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## French Continue to Make Advance on the Germans

ENTIRE EUROPEAN WAR SECTION ON THE WEST FRONT RESPONDS TO ALLIED MOVEMENTS.

Prisoners Numbering Several Thousand Are Taken—Germans Fight Hard to Hold Ground, But Give Way Under Blows of the French Fighters.

PARIS, Aug. 19.—(By United Press.)—At 4 o'clock this afternoon the French are in the outskirts of Roye. Northward of Roye and in the eastern section artillerying is fierce. The whole Roye sector is being bombarded by the French.

Germans are exerting a desperate effort to hold the city. The allies have captured more than 3000 prisoners.

The French, with their well-outlined program, are aiming at the Oise and are making steady progress.

LONDON, Aug. 19.—(By United Press.)—The French have advanced a mile and a quarter between Lassigny and the Oise and have captured Lehamel.

PARIS, Aug. 19.—(By United Press.)—Complete connection between Picardy and the Aisne-Vesle battle front has been established by the French in their new drive between the Oise and Aisne rivers.

For ten miles the front has been advanced one and one-fourth miles, thus giving material gains to the French forces. This straightens the front lines of the allies and gives the connection between Picardy and Vesle points, a thing which has been needed so badly.

Between Carlepoint, four miles east of Ribecourt, and Fontenois, five miles west of Soissons, advances are also reported by the French army.

### Seventeen Hundred Prisoners Taken.

The French have also occupied the important plateau west of Nampole and have reached the southern border of Audigni Court ravine, five miles south of Carlepoint, where they captured the village of Neuverond. At a point a mile and a half north of Fontenois the French took seventeen hundred prisoners.

### Germans Fighting Hard.

Although exhausted, the Germans are desperately resisting the allied forces at Roye, preparatory to the supreme effort apparently necessary to extricate themselves from dangerous position.

Meanwhile the enemy is constructing unusually powerful defensive lines to protect Neale, which is six miles northeast of Roye.

### RUSSIAN TOWN CAPTURED BY HUNS.

ZUREY, Aug. 19.—(By United Press.)—The Germans have occupied Vitcbak and Smolenak on the Duna and Dnieper rivers, with approval of the Bolsheviks, says dispatches from Warsaw.

### BRITISH FORCES SCORE SUCCESSES.

LONDON, Aug. 19.—(By United Press.)—General Haig has reported that British patrol has penetrated some distance into the enemy positions south of Scarprey river and captured a few prisoners. In one of the Yette sectors the British completely defeated the German attack on a two-mile front between Meteren and Ottersteene, which was an attempt by the Germans to win back ground they had lost Sunday.

### GERMAN POSITIONS THREATENED.

LONDON, Aug. 19.—(By United Press.)—The French attack between the Oise and Aisne began at six o'clock last Sunday evening and seriously threatens German positions to the eastward along the Aisne.

### GERMAN STAFF TO RUSSIA.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—(By United Press.)—State Department dispatches today state that a special train carrying the German staff and eight hundred German soldiers, wearing Russian uniforms, left Moscow recently for Petrograd.

On the same day military and police measures were taken at Petrograd to prepare for their arrival and at the same time Trotsky and Lenin arrived at Petrograd.

Extraordinary silence has marked this event. The supposition is that Bolshevik leaders, along with Germans, would also go to Kronstadt.

### FIREMAN TAAL IS BADLY BURNED

While Responding to Early Morning Blaze, Accident Occurs.

Responding to an early Sunday morning fire alarm from the Stevens place on H street, where it was found the large barn was in flames. Driver Taal, who was at the wheel of the fire truck, managed to get his machine in front of the fiercely blazing fire, and in fear of the gas tank exploding, he moved out from the building as quickly as possible, but it was too late to prevent the heat from scorching his arm

and taking the skin off from one shoulder. He is game and today, however, is on the job as usual.

### THREE CARS IN DITCH

Automobiles Have Bad Day Between La Grande and Baker.

La Grande people motoring from La Grande to Baker yesterday report three cars in the ditch along the roadside. No owners were near and apparently no one was injured, but the cars were good ones and had hunted lower levels due to the slippery condition of the highway.

## WOMEN SPREAD THEIR STRIKE

LADY BUS DRIVERS IN ENGLAND MAKING SWEEP OF NATION.

Traffic May Be Tied Up, Even in The London Subway, Is Belief Now Expressed.

LONDON, Aug. 19.—(By United Press.)—The hopes that when women become interested in the industrial world that strikes would be a thing of the past are doomed to be blasted, for the "conductresses" are striking in a fiercer manner than their male predecessors ever thought of doing.

