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GERMAN DEFENSE LINES HAVE BEEN BROKEN

QUESTION IS, HOW FAR WILL THE ENEMY RETREAT?

BRITISH ARE ALSO PROGRESSING IN THE LAWE AND LYS VALLEYS IN FLANDERS

St Quentin Is the New Big Objective In the Onward Drive of the Allies Forces

LONDON, Aug. 30.—(By United Press.)—With both the Hindenburg and the Somme defense lines pierced, the Germans today faced the gradual dissolution of the former and the sudden collapse of the latter. The Somme line, which was merely a temporary defense, has been turned at Noyon and crossed in the Peronne region. This is accepted as forecasting the immediate retirement to the remainder of the Hindenburg line, which will mean the additional retirement of eighteen miles.

PERONNE PRACTICALLY LOST.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—The question that is undecided today is not whether the Germans will retreat to the Hindenburg line, but whether they will stop there. In the Arras region the British are now three miles beyond the Hindenburg line and are occupying it for twelve miles. The British are already beginning a movement designated to crumble the line's end, following the enemy's northern wing back. Peronne is practically lost to the Germans.

ONWARD TO ST. QUENTIN.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—(By United Press.)—Field Marshal Haig has announced that the British have crossed the Somme south and west of Peronne. The Canadians smashed forward this morning in a new attack south of the Arras-Cambrai road. Yesterday the British pushed north more than four miles beyond the Hindenburg line in this region.

The British are also progressing in the Lawe and Lys valleys in Flanders. The British are apparently at the very outskirts of Peronne. The Somme crossing may well result in a flanking movement against Ham from the north, thus forcing the immediate retirement of the Germans to St. Quentin and to the remainder of the Hindenburg line fifteen miles to the eastward.

It is learned that the British advanced two thousand yards on a seven mile front between Bullecourt and the Scarpe river. They are now within a mile of Queant, which is a junction point in the Hindenburg line. They have captured Riencourt, which is two miles southeast of Bapaume.

A PICTURE OF DESOLATION.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY, Aug. 30.—(By Lowell Mellett, United Press Staff Correspondent.)—The British have Peronne under the same direct flanking threat which caused the fall of Bapaume.

Bapaume is a picture of desolation which is almost as complete as that of Albert. At noon the Australians faced Peronne across the Somme, from the south, and reached almost within striking distance from the north side of which the Australians are advancing astride the river.

All bridges have been smashed, except at Clery, towards which the Australians are advancing astride the river.

COUNTER ATTACKS FAIL.

PARIS, Aug. 30.—(By United Press.)—It is officially reported that the German counter attacks northwest of Soissons were repulsed last night. There is no change on the Somme and Nord canal region.

ENEMY USES FRESH DIVISIONS.

PARIS, Aug. 30.—(By United Press.)—Franco-American forces attacking above Soissons are approaching the westward side of the Soissons tableland.

Ten fresh German divisions have been rushed to oppose them. An allied advance would imperil the whole western portion of the Aisne-Vesle line.

THREE CROSSINGS OF SOMME.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—(By United Press.)—The British have established three posts across the Somme, of which two are above Terpiguy. Combes and Mulin-Souci have been captured. The heaviest fighting is proceeding along the Arras-Cambrai road.

MORE WORK FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

GATHERING OF NUT SHELLS AND PEACH PITS IS NOW NECESSARY.

Boys and girls of Oregon are again being called upon by the Government to enlist in patriotic service. They have responded well to the request for digitals, and now are asked to collect plum, prune and cherry pits, and all kinds of nut shells for use in making carbon for gas masks. Letters are being sent out to nearly 15,000 members of boys' and girls' clubs in the state by H. C. Seymour, state leader at O. A. C. asking them to join in this campaign and to ask all their friends to help. County agricultural agents and county superintendents of schools will have charge of the work and will designate places where the young people will take their contributions for the government. The latter will furnish sacks and will attend to the collection of the pits and shells, according to a telegram received from O. H. Benson, in charge of boys' and girls' club work in 33 Northern and Western states. School children and others are requested by Dean Adolph Ziefle of the School of Pharmacy to continue the collection of digitals as the government uses great quantities of the tincture of digitals in the army. Directions for collection will be sent upon request.

CONTRACT MADE FOR NEXT YEAR

CHAUTAQUA BOARD WILL USE ELLISON-WHITE.

Talent to Be Furnished at \$1625, the Same Price as Paid This Year's Attractions. The Chautauqua board met last evening and decided to sign a contract with the Ellison-White company for talent for the coming year at the same price that prevailed for the last Chautauqua held in La Grande, which was \$1625.00. This means talent for seven days but it is not known as yet what features will be dated for La Grande. There was no election of officers and the same ones now in office will hold on until such time as an election shall be called. The present officers are: F. L. Meyers, president; E. E. Bragg, vice-president; Dr. W. D. McMillan, secretary; George T. Cochran, treasurer.

