

Americans Sweep Over Wide Field Between the Vesle and the Aisne

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Encounter Expected From Enemy Holding Rearguard Position Along The Canal

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TO HAVE A MARKED EFFECT ON GERMAN PLANS
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WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Sept. 6.—(By Fred S. Ferguson, United Press Correspondent.)—More than half a dozen villages between the Vesle and the Aisne are now in the hands of the Americans. The main American line today is approaching the canal beyond Dhuisel, Longueval and Revillon and thence in a northerly direction.

The Germans are reported to be holding portions of the canal in considerable rear guard strength, and sharp fighting is in prospect in those places.

There is continued French progress with the Tenth army, and penetration of Coucy forest by the poilus may have a marked effect on the German plans to make a stand north of the Aisne.

The American right, which has not reached the river, continues to meet opposition with only machine guns aside from the usual shell fire.

REV. PRATT LEAVES FOR A NEW FIELD

SENTINEL EDITOR ACCEPTS
POSITION WITH NEWS AT
NORTH POWDER.

COVE, Ore., Sept. 5.—(Special.)—Rev. Mr. Pratt gives up his duties in the Methodist Church immediately and moves to Wallawa. Rev. H. I. Hanson will move here to take Mr. Pratt's place. Mr. and Mrs. Pratt have many friends here and they will be keenly missed.

Myrtle Houx returned home last Wednesday after spending the summer with her sister in Free-water.

Pomona Stackland left Monday for La Grande to begin school.

Mrs. Stackland will move to La Grande in the near future.

Minnie Gannaway, who has been visiting Mrs. Nip Conley, returned to her home in Baker Sunday.

Florence Severs returned home Sunday from Seattle. She will remain for about two weeks.

Calvin Goss, editor of the Cove Sentinel, has moved to North Powder and will become editor of the North Powder paper. Mrs. Grace will take up his duties at Cove.

Mr. Powell returned Tuesday from Canyon City.

Logan Anderson and Judd Geer were Union visitors Wednesday.

Mrs. Greenow's son, Mike, is home on a few days furlough. He is from California.

Mr. and Mrs. Payne Shangle from Wapito, Washington, are visiting in Cove. Mrs. May Kelley, Mrs. Shangle's mother, returned home with them, after visiting to Wapito for a few weeks.

John Wedman of Baker is in Cove on business today.

Jessie Barker, who has been visiting relatives and friends in Washington returned home Saturday.

Ethel Boothe visited at the home of Mrs. Nip Conley last week.

Mrs. Daniels was a La Grande visitor Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller, Cascade Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. Payne Shangle, Besse Kelley and Mrs. May Kelley spent the day, Sunday, in the mountains.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Trepp and daughter, Denise, who have been spending the summer on the Minam, arrived in Cove Saturday night, en route for their home in Walla Walla. They drove through to Walla Walla on their car Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emile Blesins are moving to La Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. Weskil and Mrs. Nora Webb are in Cove today. Mr. Weskil is billing a moving picture.

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LA GRANDE WILL ENTER CONTEST

CITIZENS DECIDE THEY WILL
TRY FOR NORMAL.

J. J. Carr Makes His Report Of
Portland Meeting To Local
Committee.

After listening to the full report of J. J. Carr, who attended a meeting of the Normal school supporters at Portland recently as La Grande's representative, a number of representatives last evening began earnest work in behalf of the normal school measure to be voted on this fall by perfecting an organization.

George Cochran, as chairman of the meeting, advised that the first feature to consider was an executive committee to direct the information and publicity thus informing everyone in Union and Wallawa county what the effort was for. On motion, Mr. Cochran was authorized to name a committee of nine men to act as such committee. He selected the following representative citizens: J. J. Carr, Dr. W. T. Phy, Fred Holmes, Ellis Kitley, J. G. Snodgrass, A. C. Hampton, W. S. Parker, Albert Hunter and Will Siegrist.

Finances To Be Raised.

The first movement of the committee will be to make a canvass of the city to raise sufficient funds to impart the necessary information to the voters and apprise them of the meaning of the initiative bill.

It is probable this will be the first part of next week.

About \$1,500 will have to be raised to carry on the work and pay La Grande's portion of the state campaign, which will be made in favor of the bill. La Grande's part of that amount has been settled on at \$675.

State Organization Made.

In his report to the committee last evening, Mr. Carr told of the Portland meeting, where representatives from La Grande, Baker, Pendleton, The Dalles and Southern Oregon congregated for the purpose of making a start.

