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PARIS, Sept. 7.—(By United Press.)—With boundless rage the Hun hordes are pillaging first then burning and dynamiting all the cities and towns as they retreat. The allied troops have only two words: "Vengeance, reprisals."

Military experts are convinced that the Germans will be forced to give up the St. Gobian highlands as well as Chemin Des Dames. A concerted advance of the French and British is distinctly menacing St. Quentin.

AMERICAN ADVANCE CONTINUES.

WITH THE AMERICANS ON THE AISNE, Sept. 7.—(By United Press.)—The Americans on the right line are continuing the advance toward the Aisne. In other places there is heavy machine gun fighting. Between Glennes and Romagne the Americans are methodically wiping out machine gun nests. Prisoners, including two officers, have been taken. There is considerable German fire on the right and against the positions on the plateau.

FIRES INDICATE RETREAT.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, Sept. 7.—(By United Press.)—Haig's drive, which hinges in the Harvin-court wood, was continued today. As it moved forward numerous fires were observed between the Canal Du Nord and the lower portion of the Hindenburg line, indicating that the Germans are evacuating the wood.

Prisoners to the number of 117 were taken during last night, making a total of 18,176 the British have captured since September 1.

BUILDING CONCRETE DEFENSE.

Prisoners taken in Flanders report that the Germans have put forces of French civilians at work repairing the old German front line in the neighborhood of Armentieres, building concrete dugouts.

THRIFT STAMP TEA IS GIVEN

**SOCIAL EVENT OF IMPORTANCE
TO BE BENEFIT.**

University Students and Patrons In
La Grande to Raise Funds for
New Building at Oregon.

In 1913, Miss Ruth M. Guppy, then dean of women at the University of Oregon, realizing the total lack of buildings and facilities for the women students of the university, started a movement to raise money, by subscription, for a woman's building.

With this end in view, the Woman's League of the University was organized. Since then, all the young women of the student body have been working for the new woman's building, for no one realizes more than they how greatly it is needed.

The first one hundred dollars came from the Oregon alumnae residing in Portland. Gifts and pledges to this building fund now total \$16,530 and individual subscriptions range all the way from \$2.50 to \$3,000—the latter in memory of D. P. Thompson, of Portland, and donated by his family. The La Grande Neighborhood Club, always very responsive to any calls for the upbuilding of educational interests, generously donated \$75 and are now planning to assess the university girls of our city in promoting a Thrift Stamp tea.

This tea will be held at the residence of Mrs. Peter McDonald, 1602 Second street, next Saturday afternoon, September 14, between the hours of 3 and 6 o'clock. Instead of a silver offering, as is commonly collected at teas given for benefit purposes, each person is requested to bring Thrift Stamps to contribute to this worthy end. This social function is conducted in this manner in order to keep our patriotic duty ever in mind and aid our government, as well as the building fund.

The young ladies of this community, who are students or graduates of the university, have the matter in charge and are promising a treat for the occasion. The ladies of the Neighbor-

hood Club will act as patronesses also. To the gathering the public is invited. It will be so conducted that business women can come directly from office or business of any kind without the formalities of the ordinary social affairs. In fact, La Grande people will find a pleasant hour provided for them and may feel assured that the double service to the university and to our nation's campaign for the sale of Thrift Stamps will be sufficient reason for attendance on this occasion.

Everybody that can, is urged to be present, but if detained at home and desirous of assisting in this work, can send their contribution of Thrift Stamps to the committee in charge. Members of this committee are Misses Leta Kiddle, Helen McDonald and Bessie Allinson.

COMMUNITY CHORUS WILL SING

Meeting of Team Captains at the L. D. S. Tabernacle Next Wednesday. The Community Chorus will sing next Wednesday evening at the L. D. S. Tabernacle in conjunction with a meeting of team captains and their workers from the 91 La Grande districts. The meeting will be addressed by those in charge and the music is an added feature. Officials of the chorus ask all members to be in attendance at rehearsal Monday evening in preparation for the coming appearance of the chorus.

WILL MOVE ON MOSCOW.

Aggressive Action Against Bolsheviks Has Been Decided Upon. WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—(By United Press.)—British troops in Northern Russia, assisted by allied soldiers and friendly Russians, are preparing for aggressive action toward Moscow. Bolsheviks are being driven out of the city and Petrograd. The allied officials say.

