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German Battalion Revolts; Every Tenth Man Shot-French Capture Roye-English Hammering Away

Last German Defense at Roye Wiped Away and that City Captured at a Late Hour Today

GERMAN COUNTER ATTACKS HAVE BEEN SEVERE, BUT ALL HAVE FAILED TO HALT THE ALLIED ARMIES-NEW ZEALANDERS FIGHT WELL.

LONDON, Aug. 27.—(By United Press.)—Late today the French captured Roye and have advanced three miles on an eight-mile front.

LONDON, Aug. 27.—(By United Press.)—General Haig has reported that the Canadians, after capturing Wancourt, carried their lines on east of Guemappe. The German counter attack forced them back from Longueville to Bazentin-Le Grande and Highwood. The counter attack was broken up at Highwood and the British have re-established their positions beyond this point.

FRENCH ATTACKING ROYE.

PARIS, Aug. 27.—(By United Press.)—The French advanced toward Roye this morning, after repulsing every counter attack made against them, the war office has announced.

French forces have advanced three-quarters of a mile beyond Bagneux, five miles north of Soissons, and repulsed a counter attack west of Chavigney.

Heavy artillery fire continued last night between the Aisne and the Ailette.

The French took eleven hundred prisoners yesterday, including thirty-six officers.

GEN. MANGIN GAINS POSITION.

PARIS, Aug. 27.—(By United Press.)—General Mangin has won his ground south of Croy-Aumont and is now shelling the German position northeast of Soissons.

They are also being shelled from Germans on the Aisne, east of Soissons. Along the whole active front the French continue to secure "kick-off" places for future operations.

GERMAN BATTALION REVOLTS.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 27.—(By United Press.)—A German battalion on being ordered to the front, unanimously refused to go. Thereupon every tenth man was shot. The remainder of the battalion yielded to orders.

BAPAUME CLEARED OF GERMAN.

PARIS, Aug. 27.—(By United Press.)—The Matin today declares not a single German remains in Bapaume at noon.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY, Aug. 27.—(By United Press.)—The British launched a new attack south of Bapaume at 4:45 o'clock this morning, which is designed to make the situation below Bapaume as precarious as that above, where the line extends actually beyond the city.

New Zealanders are on the northern outskirts of Bapaume, having taken Beaugnatre during the night's fighting. They captured prisoners from three battalions, including the battalion commander. Simultaneously the British are moving along the Scarpe. Highlanders are on the north and Canadians are on the south, utilizing yesterday's important gains.

The British last night swept down the Henal slopes over the advanced trenches of the Hindenburg line, capturing these trenches with ease, but found the Germans holding hard and fast to the support lines.

Fighting below is unusually violent and little attempt has been made yet to carry Bapaume directly, although patrol fighting constantly continues in the outskirts of the city.

LAST DEFENSE GONE.

PARIS, Aug. 27.—(By United Press.)—The last German defense before Roye was broken down by the French this morning, who are now less than a mile from town, which location is also threatened by the British from the north.

LUCRATIVE WAR OFFICES CRITICIZED

War Profiteering Not Patriotic Says Governor.

SALEM, Ore., August 27.—In an address before the meeting of the state tax commission, called for the purpose of ascertaining the financial needs of the state in excess of what is available under present constitutional regulations, Governor Withycombe last week severely condemned recent efforts made to create lucrative offices, arising from the present need of war organizations. Particular reference was made to the State Council of Defense, the State Food Adminis-

tration, the Social Hygiene Society and the State Board of Health, all of which organizations are now engaged largely in war work.

"Soul of Wit." Someone has said that "brevity is the soul of wit." It is, and in these strenuous times it would seem a very good idea to apply the same maxim to other channels of conversation. The man or woman who can handle an important subject briefly is sure of a royal welcome wherever he or she seeks an audience.

All Money is Good. A minister says there is no such thing as tainted money. That's right, all we ever look over our change for to see that there isn't a pinched quarter in the lot.—Detroit Free Press.

MILITARY POLICE ARE ON THE JOB

SMALL DETACHMENT IS HERE READY FOR CALL.

Mission Is To Protect Property And Keep The Peace At All Times.

Fitted with cowboy paraphernalia along with their state police uniforms and equipped with good mounts the Union county section of the Oregon Mounted Police are on the job in this county offering their assistance to the sheriff and all other officers of the law. The plan of the organization comes from Pennsylvania, where it has worked successfully and it originally came from Canada where the mounted police are the most feared officers.

