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14,000 Prisoners Taken by British In 3 Days--French Still Advancing Noyon is Bound to Fall Very Soon

BOMBARDMENT OF AMERICAN REAR DIMINISHES, AFTER BEING CONSTANT FOR SOME TIME.

BRITISH ARE CLEARING THE WAY IN EVERY DIRECTION--FRENCH MAKE GAINS, EXCEPT IN ONE SPOT, WHERE RESISTANCE IS HEAVY.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—(By United Press.)—The British have pushed forward to within less than two miles and a half of the Bapaume road this afternoon. The Third army's progress continues, it having advanced at some points four and a half miles.

FOURTEEN THOUSAND IN THREE DAYS.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—(By United Press.)—General Haig announces today that the British forces have taken fourteen thousand prisoners in the last three days.

He said the attack had been resumed this morning and that "fighting developed in the Givenchy sector north of Labasse canal."

The Germans attacked last evening north of Baillieu, north of Kemmel and north of Loore, but the attack was completely repulsed.

PRISONERS TAKEN BY FRENCH.

PARIS, Aug. 24.—(By United Press.)—The official communique today reported sharp artillery fighting last night in the Lassigny region and between the Oise and the Aisne rivers.

"In Lorraine the French penetrated in several places, taking a number of prisoners," says the French report.

BRITISH ADVANCE ON WIDE FRONT.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY, August 24.—(By United Press.)—The British advance today carried its lines forward on a wide front between the Aisne and Somme. Bray, Becordel Court and Orvillers and Laboissele and reported capturing prisoners in numbers.

GERMANS BURNING THEIR WAR MATERIAL.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY, August 24.—(By United Press.)—It looks as though it will be impossible for the Germans to withdraw from the Vesle, so intense is the artillery fire by the allies. The bombardment of the American rear by the Germans, which has been in constant progress for some time, is slackening. Numerous fires between the Vesle and the Aisne suggested that the Germans might be burning their war materials in small dumps.

ENEMY ROUTED IN LARGE SECTOR.

PARIS, Aug. 24.—(By United Press.)—The enemy has been completely cleared from the south banks of the Oise and Ailette rivers, as far east as Pont St. Mar. The French are now firmly established north of the Ailette.

Opposite Coucy the French continue to make progress principally in a southeasterly direction. The armies are advancing methodically west of Noyon, but their progress is slower between Metz and Soissons today.

FALL OF NOYON IS CERTAIN.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—(By United Press.)—The fall of Noyon is expected momentarily. The French are in charge of all the communication lines to and from the city.

"DICK" IS HERE TODAY.

Former Northwest Hotel Man Pays Brief Visit to La Grande. "And he looks like a fashion plate, he does." Thus spoke Ray Logan as he sized up a finely dressed chap stepping along Adams avenue today as though he were marching to a fife and drum. The individual was M. C. Dickson, formerly proprietor of the Oregon hotel in Portland, and a Seattle hotel, and he was here on business.

"Dick" is the same good fellow of years gone by. He has grown some older and prides himself in saying that he has acquired a certain breadth of sense which God gave to horses. For some time he has been out of the hotel game and is now dealing in big ranches, mines and timber.

AUTO SALES IMPROVING.

W. H. Bohnenkamp & Co. report that, in spite of the high prices this season, their sales of new cars is increasing to some extent. Their new "Chevrolet" cars are very popular just now, and among recent sales made by them can be numbered Arthur Singleton, C. A. Chance, L. W. Spencer, Chas. Ver-non, R. W. Taylor, Ray Baum, Gen. plan, and a good post road is to be built next year.

AUSTRIA LOSSES MANY PLANES

BRITISH AND ITALIAN AIRMEN MAKE GREAT RECORD.

Three Hundred And Two Machines Are Put Out Of Action In Short Time.

ROME, August 24.—(By United Press.)—The British and Italian air forces have made a great record on the Austrian planes, according to an announcement given out today. Between June 1st and August 20 202 Austrian airplanes had been brought to earth and demolished.