BOSTON DEFEATS CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Sept. 7.—(By United Press.)—Before the biggest crowd of the present world's series games, the third contest was played in a drizzling rain. Boston winning by a score of 2 to 1. The score: R. H. E. Boston 2 7 0 Chicago 1 7 1 Batteries—Mays and Schang; Vaughn and Killifer.

SECOND ANNUAL C. E. INSTITUTE

**STATE LEADERS TO TAKE PART
IN PROGRAM OF TWO DAYS
IN THIS CITY.**

The second annual Christian Endeavor institute for Union 18 is in session at the Presbyterian church today and Sunday. Miss Edna Whipple, state president, and Miss Hilda Rice, state supervisor, are the principal speakers. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone, especially young people. Following is the program:

Saturday Morning.
9:00—Registration.
10:00—Song service.
10:10—Bible study, Miss Rice.
10:45—Union work for coming year, Miss Whipple.
11:30—Election of officers.

Saturday Afternoon.
2:00—Song service.
2:10—Devotionals, Miss Nolan, Lostine.
2:20—Junior work, Miss Anderson.
2:50—Short talk on Alumni, Miss Whipple.

Sunday Morning.
7:30—Quiet hour, Miss Anderson.
9:45—Sunday school in various churches.
11:00—Sermon by Edna Whipple.

Sunday Afternoon.
2:15—Song service.
2:20—Devotionals, Mrs. J. K. Wright.
2:40—Intermediate work, Miss Thompson.

Sunday Evening.
7:30—C. E. meeting, topic, "What I Owe to Christ," Mr. McPherson.
8:00—Song service.

Prayer by Rev. Cooley.
Address, "Complete Service," Miss Whipple.

Prayer Room Leaders.
Saturday evening—Mr. McPherson.
Sunday A. M.—Mr. W. F. Landrum.
Sunday afternoon—Miss Blanche Snook.

Sunday evening—Rev. Cooley.
Institute Speakers.
Chairman—Miss Hilda Anderson.
Chorister—Miss Isabelle Miller.
Pianist—Mrs. G. L. Clark.

Registrar—Miss Alice Snook.
Entertainment—Miss Vera Fuller.
Banquet—Miss Gertrude Last.
Transportation—Miss Gladys Taylor.

Decorations—Miss Merle George.

TO BE MORE EXPLICIT.
All Casualty Reports to Be Sent Out Promptly.

WASHINGTON, D.C., September 7.—(Twenty thousand American casualties has not been reported to the war department up to August 20, according to information from General March today. The cases are all listed on the medical records as being light and of such character as to cause no worry.

Pershing has been asked to forward such reports by courier, and hereafter the war department will give full information about all casualties. The theory has been that the publication of such casualties would tend to create unwarranted anxiety.

THE WEATHER.
PORTLAND, Sept. 7.—(By United Press.)—Sunday, increasing cloudiness; cooler.

PLANS ARE FORMED FOR LOAN DRIVE

**PROSPECTS ARE FOR SHORT
AND VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN
IN UNION COUNTY.**

**ALL THE DETAILS
HAVE BEEN ARRANGED**

Union First Among The Counties And Oregon First Among States Is To Be The Slogan—Patriotic Spirit Is Evident In All Parts Of County.

A meeting of the district chairman for the Union county Fourth Liberty Loan Drive was held on Wednesday afternoon in the city hall, with county chairman, Mr. A. T. Hill, presiding.

The business of the afternoon consisted in formulating definite plans in regard to the Union county loan drive.

J. D. Zureher, state organizer, met with the committee, and in a short talk briefly outlined tentative plans for the campaign.

Mr. Zureher suggested a number of lines along which the drive might be conducted. As approved by the state committee they are as follows: Newspaper advertising, speakers' campaigns, moving picture publicity and mothers' parades.

It was suggested that newspaper advertising be divided during the somewhat less than four weeks prior to September 28th, in the proportion of ten per cent this week, fifteen per cent next week, twenty-five per cent the third week and fifty per cent during the week of September 28th, on which subscriptions will first be accepted by the banks. No change has been made by the government in the former policy of private contribution of advertising space.

The State Central Committee will send speakers to any district upon application through any county chairman. For convenience, the traveling expenses of these speakers will be borne by the state central committee.

Moving picture theaters will be supplied by the State Central Committee, with slides bearing verses of patriotic songs. It is urged that these be exhibited at every entertainment and that all present join in singing them.