Criminals give up in Canada for they know that it is only a question of time until the mounted police overtake them.

One might ask the question: "But why have mounted police in so peaceful a country as the Grande Ronde valley?"

Very true! But there are vast quantities of property to guard in this country. The wheat fields, for instance, could easily be burned by secret enemies, the railroad's property is extensive the protection of the law is more keenly felt if it is known there are a half dozen men in La Grande armed and mounted ready to go at a moment's notice.

Sergeant Royce is in charge of four men and the organization is strictly military in nature, all men reporting to their commanding officer. The city has given the company headquarters at the fire station where one of the number can always be found.

Two men are sent to Cove, Union and Wallowa county. This is a part of a company of fifty men assigned by the state to the Eastern Oregon country, the remaining number being stationed at Pendleton and in Morrow, Gilliam and Sherman counties, as well as counties to the south of Union.

They will remain here at least until after the grain is harvested, and the condition of the country will depend on how much longer. I. W. W. outbreaks, such as La Grande has had in the past, has caused the state to station this group of men here.

MISTOOK CHASER FOR A U-BOAT

MERCHANTMAN SINKS AMERICAN CHASER BY MISTAKE

Officers And Fifteen Men Of Chaser Are Missing—Only Nine Are Saved.

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 27.—(By United Press.)—The merchantman, Felix Toussie, mistook the United States submarine chaser No. 209 for a U-boat, and shelled and sank the chaser, according to announcement made by the navy department. The commander, executive officer and 15 men of the chaser are missing. Nine men were saved.

SHELLED RED CROSS AGAIN.

Germans Kill Twenty And Wound Sixty In Belgium.

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 27.—(By United Press.)—German artillery has shelled a Red Cross bathhouse behind the Belgian lines killing 23 and wounding 60.

Makes Supreme Sacrifice.

Arnold Tuffin, a Y.M.C.A. war work secretary in France has made the supreme sacrifice.

Farm of Violets.

One farm of 40 acres in California is devoted almost entirely to the growing of violets.

WILL SING AT 8 O'CLOCK TONIGHT

COMMUNITY CHORUS WITH CITIZENS, ANSWER ORDER.

Steps of the Federal Building Is Place Designated for Occasion This Evening.

Professor Edwards, director of the Community Chorus, has chosen the steps of the Federal building as the place for his choir to occupy, which along with the citizens of La Grande will join in responding to President Wilson's proclamation that the whole nation shall sing the Star Spangled Banner this evening.

Promptly at the appointed hour, the band will signal all to join in the national anthem of their country. The attendance will be large there is not the least question, for loyalty to the flag, to country and to the President will prompt everyone to be present at the Federal building and join in this event.

Mossman Extends Invitation. President Mossman, of the Community Chorus, today extended an invitation to all citizens to join in the song this evening.

"Please make it plain," said Dr. Mossman, "that all are wanted, and that this is a patriotic event. The Community Chorus is now a fixed and permanent institution willing and desirous of accepting the membership of all loyal American citizens. It is ready at all times to sing for all public patriotic occasions, in fact that is what the Community Chorus was organized for and this evening's singing will be for the entire city."

KIDS ASKED TO HELP IN WORK

OREGON CHILDREN HEAR REQUEST FROM WAR DEPT.

Wants Youngsters To Supply More Digitals For The Use Of Army Medical Corps.

Gathering of digitals or fox-glove by school children and other patriotic Oregonians should be pushed with vigor, according to word received from office of Surgeon-General, Washington, D. C. Thus far, this year 1,400 pounds of digitals have been shipped from Oregon under the direction of Dean Adolph Ziefle of the School of Pharmacy. Dean Ziefle hopes to make another shipment this year of 500 or 600 pounds and to send at least 2,000 pounds between now and next August. Those who wish to help along a good cause are asked to write Dean Ziefle for instructions in regard to the handling of the plants. Large quantities of tincture of digitals are used by the army. It has proved the best remedy for shell shock.

"The digitals leaves gathered under the direction of Dean Ziefle," reads a letter from the office of the Surgeon General, "have been sent to the University of Minnesota for conversion into tincture of digitals. The army will require a large quantity of the tincture and it is fortunate that we were able to get in touch with Dean Ziefle. I understand that the Oregon digitals is of excellent quality and I assure you that the assistance in this matter rendered by the citizens of Oregon is appreciated by this office."

ERMINE'S PICTURES ATTRACT.

Window Cards Cause Happy Remarks From Public.

