

STIFF LINE MEETS THE FOCH PUNCH

INDICATIONS POINT TO A STUBBORN RESISTANCE IN THE VICINITY OF ROYE.

ALLIES ENTER OUTSKIRTS OF BRAY BY SLOW DEGREES

Notable Increase In Artillery Fire All Along Entire Line—Enemy Troops Moved Up From Best Reserves to Halt Allies—Minor Attacks Made.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES, Aug. 14.—(By United Press)

Developments prove to day that Germans are determined to make a stand in the vicinity of Roye. The second and 18th German armies are offering stiffer resistance daily.

For the past 24 hours there has been a notable increase in shelling, especially gas attacks, north of Morlancourt, where the Americans are fighting, in and about the Ancre valley.

Allies, north of the Aisne, repulsed minor attacks and are advancing slightly near Bray, at which place Americans and British have penetrated the town's outskirts.

Rupprecht's gunners are considerably busier on the forward Aisne. Allied airmen continue swarming the sky, and harassing Boche transports.

Troop movements behind the enemy front show the Germans are determined to make a stand

ARTILLERY FIRE HEAVY.

PARIS, Aug. 14.—(United Press)—The official communique says today: "Both artilleries are showing great activity between Avre and the Oise river, especially in Roye and the Conchy sector."

GERMANS REGAIN BALANCE.

PARIS, Aug. 14.—(United Press)—Germans have regained their equilibrium in Picardy, at least temporarily, and are apparently determined to make a stand on the Bray-Roye-Lassigny-Noyon line, but the showing an unusual jump on the whole front.

They are trying small raids to get prisoners, and are persistent in their air reconnaissance to learn what the enemy intends doing.

Foch is exerting strong pressure at vital points, keeping the Germans guessing.

RUPPRECHT IS PUNISHED.

WITH THE BRITISH FORCE, Aug. 14.—(By United Press.)—Prince Rupprecht's hold on the west side of the Somme, and the Nesle-Noyon canal, remains extremely unprofitable. British and French maintain a diabolical pressure from Albert to Ribecourt. The Germans are profiting to the fullest extent from the old Somme lines, but are heavily smitten by artillery.

Almost a third of the German divisions at this front have been identified as the Kaiser's precious reserves.

SERVICES THIS EVENING

Anniversary of Hospital Unit's Departure to Be Observed. With services suitable for all concerned, the annual anniversary of the departure of the La Grande hospital unit for France one year ago today, will be observed at the Methodist church this evening. At the same time a farewell for the seven men who leave for war via the Benson Polytechnic tomorrow morning, will be held.

Singing, pantomimes, readings and an address by Robert Eakin appropos the anniversary, and a short lecture by H. E. Dixon constitute the program. This will be followed by a short prayer service.

NIGHT WORK INCREASES

The Y. M. C. A. Night transport service in London is accommodating 20,000 soldiers a month. Formerly 7000 a month was considered a large undertaking.

MME. PADEREWSKA



Mme. Paderewska, wife of Ignace Paderewski, is head of the Polish White Cross and has raised a corps of Polish nurses for service in France.

DAIRY FARMING AT HIGH SPEED

WARD EMIGH PLEADS FOR CAR CONSERVATION.

'Patronize Home Industry' His Theme—Keep Good Money to Spend With Home Merchants.

"It is the patriotic duty of all in the shipping business to save cars, wherever and whenever possible," said Ward Emigh, president and manager of the Valley Creamery Company, with headquarters in Walla Walla, who is in the city today.

"I know, of course, that the average farmer is as patriotic as anyone else, but sometimes they are deceived by creamery agents telling that their weights and tests given them by the home creameries are not as good as if they would ship to Seattle or Spokane.

"I am told by our local manager here in La Grande that there are upwards of 100 cans of cream shipped out of La Grande every night. The express agent states that it requires an extra car in the train to accommodate the business, and three extra men on his part, with extra trucks to handle these nightly outgoing shipments of cream or butterfat.

