

FRENCH AND AMERICANS BOMBARD GERMANS

Australians Drive Germans Before Them; Within Three Miles of Somme Bridge

GERMAN COUNTER ATTACK IS BROKEN BY AMERICANS

Canadians Make Cleanup On the Huns and Are Within Mile of Bullecourt.

NOYON IS CENTER OF FRENCH ATTACK AND ITS FALL IS SAID TO BE CERTAIN, ALTHOUGH IT IS HEAVILY FORTIFIED.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY, Aug. 29.—(By DeGandl, with the United Press.)—The French and Americans are striking eastward between the Ailette and the Aisne and are approaching Chemin des Dames, greatly endangering the Germans between that famous highway and the Vesle.

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WITH THE FRENCH ARMY, Aug. 29.—Americans, brigaded with the French forces are holding important sectors northwest of Chavigny, three miles above Soissons. Their first clash was a local operation, with the Doughboys entirely successful, taking many of the enemy prisoners. The German counter attack was completely broken. American artillery violently shelled the German positions all night long.

FRENCH SPEED UP; HAVE NOYON WELL IN HAND. PARIS, Aug. 29.—(By United Press.)—The French are now fighting on the Noyon battle front. Reports from the front declare that Noyon is heavily defended by machine guns and now forms the apex of the salient.

Speeding their advance, the French have enlarged their hold on the west bank of the Somme canal over a wide front below Peronne. Germans have been retreating precipitately at some points and last night marked a general exodus in some localities. It is now believed certain that the Huns must continue their present retreat to the Hindenburg line.

The fall of Noyon is expected hourly. This will remove the last strong defense before Giscard, five miles to the north. Extremely heavy fighting continues east of Nesle, where huge amount of materials have been captured by the French. Germans are clinging tenaciously to the dominating positions a mile and a half above Soissons. They are said to be greatly strengthening their positions in St. Gobian forest, between the Oise and the Ailette rivers, which is already one of their strongest positions on the west front.

26,000 GERMANS GRABBED SINCE AUGUST 21.

LONDON, Aug. 29.—(By United Press.)—Twenty-six thousand Germans have been captured since August 21, according to an announcement made this morning by General Haig. "Strong German counter attacks along the Scarpe have been repulsed," continued General Haig's communication today, "and south of the Somme we maintained pressure on the enemy's advance eastward."

Since August 9, the British have captured over 47,000 prisoners and 600 cannon. Total allied capture since July 18 exceeds 100,000 Germans and 2000 guns.

BYNG'S TROOPS TAKE POINT; AUSTRALIANS WIN.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY, Aug. 29.—(By Lowell McIlett United Press Staff Correspondent.)—Australians have taken a decided hand in the big fight the last few hours and have taken Feuillers, Herbecourt, Assevillers and Belloy. They are now within three miles of the important Somme bridge below Peronne. General Byng's troops have taken Ginchy, an important stronghold below Peronne.

CANADIANS WITHIN MILE OF BULLECOURT.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY, Aug. 29.—(By United Press.)—The Canadians are within a mile of Bullecourt and Hende Court. They spent the night cleaning out a mass of dugouts that were filled up with Germans, even including the famous two-thousand yard tunnel running from Bullecourt to the Senze river.

PARIS HEARS THAT NOYON HAS FALLEN.

PARIS, Aug. 29.—(By United Press.)—The Journal des Debats, of this city, declares it is understood that the enemy has been vanquished from both the Noyon and Ham districts.

LONDON, Aug. 29.—(By United Press.)—The British have practically encircled Combles, and important railway town.

LATER SUCCESSES. At a late hour this afternoon the following news from London was received: LONDON, August 29.—(By United Press.)—It is learned here that Bapaume, Guichy and Guillemont have been captured.

AMERICAN GUNS GIVE ANSWER

MEXICANS ON BORDER AGAIN SHOW FIGHT SPIRIT.

War Department Thinks Trouble Is Now Over — Quiet Reigns.

NOGALES, August 29.—(By United Press.)—One round of 18 shots from American machine guns fired across the border last night was America's answer to several hundred Mexican bullets, was the announcement made today by United States officers. Americans began firing after forty Mexican shots had been sent over. Everything is entirely quiet there this morning. The war department announced this afternoon that it considered the Nogales situation stabilized and anticipates no further complications.

