

BRITISH TAKE A BIG BITE OUT OF HUNS IN MORNING ATTACK

UNDER THE COVER OF FOG AND MIST ENGLISH TROOPS SWOOP DOWN ON GERMANS AND DRIVE THEM BACK SIX MILES.

Noyon Is Being Squeezed By Both British and French—Right Wing of Allied Army In Soissons Sector Makes Slight Advance—Germans Expected Attack But Were Unable to Resist.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY, August 21.—(By United Press.)—Striking the Germans on a ten-mile front between Arras and Albert shortly before 5 o'clock this morning, General Byng's army made great headway and captured Moyenville, Courcelles Buquoy, Ablainzeville, Achiet Lepetit and Beaucourt-Sur-Ancre.

The attack was made during a heavy fog, which acted as a screen for the British troops and excellent progress was made. At 9 o'clock the sun suddenly broke through the clouds, but British had burst in upon the Germans through the camouflage of mist which hung closely to the ragged, shell-worn battlefield, while the tanks, cavalry and infantry pushed over and around the trenches and entanglements.

The boche was cleared from most of the points on this side of the high embankments of the Arras-Albert railway. So well organized were the British for this attack that with one single artillery crash the whole attack was on in full swing on the wide front.

The big guns of the British had been concealed for several days. They let loose at 5:20 o'clock and the troops swung into action. By 6 o'clock ten parts of the old lines were passed.

At Moyenville, where resistance was not strong, capture was made at 6:50 o'clock. The prisoners taken there said they had expected the British the first of the week, but preparations were insufficient to stop the onrush of the troops. The British suffered few casualties.

HAIG REPORTS ON ATTACK.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—(By United Press.)—General Haig announced that the British had attacked on a wide front north of Ancre this morning, and that "satisfactory progress had been made."

GERMANS OFFER NO COUNTER ATTACK.

PARIS, Aug. 21.—(By United Press.)—The official communique said today the French troops had continued to make progress on the whole front between the Oise and the Aisne and last night captured Cuts and Carlepont. The Germans, to the surprise of the French, offered no counter attack.

FRENCH APPLYING THE PRESSURE.

PARIS, Aug. 21.—(By United Press.)—The French are outflanking the enemy and a point near Schamps forest has been reached. This is near Pontoise and less than four miles southeast of Noyon.

Noyon is now threatened more from the southeast than the southwest. Pressure is now methodically applied by the French forces toward Lassigny and Noyon.

General Mangin's army has advanced more than six miles, and besides gaining three and a half miles in the Oise valley has penetrated to within a mile and a half of Noyon. The right wing of Mangin's army near Soissons has made a slight advance.

CHAS. NASH MEETS ARRANGEMENTS FOR ERMINIE PAINFUL ACCIDENT

CHAS. NASH BREAKS ARM DURING PROCESS OF CRANKING MACHINE.

While cranking his auto this morning, preparatory to making his usual rounds, Claude Nash, driver for the Valley Creamery Co., was unfortunate enough to have his right forearm broken by the handle of the crank slipping from his grasp in some manner, which he seemed unable to avoid.

He was immediately taken to the hospital for treatment, but it is feared he will be laid up for many weeks at least.

This accident comes, too, on top of the fact that young Nash was only released from the hospital last June, when he was operated on for appendicitis.

ARRAIGNED FOR MURDER.

Walter B. McFall was arraigned yesterday afternoon in the circuit court, charged with the murder last November of a man by the name of Wm. H. Moore, at Perry.

He will plead in court on August 23.

CHILD ARTIST IS TO APPEAR IN LA GRANDE IN NEAR FUTURE.

The ladies of the Army and Navy Auxiliary are making extensive preparation for the appearance of "Erminie," the child wonder orator, at an early date in La Grande. The exact date announced in last night's Observer may undergo a slight change because of conflicting dates and the time will be announced soon.

"Erminie" recently gave a recital in Baker and the people of that city were charmed with her wonderful talent which is not the work of training but purely natural. Judge Anderson, of the circuit court of Baker, says she is the most marvelous child he has ever seen and all who heard her voice the same praise.

The Army and Navy Auxiliary request everyone to keep in mind that this extraordinary child is to appear in La Grande and arrange to attend.

E. G. Cummings and wife of Enterprise, are visiting friends in the city.

GEN. TASKER H. BLISS



Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, American representative at the supreme war council, has been given the Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George by the British government.

