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ALLIES GRIP ON ROYE AND LASSIGNY TIGHTENS

American Bombs Do Great Damage in Germany--Big Decision is Won by The Czecho-Slovaks

PARIS, Aug. 17.—(By United Press.)—The French are within a mile of both Roze and Lassigny. They have captured Camp Decar, a mile west of Roze, Midian trench and Plessisdeoye, less than a mile southwest of Lassigny, and many prisoners and a great quantity of materials have been taken. The enemy is reported to be preparing to attempt an evacuation of the entire Roze-Lassigny-Noyon salient. Germans are reported to be constructing a new "Hindenburg" line.

PRESSURE GROWING HARDER.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—(By United Press.)—"Our pressure on the enemy north of Roze and north of the Ancre continues," said Marshal Haig's report today. "Progress was made in both sectors."

ARTILLERY FIRE HEAVY.

PARIS, Aug. 17.—(By United Press.)—"West of Roze great artillery fire is under way. South of the Avre, the French continue to make satisfactory progress, reaching the eastern borders of Loges Wood," reads the official communique today.

CZECHO-SLOVAKS WIN.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(By United Press.)—The Czecho-Slovaks have captured Irkutsk, assisted by Siberian troops, the department has announced. The victors are organizing a government favorable to the allies.

The capture of Irkutsk opens railway communications westward to Samara, but the line through to Moscow is still closed. During the battle 250 Czecho-Slovaks were killed and 1000 were wounded. The new Siberian government, with headquarters at Omsk, will disregard the Brest-Litovsk treaty and favor war with Germany.

GERMANS FALLING BACK.

PARIS, Aug. 17.—(By United Press.)—Late this afternoon it is stated officially that the allies have advanced in the region of the Montdidier-St. Denis roads and St. Maréchal captured after the fiercest kind of house-top fighting. Germans are offering formidable defense.

Beyond Loges Wood, the German forces were pushed back behind the Roze-Lassigny road.

VESLE FIGHTING HEAVY.

WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES, Aug. 17.—(By United Press.)—Fighting along the Vesle yesterday and last night was lively. German night bombardments were continued at all hours, attempting to gas the Americans. Airmen have bombed Aisne bridges effectively.

GERMANS TAKE KRONSTADT.

PARIS, Aug. 17.—Finland rumors declare Germans have seized Kronstadt, a Russian naval base on the Gulf of Finland, where Lenin and Trotsky have recently established a Soviet government.

BRITISH CASUALTIES HEAVY.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—British casualties published during the week total 7151 men.

AMERICAN AIRMEN HIT STRAIGHT.

PARIS, Aug. 17.—(By United Press.)—American bombing planes scored 18 direct hits on the switching tracks, and two on the roundhouse at Conflans Friday. All machines returned safely, although continually attacked by enemy airplanes.

ZEEBRUGGE SUFFERS MUCH.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—(By United Press.)—The concentrated efforts on the Zeebrugge submarine base by British aviators, working with the navy department, saw 60 tons of bombs used during the week. They also bombed Ostend. The British airmen destroyed 16 enemy machines and drove 15 others down.

MAJ. PAUL T. DESSEZ



The splendid work of Maj. Paul T. Dessez of Washington, a regimental surgeon with the American army at the French front, has occasioned a special story about him from one of the correspondents in the war zone. Wounded American and French soldiers covered the floor of a barn in which he was working, and during the height of his labors he was buried by shellfire. Digging himself out, he went right on operating.

BANKERS CONFER FOR WAR USES

TO MAKE NO LOANS NOT NECESSARY TO WINNING WAR.

Other Equally Important Resolutions of Moment to Northwest. F. L. Meyers Attends.

Cashier Fred L. Meyers, of the La Grande National Bank, who was one of the delegates chosen to represent Eastern Oregon banks at the recent conference of bankers held in San Francisco, returned Friday.

In speaking of this conference, Mr. Meyers said, besides passing a resolution to make no loans, except what might aid in the winning of the war, other matters were taken up and discussed, resulting in some of the following resolutions:

Banks Pledge to Take Quota.
Whereas, we as representative bankers of the seven states comprising the Twelfth Federal District, have been called in conference by the governor of the Federal Reserve Bank for the purpose of discussing the general relations of the banks to the government war financing problem, and determining the best ways and means of selling United States treasury certificates of indebtedness, and

Whereas, our government has requested the banks of this district to purchase certificates, etc.,
Therefore, be it resolved, that the members of this conference, severally and collectively, pledge their banks to purchase their designated quota of the certificates of current and future offerings and to make up any arrears of subscriptions to previous issues, so far as they may do so.