Portland has arranged for a parade of all mothers of soldiers at present in service, and mothers whose sons have died while in service. In case the mother is not living, a sister may represent her in the demonstration. The parade will be held in Portland on the 21st of this month. This date is, of course, optional with the districts, but it was suggested that the plan be followed out in other places. It is planned to have all rating completed and the cards in the hands of the different soliciting committees by the fifteenth of this month.

It was emphasized throughout the meeting that this is to be a voluntary subscription, and that the higher aim of backing up those

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HEART TROUBLE ENDS IN DEATH

**MRS. LILLIE A. EATON PASSES
AWAY AFTER ILLNESS OF
BUT A FEW HOURS.**

Mrs. Lillie A. Eaton passed away at her home at 2205 Pine street yesterday after a brief illness of a few hours. While the cause of her sudden demise is not definitely known, it is believed that it was caused by heart trouble from which she had been suffering for a number of years.

Mrs. Eaton was born at Bradford, Stark county, Illinois, September 16, 1869. She had been a member of the Christian Church for the past 14 years.

Aside from a number of near relatives in La Grande, as well as a wide and loyal circle of acquaintances, she leaves to mourn her departure, a husband, C. J. Eaton, two daughters, Mrs. Pearl Deaman and Miss Florence Eaton, and two sons, Albert L. Eaton and Claude Eaton all of La Grande. Aside from these, a daughter, Mrs. Mabel Silk, resides at Baker.

Funeral services will be held from the Christian church tomorrow at 2:30 p.m.

UNION COUNTY BOY IS HERO

**LOYD ANSON CREDITED WITH
CAPTURE OF FIVE HUNS.**

Account As Supplied The Observer Is That Two Attempting To Escape Were Shot.

In almost every newspaper there have been given accounts concerning the capture of German soldiers by the banks, but the first instance where a Union county boy has figured in such an exploit is an account furnished the Observer to the effect that, early in July, Lloyd Anson, a son of J. G. Anson, of Tulelake, and a first-class private in the 2nd Regimental Engineers, captured, single-handed, five Hun soldiers and brought three of them in to headquarters. The other two met with a mishap at the hands of their captor.

Young Anson, who is only 18 years of age, was entrusted with the delivery of a message and was endeavoring to make as fast time as possible when he suddenly came upon a bunch of five Huns. As soon as he had covered them with his gun they all threw up their hands, yelling "kamerad, kamerad."

The message bearer, being in a hurry, did not stop to search them, but as soon as they had thrown away their rifles, started them towards the American lines. They had gone but a short distance when one of the prisoners suddenly turned and fired at his captor and two of them made a break to escape.

This is where they made their mistake, and it is needless to say that the two fleeing Huns were dropped by well-aimed shots from Anson's automatic, and only the three prisoners were taken to the rear.

Anson was born and raised in Union county and in 1915 enlisted in the 2d Idaho Infantry at the age of 16, and saw service at the Mexican border at that time. His company was among the first to be sent over seas. He writes that the Germans are great fighters when opposed by defenseless women and children, but are cowards when they face real American soldiers.

CHEMIN DES DAMES NOW UNDER CROSS FIRE FROM ALLIED TROOPS ON AISNE

**French Troops Have Approached the
Gates of St. Simon, To the
Eastward From Ham**

**HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF GERMAN SHELLS
HAVE ALREADY BEEN CAPTURED BY THE
FRANCO-AMERICAN FORCES.**

PARIS, Sept. 7.—(By United Press.)—Chemin Des Dames is under cross-fire from the allied troops south of the Aisne and westward. German occupation of the German forest is endangered by the French advance.

Mangin's troops are filtering through the wooded, hilly country toward Anizy-le-Chateau. The French are reported to have reached the southern extremity of the Grozat canal, which places them at the gates of St. Simon.

On the Aisne, the Franco-Americans are near Vailly. Hundreds of thousands of German shells have been captured.

IMPORTANT JUNCTION SEIZED.

PARIS, Sept. 7.—(By United Press.)—Following a ten kilometer advance after capturing Ham and Chauny, the French have seized the important railway junction at Tergoeur, thereby cutting the German communication between St. Quentin and Laon, it is authoritatively learned.

So far the French have advanced an average of two miles on a twenty mile front, but in many places they have gone forward more than four miles.