The window cards bearing the picture of Ermine, the child wonderer, who is to appear in the High School auditorium under the auspices of the Army and Navy auxiliary on September 23rd, are attracting wide attention from the general public. The beauty of the child is the first feature that causes people to stop and then the intellectual eye of the youngster, mingled with the childlike simplicity invariably brings forth some remark relative to the unusual child. The program she will render is an excellent one and seats should be secured early.

300 OREGON SHIPBUILDERS WALK OUT AT ST. HELENS

ST. HELENS, Ore., August 27.—(By United Press.)—The hundreds of shipbuilders in the Sommarstrom company's yards working on government contracts have struck because the company refused to discharge Felix Sommarstrom, one of the four brothers who own the plant. The man they wish discharged is foreman and the unions have demanded that a union man be substituted in his place.

OREGON HENS LEAD IN EGG-LAYING CONTEST.

CORVALLIS, Ore., Aug. 27.—The Oregon hens entered in the International egg-laying contest at Storrs, Conn., by the Oregon Agricultural College, are now 51 eggs ahead of their nearest rivals, having been awarded blue ribbons for both June and July, according to word just received by Professor James Dryden, originator of the breed. They have laid a total of 3334 eggs.

Claude Seranton, of the firm of French & Seranton, has returned from a several days' trip in the middle states. He visited Kansas City and other important places while he was absent.

Woman Recovering. Miss Ruth Rouse, a Y.M.C.A. canteen worker in France, who was injured when a German shell burst near her in a hospital in London, and will recover.

SWITCH ENGINE WRECKS AUTO

A. BESWICK AND FAMILY OF MT. GLENN, JUST ESCAPE.

Accident Happened At The Famous Fir Street Crossing—Car Is Complete Wreck.

Although a watchman is stationed by the O.-W. railroad company at the crossing on Fir street, nevertheless A. Beswick's presence of mind is the only thing that saved himself, wife and babies from being killed last evening when a switch engine completely demolished his Chevrolet automobile.

Mr. Beswick and family had started home and upon reaching the railroad crossing on Fir street he thought he had time to cross before the switch engine reached the point of crossing. Proceeding to the tracks, Mr. Beswick was halted by the watchman and in endeavoring to follow the watchman's order to stop he killed his engine just as his machine came on to the track. Realizing that he could not start quickly enough to escape he grabbed his babies and shouted to his wife to jump out. They all got out just as the switch engine hit the automobile. The machine was carried a couple of hundred feet down the track and wrecked to such an extent that one would hardly think it had ever been a car fit to use.

The fact that no one was injured in such an accident is very refreshing, for the chances were favorable to wipe out the occupants of the car.

OFF TO HELP LIK THE KAISER

SELECTED MEN LEAVE THIS MORNING FOR TRAINING.

The Demonstration Last Evening—Large Crowd In Attendance.

They are off to help lick the Kaiser, those fine Union county fellows, and this morning when the train pulled in there was no pathetic demonstration whatsoever. Mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers who had congregated to say goodbye to the boys, each held up remarkably well for not a nerve quivered.

Big Time Last Night. The boys and girls, who are going as nurses, were well entertained last evening at the reception given in their honor. Adams avenue was filled with people, and at the appointed hour the Home Guard marched behind the band, followed by the selected men and the nurses. These were followed by the different war boards. The demonstration by the public was excellent and after lusty cheers for those who were going to Liberty's call, all assembled at Rex hall.

Dr. M. K. Hall delivered a splendid address to the nurses. It was a talk free from technicalities and one that every person present appreciated. He was followed by George Cochran, who addressed the enlisted men, pointing out the great work each man is doing who wears the uniform of his country. The musical program was excellent.

After the last number announcement was made that the big dance would follow, and until midnight the soldiers were the guests of the citizens.

SPAIN UPHELD BY GERMANY

IMPERIAL RULER AGREES TO DEMAND OF SPANISH NOTE

All Future Submarine Sinkings To Be Replaced By One Of German Interfered Ships.

MADRID, Spain, August 27.—(By United Press.)—It is announced here that Germany has accepted all conditions in the Spanish note, agreeing to voluntarily surrender interned German vessels to replace all future submarine sinkings.

BEEBE IN POST OF ADJUTANT GENERAL

Col. Williams Resigns To Accept Post Of Major In Regulars

SALEM, Ore., August 27.—Governor Withycombe today announced the appointment of General Charles E. Beebe, of Portland, as acting adjutant-general of Oregon, to succeed Lieutenant Colonel John M. Williams, who has resigned to accept a commission as major in the regular army.