T. B. Neuhausen, manager of Senator McNary's late campaign, was chosen to direct the normal school work, and offices will soon be opened in the Northwestern Bank building for the purpose.

Each of the cities that will have an equal chance at the school's location if the bill is passed, pledged itself to raise a certain amount to carry the information regarding the bill to all corners of Oregon.

Bill Will Be On Ballot.

Let it be understood from the beginning that this is no new movement. No one initiated the bill recently, for it is a measure that the last legislature passed up to the people to vote on rather than to determine whether the state shall have a normal school in Eastern Oregon and one in Southern Oregon. It will be on the ballot regardless of what happens and will be voted on. The need for better trained teachers and for a future supply of teachers prompts the belief in the minds of many that the bill will prevail. If it does then Eastern Oregon is sure to get a normal school and there is excellent reason for it.

Both boys had served terms in the reform school and at the time of the last offense Abraham was on parole on good behavior.

CHICAGO TAKES ONE.

Game Series Evened Up In Score Of 3 To 1.

CHICAGO, Sept. 6.—Before a crowd considerably smaller than yesterday Chicago evened the series by taking today's game by a score of 3 to 1.

In the second Merkle walked, Pick singled, Killifer doubled scoring Merkle. Tyler singled, scoring Pick and Killifer.

In the ninth Strunk tripled and scored on Whitman's triple.

CHANCELLOR RESIGNS.

GENEVA, Sept. 6.—(By United Press.)—Chancellor von Hertling is reported to have handed in his resignation, giving ill health as the reason, according to Dutch reports.

FIVE WERE LOST.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.—The American steamer Lake Owens lost five of its civilian crew when it was sunk by submarine shell fire on September 3. One member of the naval guard reported at hospital with injuries which are not serious. The remainder of the complement was landed. The vessel was an army cargo ship and was of 2,508 tons.

WARBURG'S SUCCESSOR NAMED.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.—(By United Press.)—The president has selected Albert Strauss, of New York, to succeed Paul M. Warburg, of the federal reserve board.

WILLIAM J. MULLIGAN



William J. Mulligan of Thompsonville, Conn., chairman of the war activities committee of the Knights of Columbus, will spend one million dollars a week for the order for the next 2 months. The Knights of Columbus, along with the Y. M. C. A. and other organizations, is doing noble work in his country and in the war zone to help keep up the morale of our fighting men.

NURSE QUOTA IS STILL UNFILLED

UNION COUNTY NEEDS GIRLS
FOR TRAINING.

Excellent Course In Work Is Given
Country Needs Nurses, Says
Mrs. Geo. Cochran.

Where is there a young lady who really wants to be a nurse and is willing to work to learn the profession?

Union county is short on her quota of nurses and what at first seemed to be an easy quota to fill yet remains unfilled.

Mrs. George Cochran, one of the committee named by the state organization to secure nurses from Union county, said last evening: "Our quota is not filled and we are very anxious to have more applicants. I hope that young ladies will bear in mind that the training given is of the best, that the government will accept them as soon as they are qualified, and also that it is certainly a loyal and patriotic undertaking for any young lady."

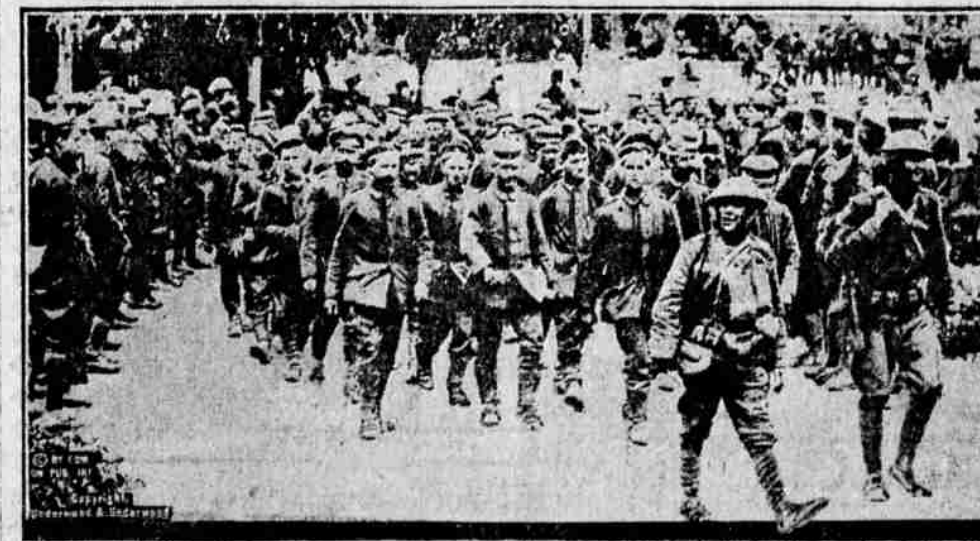
REV. ARCHER TO ELGIN.