"If the farmers could be made to understand that all weights, as well as cream tests are governed by law, and that weights and tests made here in La Grande must be the same as made at any other point, and that if they would sell us their cream, at identically the same price they receive in Seattle, less the cost of the freight, the government could use these extra cars to much better advantage, I am sure they would be willing to sell us their cream here, and that would keep the money at home.

"These farmers and dairymen come to the city once a week, at least, in order to do their trading here; why not pay for their goods, whatever they may consist of, with money they receive from us for their cream, and keep that good money circulating here at home?"

"Any one of the creameries in La Grande could take care of these cream shipments, make it into butter, and ship the surplus butter to other markets—after supplying the local demand—and these outgoing shipments of butter would take very much less car space than would be occupied by 100 cans of cream.

Dairying at Its Height.

"We never have paid, in years, such high prices for butterfat and cream as we are now paying. And in spite of the high cost of hay, due largely to the dry season, farmers should increase, instead of diminish, the size of the herds, as some are doing.

"And there has never been a time in the history of the country when the government called more loudly for milk than at the present time.

"Do you know how many millions and millions of cans of condensed milk it takes to feed our army now in France, to say nothing at all of the hundreds of thousands of soldiers now in training camps in this country?"

"No wonder that Uncle Sam is calling on the farmers of the land to produce a double quantity of everything on the farm, and this means more milk, for home use, as well as for the allies fighting with us in France."

HONOR GUARDS CHANGE DATES.

The Honor Guard girls will not work at the Red Cross rooms tonight, but it is desired that all who can, should work in the afternoons this week.

Military drill will be held tomorrow night at 7:30 sharp, under Corp. Gene Good, and promptly at 8 o'clock there will be a meeting to discuss picnic plans.

L. P. DAY IS NEW SCHOOL DIRECTOR

C. E. HENDERSON'S SUCCESSOR CHOSEN BY UNANIMOUS VOTE LAST NIGHT.

MISS HINDMAN GETS A CALIFORNIA POST

Many Teachers Have Resigned to Take Government Positions—List of the Newly Elected Teachers to Be Announced Soon—Capable Music Supervisor Goes to Palo Alto.

At a meeting of the La Grande school directors last evening, the office of director, held by C. E. Henderson, elected by the people in 1917 for a three-year term, was declared vacant, due to his removal from the district this last spring to engage in ship building at Portland. L. P. Day was unanimously elected by the board to fill the vacancy.

This continues to give the district surrounding the Greenwood and Riveria schools representation on the local school board. Mr. Day has previously served upon the board, retiring in 1917, whereupon Mr. Henderson was selected by that territory as a candidate and was elected. The unanimous selection of Mr. Day by the board is something of a tribute to him by his old time associates and Mr. Day is said to be considering the matter favorably, although he feels that he has given time enough to the district in past years. Friends of the schools are hoping he will decide to accept.

Many Teachers Resign. School officials here have recently received a number of resignations from teachers elected, both in the high school and grades. Miss Helen Curry and Miss Helen Johns, popular high school teachers, are both employed by the war industries board at Washington and have resigned. Other vacancies in the high school, caused by the resignation of Principal McNeill and the death of Mr. Fulkerson, have been filled and their successors will soon be announced.

Miss Sue Willson has resigned as a grade teacher to accept election in the Portland schools. Miss Dudley Tobin, Miss Dove McGee and Miss Rae D. Morrison have resigned as grade teachers from the Riveria school, most of them to accept government positions.

Miss Cecile Hindman, for a number of years past supervisor in music in the La Grande schools, was recently elected to teach music in the Union High School at Palo Alto, California, the seat of Stanford University, at a salary of \$1500 a year. The resignation of Miss Hindman from her position here was recently received. Patrons of the La Grande schools and friends of Miss Hindman generally will regret her resignation, but rejoice in her distinct promotion.

A successor to Miss Hindman will doubtless be soon announced by the board, as a complete roster of teachers is expected to be handed out at an early date.

LUNCHEON IS CANCELLED.

The twenty-five cent luncheon that was to be given Thursday afternoon at the M. E. church has been cancelled.

