

Emperor Karl Refuses to Send Austrians to Front

KAISER DEMANDED FIFTEEN DIVISIONS, AND GOT ONE, ACCORDING TO RUMOR IN VIENNA.

French Deal a Vital Blow to Germans On West Front, Sinking a Deep Wedge Into Their Most Important Commanding Positions—Americans Are Picking Off German Snipers.

ZURICH, Aug. 20.—(By United Press.)—Emperor Karl, of Austria, has refused to send Austrian troops to the western battle front, according to a widespread rumor that is current today in Vienna.

Unconfirmed reports, however, recently stated that one Austrian division was observed in the German lines on the western front. The kaiser some time ago made a demand upon Emperor Karl for fifteen divisions, and if the report is correct that only one division has been sent, it would seem that the Central powers are disagreeing at the present moment regarding Austria's duty.

AMERICANS PICKING OFF GUNNERS.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 20.—(By United Press.)—Continuous sniping in Fismette, which is held partly by Americans, is going on and the Boche machine guns get busy at the slightest stir in the Allied lines.

American sharpshooters are picking off the German gunners with great regularity. There is also considerable artillery work going on in this sector.

BIG WEDGE DRIVEN IN GERMANS.

PARIS, Aug. 20.—(By United Press.)—General Mangin's army has driven a big wedge into the most vital point of the enemy forces between the Oise and Aisne rivers, during its attack the last few hours, on a wide front.

This is considered to be the most important on the entire west front and the success of allied arms today has dealt a blow to Germany that is keenly felt.

German positions on the southern edge of the Picardy front and the western edge of the Soissons-Rheims front are endangered from being outflanked.

The enemy has been forced to withdraw its heavy artillery beyond Noyon, according to the newspapers, and the German position in Noyon is expected to fall soon.

All hills commanding the Aisne and Ailette have been taken and Audigni court ravine has been completely turned.

LONDON, Aug. 20.—(By United Press.)—The French are attacking on a ten-mile front between the Oise and Aisne this morning and had advanced to a depth of two miles at 9 o'clock, according to dispatches from the front.

The attack is continuing satisfactorily. Five hundred prisoners have been taken and there will be no surprise among the allies if the Germans do not soon withdraw to Chemin-des-Dames.

HEAVY ARTILLERY FIRING.

PARIS, Aug. 20.—(By United Press.)—A further advance was made last night by the French between Athen and Oise, capturing the village of Vassene. The communique reported heavy artillery fire on the six-mile front between Lassigny and Dreslincourt.

FRENCH CONSOLIDATE THEIR GAINS.

PARIS, Aug. 20.—(By United Press.)—The French continue extending and consolidating their gains on both sides of Noyon. They have penetrated farther toward Roye. Lassigny is virtually occupied by French troops now.

The Germans are keeping up a heavy bombardment of the entire region and the French are shelling the Noyon front from two sides.

O. A. C. TRAINS NURSES

COLLEGE TO GIVE COURSE TO GIRLS FOR SERVICE IN ARMY

The Government is in need of intelligent nurses with good education. The Oregon Agricultural College will cooperate in the effort to enlist women of this type in the United States Nurse Reserve by readjusting subjects so that students qualifying for entrance into the Nurse Reserve will not only have the basic scientific work required, but actual training in nursing, dietetics and other helpful subjects. Some good hospital schools are prepared to give credit to college graduates with training in science. Some of the best hospitals in the East and Middle West, in fact, have arranged to give credit of from six to nine months, and in some instances, of one full year in the regular course of training to these college graduates. The Red Cross in this country is enrolling for nursing service only trained graduate nurses and the

places of 25,000 women who have enrolled must be filled in order to prepare for the more urgent need of the future. This, the United States Nurse Reserve proposes to do.

LICENSE ISSUED

A marriage license was issued to Denver Charlton and Miss Ida King, both of this place. Mr. Charlton is an engineer for the O. W. R. & N. They left for Portland for a short trip last night.

LOYAL SISTERS TO MEET.

There will be a meeting of the Loyal Sisters on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. A. J. Nash, 1519 Adams.

FINED \$5.00 FOR SPEEDING

Yesterday afternoon Chief Rayburn apprehended Bert Grow, for speeding his motorcycle beyond the city speed limits, and the judge asked him to "grow wiser" in the tune of \$5.00, which he cheerfully paid.

