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AMERICANS TAKE RAILROAD FROM HUNS; BRITISH OPEN THIRTY MILE OFFENSIVE; HUNS PUTTING UP STRONGER RESISTANCE

Gains Made on all Fronts Yesterday but Huns are Showing More Fight

FRENCH PROGRESS IN FACE OF HEAVY FIRE—GERMANS HAVE MADE STRONG FORTIFICATIONS, BUT CANNOT STOP THE ADVANCE.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY, Aug. 26.—(By United Press.)—The Americans have advanced a third of a mile on a mile and a quarter front immediately east of Fismes. This was accomplished on Sunday, and they drove the Germans from the railroad, capturing a strong position. Sharp infantry fighting is keeping the entire Vesle front stirred up, but boche counter attacks have proven fruitless.

LONDON, Aug. 26.—(By United Press.)—The British attacks along the Scarpe have reached the old Hindenburg line, it was learned this morning. They have arrived at points five miles south of the Conjeul river. Wancourt and Carney are also reported to have been captured.

The Third army's attack this morning advanced two miles on the four mile front.

Within a very few minutes after the attack was made between Fapoux, four miles east of Arras, and the heights/northeast of Neuville-Villas, the British were making remarkable headway.

Good progress is also reported east of Heninel, between Arras and Croiselles, and between Rochelle and Bapaume.

Total casualties of the British third and fourth armies since last Wednesday are estimated at 23,500.

The British took 20,000 German prisoners in the same length of time.

The battle is now raging on a thirty mile front between the Scarpe and Somme. Some additional progress is registered on both wings. Violent artillery fighting is going on throughout the entire battle line.

PARIS, Aug. 26.—(By United Press.)—A heavy battle was resumed on a large scale between the Oise and Aisne today.

The French are pressing northward and eastward in the Ailette salient, to force the defenses east of Noyon and west of Coucy, preparatory to opening the way for a decisive drive toward the Somme in the Ham-St. Simon region.

Strong forces have pushed on, so Ailette and Coucy are already outflanked. From the north the Germans are resisting energetically all along the ridge near Coucy. East of Bagneux the French have progressed eastward beyond the Soissons-Chauny railroad.

BYNG TAKES TWO POINTS.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY, Aug. 26.—(By United Press.)—At noon, Orange Hill and Monchy-Le-Preux are reported captured by General Byng's new attack along the Scarpe.

LONDON, Aug. 26.—(By United Press.)—The French have captured Fresnoy Les Rooye, three miles above Roye. The French are slightly in advance between the Ailette and the Aisne and have taken 400 prisoners.

"MAKING GOOD PROGRESS"—HAIG.

LONDON, Aug. 26.—(By United Press.)—General Haig reported from the front: "At 3 o'clock this morning our troops attacked in the Scarpe sector and are making good progress. Heavy rain is falling on the battlefield."

GERMANS PUTTING UP HEAVY RESISTANCE.

PARIS, Aug. 26.—(By United Press.)—While the French artillery is smashing the German defensive positions, preparatory to crossing the Oise, east of Noyon, and pushing toward Coucy, they are facing a fierce resistance. The Germans have fortified the north banks of the Oise from Noyon to Chauny and are offering some severe counter attacks.

BRITISH MAKE THREE MILE GAIN.

LONDON, Aug. 26.—(By United Press.)—Yesterday the British advanced along the north of the Somme to Longueval, a distance of three miles.

PIONEER MILLS REPAINTED

Some Remodeling Done To The Island City Plant. The Pioneer Flouring Mills have just been remodeled and repainted. The new mill was the brush welder for the Coolidge Company. The Ed. Bean logging equipment has also been gone over with a fresh coat of paint including all of the cars and machinery.

The following registered today at the Savoy Hotel: T. Olsen of Pendleton; W. Sykes, of Pendleton; Mildred Minshall, of Eugene; Thos. C. Hazell; F. K. Wear, of Fresno, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. John Fairly, of Spokane; and W. L. Pennington. Miss Anna Rosch is expected to arrive in La Grande soon from New Jersey for a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Rosch.