WASHINGTON, August 29.—(By United Press.)—General Holbrook this afternoon telegraphed "entirely satisfactory adjustments have been arranged between American and Mexican commanders as a result of which the situation is quiet and the border has been reopened."

WILL BE UP TO LOCAL BOARDS

MAN POWER BILL AMENDMENT STRICKEN OUT.

Crowder Explains Attitude Of War Department And Penrose Amendment Is Eliminated.

WASHINGTON, August 29.—(By United Press.)—Conferees on the Man Power bill eliminated the Penrose amendment, which was designed to relieve registrants from claiming exemption, after Provost Marshal Crowder had explained that under the amended draft regulations district boards will be empowered to fix the status of all registrants, whether the registrant claims exemption or not.

WAR BOARD MEETS.

The Union County War Board held their second session in formulating plans for the war chest drive to be organized for the period of the duration of the war, yesterday evening, in the building of the La Grande Grocery Co. Details in regard to the meeting will be published in tomorrow's Observer.

CITY ELECTION IN NOVEMBER

CITY ATTORNEY SLATER SETTLES THE MATTER.

To Be Held Same Day State and County Elections Are Set For. There will be a city election election held as a sort of twin to the county and state elections this fall in November. This is according to advice of City Attorney Slater, who after giving the subject much study has interpreted the laws passed by the legislature when that body saw fit to do away with so many elections in the state. The city charter will prevail to the extent where it does not conflict with the state law and four precincts will be used for the city voting. Instead of thirteen which are used for county and state elections. The city will appoint its own judges and clerks and will proceed as usual, the only difference being in the time the election is held, which is changed to conform with the state law, which places the election in November instead of December.

Confusion may follow in the voter's mind unless he pays strict attention to the situation for if he desires to vote on state and county affairs he will have to vote in the precinct designated by the county clerk, whereas if he also wishes to vote on city matters he will vote in the precinct designated by the city recorder. This is something to remember, for in some instances voters may be required to visit two polling places in order to vote on all matters before the people at that election.

Germans Hedge On Spaniards

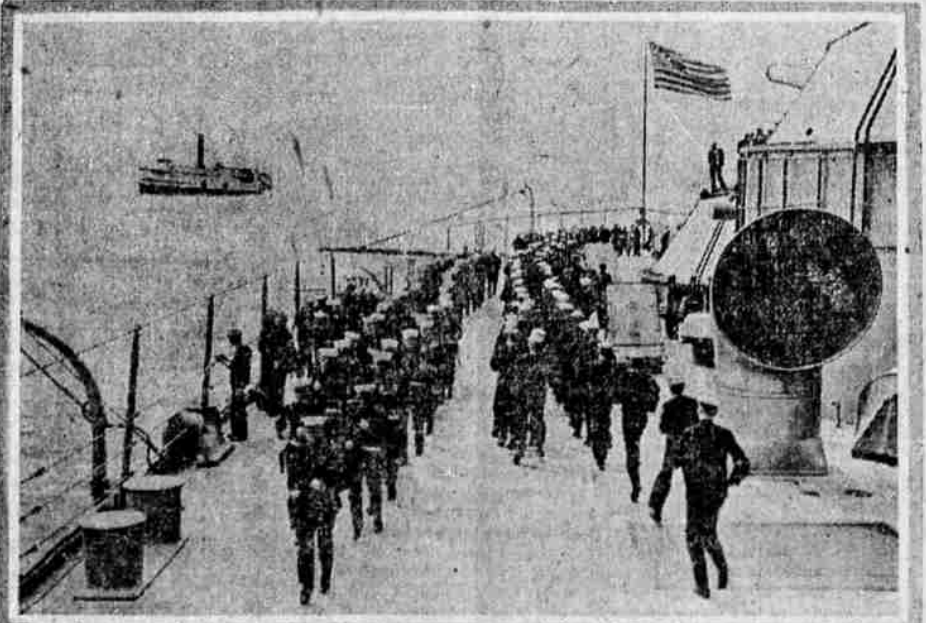
AMSTERDAM, August 29.—(By United Press.)—A semi-official Berlin dispatch announces that Germany has not fully acquiesced in Spain's submarine proposals. Further negotiations, it is announced, will be undertaken.