Many other equally important resolutions were passed at this convention, all showing that the banks of the Twelfth Federal Reserve—seven states in the Union, have pledged their resources to the government for the duration of the war.

BOYS ADOPT UNIFORM IN SCHOOL LIFE

ALL BOYS IN LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL URGED TO DEFER CLOTHING PURCHASES.

UNIFORM TO BE WORN DURING SCHOOL HOURS

Economy is One Aim of the Move Adopted at Meeting of Student Body Last Evening—Measures to Be Taken—Military Styles to Be Used in the Uniforms' Cut.

Meeting in a pre-school-day session, the student body of the high school held an important session last evening which inaugurated several new features pertaining to the country at large and the boys of the high school in particular.

One of the most important matters to come up was the discussion of the uniforms for members of the high school cadet corps. The boys elected to substitute a regular uniform instead of the usual school clothing.

The result is that school clothing will be obtained at big lot prices and the boys will all be dressed alike—that part of them at least which makes use of the military branch of the curriculum.

Just what kind of cloth will be adopted is not finally determined, but it will be as near the military tinge and cut as is possible under the law, and this uniform the boys will wear in school.

Students Given Advice.
All boy students who go to high school this year are urged by the student body to not purchase school suits until school opens at which time these suits will be measured. This ruling is made for such as cannot afford to buy two outfits.

BOYS STEAL BIKES, NOW IN THE JAIL

EFFICIENT WORK BY CHIEF OF POLICE—CHASED A FUGITIVE TRAIL TO GET HIS MAN.

Some two weeks ago two bicycles were stolen from in front of the Arcade theatre, but no clue was found until one wheel was found south of Island City, where it had been left in a broken condition.

Night before last John Hamann, a farmer living near town came into Chief of Police Rayburn's office and began telling him about two boys he had recently hired to work for him. One had stolen a pair of leather leggings belonging to his son, and the other had left a bicycle which he asked Hamann to sell for him, while he was away.

Rayburn at once told Hamann the wheel had been stolen, and to bring it in with him; the next time he came into town.
He was arrested and fined \$25, is (Continued on Page 3)

SENATOR W. H. KING



Senator W. H. King of Utah, protested vehemently against Senator Lewis plan to have printed in the Congressional Record a petition asking congress and the administration to insist on the immediate independence of Ireland. Mr. King said it was an attempt to insult one of our allies.

SOLDERS, OLD AND NEW, HERE

FIVE LONG TRAINS, FILLED WITH SOLDIERS, PASS THROUGH.

Four Trains Loaded With G. A. R. Veterans, Bound For Portland—Troops Going West.

Train after train passed through La Grande today, averaging twelve cars each, in three sections of No. 19 and two sections of No. 17, with other trains to follow later in the day.

One of the first trains that stopped here had about 300 soldiers, on their way from eastern training camps, and bound to training camps west of La Grande, probably some going to Vancouver, Washington, and others to Camp Lewis, as destinations of troop trains are never divulged.

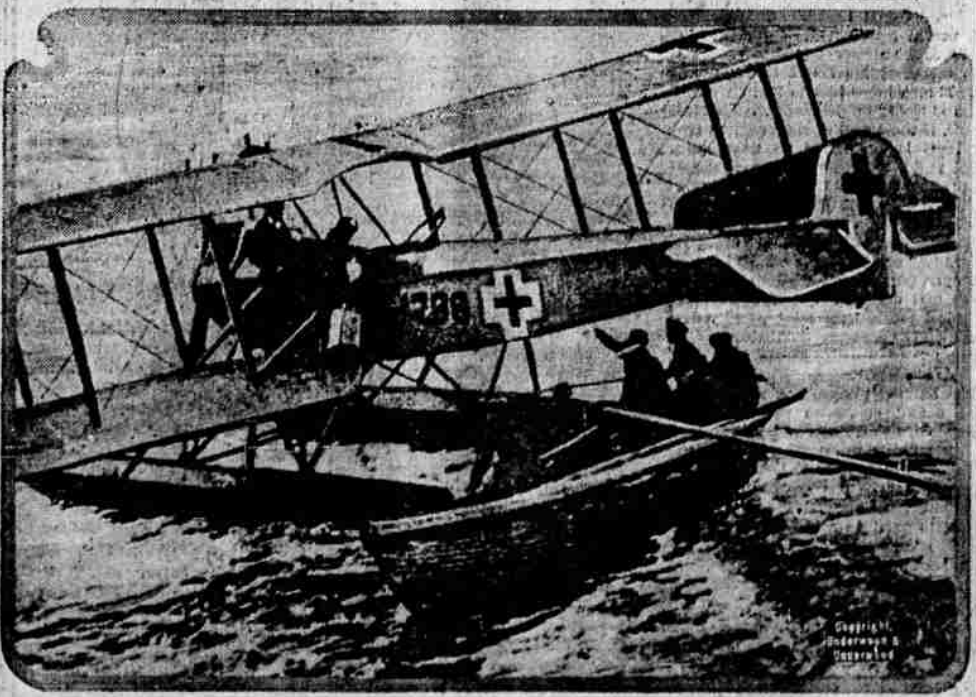
It was a difficult matter for the local hotels and restaurants to feed these hungry men, but it was managed all right; for La Grande always has a warm spot in her heart for soldiers.