AIRPLANES GO FRANCEWARD

Recently 1,071 De Havilland Fours Have Been Sent For Immediate Service.

WASHINGTON, August 30.—(By United Press.)—Large numbers of airplanes are now being shipped Franceward, the war council told the house committee today. Within recent dates 1,071 De Havilland fours have been sent out for immediate service in France.

WILL HAVE PICNIC.

The Island City primary Sunday school class will have a picnic at the Park tomorrow (Saturday). They will meet at the home of Mrs. Bidwell previous to departure for the park.

STOCKHOLDERS HOLD MEETING.

A meeting of the stockholders of the George Palmer Lumber Company, one of the biggest pine mills in the inland country, is being held today at the offices of the company.

LIBRARY TO BE OPEN SUNDAYS.

The public library will be open next Sunday from the hours of 1:30 to 5:30 p.m., and on all Sundays hereafter, until further notice. The library will be closed next Monday however, in observation of Labor Day.

TRAFFIC NEEDS TO BE OUTLINED

Railroad Official Delivers Instructive and Interesting Address.

In a fifteen minute talk before about three hundred employees of the railroad yards and shops of O-W-R & N, at La Grande, A. W. Perley, representing J. P. O'Brien, federal manager of the Union Pacific, yesterday briefly outlined the duties imposed upon railroad employees by peculiar conditions of the war. Mr. Perley called attention to the very great shortage of transportation facilities and the consequent necessity of each employee of the company performing his duty to the best of his ability, not only out of honesty to the railroad management, but as a patriotic duty in preventing congestion of traffic. He mentioned the work of the board of administration in attempting to reconcile differences of opinion between employees and those in charge. Railroad men were referred to as soldiers in the second line of trenches. Mr. Perley has been engaged in railroad work for many years and presented his subject from the railroad man's point of view. Mr. Perley read the following letter addressed to northwestern railroad officials and employees from R. H. Ashton, regional director. The director general feels very strongly that the railroad administration has been created for the purpose of providing the public not only with adequate service but with comfortable service, so far as this is consistent with the paramount necessities of the war. An essential, and indeed, an important part of adequate and comfortable service is considerate and courteous treatment and the saving of patrons from unnecessary hardships and discourtesy. The elimination of competition, together with the reductions in service due to war necessities, has, whether justified or not, created a growing feeling on the part of the public of a lack of attentiveness and courtesy on the part of railroad employees and subordinate officers in their contact with the public, and it will require very intelligent, prompt and energetic handling by all of us to remove any real occasion that there may be for this feeling. I would therefore suggest the importance of the following action: First—That officers acquaint themselves with transportation conditions in their territory with a view of finding out points of irritation, if any, and removing them; or, if this is not possible, acquainting the employees and public with the facts so that they may know just what the situation is. Second—That the officers of the various railroads institute a campaign of courtesy and consideration among employees towards the public, and especially among agents, trainmen and others who come into frequent contact with the public. This can best be handled, in my opinion, by direct personal contact and meetings with the officers and men, and appointing some "Four Minute" men on each division, and particularly in each large terminal, who are good talkers and taken from amongst the older officers and employees, to give some short, snappy talks outlining the aims of the administration in the direction of efficient and prompt service to the public, courteously rendered. If you get a few of this type of men interested in this thing and send them out amongst the rest of the men, the desired results will, without question, be obtained. Third—Neatness in uniforms or personal appearance of representatives of the railroad administration coming in to contact with the public will always create a good impression and is one of the best outward manifestations of the service that may be expected. Fourth—The points on railroad

LABOR DAY WILL BE QUIET

NO CELEBRATION PLANNED FOR LA GRANDE.

Business To Suspend—People Will Go To The Woods And Streams.

Business To Suspend—People Will Go To The Woods And Streams. Labor Day will be observed in La Grande in a better manner than heretofore, although up to the present moment no demonstration has been planned and no parade has been staged. In a way this is disappointing to many and there is still hope that the different Unions and Brotherhoods will get together and have a Labor Day celebration and parade. So far as known all Labor Day observation will consist of picnics parties and auto trips to the woods and along the rivers. A dance has been talked of for the evening, but that has not yet taken definite plans. Speaking of the matter, one of the heads of a large institution said: "I am disappointed that La Grande is not having a big patriotic Labor Day celebration. Here are hundreds of men working in war work for the government, for running railroads is decidedly war work now. Besides there are Union men all over the city in other lines of work and I believe the biggest parade and celebration labor ever held in Eastern Oregon could have been held in La Grande this year."