Williams, who, prior to his appointment, was an attorney in Eugene, was named by Governor Withycombe to succeed Adjutant-General Geo. A. White, who left the office to take a commission in the regular army and is at present in France.

Governor Withycombe expressed his eminent satisfaction with General Williams' conduct of state military affairs, and made particular reference to his success in handling the draft, the organization of the new Oregon National Guard and his general oversight of state military organizations.

Woman Recovering. Miss Ruth Rouse, a Y.M.C.A. canteen worker in France, who was injured when a German shell burst near her in a hospital in London, and will recover.

Billiard Expert Entists. Tom Reece, English billiard expert, has collected in Y. M. C. A. service overseas. He will challenge the best player in every camp he visits.

CITY TO HAVE A FOOTBALL TEAM

OUTLOOK NONE TOO GOOD BUT BOYS WILL TRY.

Boys Entering School From Country Will Prove To Be A Great Help.

As the date of September 9th, which is the date of the opening of the La Grande Schools, draws near, speculation as to the football outlook in the high school increases and the few men who are left from last year's team are beginning to talk about last year's team and wonder if a squad can be banded together this year that will come any place near its equal.

While prospects for material are none too good this fall, those that are left and who intend to try for places on the team, are going to do everything possible to make this season a success. If this can be done without the men who have been lost by graduation and by enlistments then wonders will be accomplished. The boys left are not downhearted, but feel as though their prospects for a winning team are small as compared with those of last season. The loss of such men as McDonald, Garity and Ghent in the backfield, Ash, Moon, Chenault, Taylor, Root, R. Lyman and Stoddard in the line will be felt keenly and it will be almost impossible to fill their places with the material in sight.

Charles Ash, "Boss" Lyman, McClure, Wright and Captain Mike Carroll are the men who will have to bear the burden of the front line and out of those five only two are regulars on last year's championship team. "Fat" Wallinger is left all alone to fill four places in the back field and while he is going to be there with the goods this year he will have some work cut out for him, being the only veteran left for half and full back positions. Leadbetter of Alico has signified his intentions of entering the local high school, and if he does will probably be able to play either a backfield or end position.

Leadbetter has never played football, but weighs about 155 and is known to have basket ball ability which can be used to good advantage.

The only ray of sunshine that Captain "Mike" can see in the coming of Leadbetter and the hopes that Tom Taylor, last year's center, Cecil Ghent, half back, will be back to school, Taylor is working on his father's ranch at Pullman, Wash., and Ghent is on a farm in Wallowa County, and their coming is only a hope, but if they do enter it will mean that La Grande will have some hopes of putting out a fair team this fall.

MISS FOLEY HAS THE CARNIVAL

CHAIRMAN OF AUXILIARY COMMITTEE TO RUN SHOWS.

La Grande Girl Suddenly Becomes Manager Of A Street Carnival.

The Auxiliary Carnival opened last night to a very large crowd. Although there were a parade and ball given to the departing soldier boys, the carnival did a thriving business. All the shows were well patronized. The Ferris wheel played to its full capacity. On account of shortness of help, the Whip, the main attraction of the big show, was not ready, but tonight it will be in full working order. Over the Top will be in operation. Arrangements are being made with Miss Foley, Chairwoman of the Carnival Committee to turn over the show to her and have her run it, furnishing ticket sellers (ticket takers, splitters and women to completely run the show, making it a hot affair. Everybody is welcome. It is the place to meet your friends. The grounds are completely turned over to the local committee.

ASSIGN UNION COUNTY BOYS.

Only Three Of Last Contingent Are Now At Camp Lewis.

Of the contingent of Union county selective draft men, who left La Grande in the latter part of July last, only three now remain at Camp Lewis, the others having finished their sojourn in the "depot brigade" and received their assignments.

Mrs. Frank P. Childers today received a letter from her son, Merrill, who was a member of the July contingent from Union county. The letter states that, with the departure of so many of the Union county men for other camps, only three local boys now remain at Camp Lewis, and these have also been assigned to various units. Childers is assigned to the heavy artillery of a new division, now in course of formation at Camp Lewis, and he expects to remain there for some time before marching orders are issued.

Childers states that all the Union county boys were in good health when he last saw them before their departure, and all appeared to be enjoying their new life. He states that the new work appeals to him and he urges his mother not to worry, because he is being well cared for and is happy.

BILLIARD EXPERT ENLISTS.

Tom Reece, English billiard expert, has collected in Y. M. C. A. service overseas. He will challenge the best player in every camp he visits.