Not to be outdone by the soldiers now making ready for the war in France, there passed through this city several trains of civil war veterans, and it also became a question of feeding these veterans of the civil war, but it was managed in the course of time.

One old G. A. R. man, when seen outside of a restaurant, and asked where he came from, replied, "Never you mind, or anything else, my train leaves in a few minutes. I am hungry." The grizzled old veteran not only looked it, but wore many medals from attending many grand army meetings in the past. He got his breakfast, all right.

These old veterans, the heroes of many battles in the past, no doubt, looked with envy on the young men now on their way to fight for the liberty of the world, which had so well been preserved by "the men of '61."

GERMAN PLANE BROUGHT DOWN BY BRITISH GUNS



This German seaplane, a Friedrichshafen machine, was brought down in the North sea by British gunners.

1,450,000 IN OR NEAR THE WAR ZONES

GENERAL MARCH TELLS COMMITTEE OF RAPID SHIPMENT OF TROOPS.

FACILITIES IMPROVED RECENTLY IT IS FOUND

Chief of Staff Reiterates His Belief That Nearly Four Million Will Be in France By June of the Coming Year—British Steamer Sunk By a Submarine Off Cape Hatteras.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 17.—Chief of Staff March today told the members of the Senate Military committee that the total Americans in Europe and on route now numbers 1,450,000. He reiterated the hope expressed yesterday that he would be able to report 3,300,000 men in France by next June.

General March went on to tell the committee that improved facilities have again increased the speed of troop shipments to the war zone. Rest is Required.

General March told the correspondents that a number of high American officers, including major generals, are being returned home for rest, because of severe fighting.

Americans Not Treated Worse.
He warned the public that the casualties will be heavy and such must be expected. He denied American prisoners are signalled out by Germans for harsh treatment. All get the same consideration from the Germans, he said.

The senators concluded, from General March's talk, that the present drive is slowing down, and that General Foch may start a new drive on another front.

MORE ATLANTIC ATTACKS

British Steamer Sinks Off Cape Hatteras Yesterday.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—The navy department announces that the British steamer, Mirlo, 6700 tons, was sunk off Cape Hatteras yesterday. It was probably torpedoed.

Nine of the crew had not landed at noon today. The vessel carried a cargo of gasoline.

FRENCH CRUISER SUNK.

PARIS, Aug. 17.—The French cruiser, Deputé Theussards, has been torpedoed and sunk. Thirteen rescued. An American destroyer rescued the survivors.

The normal complement of the destroyed vessel is 540 men.

BONDS RESELL WELL.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—(By United Press.)—Liberty bonds, of the three and a half per cent issue, sold at 100.5-10. This is the high record.

SUBMARINE STOPS LINER.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Aug. 17.—(By United Press.)—A neutral liner arriving here, reports it was stopped by a German submarine off the Norwegian coast. It was stopped, her papers examined, and then allowed to pass. On the way here Spanish influence broke out, killing five Dutch negroes, who were buried at sea. One Hollander declared he lost 60 pounds, because of the Dutch food shortage.

NEW YARN SHIPMENT HERE.

A large quantity of yarn has arrived for Red Cross knitting forces.

RED CROSS SALVAGE SHOP.

The local Red Cross Shop and salvage department, through the efforts of the ladies in charge, took in \$133.30 being the proceeds from the second month's business. The sources of revenue were as follows:

Lucky Thirteen Club	13.25
Catholic Ladies	34.25
Neighbors of Woodcraft	104.00
At shop	
Apron Sale	28.05
Rummage Sale	34.05
At Salvage Department	
Salvage	99.10
	313.30

To date the Salvage Department and Red Cross Shop has turned over to the Red Cross treasurer, Jessie Goodhue, the sum of \$583.85.