Today the lady bus drivers strike has spread to Bristol, Bath, Folkestone and Hastings, and threatens to tie up all traffic in the London subways.

### FINE BOYS GO EAST

La Grande Ladies Serve Refreshments to Entire Trainload.

One of the finest looking companies of soldiers that has passed through La Grande during the movement of troops was the trainload of coast artillerymen yesterday, who were being sent to Virginia from Fort Casey.

These men belonged to the Coast Artillery but had been transferred to the Field Artillery. They were all large men in the pink of condition and everyone of them was nervously awaiting the time when he could get a crack at the Germans.

While in La Grande they were served refreshments by ladies of the Army and Navy auxiliary and the Red Cross.

### LOAN BONDS ABOVE PAR.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—(By United Press.)—Liberty Loan three and a half per cent bonds established a new record today, when they reached the high mark of one hundred and six one-hundredths.

### ELGIN COUPLE MARRY

Popular Young People Joined in Wedding Yesterday in La Grande.

Thomas Garfield and Miss Mary Horrell, both of Elgin, came to La Grande yesterday and were married by Rev. Mr. Feese at the Methodist parsonage. They will make their home in Elgin.

Raymond Moss and Eva L. Biggens, of La Grande, were also married at the parsonage yesterday by Mr. Feese.

## BILL TO PASS BY SATURDAY

SENATOR CHAMBERLAIN SAYS TO BECOME LAW SOON.

This Law Will Change the Draft Age and Start Machinery of Registration.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—(By United Press.)—The senate today agreed to a recess and will meet on Thursday for the consideration of the man-power bill, which is a proposed law to change the draft age.

Senator Chamberlain expressed strong hopes that this bill will pass and become a law not later than Saturday.

If this happens, then the machinery of the government will be set to work for the gigantic registration of all men up to 45 years of age.

### OPERATORS GET RAISE

Western Union Men Will Receive Increase in Wages at Once.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 19.—(By United Press.)—Postmaster General Burleson today announced his official approval of the wage increase that the Western Union Telegraph and Telephone Company gave its employees. He also said the increase is not discriminatory.

## HURT BY STORM AT COVE CAMP

PROMINENT LOWER COVE PEOPLE HURT BY TREE.

Were Camped in Woods Near Cove When the Accident Occurred—Recovery Expected.

Serious injuries befell Mr. and Mrs. George Gray yesterday during the storm which swept over the Grande Ronde valley. They were camped near Cove while taking an outing in the woods and securing huckleberries for canning, when the storm in its fiercest blow over a tree, striking Mr. Gray in such a way that four ribs were broken and breaking Mrs. Gray's nose, and otherwise rendering severe injuries to her.

They were taken to their home, where they are being carefully treated, and friends entertain the hope that recovery may come in due time.

## WILL FIX PRICE OF MILL FEEDS

ADMINISTRATORS AYER AND ROUSER ON WAY TO ROISE.

Were in La Grande Yesterday—Are Highly Pleased With This County's Work.

Federal Food Administrator W. B. Ayer and Federal Grain Administrator Max Houser passed through La Grande yesterday on their way to Boise, where they will confer with the Idaho administrators in an endeavor to adjust the prices on mill feeds. This feature of the work has been very perplexing in the past, as it has been found almost impossible to get an adjustment that would be fair to different communities. For this reason Oregon, Washington and Idaho will attempt to work in harmony on the price fixing.

In speaking of the food administration's work in Oregon, Mr. Ayer said: "The loyalty of Oregon people has done the work. As federal administrator, with the assistance of my able administrators in the different counties, promulgation of Mr. Hoover's orders, with further explanation to fit local communities has been all that was necessary to accomplish the exceptional results obtained in Oregon. There has been little need for drastic rulings or punishment, except in a few cases, and these have been met without regard to standing of the individual in his community. I would like to state that Mr. Scroggin, of Union county, is one of the very best county administrators in the state. He is a tireless worker, his decisions are fair to all and I am proud of the results obtained. Mayor Palmer, of Baker, and Archie Miller, of Enterprise, are also among the topnotchers in the great work of the food department. In fact, Eastern Oregon makes such excellent records that I am convinced all the good things said of this section of the state by you people who live here are absolutely correct."

Max Houser visited the Union Stock Show this year in company with J. D. Farrell, and that was his first trip into the Grande Ronde valley. Yesterday he asked about the different parts of the valley, how the crops which he saw then have developed, and showed a keen interest in the food producing qualities of this county. He will probably make a trip into Union, Baker and Walla counties before long to ascertain from personal interviews with the farmers just what can be expected in the way of grain production.