CHORUS IS ADVANCING

Prof. Edwards Pleased With Interest Taken and the Work Done. La Grande has a Community Chorus in the making that is going to claim attention of the northwest. At least that is the opinion of many who have heard the chorus in rehearsal. Prof. Edwards, who is the director, is abundantly pleased with the work being done and does not hesitate to say that remarkable progress is being made. For the old Professor to make such a statement, proof must be before him, else it would never be made, for he is one of those thorough musicians who takes nothing for granted and does not deal in platitudes or complimentary words unless such words are deserved. Almost a hundred voices were heard in the practice last evening, and the interest is growing daily in the work.

LARGE NUMBER FOR SATURDAY

PROVOST GENERAL CROWDER ESTIMATES 158,000 REACH THE AGE

All Reaching 21 Since June 5th Included in the List for Registering

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—(By United Press.)—Provost General Crowder today issued a statement telling of the importance of the registration of all twenty-one-year-olds throughout the United States next Saturday and placed the figures at 158,000 men who have reached that age since June 5th. Oregon is supposed to have approximately 1600 men to register on that day, Washington 1800 and Montana 922.

UNION COUNTY BOARD CALLS

Every boy in Union county who has reached the age of 21 years since June 5th must appear before the local board next Saturday and fill out his registration card. This is not the mandate of the local board but imperative orders from the War Department and failure to attend to this matter will leave anyone in bad shape for the penalty is heavy.

The board is arranging for sufficient help to handle the work of the day and if any person has a relative in this registration who perhaps may overlook this order it is his duty to go to any extreme to inform the young man of the importance of next Saturday.

RED CROSS HAS CANTEEN SERVICE

IN THE ROOM ON JEFFERSON STREET, FORMERLY AN EATING PLACE

In an interview this morning with Miss Ryan, chairman of the Red Cross Canteen committee, which has a canteen on Jefferson street, formerly an eating house, and well equipped for all purposes, the room being the gift of Ulrich Leites, who owns the building, for Red Cross purposes. They sell candy, cigarettes, chewing gum, etc., to soldiers who happen to be passing through La Grande.

It was here that these ladies fed a bunch of soldiers recently, and not the army and navy canteen, as erroneously stated at the time.

Miss Ryan also stated that they are still carrying on their work in the Red Cross shop in the Foley building, as usual and can use second hand clothing, aprons, shoes, children's dresses, empty clean glass bottles, or anything else that can be sold at advantage.

Old magazines, books, and the like, if left at the canteen, will be gladly used for soldiers, as they pass through, and are very eager for magazines or books.

CHRISTIE BENET



Christie Benet, appointed by the governor of South Carolina for the unexpired term of the late Senator Benj. F. Tillman. Senator Benet is a lawyer and his only political office heretofore has been prosecuting attorney for Columbia, S. C., his home city.

CHILD WONDER TO APPEAR HERE

"ERMINIE" NOTED FIVE-YEAR-OLD ELOCUTIONIST.

Army and Navy Auxiliary to Present Charming Youngster to People of This Community.

"Erminie," the child wonder, is to appear in La Grande at the high school auditorium on September 8 under auspices of the Army and Navy Auxiliary. The little miss is only five years old, but is said to be the most remarkable elocutionist, possessing perfect expression, that this country has ever produced. Untrained and not the product of coaching, this child brings her audience to tears or makes them laugh at will.

The first interest La Grande ladies took in Erminie was when the little tot and her mother were visiting Mrs. Stella Ingie a few days ago, and upon invitation she gave a recital at the home of Mrs. George Stoddard. About twenty of La Grande's ladies attended the recital and they were overwhelmed with admiration of the remarkable ability shown by the little one. So remarkable in fact was her work that the Army and Navy Auxiliary immediately put on foot plans to have her give an evening's entertainment in this city.

The date has been set and advertising matter is now being prepared to announce this exceptional event. The evening's program will include musical numbers, also, Mrs. A. L. Richardson will sing a solo and the Monday club will be heard in patriotic selections. Proceeds of the occasion will go to the war work being carried on by the auxiliary.

DRAINAGE PLAN MEETS TROUBLE

SUIT IS FILED TO DISSOLVE PROPOSED DISTRICT.

Land Owners Ask Court to Relieve Payment of Acre Assessment In This County.

A suit to restrain the collection of an assessments of 25 cents an acre against their lands made by the board of supervisors for the Grande Ronde Drainage District, has been commenced by A. B. Conley, George G. Gray, George M. Gray and Nathan T. Gray. The suit has for its object the securing of a decree holding the organization of the drainage district to be void. These proceedings are brought on behalf of a number of the land owners who wish to disorganize the drainage district. Officials state that more than half of the property owners have paid their assessment. It is now thought probably that few payments will be made until the end of the litigation. J. D. Slater and Cochran & Eberhard appear for the defendants.