WORTHAM SHOWS RAISE OBJECTION

BERNARDI'S SHOW IS NOT CONNECTED WITH WORTHAM'S.

Show Now Exhibiting Here Said to Be Using Wortham's Advertising Paper. "The Barnardi carnival is using advertising paper of the Wortham Shows and using it without any authority from us. I do not know where they got it, but it is our paper. I wish it distinctly understood that what is termed the Barnardi show, now exhibiting in La Grande, has no connection whatever with the Wortham shows. I understand that such an impression has been given out and it is entirely incorrect." This was a statement made by I. L. Peysner, agent for the Wortham shows, who upon hearing in Centralia, Washington, that the show in La Grande was using the Wortham paper, made a trip here to investigate the matter, arriving today. It will be remembered the Wortham shows visited La Grande last year, in fact they have been more or less regular visitors to this city for several years past.

GOVERNMENT DEMANDS CHROME ORE--WILL HELP REPAIR ROADS

The United States government is no longer content with individual effort to produce chrome ore and has made a demand on the owners of ore bodies in Grant county to produce more chrome for government work.

Confronted with poor condition of the highways, the chrome owners of Grant county called in M. O. Bennett, who is connected with the State Highway commission and put the case before him. It was plain that the government was expecting the ore and it was also plain that any great amount could not be marketed over the highways of Grant county, so Mr. Bennett immediately arranged with the county court to go as far as it could in road work and then the matter was immediately placed before the government, and response was given to a request to have federal aid given the road work in Grant county. Mr. Bennett is in La Grande today and stated that the highway from John Day to Prairie City would immediately be reeked so that heavy traffic could use the road all the year and this will be done by the county and the government working together.

WAR BOARD HOLDS COUNCIL

FURTHER PLANS LAID LAST EVENING FOR LA GRANDE WAR CHEST DRIVE.

The second session of the La Grande division of the Union county war board was held yesterday evening in the office of the La Grande Grocery Company, with G. L. Larison, district chairman, presiding. The main business of the evening consisted in appointing captains for the ninety districts into which La Grande is divided for convenience in conducting the war chest campaign. About twenty men and women of La Grande, familiar with the territory to be covered, were present. The names and addresses of the captains appointed, together with the boundaries of the districts over which they will have charge, are as follows:

- 1—Mrs. Lee Warnick, 506 B; D and First.
- 2—C. D. Goodnough, 801 B; D, A, and Fourth.
- 3—F. A. Epping, 910 B; E, Fourth, B and Eighth.
- 4—Mrs. C. E. Zimmerman, D and Alder; H, D, and Fourth.
- 5—G. S. Birnie, 504 Fourth; H, Third, C and Fourth.
- 6—L. L. Murthy, 807 Fourth; I, Fourth, E and Eighth.
- 7—H. A. Hodmer, 902 K; K, Cedar, H and Fourth.
- 8—S. D. Crowe, 504 Penn; Penn, H, and Cedar.
- 9—Mrs. J. H. Dupes, 1208 Third; M, Cedar, K and Fourth.
- 10—Mrs. R. W. Logan, 1202 L; N, Fourth, I and Eighth.
- 11—Mrs. C. B. Miller, 1702 Wash.; Washington, Tenth, I, Eighth, Twelfth and Sixteenth.
- 12—Mrs. H. S. Brownton, 604 O; Cedar, N and Second.
- 13—Mrs. F. M. Jackson, 802 O; O, Second, N, Cedar, M and Third.
- 14—G. S. Levy, 904 Penn; Penn, Second, O and Fourth.
- 15—Mrs. Geo. Lyman, 905 N; O, Third, M and Fourth.
- 16—C. M. Humphreys, 1108 O; O, Fourth, M and Sixth.
- 17—Mrs. J. K. Wright, 1202 Penn; Penn, Fourth, O and Seventh.
- 18—R. J. Kitchen, 1304 Eighth; N, Sixth, M, and Eighth.
- 19—L. L. McKennon, 1311 N; O, Sixth, N and Eighth.
- 20—Mrs. E. T. Andrews, 1306 Penn; Penn, Seventh, O and Eighth.
- 21—Mrs. A. C. Nicholas, 1303 N; N, Eighth, L and Tenth.
- 22—Mac Wood, 1600 Washington; O, Eighth, N and Washington.
- 23—A. V. Andrews, 1516 Adams; Greenwood, Eighth, O, Adams and Hemlock.
- 24—Harris French, 1610 Adams; Hemlock, Washington, Spruce and Adams.
- 25—Chas. Norby, 1603 1/2 Adams; Hemlock, Adams, Spruce and Railroad.
- 26—Mrs. F. E. Oxner, 1717 Washington; Spruce, Washington, Maple and Railroad.
- 27—Mrs. A. L. Voeltz, 1803 Adams; Maple, Washington, Cherry and Railroad.
- 28—J. L. Kline, 2001 Cove; East Penn, North Maple, Cove, Railroad and Balm.
- 29—Lela Bloom, 1806 Cove; Cove, Balm, Railroad, Willow and Sixteenth.
- 30—D. B. Stoddard, Cove Ave.; Williamson and Cove avenue.
- 31—J. R. McKnown, Willow Ave.; Railroad, Q, North Maple, East Penn and Williamson.
- 32—Mrs. R. A. Masterton, 1616 Spruce; Monroe, Greenwood, Rail, rd, Cove, North Maple and Q.
- 33—Mrs. E. M. Cross, 1702 Spruce; R, Greenwood, Monroe, Hemlock, Q, N and Maple.
- 34—Mrs. C. W. Noyes, 1501 Adams; Greenwood, Adams, Hemlock and Railroad.
- 35—Anna Jacobson, 108 Greenwood; Fir, Washington, Greenwood and Adams.
- 36—Mrs. Ada Phy, 1430 Jefferson; Fir, Adams, Greenwood and Railroad.
- 37—Mrs. H. R. Turner, 1601 Seventh; Washington, Seventh and Penn.
- 38—S. D. Bruce, 1604 Seventh; Washington, Sixth, Penn and Seventh.
- 39—E. P. Mossman, 1104 Spring; Spring, Fifth, Penn and Sixth.
- 40—E. E. Kirtley, 1701 Fourth; Washington, Depot, Fourth, Penn, Fifth, Spring and Sixth.
- 41—Mrs. W. H. Talbot, 906 Main; Main, Third, Spring and Fourth.
- 42—Margaret Anson, 1608 Fourth; Spring, First, Penn and Fourth.
- 43—Harry Grady, 604 Main; Main, Oak, Penn and First.
- 44—Mrs. Peter Biever, 301 Spring;