### GRAND RALLY IS NOW ON

BIG MEETING OF FARMERS IN TELECASET NEXT SATURDAY EVENING.

A large gathering of farmers is scheduled to take place at Telecaset on the evening of March 24. The meeting is called for 8 o'clock in the evening. Walter M. Pierce is expected to make an address, and County Agent Paul H. Spillman, as well as G. L. Larison, head of the war board, will be present.

It is the last day for registration, under the recent call of the President, and while Union county's quota has already been made, yet it is supposed that the meeting will be a patriotic gathering of the people of that neighborhood.

An invitation is extended to all who may desire to attend.

### SIR MAURICE DE BUNSEN



Rt. Hon. Sir Maurice de Bunsen heads a special mission sent by King George to discuss the intricate economic conditions and questions which have arisen between South American countries and Great Britain because of the war.

### YOUNG GERMAN HAD RIGHT IDEA

"THE PEOPLE ARE THROUGH, BUT THE STATE FIGHTS ON"

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 19.—In an American hospital in a village near the Marne a German boy of nineteen years lay awaiting the attention of a doctor. His injury was not serious and he was content with what had befallen him. He talked English, without great difficulty, and responding to questions gave his youthful opinion of affairs in Germany. Nothing he said was new, but in endeavoring to sum it up he used this expression: "The people are through but the State fights on."

### LA GRANDERS HAPPY

Roy Herr Returns From a Trip to Camp Lewis.

Returning from a visit to Camp Lewis, Roy Herr, of the Oregon Grocery Company, says he found the La Grande and Union county boys happy as could be. Everyone of them is looking fine, feeling the excellent effects of training and is anxious to go overseas and get in the big game.

### TO MAKE LA GRANDE HIS HOME.

Prof. L. D. Edwards, of Baker, leader of the Community Chorus, came over from Baker last night and will be followed today by his wife and daughter, having rented a house in La Grande, and will make this city his future home.

The professor announces that at tonight's Community Chorus rehearsal he will put on for practice the celebrated "Joan of Arc," one of the most popular pieces of music, in which is introduced the "Marseilles," the French national anthem. Also practice will begin on Mozart's 12th Mass, one of the masterpieces of religious music.

It is desired by the professor that there be a full attendance this evening at the usual place and hour.

### BRAVE SOLDIER ALSO GARDENS

GREW BEST BEANS AND CORN IN SAN JOSE, BEFORE GOING TO CAMP LEWIS

SAN JOSE, Cal., Aug. 19.—(By United Press.)—Paul Mauchle of San Jose wasn't satisfied to fight for his country in only one way—he had to be a "soldier of the soil" as well.

Because he lived on Garden st., at 429, he wanted the best kind of a war garden, so before he "joined up" and went to Camp Lewis on his way to France young Mauchle secured a garden manual from the national war garden commission and with this as a guide proceeded to get after the back yard. He worked diligently in all his spare hours, and by the time he left for camp his beans were large enough to wave good-bye to him.

Some of the finest string beans and corn ever grown here were yesterday presented to the San Jose Chamber of Commerce by Mrs. S. Mauchle, the soldier's mother, who took over the work of the warrior's war garden when he went away.

## NELSON NAMED AS SECRETARY

WORK STARTED BY H. M. DU BOIS WILL BE CARRIED ON.

Schools Claim DuBois and A. W. Nelson Is Appointed to Succeed Him on Board.

Today the Union County War Board selected A. W. Nelson as assistant secretary to H. E. Coolidge in the war work of Union county. This appointment came to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of H. M. Du Bois, who leaves the work to enter upon his duties in the city schools. The position was created in order to co-ordinate the war activities of the county and have some one on the job all of the time to look after collections of subscriptions, take charge of the different undertakings needful to proper promotion of the war activities.

Mr. Du Bois has rendered excellent service, for it was his duty to carve out a system for the work. This he has done and has things well in hand so that his successor will not be compelled to use the time necessary always to create an organization.

In Mr. Nelson's appointment the War Board has acted with wisdom, for he is familiar with all undertakings and has been an ardent worker in patriotic work. His office will be located on Elm street, next door to the Curry Press, where he will give out information and take up any matter pertaining to the service.

### "FOOT ON BRASS RAIL"

Dr. Bacon Makes a Trip Into Wet Section of the Country.