NEW MAN ON THE JOB

C. E. Peck Appointed to Motive Power Section of the O-W.

A. W. Perley, the man with a good front and a pleasant smile, is in La Grande today, accompanied by C. E. Peck, who has recently been appointed assistant superintendent of motive power for the O. W. R. & N. Co. It is a sort of an introductory trip and Mr. Peck is meeting all the railroad boys in La Grande. Mr. Perley expressed considerable satisfaction over Mr. Peck's connection with the system for he comes from the Southern Pacific, where he has been for many years.

MUST REGISTER IS THE ORDER

THOSE FAILING TO DO SO WILL BE PUNISHED BY UNCLE SAM.

This Call Is For Twenty-Ones, and Must Be Obeyed By Them Without Delay.

The different orders for registration now filling the press may cause confusion, so it is best for all boys of twenty-one to read carefully the following concise and authentic information:

Who Must Register.—All male persons (citizens or aliens), except officers and enlisted men of the regular army, navy and marine corps, and the national guard while in federal service, and officers in Officers' Reserve Corps and enlisted men in Enlisted Reserve Corps while in active service.

When.—On Saturday, August 24, between 7 a. m. and 9 p. m.

Where.—At office of local board having jurisdiction where person to be registered permanently resides, or other place designated by that local board.

How.—Go in person on August 24 to your registration place. If you expect to be absent from home on August 24, go at once to the office of the local board where you happen to be. Have your registration card filled out and certified. Mail it to the local board having jurisdiction where you permanently reside. Inclose a self-addressed stamped envelope, with your registration card, for the return of your registration certificate. Failure to get this certificate may cause you serious inconvenience. You must mail your registration card in time to reach your home local board on August 24. If you are sick on August 24 and unable to present yourself in person, send some competent friend. The clerk may deputize him or her to prepare your card.

Information.—If you are in doubt as to what to do or where to register, consult your local board.

Penalty for Not Registering.—Failure to register is a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for one year. It may result in loss of valuable rights and privileges and immediate induction into military service.

Caution.—Do not confuse this call for registration, which is only for men who have reached their 21st birthday since June 5, with the coming registration of men from 18 to 20 and from 32 to 45, inclusive, which will be held some time early in September.

FIVE YEARS MORE WAR

Edna Morrison Says That Is What She Hears In New York.

Mrs. Fred Schilke received a letter today from her daughter, Mrs. Edna Morrison, who has joined the Red Cross for service overseas, and in the letter she says she put on her uniform Monday and expects to sail this week.

She also said in all the places where she has been in New York no one speaks of the war closing before five years at least.

ASKS SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE

Before Circuit Court Judge J. W. Knowles yesterday the case came on for trial of Minnie Herr against the McAllister heirs to compel specific performance of the transfer of certain real property, as agreed to by Bud McAllister. It is the allegation made by the plaintiff. Suit has not yet been decided.

MAJ. B. H. GITCHELL



Maj. B. H. Gitcheell of the National army has been appointed chairman of the industrial relations section of the aircraft production board.

LABOR MAN IS OPPOSING BILL

AMERICAN FEDERATION SECRETARY OPPOSES

Says Employers Will Be Armed With Slacker Term to Use Against Workers

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—(By United Press.)—Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, told the House Military committee today that the workers would fight the amendment to the man power bill because they consider it an insult to labor.

"We don't protest against men going into the army to fight, but we do protest against putting their weapons into the hands of unfair employers to brand workers as slackers."

GERMAN ACCENT REVEALS FOE

SUBMARINE CREW VERY FRIENDSHIP, BUT AMERICAN RAMS CRAFT.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—(By United Press.)—The Navy Department has announced that a submarine was rammed and probably sunk by an American steamer at 9:30 on the night on August 17th off the Virginia coast.

The captain reported that the submarine crew hailed his ship, declaring they were friends, but when their voices showed a strong German accent the captain rammed her and continued his ship on its course. The steamer's bow was badly damaged.

SCIENTISTS AID ALL IN THEIR WAR WORK

WELFARE WORK CONDUCTED IN 45 ARMY AND NAVY CONCENTRATION CENTERS

(Boston Sunday Advertiser)

Christian Science welfare work is now being carried on in forty-five army and navy camps in the United States under direction of the Christian Science War Relief and Camp Welfare committee of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston. There are at present about seventy men and fifteen women engaged in this work, the women serving mainly as welfare room attendants.