AMENDMENT IS DEFEATED

House Votes Not to Exempt Government Employees.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 24.—(By United Press.)—The House defeated the amendment to the man-power bill, removing government employees from exemption. Then the House adopted an amendment creating a special board of examiners to comb the draftable men from the deferred lists.

HOUSE PASSES BILL.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 24.—(By United Press.)—The House this afternoon passed the man-power bill, drafting men from the ages of 18 to 45 years, with but two dissenting votes.

FARM COURSE IN SCHOOL.

ENTERPRISE, August 24.—Training in Agriculture will be one of the features of the public schools here the coming term and it will be taught under federal supervision.

UNCLE SAM IS HEAVY LOSER

RAILROADS UNDER HIS OPERATION LOSING LARGE SUMS

\$300,000,000 Lost During The First Six Months Of This Year.

WASHINGTON, August 24.—(By United Press.)—The Interstate Commerce commission announced today that the government lost three hundred million dollars operating railroads in the first six months of the present year.

WANT CLYDE AITCHISON.

SALEM, August 24.—The public service commission today sent to the interstate commerce commission a request that when C. R. Aitchison, a member of the interstate commerce commission, comes to Portland September 20 to hear the express rate case that he be permitted also to hold a supplementary hearing on re-assignment and diversion rules. New rules have been adopted, imposing a charge of \$2 to \$5 for the re-assignment or diversion of carload freight, whereas heretofore no charge has been made for this service. A hearing on the protest against the charges will be held in Chicago September 4 but the Oregon commission points out that many interested shippers will be unable to attend and a supplementary hearing in Portland will give them a chance to present their protests.

WORK ON FLORA ROAD.

ENTERPRISE, August 24.—Work will begin soon to clear the route for the Flora road, which Chance, L. W. Spencer, Chas. Ver-non, R. W. Taylor, Ray Baum, Gen. plan, and a good post road is to be built next year.

MR. POLACK IS DOING NICELY

WITHSTOOD DELICATE OPERATION AND HOPE IS STRONG FOR RECOVERY.

A telegram received today from Mrs. E. Polack, at Rochester, Minn., states that her husband withstood the operation at the Mayor institution and is doing nicely. Mr. Polack has suffered with an affliction of the ear for some time and a short time ago left for Rochester with Mrs. Polack to have the operation necessary for relief performed.

He is proprietor of the City Grocery & Bakery here and is one of the leading business men of La Grande. Both Mr. and Mrs. Polack are prominent socially and La Grande friends rejoice to know that he is getting along so well.

LA GRANDE WILL HAVE MEETING

SECOND ANNUAL INSTITUTE TO CONVEY HERE.

"Complete Service" Is The Slogan For Gathering Of Christian Endeavorers.

On Saturday and Sunday, September 7th and 8th, there will be held the Second Annual Institute of the Christian Endeavor workers in La Grande. The gathering will convene in the Presbyterian church and a program of exceptional merit has been arranged for the occasion.

Miss Edna Whipple, state president from Eugene, will be in attendance and all members of the organization are looking forward to the occasion with much interest.

YOUNG LADY TAKES MAN'S PLACE IN FIELD.

L. M. Simpson, of near Airlie, who is the nominee on the Democratic ticket for county commissioner, owns a large farm on the Luckanite and has been seriously hampered by the labor problem. Haystack time came and crops were ready to harvest. Mr. Simpson sought a hired man in vain. But his problems were in a measure solved by Miss Agnes Stevens, a young lady of the neighborhood, who came to his assistance and volunteered to take her bit for her country by taking a man's place in the field. She donned overalls and helped hard hay, shock grain and made herself useful wherever her services were required. She says she likes the work.—Polk County Observer.

OFFICIAL LIST OF SELECTED MEN

REPORT AUGUST 26, ENTRAIN ON THE 27TH FOR CAMP LEWIS.

Complete List of Names, Including Those Called to Fill Vacancies Caused By Rejections.