"You don't know how strange it seemed," said Dr. C. T. Bacon upon his return from a trip to Missoula, Montana, "to put my foot on the brass rail and in a voice full of command say to the mikologist, 'I'll take some of the same.' You know Montana is still wet, for a short time, and it amused me to note how the people are contemplating the dry future. I could appreciate their attitude, having gone through the period of changing over here in Oregon. Large stocks of wet goods are being bought and stored by men for future use. Montana has suffered from dry weather this year and a greater portion of the state will have little feed for stock."

### "WHITE PLAGUE" IS THE PROBLEM NOW

WHAT THE RED CROSS IS DOING IN HOSPITALS OF ENGLAND TO COMBAT THE DISEASE

LONDON, Aug. 19.—(By United Press.)—The combined experience of England, France and Italy is enabling America to see "farther than her nose."

One of the greatest after-war problems will be tuberculosis. In England, soldiers suffering from this disease are being discharged from the army in considerable numbers, and in view of this the American Red Cross is making a careful study of European methods of fighting the white plague.

An interesting and important experiment has been inaugurated by opening a cottage colony at Papworth Hall. Medical men estimate the average consumptive soldier has less than a 50 per cent capacity for work as compared with the healthy workman. In this experiment the authorities aim at supplementing the handicapped worker's income with the other 50 per cent that he is unable to earn, on the ground that without this subsidy the patient would go under, slowly and painfully, after banding on the disease to the next generation.

At the cottage colony patients will undergo treatment and at the same time work at a suitable trade, the principle being to subsidize the tubercular laborer. The American Red Cross is watching the experiment with great interest, realizing that the privations and hardships of war are bound to tell on the strongest constitution; and when the boys come home this disease will in all probability be one of the greatest problems with which the United States will have to cope.

### DAUGHTER IS BORN.

On August 17th a daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Stilwell.

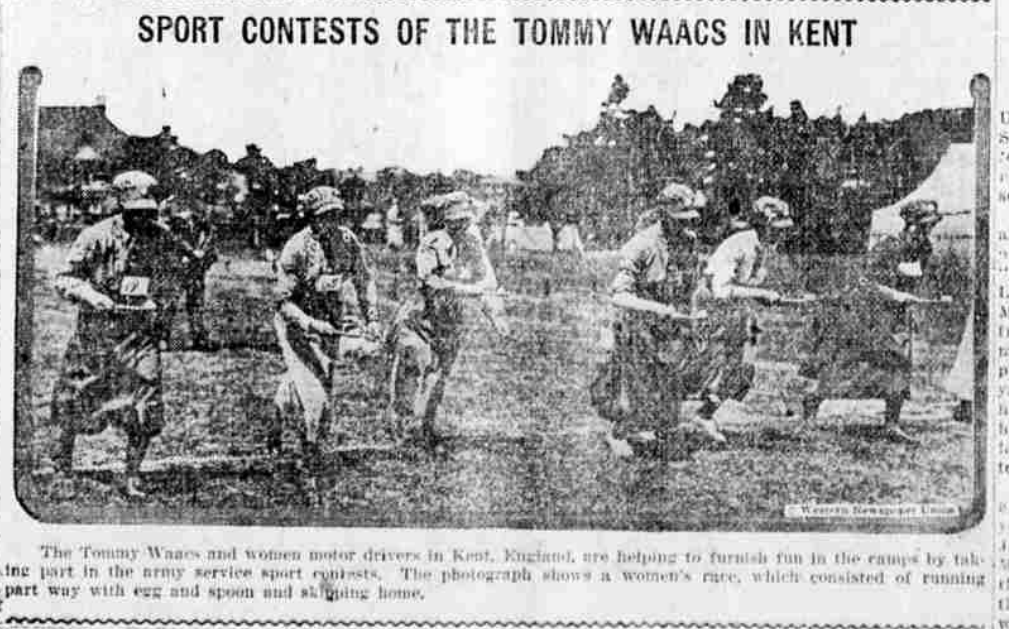
## GENERAL MARCH SAYS END WAR IN 1919--DEMANDS MEN

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 19.—(By United Press.)—General March today informed the military committee of the House of Representatives that eighty divisions of Americans to be raised under the new man-power bill can end the war in 1919 successfully.

He declared that the Americans, with the army which this number of men would supply, could break through the German lines whenever and wherever they desired.

The general emphasized that the War Department's program was absolutely necessary for the war's successful prosecution.

So firm was General March in his stand on this question that it is believed many who have been inclined to criticize the present war program were impressed to such an extent that there will be a change of front of many of such critics.



The Tommy Waacs and women motor drivers in Kent, England, are helping to furnish fun in the camps by taking part in the army service sport contests. The photograph shows a women's race, which consisted of running part way with egg and spoon and slugging home.