle temporary headquarters.

CHOIR REHEARSAL THURSDAY.

The regular choir rehearsal of the Methodist church will be held Thursday evening. Mrs. Scott A. Wheatley, the director, is anxious that a large attendance be present in order that the fall work in the church may be started off at once.

THIS IS ANNIVERSARY WEEK.

This is an important week in the way of anniversaries. The Oregon Guard, formerly the Home Guard, is a year old; the Hospital unit went away a year ago; the Army and Navy Auxiliary was organized a year ago—and about one year ago La Grande began fully to know it was an integral part of the war.

PRISONERS TAKEN RAPIDLY.

PARIS, Aug. 13.—(United Press.)—Marcel Huton, military critic for one of the leading Paris newspapers, says he has authority for the statement that German prisoners captured between Thursday of last week to Sunday, will exceed 37,000 and that over 1000 cannon and 10,000 machine guns have been captured. Enemy prisoners taken since July 15 will exceed 70,000.

WILL DRILL TONIGHT.

The two companies of Oregon Guard will have the regular Tuesday evening drill tonight.

SUSPECT SMASHES LIQUID EVIDENCE

HAINES MAN MAKES GETAWAY AND ALSO DESTROYS BOTTLE FILLED WITH LIQUOR.

BAKER, Aug. 13.—Jess Hart, of Haines, whom Officer Henninger attempted to take into custody early Sunday evening, after he had been under surveillance for some time under suspicion that he was buying liquor, made his escape from the officer, breaking away after he had smashed his bottle of liquor on the sidewalk. This took place on Washington street just off Main, and the officer pursued Hart to St. Francis Academy, where he escaped in the alley near First street in the darkness. The officer fired two shots in the air hoping to scare Hart into stopping, but he only put on more speed.

Before being accosted on Washington street, Officers Henninger and Merrill had been watching Hart in a certain place and while in there he is believed to have secured the whiskey, which, however, was spilled on the sidewalk and destroyed as evidence.

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No dogs or guns were put in the car, but an abundance of good things to eat on the way, and of course a "fry" speckled trout in the streams they expect to camp beside up in the mountains, but Al told his brother he had put in a lot of stronger tackle, and if occasion offered, the whales of the Pacific had better keep an eye to leeward, or else they would bring home a big piece of fat blubber, and enough whale bone to start a corset factory right here in La Grande.

Late News

SPAIN WEARY OF U-BOATS.

LONDON, Aug. 13.—(United Press.)—It is indicated that Spain may break with Germany, as a result of submarine campaigns.

GERMANY WILL CONFERENCE.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—(United Press.)—Germany has formally accepted United States proposals for a Berne, Switzerland, conference on the exchange of prisoners, in September.

AMENDMENT ADOPTED.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—(United Press.)—The Senate Military Committee has adopted the work or fight amendment to the man-power bill, providing men exempted for industrial reasons must sacrifice their exemption if they stop work; provided for a post-war education of men under 21 at the government's expense, and other salient features.

HOME ON A VISIT.

Miller Stearns, who enlisted in the navy a short time ago from the telegraph department of the O. W. R. & N., in La Grande, arrived home last evening from Bremerton, Washington, on a short furlough which will be spent with his family.

GERMANS CAPTURED BY YANKEES, READY FOR FIRST GOOD MEAL.



GERMAN PRISONERS READY FOR YANKEE MEAL

MORE MEN NEEDED IN COMPANIES

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS AT THE DOOR OF EVERY PROSPECTIVE REGISTRANT.

TWO-FOLD PURPOSE IS FACING THE REGISTRANTS

Year's Anniversary of the Home Guard-Oregon Guard Finds Big Lot of Man Power Turned Into the Army, and Banks at Present Depleted by Reason of This Fact.

A campaign of education to convince registrants that they owe it to themselves and to their country to learn something of military affairs before they are called into service, has been begun by the officers and men of the Oregon Guard companies here.

Right Down to Business.
The time has come in the world conflict and with the draft age limits to be raised to 45 and lowered to 18 or 19, that the man power of this and every other county must prepare itself for service of some kind.

About one year ago, exactly one year ago yesterday, to be correct, the La Grande Home Guard company was organized. At first it was primarily a Home Guard institution but it soon began to graduate young men into service. That graduation class now numbers about 75 and in a great majority of cases, men have gone into non-commissioned officers' post in service from here.

Then the institution began to grow wider in its purpose. It made a specialty of training men for the service. So well has it succeeded in that respect that its membership has now dwindled to an alarming extent, because, weekly, a half dozen or a half score drop out—and the people of Union county haven't awakened to the necessity of keeping the enlistments up to standard.