Under the last call of the President, the following men will leave La Grande on the early train Tuesday morning, August 27, destined to Camp Lewis:

- Lewis Ransom Cross, Union.
 - Albert Raymond Squire, Imbler.
 - Elmer Jerry Weis, Elgin.
 - Francis Louis Thompson, Union.
 - Ira Lorenza Howell, La Grande.
 - Frederick Eugene White, Alice.
 - Roy Edward Neal, La Grande.
 - Frank Marquis, La Grande.
 - Charles Franklin Gorden, Summer-ville.
 - Walter Ingerson, La Grande.
 - Hughie Spencer Bell, Union.
 - Clarence Walter Green, Union.
 - Harry Dean Olsen, North Powder.
 - John Vernon Lloyd, La Grande.
 - Roy Andrew Titus, Union.
 - Willie Miles Fitzgerald, La Grande.
 - Claude M. Noyes, La Grande.
 - Victor Hugh Knapp, La Grande.
 - George Washington Knapp, Oregon City, transferred.
 - Charles Wesley Walker, Portland, transferred.
 - Frank Ellsworth Brown, Imbler.
 - Henry Delbert Ricks, La Grande.
 - Lee Oliver Roberts, Elgin.
 - James Benj. Lamm, La Grande.
 - Carl C. Lester, La Grande.
 - Edward George Behrens, Summer-ville.
 - William Hobart Brazille, Cove.
 - Thomas Chauncey Starns, Summer-ville.
 - John Guy Miller, La Grande.
 - Paul Scott, Elgin.
 - Earl Eugene Rush, Union.
 - Thomas William Charles, Tacoma.
- Called to Fill Vacancies.
- The following men have been called to fill vacancies in the ranks, caused by rejected men:
- Roswell Dell Miller, Imbler.
 - George Clyde Brown, Oswego.
 - Joseph Rovelto Talbot, Portland.
 - Irving Michael Dolan, La Grande.
 - Merrill Dudley Spencer, Portland.
 - Wilbur Salisbury, La Grande.
 - Oren Lovan, Cove.
 - Francis H. Carbine, La Grande.
 - Vitangelo Colleno, Telocaset.
 - Fred Wiseman, Portland.
 - Carl Scott, Reedsport, Or.

CHILDS GETS CONTRACT

WILL BUILD SEWER SYSTEM AND SEPTIC TANK FOR TOWN OF WALLOWA.

WALLOWA, August 24.—At a regular meeting of the city council J. H. Childs of La Grande was awarded the contract for constructing a sewer system for the city of Wallowa. The specifications call for building a sewer and installing a septic tank, and for this work Mr. Childs bid \$15,125.34. His nearest competitor was \$15,811.73. The work will start in a short time, according to Mr. Childs.

WEATHER REPORT. PORTLAND, August 24.—Fair.

TEN MILLIONS ARE NEEDED

STATE TAX COMMISSION HAS A PROBLEM TO DEAL WITH.

Nearly All Departments Are Demanding More Revenue To Operate.

SALEM, August 24.—The State Tax Commission in session here today is up against the hardest problem they have ever tried to solve. It is a case of putting a gallon in a half a gallon jug, for nearly every department of the state's government is demanding more money for operating expenses.

The final effort is being made to provide funds in excess of the 6 per cent limitation amendment for the conduct of state affairs during the next biennium, it will be confronted with estimates totalling \$9,515,000 for all state activities during the two years.

This estimate is based upon the assumption that the Legislature will eliminate the state-aid feature for the Industrial Accident Commission and provide only for the bare cost of maintenance for that department. The estimated state expense for the commission, if it is still called upon to pay its one-seventh of the contributions of employers and employees, is \$1,200,000. Thus, under the law as it stands today, the estimates are far above the \$10,000,000 mark.

Heavy Increases Are Asked.

Using the \$9,515,000 as an estimate, if all the appropriations are allowed, the cost of the state government for the next biennium will be \$2,728,000 more than the present.

The total levies for the years 1917-18 amounted to \$5,555,455 which indicates that receipts and unexpended balances available during those two years amounted to \$1,231,888, this figure representing the amount of money appropriated for the two years over the amount actually levied.