Jewish Y. M. C. A. Huts. Tea Y. M. C. A. huts have been provided in England through subscriptions of Jewish people

REV. MR. CLARK SENDS CABLE.

La Grande boys are well, safe, happy and send their love to the message from Rev. Mr. Clark, cabled from Paris on August 24th and received here this morning by Mrs. Clark. The cable message follows: PARIS, August 27.—(By cable)—Mrs. George Clark, La Grande—Home boys are well and safe. Resting near me. All send their love. Signed CLARK.

JACKIES AND MARINES AT DRILL ABOARD U. S. WAR SHIP.



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PUBLIC ASKED TO SEE GOODS

LARGE SHIPMENT TO BE MADE BY RED CROSS.

Many Do Not Realize The Amount Of Work Being Done By The Organization. Realizing that the general public has little conception as to the amount of goods the Red Cross is shipping from this city, Dr. M. K. Hall, chairman of the Red Cross chapter, has addressed an invitation to the general public asking that people turn out Saturday, August 31st, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. and see all the articles made by the several branches and auxiliaries of the Red Cross. Dr. Hall's invitation follows: To all members of La Grande Chapter American Red Cross, and to the public in general: You are cordially invited to come to the workrooms in the Elks building on Saturday, August 31st, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. There will be on display all the articles made by the several branches and auxiliaries, as well as the La Grande workers, during the month of August.

As many as possible are urged to come in order that knowledge of the amount of work done may be more widely disseminated, and the splendid general interest which has been maintained in this great work throughout the jurisdiction of the Chapter be re-stimulated. The Executive Committee are also desirous on this occasion to do honor to the Chairman of their Military Relief Committee, Mrs. E. P. Mosman, who has worked all day every day, since April 1917, without receiving any remuneration whatever, either in the form of money, or other material things, and to whom they attribute the credit of having placed La Grande chapter so far up in the honor list that it has been held up as the model American Red Cross organization of the Northwestern Division, which includes the States of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and the Territory of Alaska.

We are also desirous of giving proper credit to all the splendid patriotic women throughout the two counties who, by their hard work, have made the great output possible. The output of garments and surgical dressings for the relief of our wounded, and those of our allies, is the final object of the organization and contributions of money, and the Executive Committee are desirous that the public shall come and view a sample of the work, and judge whether it has been well done or not, and by their recognition lend encouragement. All will be welcome. Please come.

FRANK CLARK LEAVES SOON.

Frank Clark, who for some time has been private secretary to Superintendent W. W. Bollons, of the O.-W. R. & N. Co., and is one of La Grande's best young men, will leave Tuesday morning for Seattle to enter the naval training camp He received orders and transportation today.

ENLISTMENT TO BE BY DRAFT

DAYS OF VOLUNTARY ENLISTMENT ARE OVER.

Navy And Marine Departments Will Be Given Their Portions Of Men.

WASHINGTON, August 29.—(By United Press.)—The purely voluntary system of enlistments in the United States army, navy and marine corps has definitely ended. Regulations are being prepared whereby the navy and marine departments will be allotted a certain portion of the drafted men.

DEMOCRATS ARE WITHOUT A MAN

HEWLEY WILL NOT RUN IN FACE OF DEFEAT — ROLPH PREVENTED BY LAW FROM RUNNING.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 29.—(By United Press.)—The Democrats of California will contest the primary election of yesterday, it is announced by leaders of that party today. The reason for so doing is because under the primary law of California the Democratic party is left without a candidate for governor. Rolph, the Republican candidate, was defeated by Stephens, but he won the Democratic nomination. The law, however, prevents him from running because he was defeated in the primary of his own party. Francis J. Hewley, who was defeated by Rolph for the nomination, made the announcement he would not run because of his defeat.

AUXILIARY SAVES THE CARNIVAL

PUBLIC CRITICIZES OUTLET BUT STAND BY LADIES. Shows Run By La Grande Girls Are Well Supported — On Tonight.

