

BRITISH AND FRENCH MAKE GAINS ON THE HUN LINES

HEAVY FIGHTING UNDER HOT SUN MARKS THE DAY'S DOINGS IN THE BATTLEFIELDS.

Germany Refuses Spain's Ultimatum On Ships—American Soldiers Sent to Vladivostok From Manila—Air Raid On Paris Is Frustrated By French Planes and Guns.

PARIS, Aug. 22.—(By United Press.)—The French have reached the Ailette river in their advance between the Oise and the Aisne, says the official communique.

This represents a total advance of nine miles since Saturday. Fighting continued on the whole front last night, from Lassigny to Soissons. The French troops have captured St. Paul, Aux-Bois, reaching Ailette at Laquency-Bagge.

Contact with the retreating enemy has been kept by our forces. Throughout the night's fighting the French occupied Leplemont, Thiescourt, Cannetauvort and Ville, all south of the Divette between Lassigny and Noyon, and now have reached the Divette river.

100,000 PRISONERS HAVE BEEN TAKEN.

PARIS, Aug. 22.—(By United Press.)—The Echo de Paris says the Allies have taken 100,000 prisoners since the present offensive started July 18.

BRITISH OPEN WITH MORNING ATTACK.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—(By United Press.)—The British opened an attack this morning on the whole front between the Ancre and Somme, General Haig has announced.

"At 4:45 o'clock this morning our troops attacked the enemy's positions between the Somme and Ancre," says General Haig. "By nightfall yesterday our patrols had progressed on the Ancre's left bank south and southeast of Beaucourt. North of Ancre our positions gained yesterday were maintained against strong hostile attacks. Fierce artillery fire has been very active throughout the night, and this morning fresh hostile counter attacks are reported opposite Miramont and Ires. Between two and three thousand prisoners and a few guns were captured by us yesterday."

HARD BATTLE UNDER HOT SUN.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY, Aug. 22.—(By United Press.)—The British have made a heavy attack on high ground between Albert and Bray this morning, and from every sector of the lines the report comes back that it is "going good."

As the day proceeds the fighting continues less favorable. The sun is boiling down upon the battlefield and the heat is terrific.

Germans are opposing General Byng's advance north of the Ancre with utmost desperation. British forces are only six miles from the Hindenburg line at one point.

It is noticed today that the enemy is bringing in many fresh troops to the front lines.

FRENCH CROSS AILETTE RIVER.

PARIS, Aug. 22.—(By United Press.)—The German divisions in the Coucy region were prepared to attack the Allies today but the lightning work of the French forces in a severe thrust sent the Germans into further retreat. So panic stricken were the surprised Germans that it sent confusion throughout their lines, including their rear divisions.

In this attack the French crossed the Ailette river on a mile front between Champa, Cuni and Fepus and are pushing on towards Coucy, eleven miles north of Soissons.

Noyon is rapidly being enveloped. It is now outflanked from the east. The French are ready to cross the Oise canal between Varnes and Marlin-court. They hold the entire Divette river and are approaching Mancamp, seven miles east of Noyon.

HUN AIRPLANES FRUSTRATED.

PARIS, Aug. 22.—(By United Press.)—French airplanes and ground guns frustrated a German air raid over Paris this morning.

COUNCIL IS COMPLETED.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—(By United Press.)—The Allies have completed an Allied Council at Archangel, with Ambassador Francis as president. A similar council is planned for Vladivostok. These will control the military proceedings and the economic conditions of Russia when set in motion.

BRITISH NOW HOLDING IT.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—(By United Press.)—Aehiet-Le-Grand, marking the farthest British advance north of the Ancre, has changed hands several times but the British are now holding it firmly.

GERMANY REFUSES SPAIN'S PLAN.

GENEVA, Aug. 22.—(By United Press.)—The Berlin correspondent of the Madrid newspapers understand that Germany refuses to accept the Spanish ultimatum requisitioning interned German tonnage for future submarine sinkings by the Germans on Spain's shipping.