WOULD RECRUIT OREGON GUARD

FORCE NEEDED TO OFFSET GERMAN PROPAGANDISTS

Oregon Guard Less Than Fifty Per Cent of What It Should Be in Numbers.

That the Oregon Guard needs recruits from among the business men of La Grande, Union, Cove, Elgin, and all other towns in this county, as well as in other counties of Eastern Oregon, is evident from the very fact that all the companies in this part of the state are short in the numbers each company should have today, all the younger men having already entered the service in the regular army, navy, or marines.

Carl Stackland, an orchardist of the Cove district, while in the city a few hours late yesterday afternoon, in a short interview on the street urged sharp and quick work along recruiting lines in La Grande, as well as in his home town, where there should be a good local company organized at once.

"You see it is just like this," he said, "all our younger members have already gone into one or another branch of the service, and in the September, draft we are bound to lose another fifty per cent of what members we have left. Older men, like you and I should join at once, if for no other reason that I can think of now, to guard our home communities against I. W. W.'s and German propagandists generally."

"Only a short time ago I saw in one of the dispatches in the Oregonian, I think, where an old offensive-looking German, was visiting the wheat fields near Salem, just about dusk in the evening and was seen digging in the ground with something, one evening after another. It developed after he had left the country, that he had put some kind of stuff in the soil that made those wheat fields almost fail to produce a crop."

"Now, I won't say that aphids was planted in many of the fields near Cove, but it is very strange that, shortly after some men were seen riding through the country in autos, that many of the fields were discovered to be in very bad shape, as there had been no indications of this pest earlier in the season."

"That is why, I say, we need to recruit our Oregon Guard companies to full war strength at once, for we never can tell what kind of cattle will be in our midst from one day to another."

MISTAKE OF REPORTER

Misunderstood Miss Ryan On The Red Cross Work.

W. C. Cowgill, reporter for the Observer, misunderstood Miss Ryan of the Red Cross Canteen, and yesterday's Observer quoted her as saying that the Canteen was for the purpose of selling things to the soldiers, when as a matter of fact, it is not a commercial proposition but feeds the boys as they come through without compensation. In asking for magazines and periodicals it is not desired that old issues be given but the late current numbers, for old issues are of little value to the class of boys who are in the United States service. They are up-to-date chaps and have read the older issues, and what is desired is late works so that some benefit will be derived from them.

AMERICAN RED CROSS ARRIVES

SEVERAL UNITS APPEAR IN SIBERIAN CITY OF VLADIVOSTOK TODAY.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—(By United Press.)—Several American Red Cross units have arrived in Vladivostok from Tokio, bringing seventy thousand pounds of hospital supplies and a large quantity of provisions.

OUTSIDE PEOPLE WED

Guy Tulley and Ethel Mitchell Married in La Grande.

Last evening at the Methodist parsonage Rev. G. H. Fesse, of the First Methodist church, joined in wedlock Mr. Guy G. Tulley and Miss Ethel N. Mitchell, two of the town of Wallowa's most popular young people. Only close friends of the interested ones were present. Today they left for their future home in Wallowa.

J. GARFIELD KING ARRIVES IN FRANCE

A letter from Mrs. J. Garfield King written from Sisson, California, states that she has received a wire from the official headquarters in New York informing her that her husband, J. Garfield King, formerly head of the Y. M. C. A. of La Grande, has landed safely overseas.

PREPARING STOCK FOR STATE FAIR

Hutchinson & Sherman, as well as W. W. Green & Sons, breeders of Shorthorn cattle, when seen on Sunday afternoon at their ranches near Union, stated that they are thinking strongly of getting a bunch of fat cattle and prize winning bulls in condition for another exhibit at the State Fair, to be held in Salem in September.

As both these firms are breeders of Shorthorn cattle, and have frequently carried off first and second prize money, no doubt, if they decide to exhibit again this fall, other premiums will fall into their basket of trophies already won.

TAX DEMANDS STAGGERING

STATE COMMISSIONER'S GROAN UNDER THE LOAD.

State's Revenues Provided Are Exceeded By \$3,000,000—Gov. Oppor Favors 1 Mill Tax.

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 21.—Unable to make progress with the mass of figures that have been submitted by state institutions, state officers and other organizations having state aid, the Tax Commission recently adjourned its meeting, after setting Friday, August 23, as the date for another session. The commission met for the purpose of attempting to arrive at the state's needs in excess of the 6 per cent tax limitation. In the meantime Tax Commissioner Galloway will total the amount asked for. Some minor institutions have not yet reported.