PARADE FORMS AT 8 O'CLOCK

ALL DETAILS ARRANGED FOR THE NURSE-SOLDIER RECEPTION.

Every detail in connection with the entertainment of the men leaving for the National Army and the Nurses leaving for service in France, which is to be in the nature of a parade and a program and dance at the Rex hall has been completed and the committee in charge promise all who attend that their time will be well spent. The music and speaking tonight alone assure the program well worth hearing and the dance afterwards will be free to everyone.

The parade as announced before will form at the Y. M. C. A. at 8 p.m. led by the band and Oregon National Guard companies. The program will be held at the Rex Hall right after the parade or about 8:30 and dancing will follow after the program and continue until midnight. The committee is asking that there be a general attendance of the young ladies in order that there may be plenty of partners for the new National Army men.

Seats will be reserved for the parents, wives and sweethearts of the men to leave, but it is asked that they be on hand promptly in order to save confusion. Men from the ranks of the Oregon Guard will be detailed as ushers.

UNION SHIPPING LARGE INVOICES

MANY GARMENTS BEING SHIPPED BY THE CHAPTER

Women Work Continuously to Help Supply the Soldier Boys in Service at the Front.

While little has been printed regarding the work of Union's Red Cross, the fact remains that the organization is a busy one and women of the city are laying aside all other duties in order that results may be obtained from an organized, harmonious effort to produce a quantity of goods for the boys at the front.

Following is a record of supplies furnished by Cora M. Davis, of supplies shipped to the American Red Cross by the Union Branch Chapter for the semi-annual term ending June 30, 1918:

Knitting—44 sweaters, 1 helmet, 178 pairs socks, 6 pairs wristlets, 57 sponges, 3 wash cloths.

Junior Auxiliary—2 refugee dresses, 20 Belgian squares, 48 kitchen holders, 28,400 gun wipers, 40 tea towels, Hospital Garments—24 comfort pillows, 72 pajama suits, 18 lined pajama suits, 200 operating leggings, 217 hospital bed shirts, 9 layettes, 100 hospital bed socks.

Miscellaneous—1 carton tobacco, Surgical Dressings—1390 gauze compresses, 9x9 inches, 2540 folded gauze strips 6x3, 8900 gauze compresses, 4x4, 64 absorbent pads (oakum) 8x12, 260 triangular bandages, 620 "T" bandages, 288 three-yard rolls, 8 stacks gauze squares 9x9, 257 abdominal bandages, 30 scultetus bandages, 220 split irrigation pads, 250 cotton pads, 8x12, 64 cotton pads 6x8, 60 applicators.

In addition to the above, a great many first line parcels have been sent from the Union branch chapter to the army.

BOYS HELD FOR THEFT.

Complaint was filed this morning in the office of the district attorney, against Isaac and Abraham Little, brothers, aged 15 and 17 years respectively. The boys were discovered yesterday with about \$14 worth of various kinds of small tools in their possession which they had pilfered from (1) W. R. & N machine shop. Both boys have, at former times, been wards of the state reform school, and at the time of the last instance of misconduct, Abraham was under parole for a former offense. The date of the trial, which will be referred to the juvenile court, has not yet been set.

Y. M. C. A. GIRL WORKING HERE

MRS. GENEVIEVE FOLSOM TELLS OF NEEDS OF OUR GIRLS IN FRANCE.

Mrs. Genevieve Folsom, special worker for the Y. W. C. A., spent Saturday in La Grande, advising with a number of the leading ladies relative to funds needed for the work of the association in France. There are many thousands of American girls now in France doing all kinds of war work, and it is these young ladies which Mrs. Folsom and her crowd of people desire to assist. The government sends over, for example, several hundred telephone girls and calls on the women of the Y. to look after them. But the government has no funds to assist in the work and as a result it is found necessary for the Y. W. C. A. to get out and raise funds in the states. Oregon has been districted and there will be a meeting held at Baker soon for the Eastern Oregon district, at which this matter will be taken up.

When she heard that Union county has to have a war chest, Mrs. Folsom almost clapped her hands for joy. "Now you are getting down to business," she remarked. "I have just returned from two years in the east, where I worked with all war organizations and the most satisfactory solution of the war solicitation is the county war chest. I wish to compliment your county for adopting such a plan. It is something that every county in the nation will have to come to sooner or later."