The aim of the Christian Science camp workers is to be as helpful as possible to all the men in the camps, whether or not they are Christian Scientists, and particularly to give assistance which may not be available at the time or place through any of the other camp staffs. This phase of the work is an arrangement for keeping soldiers and sailors in close touch with their relatives.

Cooperating with the committee in Boston, there is a Christian Science camp welfare committee in each state. The committee is the home state of a soldier or sailor or cooperates by mail and telegraph with the committee of the state in which he is camped or stationed to form a direct and constant link between the soldier and his relatives. Thereby the relatives are quickly made acquainted with needs of their boy in the service, and he is provided with an avenue of quick communication with his home.

This linking of home and camp combined with the personal attention of the Christian Science workers in the camps, has frequently been the means of changing a soldier's outlook from one of gloom to one of joy, and not infrequently it has proved to be the means of relieving relatives of financial embarrassment, the committee in the home state making loans for use by the relatives until their boy in camp should be prepared to forward money to them.

HEAVY EXPRESS BUSINESS.

Express Agent L. B. Smith loaded on the morning branch train one full car of express shipments, stating that there has been a surprisingly large increase in shipments to branch line points within the last few days.

He stated that, so far as he knows, this branch line does a far heavier express business than any other branch line in Oregon.

RIOTS SAID TO BE ON IN PETROGRAD

BERLIN CLAIMS THAT RUSSIAN PEOPLE ASK FOR GERMAN ASSISTANCE

BATTLE BETWEEN RIOTERS AND GUARDS KILLS MANY

Workmen, Without Bread For Many Days, Parade Streets, Demanding "Away With the Germans"—Lethal Guard Attack Rioters and Ploshed Battle Follows—Hundreds Slain.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 20.—(By United Press.)—The Berlin dispatches state that hundreds have been killed in terrible food riots in Petrograd. It is claimed that workmen, who have been without bread for two days, paraded the streets crying, "Away with the Germans."

A battle between the rioters and the Lethal Guards resulted in hundreds of dead and wounded on both sides. Martial law has been proclaimed. The Berlin dispatches also said the population is demanding that German assistance be given against the Bolsheviks.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—(By United Press.)—Cables from Stockholm report Lenin and Trotsky, Russian betrayers, are aboard a warship in the Kronstadt harbor under protection of the German flag. It is declared that it is hardly likely that these Bolshevik chiefs will ever again touch Russian soil without German military protection.

MRS. REX CONAWAY DEAD

After a long illness, Mrs. Rex Conaway died last evening at 8:20 o'clock. The deceased leaves a husband and three children. She was well known in this county, having lived here for a number of years. The body is at the undertaking parlors of Judge J. C. Henry, and the funeral will be held from there tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

MORE YANKEES ARRIVE

LONDON, Aug. 20.—(By United Press.)—Another convoy of Americans have arrived in Liverpool and are receiving the most cordial reception.

LOCAL MEN ON THE MARINES' ELEVEN

Two Who Enlisted in La Grande Try For Mare Island Team.

Sergeant Henry, of the Marine enlistment office in La Grande, received the information that Glen Conkey, of the U. of W. football team, and Fred Glover, of Washington State College, at Pullman, both of them having enlisted here about June 16, last, and who are now in the Mare Island, California camp, have been elected to the football squad of that corps.

Glover is an all-around athlete, who has been seen in the past at the big track meets in the northwest, while Glen Conkey is well known in high school athletics before entering the University of Washington. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Conkey, of this city.

YOUNG WOMEN OF THIS CITY PATRIOTIC

Elizabeth Tilton and Avis Vinacke Ask For Credits to Enter Training.

The appeal of the government for young women to enlist for training as civilian nurses, to take the place of those who have been drafted for army service, has had at least two good results, right here in La Grande.

Principal H. I. Du Bois, of the high school, announced this morning that Miss Elizabeth Tilton, a freshman of last year, and Miss Avis Vinacke, who graduated in May, asked for the credits in May, from the high school in order to enlist, or enter the training school for nurses.

This, he said, in speaking further of the matter, is in direct response to the recent call from the government.

IN ORDONANCE DEPARTMENT.

T. V. Arreiter left this morning for Ft. McDowell, California, where he will serve in the ordnance department. Mr. Arreiter was formerly an attorney at Pendleton, but enlisted in La Grande.

THE WEATHER

Possibly fair tomorrow. Clouds indicate breaking away over Eastern Oregon.