In general it is estimated that the requests received total upward of \$19,000,000, or about \$3,000,000 in excess of the available revenues for the next biennium. Governor Withycombe holds out for allowing a 1 mill tax, if the people are agreeable, at the next election, which would amount to about one-third of "the excess amount that has been requested." This would provide about \$2,000,000 for two years of the coming biennium, but under the law the proposed bond bill to be initiated for the November election can make provision for only one year.

After a glance at the columns of figures which filled several pages of typewritten sheets, Secretary of State O'Leary and State Treasurer Kay decided that they did not care to attempt any definite action and held out for an adjourned session.

The University of Oregon is the latest to send in its bill of estimates. The university places its requirements at \$988,400. Since its resources are \$587,565.34, the estimated amount to be provided is \$410,836.66. Important among the proposed improvements are an armory and a women's building, for each of which \$100,000 is asked. For the latter \$100,000 is available from outside sources, contingent upon an equal appropriation by the state.

AMERICA WILL SAVE THE DAY

AMBASSADOR LORD READING EXPRESSES APPRECIATION

Says This Country Far Exceeds All Expectations Which Were Held By England.

LONDON, August 21.—(By United Press.)—That America will save the day and finally bring victory to Allied arms is the feeling all over England and was expressed today by Ambassador Lord Reading in the following words during a speech he delivered at a luncheon of one of the clubs:

"America entering the war removed all doubts and fears and assured a certain victory for the Allied arms, but we never imagined that America could reach such splendid efficiency and take such a prominent part in this war in so short a time."

EVERY PERSON TO PAY TAX

McADOO WANTS INCOME TAX TO REACH EVERYONE.

New Revenue Bill Authorizes A Billion Dollar Drive On Profits.

WASHINGTON, August 21.—(By United Press.)—The new revenue bill will authorize a billion dollar drive on incomes and excess profits and will include stringent measures for the slacker who tries to dodge future taxes. McAdoo has asked congress for authority to force every person in the country to pay income tax.

LYAL STRINGHAM IS WOUNDED

UNION COUNTY BOY HIT BY HUN SHELLS IN FRANCE.

Severe Skull Fracture and His Arm Broken—Letter States He Is Recovering.

A letter received today by his parent-at Imbler tells of Loyal Stringham suffering from severe wounds in battle in France on July 15. He was shot in the arm, which was broken and German shellfire pierced his skull, causing physicians to remove slivers of the bone which left an open wound in the head. Besides this, shrapnel entered Loyal's leg in many places.

He laid for five days in the hospital on the front lines and then was removed to the base hospital. The letter was written on July 25 and he expresses not a murmur but insists that everything is all right and that he is getting along fine. He did not consider the shrapnel wounds in his legs worth while mentioning.

CONDENSED MILK SHOOTS UPWARDS

GOVERNMENT DEMANDS ADVANCE PRICES TO THE HIGHEST FIGURE.

Manager C. D. Emahiser, of the Oregon Grocery Co., stated today that there had been a sharp advance in the prices of condensed milk, the advance being as great as 55 cents on the case.

With the government urging by all the means in its power—newspapers and farm journal advertisements—that dairymen increase their herds of cattle rather than diminish them, because it has already commandeered upwards of 50 per cent of the output of condensaries, it is understood, both for army and navy use, thus cutting the civilian users down to the minimum. It seems, without any appreciable effect, so far, it might be compelled to take drastic measures in the matter.

Mr. Emahiser stated that, so far as he knew, this is the highest price condensed milk has reached in many years.

CHRISTIAN GIRL



Christian Girl, whose name has been a fertile subject for paragraphs, is one of the many civilians who are quietly fitting into the war department's strenuous work. It is Mr. Girl's job to see that the army gets all the motortrucks it needs.

GERMAN RAIDER IN THE ATLANTIC

SUBMARINE CREW TAKE TRAWLER AND PREY ON SHIPS

Three Schooners Have Already Been Destroyed By Pirates.

A CANADIAN POINT, August 21.—(By United Press.)—The steam trawler Triumph has been seized by a submarine crew and is now armed with guns and manned by a crew of 16 Germans, who are raiding the fishing vessels on the North Atlantic coast. This information is brought in by survivors of boats that have been sunk. Three schooners have already been destroyed by bombs from the outlaws. In each case the crews reached the shore.