RECRUITING FOR CHORUS STARTED

COMMITTEES APPOINTED TO IMPRESS PATRIOTIC DUTY AND BENEFITS.

Committees have been appointed to take up the matter of recruiting memberships to the Community Chorus. This is done in pursuance to a resolution adopted at the last meeting of the chorus last Monday. Dr. Mossman, president of the association, today named the following people to recruit membership, setting forth to individuals that it is their patriotic duty to put the chorus to its fullest strength, and that the individual himself will reap benefit therefrom:

A. W. Nelson, Mrs. Ray Logan, Mrs. Clyde Zimmerman, Mrs. R. J. Kitchen, Mrs. A. H. Prince, Mrs. George Stoddard, L. H. Bramwell, Miss Mabel Herzinger, Mrs. W. Mary Warnick, J. D. Slater, H. E. Dixon, Mrs. J. F. Corbett, Mrs. Robert Newlin, W. F. Landrum and Miss Blanche Snook.

THE THIRD CALL ON FOR NURSES

REGISTRANTS ARE DOING A SOLEMN DUTY TO THEIR COUNTRY—TO PRINT NAMES.

WANTED, 25,000 NURSES.

The appeal from our hospitals in the field is imperative. They must have every nurse who can be spared. The places of those withdrawn from the hospitals must be filled immediately by student nurses. The call must be answered from every part of the nation. Let there be no woman 'slacker' in the land.—Anna Howard Shaw, chairman, Woman's Committee, Council of National Defense.

The Observer only the other day published this call to the young women of La Grande and Union county, and no doubt some have already registered, at the various appointed places, both in the city and in the county.

If those in charge of the registration places, will phone into this office, the names of those who have already registered for student nurses, the list will be printed from day to day so that all will know who are the patriotic young women of Union county. Who will send in the first list of registrants?

Let any forget, the registering places are printed below: Women who desire to enter this service of the government can register here in La Grande with Mrs. Peebler, Mrs. Albert Hunter, of Mrs. Ray Logan.

Outside Registering Places. Mrs. Minnie Baird, Union. Mrs. Chris Johnson, North Powder. Mrs. Hugh Huron, Imbler. Mrs. E. E. Anderson, Cove. Mrs. Mabel Burnett, Starkey.

Y. M. C. A. JUNIORS AND JUVENILES

ON WEEK'S OUTING TRIP HAVE THE BIGGEST TIME EVER.

Fishing, Swimming and Battle With Pine Cones Makes Great Fun For All.

Secretary A. H. Prince, who left La Grande, August 3rd, with the Juniors and Juveniles of the association for a week's outing on Cathlamet Creek nine miles north of Union, returned by auto—three autos and a truck, late last Saturday night, with a much tired, and all-nunch of kids, who, notwithstanding that fact, said that they had the time of their lives, and will be ready next year for a similar experience.

One of the rules laid down by Captain Prince, was that each boy in the party must do his share of the cooking while in camp, in relays, and all had their run at it, but, when it came to do the dishwashing, it was not quite so funny.

A large swimming pool, right at the camp grounds, furnished all the enjoyment, as well as clean bodies, that it was possible to crowd into the week.

And fishing—you never saw the like of it—more than they could eat, the finest of the finny tribes. A large salmon, was also added to the rest of the outing.

The boys had a great time fighting with pine cones. Sides were chosen, with a captain to lead the charge on the enemy. A few bloody chins and eyes testified to the earnestness of the sham battles, but, as no one suffered much, and it was really like the sham battles soldiers in the regular army are trained to engage in, in order to make better men of them, the results of these mimic battles were highly satisfactory to all.

The names of the juniors were Robert Gary and Alfred Robbins. The juveniles were Gene Cotner, Davin Bellinger, Kenneth Pierson, James Smith, John Herr, Melvin Parker, Sheldon Brown, Wesley Brown and Howard Beatty, Arthur French, Paul Meyers, Melvin Roe, Clark Fitzgerald and Ed Fitzgerald.