LOWERS THE AMERICAN FLAG.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—(By United Press.)—The State Department announced today that Vice-Consul I. M. Brie lowered the American flag on the consulate at Petrograd when the Bolshevik government declared a state of war existed with the United States. This is the first direct word that the Bolsheviks is at war with this country.

SOLDIERS SENT FROM MANILA.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—(By United Press.)—The War Department announced today that the Thirty-first Regiment, from Manila, had arrived at Vladivostok.

DINNER GIVEN FOR LARM.

Andrew L. Larm, of the U. S. S. North Dakota, is Honored. Mrs. A. J. Larm and Mrs. C. L. Damrell gave a dinner yesterday at the home of Mrs. Damrell, in honor of Andrew L. Larm, of the U. S. S. North Dakota, who is here on a 30-day furlough visiting his mother and brothers. A delightful time was enjoyed by all present, and while Mr. Larm is reticent about talking of the service, he was induced to relate many decidedly interesting experiences. He leaves Friday to join his ship and he will take with him not only the admira-

tion of those who attended the dinner party yesterday, but of the people of the whole Grande Ronde valley. Miss Elsie Harvey, of Kamela, was among the out of town guests at the dinner.

CLARENCE WOODS IN FRANCE.

Joe Woods received a letter from his son, Clarence, stating that he had arrived safely in France. Clarence enlisted on June 5 and on July 5 was made sergeant. He was sent to a southern cantonment but soon was dispatched to France, arriving there in good shape.

ERMINIE HERE ON SEPTEMBER 3RD

CHILD ELOCUTIONIST TO APPEAR AT HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM.

"Erminie," the child wonder elocutionist, will appear in the High School Auditorium on the evening of September 3rd, under the auspices of the Army and Navy Auxiliary.

This was determined today when the school board set aside all conflicting dates and assured Mrs. Stella Irlie that the auditorium would be at the disposal of the ladies on September 3rd.

This is looked forward to with great pleasure by all the La Grande ladies who have heard this remarkable youngster, and the Auxiliary will make a special effort to intercept everyone, so that the opportunity will not be missed to hear a child which nature has abundantly endowed.

BABIES HAVE BEEN WEIGHED

THRASHING BROUGHT TO STAND STILL BY RAIN.

Summerville Happenings of Interest to All of the County—Family Moves to La Grande.

SUMMERVILLE, Or., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—Babies and children under six years of age were quite in evidence at Imbler on the 16th, that having been the last day, to date, to test their weight and height, as requested by the government.

The heavy rain on Friday evening stopped thrashing at Dick Fisher's. There was enough grain to last only about 20 minutes when the machine was forced to quit running. No thrashing has been done since, where the grain is in shocks.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Blake, from Baker, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fine on Thursday and Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fine moved to La Grande last Sunday, where they will reside in a recently purchased home formerly owned by Mr. Payton, a mail clerk of La Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Sanderson returned to La Grande on Monday and returned the next day. Dave was called as a juror to attend court.

Wood is in great demand. Miss Irene Waggoner returned home this morning after a short visit with her sister, Mrs. L. R. Niederer.

Rev. G. R. Archer, of this place, will leave at the close of the week to attend the conference of the M. E. church.

Rev. and Mrs. Archer have endeavored themselves to many of us during their stay here the past two years, and wherever they may be called, our best wishes are with them.

CASUALTY LIST POSTED DAILY

OBSERVER NAILS BULLETINS ON OUTSIDE WALL FOR PUBLIC REFERENCE

Every day the Observer posts a complete list of the casualties from the War Department. It includes the dead, wounded and missing from the entire American army.

These bulletins can be consulted at any time by the public as they are posted on the outside wall next to the entrance of the office.

COL. PIETRO GLEIFESE



Col. Pietro Gleifese, commander of the Fifty-second Infantry Regiment which held the upper Piave line for three days against the onrush of the Teuton hordes.

2 ELECTIONS IN LA GRANDE ON SAME DAY

RECENT DECISION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL MAKES IT NECESSARY.