RED CROSS SALE.

At the Red Cross Shop in the Foley Office Building there will be a special sale of aprons and baby articles on Thursday from 2 to 5 p.m. This is also rummage day and the Red Cross people are making it an event of importance.

COUNCIL MEETS TONIGHT.

At the regular meeting of the City Commissioners to be held at 7:30 this evening, besides the regular routine work, there will probably come up for consideration matters of more than ordinary interest and possible there may be a surprise in the statement to be issued by City Manager Fred B. Currey, which will show that La Grande is financially stronger than it has been for some time past.

WHEAT HAS BEEN BADLY BLEACHED

In a short interview this morning with Manager Oswley, of Kerr, Gifford & Co., he stated they are shipping wheat all the time, but these last rainy days had bleached much of the wheat in the shocks, so that it has lost in weight, as well as quality, to some extent.

In weighing out some samples his morning, one lot tested by the government scales 57 1/2 pounds to the bushel, instead of the average of 60 pounds, but that, he stated, will probably make little difference in the prices as fixed by the government.

YOUNG PEOPLE WED

Delivan Waldrop Married To Miss Nellie Bryant.

Mr. Delivan Waldrop and Miss Nellie Bryant were married Tuesday at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Jessa Kerr, in La Grande. Rev. Smith of the South M. E. Church was the officiating minister. The bride wore a dainty dress of white silk and was unattended. Only immediate friends of the young couple were present. The young couple have many friends here who wish for them the happiness and prosperity that they deserve.

WITH THE COLORS.

Recruiting Officer Sergeant Henry, of the Marines, this morning received a post card from Clyde Kiddle, now at the Mare Island training camp. The card reads:

"Am trying hard to be a marine, and want also to say the treatment we get is fine, our quarters good and 'chow' A No. 1. With kind regards, CLYDE KIDDLE."

SPAIN TAKES INTERNED HUN BOATS

TOLL OF SPANISH CRAFT SUBMARINES IS REPLACED BY THESE VESSELS.

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The Honor and Dignity of the Nation Will No Longer Permit the German Program On the Sea, Declares Minister—Believes Germany Will Agree to Demands of Spanish Government.

MADRID, Spain, Aug. 21.—(By United Press.)—The Minister of the Interior of Spain has sent a note to Germany declaring that Spain will temporarily replace all future submarine sinkings of Spanish boats from German ships interned in the harbors of Spain.

Denial is made by the minister that Germany has broken off diplomatic relations with Spain, and he stated that the decision of the Spanish government to replace losses of the submarine with German ships is but the natural course to pursue, and according to the Spanish official, resolves itself into "obligatory defense of our essential interests."

"We cannot risk further prejudicing of our national dignity, life and honor and we feel assured that Germany will recognize our decision and agree that it is right and proper," the official is quoted as saying, and then he adds, "The final status of the commandeered vessels will be settled when peace is declared."

32 DIVISIONS NOW IN FRANCE

WORLD SCOURED FOR SHIPS TO TRANSPORT TROOPS.

America Is Now Playing A Very Great Part On The Battle Fields Of Europe.

WASHINGTON, August 21.—(By United Press.)—General March today announced that 32 complete divisions of American troops are now on French soil. He said to accomplish this remarkable feat it had been necessary to scour the world for ships to transport American troops across the Atlantic.

He also called attention to the fact that to maintain the present rate of progress and achieve the projected four million overseas would mean the factoring of still more ships.

RURAL SCHOOLS NOW OPENING

MRS. IVANHOE THINKS WILL BE FEWER PUPILS THIS YEAR, DUE TO THE WAR.

Not a few of the rural schools of Union county have already opened for the fall term.

County School Superintendent Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe announced this morning that School District No. 53 opened on the 19th, with Miss Jennie Nashby as teacher.

District No. 54 opened on August 5, with Miss Lydia Sailer in charge. District No. 61, at Hot Lake, opened for business this last week, Miss Princess Bond being in charge.

There are 61 organized school districts in Union county, all reporting to Mrs. Ivanhoe, who says she had no difficulty this year in finding competent teachers for all schools, so far. There are 156 teachers in the rural schools of this county.

Other schools will open the 2nd, 9th and 16th of September. Mrs. Ivanhoe added that she did not expect so large an attendance this fall, as people have removed from the county on account of war demands.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Richardson of Idaho, were in La Grande yesterday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Conaway.