Gene Cotner, as Captain of one company, twice defeated in a battle with pine cones, the other company captained by Paul Meyers, both companies being about evenly matched in numbers and weight. Gene said that they thought it great fun, just like the sham battles. (Continued on Page Two)

BOYS OF 21 REGISTER ON AUGUST 24TH

PROVOST MARSHAL ISSUES ORDERS CONCERNING YOUNG MEN OF COUNTRY.

UNION COUNTY'S LIST WILL LIKELY BE SMALL

On Basis of Past Year, It is Expected That Comparatively Few Will Be Required to Register in This County August 24, When All Those So Included Must Register.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—(United Press.)—Evidence that Uncle Sam intends to prevent boys of 21 escaping registration for any material length of time, was shown today when Provost-Marshal Crowder announced that a new registration will be held immediately.

On August 24 all those who have come to 21 years since June 5, the date of the last registration for boys of 21, will be required to register.

While there has been no official action taken for Union county today, it is presumed that the registrations will be conducted much as they were last June. The number to be thus thrown into the registrant list in this county is entirely speculative. For a period of one year ending June 5 last, 102 came to that age in life; the number to be registered August 24 will undoubtedly be small.

Such registration concerns only those who have become 21 years of age since June 5, 1918, and must not be confused with the larger registration to be made in September.

Late News

MAKING FINNS FIGHT.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—The State Department has learned that Germany has determined to demand of the Finnish army to prepare to march on the Murman coast in two weeks, attacking allies, including Americans, who have landed there in the Archangel campaign. The order went in the form of an ultimatum.

LASSIGNY REPORTED FALLEN.

LONDON, Aug. 14.—The Pall Mall Gazette declares it is understood that Lassigny has been captured.

STIFF RESISTANCE NEEDED.

ZURICH, Aug. 14.—The Frankfurter Zeitung says Germany will make the greatest efforts to defend Chaulnes, as its fall would mean retreat on the whole Somme line.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TO MEET FRIDAY

IMPORTANT BUSINESS SESSION CALLED FOR FRIDAY EVENING OF THIS WEEK.

Matters of importance pertaining to the student body of the high school will come up for consideration at a meeting of the boys of the school, to be held next Friday evening at the high school auditorium at 8 o'clock. Audmer Playle, president of the student body, is calling the meeting.

Every boy who was a member of the school last year, or will be this year, is urgently requested to be present, as the meeting is of more than usual importance.

SALVAGE SHOP CONTINUES.

Proposed reduction of solicitations as outlined by War Chest policies everywhere now in use, do not deal with salvage shops in the least for the salvage shops utilize, generally speaking, only what otherwise would be waste. The salvage shop is an established Red Cross institution, and the belief that has been current recently to the effect that War Chest plans stopped salvage shops, is of course mistaken. People are requested to continue their salvage patronage as always.

MISS RAY SAWYER



Miss Ray Sawyer is carrying on the work of supplying sheet music to the American regimental bands at home and abroad.

LEADING FRUIT GROWER TALKS

TELLS WHAT HE THINKS NEW PLANT WOULD DO.

Believes Dehydrating Plant Could Be More Than Supported in Union County Alone.

C. M. Stackland, of Stackland Bros., well known growers of fine cherries on the oldest orchard in this part of the state and who came in last evening to take part in the drill of his company of the Oregon Guard, just before drill began, wanted it known right out loud in meeting, that he would head a list of growers and farmers in his neighborhood, Cove, for the signing up of a five-year contract for his products, to start the proposed dehydrating plant in La Grande.

"I know full well what such a plant would have done for us in seasons past," he said, "and of course this present season is not a very good one, even for late fruits, but there are other sections of Union county where, I understand, there are very good crops of potatoes, as well as other late vegetables and apples that could be saved by this new process.

"But, suppose we all get down to brass tacks and count noses in our granges in Union county, as well as our neighboring county of Baker, hold meetings in grange halls and invite some agent of the company to come out here and meet us," I, for my own part, am firmly convinced that in less than two weeks' campaign, with the aid of the big growers, leaders in growing vegetables and fruits, we could make it worth while for any big company to put up a plant in La Grande, on the free site offered by J. D. McKennon, and it would have sufficient signed contracts to erect its plant, in time for early vegetables in the spring.