FIFTY NEW WATER METERS ORDERED

Men To Be Employed On Spillway At Once—200 West Side Street Signs To Be Erected in Next Future—City Manager's Report in Detail.

The city commissioner, while in session somewhat longer than usual last night, transacted more than the usual amount of important business.

Perhaps the most important decision of the Commission was its action on a letter received from City Attorney J. D. Stator, based on a recent decision of the attorney general of the state, which will make it necessary to hold the coming city election on the same date, November 5 next, on which will be held the state and county elections, necessitating the city appointing separate election boards, four in number, with the usual number of judges and clerks. This will mean that there will be two elections held on the same day in La Grande.

New Water Meters. The city manager was authorized to purchase 50 new water meters for immediate delivery from Portland, in order that all residents not now supplied, may be in the near future.

Spillway To Be Improved. The city manager was also authorized to let once employ from five to six extra men at \$3.50 per day to work on the spillway while labor can be procured, that the spillway may be built before bad weather sets in.

New Street Signs. Not the least important action of the commission was to authorize City Manager Carvey to have prepared and erected 200 new metal street signs to be placed on all prominent streets, creating a need of the city for something new, and this action will be of great benefit to all, especially to strangers in the city, whose streets run at all angles of the compass.

The city manager's usual weekly report follows: City of La Grande Ore. Aug. 21, 1918.

I herewith submit my report for the week ending August 21, 1918. The Fire Chief reports one fire for the week. This was the Tim Stevens barn at Second and H. streets. The alarm was turned in from box 43. Six hundred feet of hose was laid. The loss was a total loss. Amount of insurance is unknown at this time. Eight firemen answered the call. Some overtime was given them. Total cost to the city \$14.50.

Chief of Police reports four arrests for the week. Amount of fines and forfeitures \$55. Number of suits served 7. Number of lights reported on 1.

Report of City Treasurer. Receipts from: Water rents \$379.70 (Continued on Page Two)

RUSK CARRIES IN THE WOUNDED

LA GRANDE MAN NOW STRETCHER BEARER FOR THE RED CROSS IN FRANCE.

Mrs. Jerry Rusk received a letter today from her husband, who is with the Red Cross in France, stating that he was working at the desk seven hours a day and acting as stretcher bearer at night. He had just come in with twenty wounded Germans and said the treatment of these men was the same as that given our own boys. No extremely young or old men were in the lot, but all were first class looking German soldiers. In conversing with these prisoners, Mr. Rusk said they expressed themselves as glad they had been wounded and captured. They said the people of Germany are through with this horrible, bloody affair and that the Kaiser and the military are forcing them to fight.

Mr. Rusk was in Paris during an air raid and also when the big guns were bombarding the city. He wrote he was that the people of Paris seemed to think nothing of either of these events, but he added, "It made a rookie like myself duck his head and shiver."

In speaking of Paris and the conditions there one of the things Mr. Rusk mentioned was the size of the daily paper of Paris, which he says, for this large city, is no larger than the La Grande Observer.

ENROLLMENT IN COUNTY SCHOOLS

WILL DECIDE THE NUMBER OF TEACHERS ULTIMATELY TO BE EMPLOYED.

Of the 156 school teachers in Union County, forty-six are teachers in the various schools in La Grande, the other 110 being rural school teachers, who report to County School Superintendent Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe.

Such schools as those in Elgin, Cove, Union, Imbler, Ailette, Inland City, Sunnysville, Hugard and North Powder, have from two to five or six teachers.

It cannot be estimated until enrollment takes place in September, whether or not more teachers will be employed, as many families have left both from the cities as well as rural districts, for employment in the various shipyards, where men are always in demand on government work.

After enrollment in the schools of the entire county has been made more definite information will be available.

WILL HONOR THE BOYS WHO LEAVE

LA GRANDE TO GIVE "SEND-OFF" TO RECRUITS.

Men Departing From Wallawa and Union Counties to Join the Colors.

Monday evening La Grande will again pay tribute to the boys who are leaving to join the colors, and a program is being arranged for that purpose.