Rev. Geo. Archer has been assigned as Methodist minister to Elgin and Imbler for the coming year. Rev. Archer will have charge of the services at Imbler next Sunday at 11 a.m. He will also conduct services at Elgin at 8 o'clock that evening.

C. E. ENTERTAINS AT THE
Y. M. C. A. BUILDING TONIGHT

A reception will be held this evening by the Christian Endeavor Society of La Grande, in honor of Miss Edna Whipple, state president. All persons interested in Christian Endeavor are invited to be present.

AMERICANS PROUDLY BRING IN FIRST PRISONERS



American military police of the First division escorting the first batch of Hun prisoners taken by the Yanks in the Meuse offensive.

GERMANS IN A DEPRESSION

THREE PRINCIPAL ARMIES ARE
IN CONTINUOUS RETREAT

Foch's Lightning-Like Strokes Are
Forcing Withdrawal After
Withdrawal Of Enemy.

PARIS, Sept. 6.—(By William Phillips, St. Louis Post-Dispatch.)—From the Belgian border to Rheims the three principal groups of the German armies—those under Prince Rupprecht, General von Boehm and Prince Wilhelm—are in a continued retreat, while all Germany is at the ebbs-tide of depression wondering when and where it will stop.

Almost daily the great drama of Foch's lightning-like strokes are forcing withdrawal after withdrawal—now in Artois, in the Champagne and now in Flanders; then in Artois and Champagne again, and sometimes in all districts together.

Mangin's pressure northward of Soissons has sent the crown prince scurrying back across the Aisne, leaving prisoners, guns and materials behind.

Cavalry, part American and part French, have been galloping into the rear guard, cutting up the straggling contingents. Food is lacking almost along the entire German line, due to the Germans' own destruction.

Humbert is pushing toward La Fere and St. Quentin, while the British are improving their positions before Douai and Cambrai.

LOCAL MEN RETURN FROM
OFFICERS' TRAINING CAMP

Although But Few Passed the Final
Examinations, La Grander
Were Successful.

H. E. Coolidge, P. A. Foley, M. A. Deslett, L. L. Snodgrass and W. M. Pearce returned the first of the week from Eugene, where they have been attending the R. O. T. C. for the past month. They state that although the number is out of the 240 in training, only about 40 per cent were successful in the final examinations. All five men from La Grande were successful, however.

The August camp course taken at Eugene, covers the main points in most of the subjects of a two year course at West Point. The subjects taken were military drill, field engineering, trench construction, trench warfare, tactics and strategy, signalling, musketry, bayonetting, bombing, French, military organization, mathematics, principles of campaigning, camouflage, physical training, topography, law, administration, gas school, machine gun school, first aid and officers' school.

All applied for commissions to the officers' training camp at Camp Pike Arkansas, but it is not yet known who has been successful.

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FORMER COVE BOY IS KILLED

HUBERT H. BURNS DIED IN
ACTION IN FRANCE JULY 15

Was Machine Gun Operator And
Was One Who "Stood Like A
Stone Wall."

Private Hubert H. Burns, of Randlett, Utah, was killed in action on July 15. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Burns, were formerly residents of Cove, where they resided for a number of years and were well known. Two years ago they removed to Utah, where they now reside. Hubert, the son, was also well known and well liked by the people of Cove and vicinity. Two of his sisters are residents of Grande Ronde. They are Mrs. Albert Wardell, of Island City and Mrs. Smith Mitchell, of Cove.

Hubert enlisted in the Marines in July, 1917, and he went to France in February of this year. He was put in charge of a machine gun and was one of those near Chateau Thierry when the crown prince started what has proven to be his final drive toward Paris.

Remained At His Post.

The news report of the day, it will be remembered, referred to the machine gunners who stood against the German tide "like a stone wall."

Hubert H. Burns was one of them.

A Worthy Tribute.