"I know, from what the growers say in and around The Dalles, where a company has a plant in operation, what it is worth in good round dollars to them—that plant saves thousands of dollars a year, in its purchase for high cash prices, everything they can raise, much of which, for lack of such a plant as this, went to waste in former years, or was fed to the hogs.

"And I know, further, that the farmers who tie up with that plant, take away from it almost 80 per cent of their hog feed, which is almost clear profit, being what is ordinarily considered waste matter.

"The payroll of such a plant, which, I understand not only runs the year around, but, like the one you tell me of in Salem—only erected less than a year ago—is working three shifts every 24 hours on U. S. Government contracts, employing from 60 to 80 operators each shift, at good daily wages, would do the same thing in La Grande and the money received by farmers for their products would be paid out here at home.

"Of course we have in La Grande, outside of the big O. W. R. & N. payroll each month, two lumber companies, two creameries, as well as smaller manufacturing plants, which employ a lot of people who make their homes in La Grande, but why not have another even larger payroll, with a factory running the year round, mostly for the benefit of we farmers?"

SEEMS LIKE A DREAM.

Sausage and potatoes for 12 cents and liver and bacon for 15 cents are prices charged soldiers and sailors in Y. M. C. A. huts in England.

SAMUEL REED DEAD.

Samuel Reed, aged 75, died in this city yesterday. The funeral will be held from the Bohnenkamp chapel tomorrow at 2:30 o'clock.

SAMMY NOT RIGHT; MEN LIKE YANKS

OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR ELIMINATION OF THE WORD IS ASKED BY MARCH.

TOTAL MEN NOW IN FRANCE 1,300,000

General March Makes Important Announcements in Interview With Correspondents—Illinois Troops Fighting in Picardy Sector—Prisoners Are Clubbed By Huns.

WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES, Aug. 14.—(By United Press.)

Two captured British soldiers, who escaped from the German prison camps, declared that allied prisoners, including the Americans, are clubbed with rifles at the slightest provocation. Slightly wounded prisoners immediately become seriously ill through lack of treatment.

GEN. MARCH ISSUES NEWS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—(By United Press.)—Chief of Staff March today made many important announcements, including the following facts:

There are now 30 complete American divisions in France. This would bring the total organized force to a million, three hundred thousand men. He said the Picardy salient is now being reduced on a fifty-mile front to fourteen miles of depth, and this makes the nearest point to Paris fifty miles.

"SAMMIES" NO MORE.

General March appealed for elimination of the word "Sammy." He said the American soldiers prefer "Yanks."

He declared the 131st regiment of the 33rd division—Illinois troops—was the American unit in the Picardy offensive.

On July 23rd, in 24 hours, the 28th division—Pennsylvania troops—suffered 400 casualties near Dormans.

PENDLETON 1918 ROUND-UP TO BENEFIT RED CROSS

PENDLETON, Aug. 14.—Pendleton will stage her ninth annual Round-Up next month for the benefit of the Red Cross. The directors of the big frontier show offered to contribute the entire net proceeds to the Red Cross and the offer was accepted by the organization's representative a few days ago.

The ninth of Pendleton's famous epic dramas of the west will be held on September 19, 20 and 21, and, despite the fact that some of the famous cowboys and buccaros have answered the call of their country and are now bulldozing the Hun somewhere in France, there will be competition sufficient for the prizes and trophies. The usual program of wild west sports will be presented but there will be added touches of the military and patriotic in keeping with the spirit of wartime.

No person has ever received a salary or dividend from the Round-Up but heretofore the profits of the show have been devoted to civic improvements in Pendleton. In these times, however, the directors decided that such improvements should give way to war enterprises, and made their offer accordingly.

MR. PIERCE TO LECTURE

Service Flag at Grange Hall to Be Solemnly Dedicated. Blue Mountain Grange has a service flag that would be envied by any Grange, and the Grangers purpose to dedicate it solemnly and suitably Friday night. Walter M. Pierce has been secured to deliver the address of dedication.