Forty-three Union county boys and five from Wallawa county will be guests of the city that evening. A parade with the home guard and citizens in line of march will be one of the events. Mrs. J. J. Carr will render a vocal selection and Walter Pierce will talk to the boys who leave, after which Mrs. A. L. Richardson will sing one of her solos. Then the dance will follow, wherein the townspeople will mingle with the soldiers and until midnight there will be a merry time in Rex hall.

This is free for everyone to attend and the committee, consisting of A. C. Hampton, C. D. Putman and Charles Reynolds, requests that all patriotic citizens be present.

DANCE IS POSTPONED. The Ladd Canyon Red Cross dance has been postponed until further notice.

BIG MEETING AT TELOCASET

AUGUST 24 REGISTRATION DAY—NUMBER OF PEOPLE TO VISIT FROM CITY.

County Agent Paul H. Spillman, G. L. Larson and probably Walter Pierce will attend a patriotic meeting of farmers in Telocaset Saturday evening, August 24th, which is the last day for registration, under the president's last call for men from Union County.

Mr. Spillman states that that section has already been pretty well represented in the last draft, and probably there will be few, if any, new names to add to the list.

The demonstration will, presumably, be of a patriotic nature, especially if Walter Pierce makes an address.

GENERAL BROWN

HOMESTEAD ENTRY MADE.

REGISTRAR OF THE U. S. LAND OFFICE, C. S. DUNN, STATED THIS MORNING THAT ONLY ABOUT ONE HOMESTEAD ENTRY IS BEING MADE EACH WEEK IN HIS OFFICE AT THE PRESENT TIME. IT IS DIFFERENT FROM FORMER YEARS, WHEN HOMESTEAD ENTRIES WERE OF DAILY OCCURRENCE.

The only entry made this week was made by Elijah N. Shoemaker, of Richland, of an 80 acre tract described as follows: the land supposedly being agricultural in character, being situated in the Snake River district. The west half, of the NE quarter, section 13, 9 S R 45 E.

AUTO BACKS INTO POLE.

What proved to be but a minor accident happened yesterday to Mrs. Fred Spaeth and a party of ladies who were riding with her. She stopped her car on Spring Street hill to let one of her friends alight, when she noticed the car began to crawl backwards. Applying the brakes with all of her strength, she tried to bring it to a stop, but the brakes did not hold and slowly the car backed down the hill and into a telephone pole. No one was injured, but the pole was broken off at the ground and the car received a heavy dent in the rear of the body.

READY FOR TAP OF THE BELL

SCHOOLS OF CITY WILL START ON SEPTEMBER 9.

Wood is In and the Buildings Renovated—Teaching Force Is Secured.

La Grande's city schools will open on September 9. Today Superintendent A. C. Hampton said, "We have our winter wood in now, the buildings have been renovated, new approaches have been added to the Central building in both front and rear, our corps of teachers is complete and we are now ready for the tap of the bell to start what we believe is going to be one of La Grande's best school years."

It is gratifying to every citizen to know that the teaching force of La Grande has been filled and it required untiring work on the part of the superintendent to fill the vacancies which have occurred since last school year.

Every city in the northwest is experiencing trouble in securing the required number of teachers to handle the schools and in some instances they have not been so fortunate as La Grande, for a number of vacancies are reported from neighboring towns and cities.

The school board has been very active to see that each of the buildings has been gone over and proper remodeling done so that the best of air and heat may obtain for the coming winter. At the Central building it was found necessary to put in some cement platforms at both the front and the rear of the building and this has been done.

The fuel supply which is no small item this year, and difficult to obtain, is now in tact and there is ample room for the superintendent making special mention of the fact in his interview.

Military Training. For some time the city schools have had military training, but it has never been emphasized before as it will be the coming year. The teacher who is to have charge of this important branch of the work is now rendering service in the University of Washington and will be equipped with all the modern tactics endorsed and furnished by the government.

Just how young the children will be taken in the military department has not yet been announced but it is very likely that even the boys of the smaller grades will participate.