Consequently it is probable that the commission will use as a basis only the amount of money levied for the two years, and not the amount of the total appropriations. The 6 per cent increase allowed under the limitation amendment will, in round figures, give about \$400,000 more money to the levying power. On the other hand the deficiencies for the present biennium will aggregate about \$600,000.

Expenses Declared Too High.

A tough problem is presented by the fact that a large number of institutions have had deficiencies during the present biennium because of the increased cost of labor, materials and supplies. It is assumed that costs will be no less for the next two years and as a result the commission will have to estimate the expenditures for that period at \$150,000, rather than at \$100,000. These increases are necessary in determining the probable expenses for the biennium and members of the commission express the realization of the fact that this will have to be met.

But they are unanimous in agreeing that the estimate of over \$9,000,000 or \$10,000,000 is too much and that an exorbitant request at the November election will probably be met with defeat of the measure.

GERMANY WILL NOT AGREE TO SUBMARINE REQUEST.

Will Make No Exception Of The Spanish Government Is Reply From Berlin.

LONDON, August 24.—(By United Press.)—Germany has informed Spain that an attempt to seize German interned boats to replace the Spanish losses occasioned by future submarine sinkings "might result in a rupture of the good relations between the two nations," says the Exchange Telegraph from Copenhagen.

Germany, however, expressed a willingness to consider limiting submarine operations outside of the danger zone, but would not guarantee such a condition to Spain as any exception to the general rule now in force by the Imperial government.

WIN IN 1919 AGAIN SAYS GEN. MARCH

OPINION IS BASED UPON "COLD BLOODED VIEW OF MILITARY AUTHORITIES."

RETURNING OFFICERS SWEAR BY AMERICANS

Nation Now Has More Than Million And A Half Men In France—Chief Of Staff Talks To War Correspondents And Reiterates His Former Statement.

WASHINGTON, August 24.—(By United Press.)—When Chief of Staff March predicted victory in 1919 with four million Americans in France by next June he was delivering a "cold blooded American military opinion," is the opinion of Special Correspondent Groat of the United Press.

"It was no spreadeagle boast," continued Mr. Groat, "but it was based upon his confidence in the American soldiers, which confidence has been inspired by service with and besides the men."

"General March has assured all the war correspondents that his statement to the Senate committee was a deliberate military opinion. It is now revealed that this nation has passed the million and a half mark in men sent to France. "Returning officers assure General March there is no lack of confidence in the army and the American soldiers deserve the full confidence of the United States, for on every occasion when the test has come the American soldier has delivered the goods."

LADIES TO TAKE PART IN SHOW

STREET CARNIVAL TO SPARKLE WITH SOCIETY FOLK.

Army And Navy Auxiliary Ladies To Be On The Job All Through The Week.

Next week when the street carnival gets into action it will be more than the ordinary carnival for ladies of the Army and Navy Auxiliary are going to take a hand in its management and be on the job the entire week.

The Carnival company will open Monday evening with its hip, hip, hurrah stuff and every afternoon and evening the weird music of the automatic organ, the shrill whistle of the motive power, the barking of the concession men will be heard. And with this mixture of fun will be the ladies of La Grande in charge of various shows and concessions.

It is going to be a week of profitable fun, for the money thus raised will be used in the work being done by this great and noble organization of ladies whose hearts are in the big war and whose boys are on the firing line.

A special dispensation has been granted to have a good time next week riding the whip, the merry-go-wizz, throwing confetti, seeing the mermaids angle and a lot more foolishness that is refreshing.

HIGHWAY TRADED FOR RAILROAD.

Automobile Clings To Railroad And Shoots Down Tracks.

COTTAGE GROVE, Ore., August 24.—Operating an automobile along a railway right of way and between the rails was the thrilling experience of a tourist who passed through here a couple of nights ago.

While crossing the Southern Pacific tracks at a crossing north of the city his wheels were caught between the rails and he had crossed the cattle guard and was quite a distance from the road before he could stop his machine. Hearing a train approaching from behind he started down the track, hoping to find another crossing. The engineer detected the tail-light of the car and brought his train to a standstill before striking the machine. The driver, who refused to give his name, was not injured.