MOVIES VOTED AS ESSENTIAL

Government Recognizes Benefit Of The Screen In War.

The government has issued a proclamation from Washington stating that, after due consideration, the moving picture business has been placed in the essential list of industries during the war. The War Department recognizes the educational value of the film.

CHORUS WILL RESPOND.

La Grande's Singers Are Ready For National Event. When old Liberty bell rings out her tidings on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock by order of President Wilson every town and city in the United States is supposed to have public singing of the Star Spangled banner, and La Grande's Community chorus is ready for the great event.

It is believed that few cities have had the foresight that this city has exercised in organizing its vocal talent into one large Community chorus and the benefit of this movement is now beginning to show. Professor Edwards, director of the Chorus requests all members to be present at this evening's rehearsal, when the event for tomorrow evening will be taken up and all details worked out.

NEW BOARD TAKES CHARGE.

The new board of instruction which was created in Union county recently, along lines laid down by the war department, this afternoon took charge of the two groups of selective men who are to leave tomorrow. Legal, medical and military advice was given to the men at a meeting in the city hall at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

This board's full function has not been assumed, pending more detail instructions from the provost-marshal but the usual eleven-hour lectures were today taken over by the board, of which Attorney F. S. Ivanhoe is chairman.

BIG CARNIVAL ARRIVES

Week's Fun and Frolic Will Begin Here This Evening.

The Bernardi Carnival, which is to show this week under the auspices of the Army and Navy Auxiliary, arrived yesterday and all the members of the company got busy setting up the tents and shows on the railroad lot. Aside from breaking the leg of one of the company, no other accidents marred the session and this was unavoidable. All the shows will be in full swing tonight and the ladies of the auxiliary will be in attendance to take an important part in the management.

T. R. SOUNDS HIS BIG STICK

PACIFISTS PRANCING IN OPEN MUST BE WATCHED.

"Don't Trust Them" Is Teddy's Energetic Warning To The Country.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., August 26.—(By United Press.)—Speaking at the Centennial celebration here today Theodore Roosevelt, ex-president of the United States, warned the country against the "American Romanoffs and Bolsheviks." "Just now pacifists and internationalists dare not be too busy," said Colonel Roosevelt, "but don't trust the pacifists who will prance in the foreground when negotiations begin, thus furnishing rhetoric for years to come."

TELEPHONE GIRLS HAVE PARTY.

"We turned the pages of history back and just dropped in on Mrs. Ethel Hanley Henning, one of our number, and had a good old-fashioned time Saturday evening," said one of the girls at the Home Independent Company's office today. "And," she continued, "there were no card games, no guessing contests, no fudge or any of that embroidery stuff which women before the war foolishly occupied their time with. We just had a rousing old visit on the ranch, ate a Hooverized lunch and were happy all the time with our hearts and minds on the front line trenches in France, knowing that our soldiers are pounding the very daylight out of the Hun."

FUNERAL TOMORROW.

The funeral of George Duckett, who died yesterday from burns received a month ago when his father's home burned, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 from the Baptist church. Rev. O. E. Otto will preach the funeral sermon. The remains are at the Bohnenkamp chapel.

NO QUOTA FOR UNION COUNTY.

The September call skips Union county, although the draft on other counties is quite large.

YANKEES RAID A NAVAL BASE

AUSTRIA'S BIG BASE ATTACKED BY OUR AIR MEN.

One Plane Falls Into Sea—Pilot Is Rescued By Pilot Of Another Machine.

ROME, August 26.—(By United Press.)—American airmen raided the great Austrian naval base at Pola on the Adriatic, the admiralty announced today. One air plane fell into the sea but another machine by diving rescued the pilot of the lost plane. Pola is one hundred miles from Venice.

THE HONOR GUARD HIKE.