Young Men Should Attend. All over the nation, and right in La Grande it is very pronounced, there is a tendency for young men who come under the new draft to feel a desire not to attend school this year. This is a serious mistake, for the President as well as Secretary of War Baker has made special requests that all boys attend school and follow their studies diligently until such time shall come as they will be needed for their country's service.

Professor Du Bois joins Superintendent Hampton in requesting all parents to do everything possible to assist the young men to stay in school.

High wages paid in the different industrial pursuits should not lure the young man from his studies, for his schooling is of far greater importance than the money he will earn this year.

McFERRON ARRESTED. LOS ANGELES, Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Ray McFerron, wanted at La Grande for the alleged killing of William Moore, near Perry, Oregon, was arrested at Fort McArthur this afternoon. Arrest was made on telegraphic warrant from Sheriff Warnick, of Union county.

BOYS APPRECIATE COMFORT KITS

LYNN BOHNENKAMP TELLS OF FEELING FOR AUXILIARY

In a letter from Lynn Bohnenkamp written to Mrs. Stella Irlie from Camp Lewis on August 11, he says, in regard to their outfit: "First I want to say to you as a member of the Army and Navy Auxiliary that the boys do certainly appreciate their sweaters and comfort kits. They are envied by every other draft bunch. In fact, here, if a new bunch comes in, the old men know if they are from Union County by their outfit. Believe me you people are doing a fine work there and I know that every case of the men who receive of the outfit are more than thankful for them. Please pass this word to Mrs. Foley and Mrs. Palmer and the other members of your organization."

Lynn has now been transferred to Camp Fremont, California.

STANFIELD BUYS PORTLAND BUILDING.

R. N. Stanfield, late candidate for United States senator, has just purchased one of the best corner business buildings on the east side in Portland. The property was sold by C. K. Henry.

ONE MAN TO HANDLE ALL AIRCRAFT

SENATE AIRCRAFT COMMITTEE MAKES REPORT TO MILITARY COMMITTEE.

LACK OF COMMON SENSE IS CAUSE OF TROUBLE

Committee, After Going Into The Whole Matter, Says There Is Reason To Believe That Time Is Approaching When This Country Will Have Many Planes In Use.

WASHINGTON, August 22.—(By United Press.)—The Senate aircraft committee has reported to the military affairs committee recommending that one man have control of aircraft production.

It also recommends the speeding up of production and the encouragement of invention, laying important emphasis on the reducing of profits on future contracts.

The investigation disclosed that lack of common sense policy obtained in the early period of the war.

The committee said while many disappointing results had been disclosed, "much has been accomplished and the time is approaching when the quantity production of planes may soon be hoped for."

CYCLONE IN MINNESOTA.

FLORENCE, Minn., August 22.—(By United Press.)—Thirty-one bodies have been recovered from the ruins of Tilor, a small western mining village. All business buildings were wrecked.

HOME GUARD BAND.

Practicing With Vocalists In View Of Future Patriotic Affairs.

Prof. J. David Haines is now engaged, a few evenings each week in practicing with his band, acting as accompanist to several of the local vocalists, in order that in the future, when patriotic meetings are held in the city, vocalists will not be dependent upon a piano to accompany them when singing in patriotic meetings of any description, as band music is the life of patriotism.

DUCKETT BOY VERY LOW TODAY.

Little George Duckett, who was burned when his father's house was consumed by flames recently, is very low at the hospital.

MISS LARSON OPENS STORE.

Lady Who Purchased Blackmon Millinery, Ready for Business.

Miss Larson, a prominent Portland milliner, who recently purchased the Blackmon millinery store, has made some rearrangements of the stock and fixtures and is open now for business. It is her first experience in Eastern Oregon but she is very much pleased with the country and thinks La Grande is about the prettiest little city she has ever seen.

MRS. VAN BUREN IN HOSPITAL.

Mrs. Sadie Van Buren became ill yesterday and was taken to the Grande Ronde hospital for treatment. Her condition is not considered serious.