The Bernardi "Greater" Shows have the ladies of the Army and Navy Auxiliary to thank for saving their "bacon" in La Grande. After the first two nights, when the management failed to make good in their agreement with the Auxiliary, there was not much chance for this aggregation to do much more business here, had it not been for the generous spirit of the ladies comprising the Auxiliary. Public sentiment was bitter until Miss Foley announced a satisfactory settlement with the company. When the carnival crowd finally "came through" and erected the shows they promised to erect for the ladies, and also paid the cash bonus agreed upon, the Auxiliary began work in earnest to make the event a success.

It was noticeable last evening that large crowds stayed by the ladies' shows, while the carnival company's shows were not so popular.

Tonight the Auxiliary is adding some attractions of its own, including a show case of war relics received from the boys in France. This will be an added attraction without additional cost to the public and will be continued the remainder of the week. This attraction will give something worth while along with the usual bally-hoing and frivolous street carnival offerings.

Patronize the ladies shows for the money thus collected goes to help the boys in France.

Fifty Chinese Centers.

Fifty Y. M. C. A. centers have been established in France for Chinese war laborers.

NEWTONS ARE ARRESTED FOR BOOTLEGGING

BAKER COUNTY FAMILY HAVE HAD A COMPLETE AND EXTENSIVE SYSTEM.

SHERIFF WARNICK FIRST OPENS ATTACK ON PARTY

Machine Carrying 25 Cases Grubbed Near North Powder—Concealed Bootleggers With Guns Overpowered Union County Officer—Gang Later Arrested In Baker County.

If any there be who have been used to having their throats slaked with Newton whiskey, the time of reform is now, for the Newtons bootlegging organization, with its ramifications and perfect system spreading over Eastern Oregon has been busted higher than a kite. Today most of the Newtons are in the Baker jail, and the 25 cases of whiskey, which apparently was to have been delivered to Union county customers is safely in the arms of the law, free from invasion and not even permitted to be seen by curious eyes of any save an officer of the law.

Warnick Starts The Ball Rolling. Sheriff Lee Warnick, who has been apprehensive for some time that wet goods were being distributed according to a well laid down system in this county, laid the plans for the capture of the evildoers night before last. He ascertained that an automobile shipment was coming in by way of North Powder and made his arrangements so that he could intercept the party at a point between North Powder and Haines. He had his reserves supposedly ready, but for some reason they failed to support the sheriff at the proper moment and the bootlegging fraternity proved to be too strong. As a result they made their get-away for a short time, only to be captured later in the night when the sheriff could get cooperation from the other end of the line.

The story of the event is told in last evening's issue of the Baker Herald as follows: "One of the biggest bootlegging transactions ever attempted in this district was thwarted last night when Sheriff Lee Warnick of Union county met Ed Newton at the McCarty bridge near North Powder, in the role of a bootlegger to accept 25 cases of whiskey which Newton was supposed to deliver."

It is said that the three Newton boys and Mrs. Ed Newton arrived on the scene with the whiskey which was valued at \$2,000, supposing that they were to meet another bootlegger from Union. Two of the men and Mrs. Newton, it is said, hid in the timber nearby while Ed Newton waited to meet the purchaser. An automobile drove up containing three men, one of them claiming to be the prospective buyer of the whiskey. One of them got out and assisted in unloading the whiskey, at the same time sampling it. He expressed himself as satisfied that it was the real stuff, when the man acting as chauffeur of the supposed bootlegger's car covered Newton with a rifle and proved to be Lee Warnick, sheriff of Union county.

"He had just ordered Newton to his car, when Mrs. Newton and Harry Newton stepped from the timber and covered the sheriff with rifles, disarming him. Newton then immediately reloaded the whiskey, part of which had been unloaded, and, taking all the boxes in his car, left at a high rate of speed.

"According to the report, Mrs. Newton and Harry Newton were arrested at the time and brought to the county jail. Ed Newton was arrested on his arrival home at 1:30 this morning. Later in the day, Harry Newton went to the court house and announced to Deputy Sheriff Pierce that he had heard that he was wanted and gave himself up. He was taken into custody by Deputy Sheriff Pierce."