Two conditions face the community. The need of a Home Guard or a militia company is too self-evident to need any support. There simply must be such an institution. The question now is, will the business men and professional men and clerks "let George" keep this institution going, or will they help themselves and their community by enlisting in the guard.

During the next 10 days vigorous recruiting campaigns will be instituted—the ultimate object being largely for the individual good of the registrants, present and prospective.

COMMUNITY CHOIR SUCCESSFUL MEET

At the meeting last night of The Community Chorus Choir for practice, members present by unanimous vote, authorized President Mossman to appoint a committee of two from each of the churches of the city, as campaign agitators for new members of the choir.

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DUMMY BOMBS FOR AVIATORS



Two men at Ellington field, Houston, Tex., preparing dummy bombs for the practice work of the aviators who are being trained especially for bombing.

FAREWELL FOR SEVEN ON WED.

INCREMENT WILL BE FITTED AT ANNIVERSARY.

Presentation of Sweaters to Take Place at Methodist Church.

Tomorrow seven Union county men will be inducted into Uncle Sam's service, being slated to enter the Benson Polytechnic at Portland. A committee consisting of J. H. Pearce, C. D. Emlahiser, E. E. Kirtley and A. W. Nelson has been appointed by County Council of Defense Chairman Scroggin to see that the boys are given a suitable farewell, and it has been decided best to not attempt two meetings tomorrow night—hence the presentation of sweaters from the Auxiliary and a few words of adieu, will be spoken in connection with the anniversary at the Methodist church. The seven men will be present and their part of the program will come early in the evening. In this way there will be no conflicting attractions. They report tomorrow and go the 15th.

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WILL INCREASE MEMBERSHIP BY SOLICITING COMMITTEE HANDEL'S MESSIAH

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AUXILIARY NAMES NEW OFFICIALS

THE FIRST YEAR OF EXISTENCE PROVES TO HAVE BEEN A GREAT SUCCESS.

FIVE HUNDRED OUTFITS TURNED OVER TO MEN

Annual Election of Officers Conducted Last Evening—Mrs. Palmer Is Re-elected President—Auxiliary First Beneficiary of the Recently Adopted Union County War Chest.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected last evening by the membership of the Union County Army & Navy Auxiliary. At the same time a general review of what has been done by that worthy organization in one year was reviewed briefly and the retrospective survey can't be anything but flattering, on the whole.

Mrs. C. N. Palmer was re-elected president, Miss Etta Foley, vice-president, and Mrs. J. J. Carr, secretary and treasurer.

In one year this auxiliary grew from an auxiliary to the hospital unit which left La Grande a year ago to tomorrow, and then the institution ramified in its activities, until it became a broader auxiliary than the hospital unit branch. It took into its motherly fold the sons of Union county, regardless of the branch of service.

One of the big outstanding departments of work has been to make sweaters, "ditty bags" and "housewives" for all land soldiers going to war in that period of time. All selectives have been supplied and all volunteers, wherever they could be located as well. Marine and navy enlistments were not presented with the sweaters for the reason that these branches of service provide a similar equipment. In all, about 500 such outfits have been knitted and sewed, and the material in each amounts to about \$5.50 which makes a considerable sum of money. A major portion of this expense has been met from various sources, but the auxiliary was the first beneficiary of the Union County War Chest, for the advisory war board pledged its own name at the banks for \$1000 and presented the auxiliary with that sum. This money is used for all sons of the county, but does not go to any mess fund. The hospital unit mess fund, by the way, has been replenished from time to time through auxiliary efforts. Late letters from France say that Major Graham, former commander of the unit and now detached to more responsible duties, recently visited his old command, brought with him \$150 which had come from Union county for the unit mess fund.

This auxiliary is the only one of its kind in the state—at least the only one that has been able to accomplish anything like the work done here. Officers at the receiving depot brigade at Camp Lewis have noticed the equipment coming from Union county, and one officer writes that the outfit is so precisely what is wanted that he is anxious to buy one. From San Francisco comes similar news, so that the auxiliary is really making a name for itself outside the ranks of men going away—everyone of whom is highly elated when he gets the outfit.

Union county is on the alert to help its soldier boys in every respect, but it is doubtful if any one institution has done as much in that respect as has this same auxiliary.

LIVE STOCK RECEIPTS IN JULY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 13.—Increased receipts of cattle, hogs, and sheep at 34 cities during July, 1918, compared with receipts at the same cities in July, 1917, are shown by the stockyards report of the Bureau of Markets, United States Department of Agriculture. July receipts for the two years at the 34 cities which includes most of the large markets, with 1918 figures first, were: Cattle, 1,897,847; 1,552,373; hogs, 2,813,749; 2,395,226; and sheep, 1,109,862; 1,174,335.

THE WEATHER.

PORTLAND, Aug. 13.—The forecast is for fair weather.