AMERICANS DRIVE BACK CAVALRY

ALLIES GAINING CONTROL OF PRINCIPAL ROADS LEADING TO ST. QUENTIN.

PARIS, August 30.—(By United Press.)—Americans attacking with the French north and east of Soissons engaged in their first battle with the German cavalry today. The enemy hurled a large mounted force against the Franco-Americans, endeavoring to stop the advance, but were entirely unsuccessful. The allies continued their progress in furious fighting. Allies are rapidly gaining control of the principal roads leading to St. Quentin. The French are outflanking the Nord Canal section of the Somme, south-east of Neule. They are also progressing along the Ham road above Noyon, and has reached Pappincourt. Americans Maintain Positions And Send Out Patrols Beyond The Railroad—Two New German Divisions Have Been Identified In Efforts To Check Doughboys.

MACHINE GUN NESTS ARE DEMOLISHED

AMERICANS MAINTAIN POSTS. WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY, August 30.—(By Fred S. Ferguson, United Press correspondent.)—The American artillery is pouring heavy fire into the woods east of Juvigny in the Chavigny line, smashing machine gun nests in the thickets and at the cave entrance. A heavy and very destructive fire has been turned on Juvigny. The American positions are still maintained along the railroad, with patrols reaching beyond. Two new German divisions have been identified in this quarter.

HEAVY FINE IS IMPOSED

FEDERAL JUDGE BLAESOE FIXES PENALTY.

California Schol Principal And Assistants Plead Guilty To Espionage. LOS ANGELES, August 30.—(By United Press.)—Federal Judge Blaesoe fined Principal Hopkins, head of the Santa Barbara boys' school and three of his associates a total of \$35,500 following pleas of guilty of violation of the espionage act.

LADIES ARE ADDING NEW SHOW FEATURES

The auxiliary ladies who are operating two shows in the street carnival, are adding new features for this evening and tomorrow evening's entertainment. Miss Foley, who has direct charge of the work for the Auxiliary, said today: "We are very grateful to the public for liberal patronage of our shows and in order to more fully do our part the ladies have decided to add some new features this evening which will be in line of instruction as well as good entertainment for the public."

DEATH FROM TYPHOID

John Murphy, a Recent Arrival, Succumbs to Disease. John Murphy, aged about thirty, who recently arrived in La Grande and who has been an employe of the Grande Ronde Lumber Company, died in this city early this morning from typhoid. The deceased has no known relatives in this country. He was a native of Ireland. The remains are at the Bohnenkamp chapel, where they will be held pending funeral arrangements.

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