In a letter to W. H. Welch, of Salt Lake, Hubert's grandfather, Sergeant Arthur Clifford, in behalf of the 23rd Company, 6th Machine Gun Battalion, U. S. Marine Corps, writes:

"As you are no doubt aware by this time your grandson was killed while engaged against the enemy in the Bois de Belleau Woods, near Chateau Thierry, France. He was one of our new men, that is, one of the men who joined us just before going into the trenches in another part of France last March. (So many of our old men have been killed or sent to hospital now, though, that we consider the men who joined us in March as veterans). It is not pleasant to go amongst the old crowd and find so many new faces. Although only with us a short time, comparatively speaking, he was one of our best soldiers. (Best liked, apt, easily took to machine guns and never complained when it came to do the unpleasant things that sometimes have to be done in the service. All the time I knew him he was as fine a soldier as one would ask for, and in the face of danger on the other front last winter, I never knew him to flinch. On this front, and the other one was child's play to this one as you may have seen by the papers, he was one of the best shots in his gun crew, as brave a man as there was in the company, well liked by us all. We all miss him and the men all asked to have their sympathy conveyed to you and to tell you they were all proud of him. He was a man we could all afford to lose and he was a son and grand-son to be proud of, a true American, and a credit to his people."

"We suffered heavily during our engagement in the lines, and although we are a little behind the lines now in reserve, the Boche are able to shell the town regularly and we have to take what shelter we can during the bombardments. The one consolation we have is that our guns are shelling their positions five to one, and those of us that are lucky enough to come out of this war will be proud that we have done our best but will never forget the men we have lost on the battlefields."

"I am enclosing an order that was sent out from headquarters today, but it is only one of many. What the Marines have done for France on the recent drive by the Boche on Paris always will go down in history. The words we fought in and wrested from the enemy has had its name changed officially as the Bois de la Fourche Brindard's, instead of the Bois de la Fourche."

"A greater or more sincere monument to our men could not have been put into history, and as the words of time, 'so many will be the stories that will be told of the brave deeds done by one and all, and none, especially our noble dead, will be forgotten, and we me."

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HAM IS NOW VIRTUALLY ENCIRCLED

GEN. HUMBERT IS OUTFLANKING
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MANGIN'S MEN ARE
NOW OPPOSITE LAON

British Strike Straight For St. Quentin And Have Forced Crossings Of The Somme South Of Peronne—Advances Of Four Miles Reported.

PARIS, Sept. 6.—(By John De Gaudt, United Press staff correspondent.)—Ham has been encircled from the southwest, the south and the northwest, and is virtually taken, according to battlefield advices today.

General Humbert is outflanking Genia Woods from west of the Chemin des Dames.

North of the Oise the French are reported to be reaching Chauny. North of Soissons the allies are near Sancy-Lafaux.

Mangin's men further lessened the value of the Chemin des Dames positions which the Germans are still endeavoring to hold by accentuating the infiltration of the defenses in the grove opposite Laon.

American divisions are bordering on the south bank of the Aisne.

STRIKE FOR ST. QUENTIN.

LONDON, Sept. 6.—(By United Press.)—Striking straight for St. Quentin, the British have forced crossings of the Somme south of Peronne, advancing nearly four miles in some places. Hark reports today. The St. Athies-St. Quaint road has been reached.

MAXWELL TRUCK HAULS BIG LOAD

WHEAT HAULED TO MARKET
WITH TRUCK & ROADSTER

Anderson Is Making Many Demonstrations Of What Machine Will Do.

And now the Maxwell truck, which has been talked of for a long time, is a commodity on the automobile market in La Grande. The local agent, John Anderson, is making many demonstrations in the valley and the truck is making good every place it is being tried out.

Yesterday he pulled 91 bushels of wheat on a Maxwell truck and trailer from the Schewbie ranch to the Pioneer mills in Island city and the truck has also been doing faithful work on the Sam Brooks' ranch down near Imbler.

It is built to stand the hard work, and with the trailer attached carries a heavy load without whimpering. There seems to be no end to the power the engine develops.

Mr. Anderson points with considerable pride to the modest price of the machine and also to the very economic upkeep, which he says is positive and not theoretical.

CHILD SUCCUMBS AFTER
AFTER DAY OF SUFFERING

Little Evelyn Walker Passes Away,
As Result Of Burns Recently Received.

Evelyn, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Walker, died at the hospital at 3:20 Thursday evening, aged 4 years 9 months and 5 days.

The funeral services will be held from the Henry Chapel, Saturday, at 2:30.

The remains will be buried in the Masonic Cemetery.

VICTORY BOOSTS STOCKS

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—News of the great British victory on the western front, telling of the smashing of the German line, caused wild enthusiasm on the floor of the stock exchange today. Spontaneous buying followed and carried prices to new high records.