Doing splendid Red Cross work is certainly not the only thing of which the Honor Guard is capable. They are adept at having good times, as was proved yesterday. Saturday evening, eighteen girls hiked up the river to a place across the river between upper and lower Perry. In conveying the party and some of the equipment across the river on a raft, three girls received a "ducking" as a result of overloading the raft. However, the spirits of the party were not dampened in the least, and after a delicious supper over the camp fire, singing and story telling were indulged in until bedtime. Sunday was taken up for the most part by eating, swimming and hiking, all equally enjoyed by the merry crowd. Late in the afternoon they started home, and no one objected seriously to "lifts" in passing cars.

The Honor Guard wishes to express its appreciation of the kindness of Mr. Anderson, of the Maxwell Service Station, in transporting their luggage to and from the camping place.

TELOCASET JOINS THE RANKS.

At a very patriotic meeting in Telocaset Saturday night, the whole assembly very enthusiastically adopted the war chest idea as one of much merit and the most logical way to handle the war work. Walter M. Pierce was the main speaker, dealing with the history of the war and thrilled his audience with his fervor. G. L. Larson, chairman of the Union County Advisory War Board, and Paul Spillman, county agent, each spoke effectively. All told, it was a fine meeting, and Telocaset's well known patriotism was rampant every minute.

PERRY FAVORS THE WAR CHEST

COMPLETE ENDORSEMENT IS GIVEN NEW PLAN.

Perry People Are Quick to Realize Merit of Few Drives For Needed Revenue.

The proposed war chest plan for Union county has met with the very hearty approval of the Perry committee. Chairman G. Earl Stoddard called his committee together to consider the matter and discussed it fully, and Mr. Stoddard writes to headquarters that the committee unanimously praises the war chest, recognizing that the plan eliminates a tremendous amount of lost motion in soliciting for every meritorious drive, and that it cuts out over-subscriptions and that it is cheaper by far for the individuals to pay a given sum monthly for all causes than to give on a hit and miss plan. Mr. Stoddard ventures the belief that the entire community of Perry will line up solidly behind the war chest movement.

Generally speaking, there is a similarity of enthusiasm of like nature from all quarters, but there are a few districts that don't understand the plan fully. Misinformation and lack of full understanding of the war chest is in each case found to be the cause.

Each Community Governs.

The resolutions passed at the meeting of the executive committee in La Grande not long ago, specifically states that each town, village and city will be asked to promulgate a proclamation against certain kinds of war relief solicitation. It is readily understood that it is not the function of the Union County Advisory War Board to arbitrarily promulgate proclamations in each incorporated village of the county. It does, however, intend to ask the civil authorities in each district to do this.

Because it reflects the general attitude over the county, the Perry policy, as set out in Mr. Stoddard's letter, is attached hereto, as follows:

Perry, Oregon, Aug. 26, 1918.—Mr. A. W. Nelson, assistant secretary Union County Advisory War Board, La Grande, Oregon. Dear Sir: Enclosed herewith is resolution duly approved authorizing the appropriation to the Salvation Army War Fund from the war chest.

A meeting of the Perry District Committee met last night with a full attendance. The above resolution was unanimously approved. This was the first meeting since the question of the war chest has been brought up before the county board. I repeated as fully as possible the description of this plan, as it was outlined by Mr. Kiddle at the time of the dinner recently given. The committee manifested a great deal of enthusiasm over the plan and approved it unanimously. If the spirit of the committee in this matter reflects that of the community which I believe it does, there will be no doubt about Perry district subscribing its full quota to the war chest.

There was a question came up which I would like the managing committee to consider when outlining the plan for the war chest. It is concerning the transient class of people which every manufacturing plant has more or less of in their employ. As I understand it, the war chest pledge will provide for one year's donation from each factory. It will be necessary to have some follow-up system which will catch the man who is here a few months and then gone, otherwise it will work a hardship on the steady class of workers to whom will be left the burden of subscribing the full quota of the community. Very truly yours, G. EARL STODDARD, Chairman for Perry District.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Arrivals at the Hotel Sommer today are as follows: R. B. Wade, of Boise; E. C. Skiles and H. W. Hicks, of Portland.

Mrs. H. P. Lewis, of South La Grande, received a wire today stating that her daughter, Miss Pearl, is very ill of typhoid, at Butte, Montana.

Mrs. Edna Barts, accompanied by her sister-in-law, Mrs. R. L. Deal, left Saturday night for Twin Falls, Idaho, on a five or six weeks' vacation visiting friends.