If you have salvage and no way to deliver it, please call Red 3192 or Main 725. Shop is open every day from 9 to 12 and from 1 to 5 o'clock.

TWO GROUPS SENT AWAY AUGUST 27

ONE CONTINGENT GOES TO M'DOWELL, OTHER TO CAMP LEWIS.

FT. MCDOWELL GROUP IS TO FILL UP VACANCIES

Orders to Meet at War Board Office On August 26, Sept to 29 of 20 of 20 Group and Larger Number Group to Fill the Vacancies in the Artillery Department.

With its usual prompt action, the La Grande local war board is now prepared to send forward its quota of twenty soldiers, being part of the ten thousand men called from Oregon by the President's proclamation, issued on August 5th, as well as filling the vacancies caused recently by rejections, on account of physical disability of one nature or another.

At 11:00 a. m. on August 26, the following men, chosen to fill vacancies caused by rejections, will meet at the office of the war board, for final instructions and will entrain on the 27th for Fort McDowell, California:

- Roswell Dell Miller, Imbler.
- George Clyde Brown, Oswego.
- Joseph Bovelle Talbot, Portland.
- Irving Michael Dolan, La Grande.
- Merrill Dudley Spencer, Portland.
- Wilbur Salisbury, La Grande.
- Oren Lovan, Cove.
- Robert F. Williams, Gleichen, Alberta, Canada.
- Francis H. Carbine, La Grande.
- Vitangelo Colonna, Telocast.
- Fred Wiseman, Portland.

Camp Lewis Increment.

At 10 o'clock in the morning of August 26, the following twenty men called by the President's proclamation, will meet at the war board office, for final instructions, and will also entrain on the 27th of August, for Camp Lewis:

- Levin Ransom Cross, Union.
- Albert Raymond Squire, Imbler.
- Elmer Jerry Wiles, Elgin.
- Francis Louis Thompson Union.
- Ira Lorenza Howell, La Grande.
- Everett Irwin Moss, Alice.
- Frank Marquis, La Grande.
- Harvey Edward Ruckman, Alice.
- Frederick Eugene White, Alice.
- Roy Edward Neal, La Grande.
- Charles Franklin Gordon, Summerville.
- Walter Ingerson, La Grande.
- Hughie Spencer Bell, Union.
- Clarence Walter Green, Union.
- Harry Dean Olson, North Powder.
- John Vernon Lloyd, La Grande.
- Roy M. Wells, Alice.
- Roy Andrew Titus, Union.
- Willie Miles Fitzgerald, La Grande.
- Claude M. Noyes, La Grande.

SLIM ALLEN TO RIDE.

His Wife in Cowboy Land Known as Prairie Lilly Allen.

PENDLETON, Aug. 17.—An applicant for the honors of championship at the Pendleton Round-Up, Slim Allen arrived in Pendleton this morning from Canada, where he took part in the Medicine Hat and Lethbridge shows, winning considerable prize money at both shows. Allen is one of the best known rough riding cowboys in Arizona and this is his first time in Pendleton. He is contented with Round-Up directors to inform himself of the purses and conditions of the contests here.

With Allen will come his wife, who is known in cowboy land as Prairie Lilly Allen. She, too, is a bronco rider and expects to enter the Round Up contests next month providing that a fractured wrist, which she received in Canada is healed by that time.

Allen took third money at the finals at Lethbridge and two brats in the day money. Dave White, who won third at the 1917 Round Up got away with first money at the Lethbridge show. Allen brings the news that White and a number of the other boys who have been showing in Canada, are coming down for the Round-Up.

Allen has never yet been at the Pendleton Round-Up though he has won money in many of the shows over the west. He rides broncos, bull dogs, ropes and in addition is a professional announcer. He expects to remain here for a day or two before going north to join his wife.

INSPECTING SILOS.

County Agent Paul H. Spillman, accompanied by Frank L. Ballard, of the O. A. C., supervisor in the extension department of county agents, visited several ranches in the North Powder district yesterday afternoon. Among others was the well known Carnes ranch. Here was found a home-made silo, patented after the one at the Eastern Oregon experimental station at Union.

At the Gilbert Gilkerson ranch, he also inspected a stave silo.

SPECIAL RED CROSS SALES.

Next Thursday will be "Special Sales" day at the Red Cross shop. Donations consisting of aprons, caps, tea towels, and infants clothing, will be thankfully received. No personal solicitations will be made, but those who wish to help will be given an opportunity in this way. Please leave donations at the shop in the new Foley building. Come and help make this a big day.

The sales will be made from two until 5 o'clock in the afternoon.