News has been received from Portsmouth, Virginia, of the birth of a seven-pound boy to Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe E. Clark. Mother and baby are being cared for at the King's Daughter's Hospital and is doing nicely. Mr. Clark is employed as a machinist in the Navy Yard.

Registering today at the Foley are: G. E. Van Riper; J. E. Smith; George Turnlow; Beadie Ohme and party; Chas. F. Gordon; L. R. Cruss; H. D. Olsen; R. D. Miller; Walter Ingerson; Fred Brant of North Powder; Mickey McFadden of Boise; Elmer Jerry Welles of EL. Ain; Pat Ward, of Heppner; Gus Harrington, of Portland; Mr. Fur-ginson, of Hot Lake; P. J. Hester, of Pendleton; Mr. and Mrs. G. Gannon, of Pendleton.

STACKING HAY.

The Ryneason hay stacking outfit is at work on several alfalfa fields and this week will show a large tonnage of hay placed safely in the stack.

HUNS GIVE IN TO SPAIN'S REQUESTS

DOES NOT WANT ANOTHER NATION PITTED AGAINST THEM.

SPAIN'S NEUTRALITY SATISFIES THE KAISER

Do Not Want To Drag Spain Into The War, Is Claim, Because Her Neutrality Is Genuine—Will Hold Spanish Government Responsible For German Ships.

AMSTERDAM, August 26.—(By United Press.)—The Berlin Vorwaerts declares today that the genuineness of Spain's neutrality cannot be doubted, therefore we demand forthwith that Spain must not be driven into the enemy's ranks. We will hold the government responsible.

This means that the controversy over the interned German ships which Spain wishes to commandeer to make up for sinkings of Spanish boats by the German submarines is closed by the granting of Spain's request.

WORK OR FIGHT IS ATTACHED

SENATE COMMITTEE INSISTS ON THE AMENDMENT.

Refuses To Have Crowder Appoint Special Staff To Examine De-ferred Classes.

WASHINGTON, August 26.—(By United Press.)—The senate military committee has reported the House Man Power bill out of committee, but with the work or fight amendment attached, declared such an amendment is necessary. The committee eliminated the amendment authorizing Provost Marshal Crowder to appoint a special examining staff to reclassify deferred men.

MAN FOLLOWS YOUNGSTERS

There will be a breaking of old bones if Officer Christiansen gets hold of an old gray mustached chap who has been following a couple of little girls for several evenings. The little youngsters deliver milk to customers down in town and this old fellow has a habit of meeting them near the high school and offering attention that is disgusting to the girls. The police forces have his description and it would not be unreasonable to expect that a coroner's jury might be necessary if they apprehend the old fellow. "There are a few things I can't stand," said Christiansen, "and one is for an old man to push his attention on little girls. When I find cases of that kind I feel like shooting first and investigating afterwards."

SHOWMAN BREAKS LEG.

While Unloading Carnival Accident Occurs.

William Martin is in the Grande Ronde hospital today with a broken leg due to an accident that occurred yesterday when the Barnard carnival was unloading its train preparatory to setting up for a week's engagement in La Grande.

KEEP AUTOS OFF STREETS.

Chief of Police Rayburn wishes it understood that during this evening's parade and entertainment for the soldiers, no machines will be allowed on Adams avenue between Chestnut and Elm Streets.

LETTERS UNCLAIMED

List of letters remaining unclaimed for in this office for the week ending August 23rd, 1918.

Gentlemen: Barbeau, Lou; Bradley, B. F.; Davis, Frank M.; Griffith, Earl; Paschke, Fred; Parker, Al (2); Porter C. M.; Roljke, H. A.; Thomas, Frank.

Ladies—Fuller, Mrs. Hazel; Gue-nib, Miss Ade; Haunn, Mrs. James F.; Jones, Mrs. Nannie; Morton, Mrs. Laura; Morse, Mrs. B. H.; Nelson, Miss Vida; Zarhoff, Miss Antonia.

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office on September 6th, 1918 if not delivered before. In calling for the above, please say advertised, giving date of list.

E. E. BRAGG, P.M.