The official communique says: "We have occupied Boucourt Dury and have reached the western border of the Genlis Wood. North of the Vesle the situation is unchanged."

GLEN CONKEY MAKES A HIT

**Well Known Local Athlete Is Already
Recognized As a Corner On
the Gridiron.**

According to an item in a recent issue of the San Francisco Examiner, Glen Conkey, a La Grande boy, has been on the tentative selections for the fullback position on the Marine football team at Mare Island.

The Marine team of last year will be remembered as the champions of the Pacific Coast, and according to reports, this year's team will eclipse the record of the former. Many stars from college teams of the northwest and Pacific Coast are in the lineup and include Zimmerman Pike, Bangs, Thompson and the Hanley brothers, all of the W. S. C. Bryant and Lodel, of O. A. C., the latter this year's captain of that team, Rowe, of California, and Steers and Risley, of Oregon.

Considering the fast company that Conkey is playing with, it is easily seen that he is evidently displaying some real football or he would not be chosen for the team. Practice is already being held and the squad is rounding into shape fast, and this early practice combined with the famous Marine spirit is going to form a team mighty hard to beat.

Conkey received his early athletic training here in the local high school, being for several years the mainstay of both the track and football teams. His speed on the track put him in a class by himself among the sprinters of Eastern Oregon and his punting ability, combined with his strength and speed, won many a game for the football teams. He also was a member of the track and football teams of the Culver Military institute and was considered the fastest 220-yard man in school there. His many friends in La Grande are watching his playing on the Marine team with a great deal of interest and are confident that before the season is over he will be one of the stars of the squad.

RECEIVED HIGH HONOR
Son of Hood River Couple Has Distinguished Record.

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Sept. 7.—Armand Patreau, son of French home-stealers, Mr. and Mrs. A. Patreau, of Mount Hood, after a four years service and more with the French and American armies, has won the cross of guerre, bestowed by the French high command. The young man, a machine gunner, almost destroyed an entire Boche regiment. Young Patreau, who early last year spent a brief furlough here and in Portland, was transferred to the American army recently. In his letter, translated from the French, he says:

"The French are proud of the American soldiers in France. They say if it had not been for them the war would have been fatal to the French. Now, with the brave Americans, they hope to reach Berlin."

"The American Red Cross is doing a wonderful work. When all the poor children became refugees the Red Cross took care of them and provided homes and food."

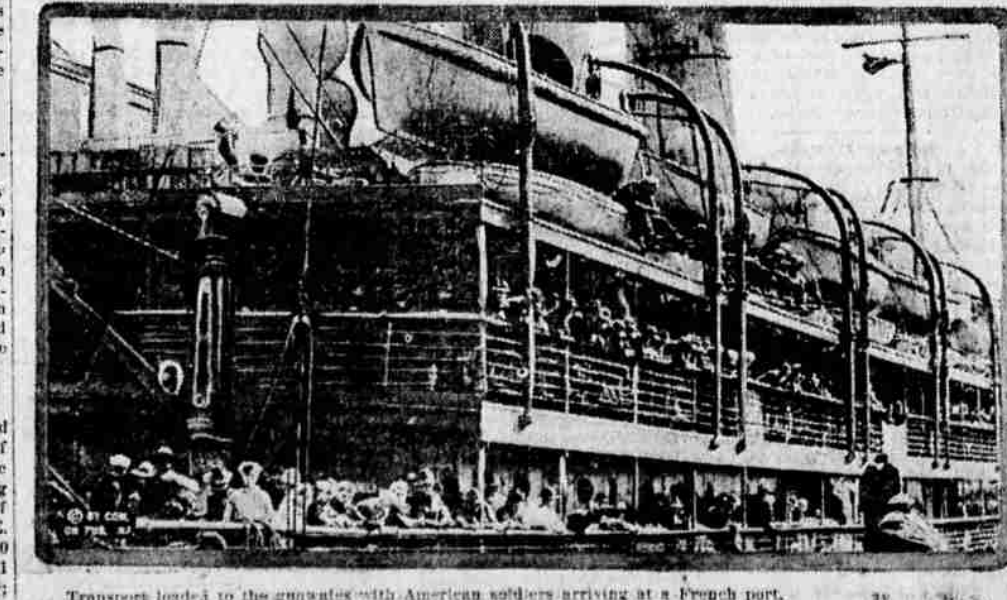
BERLIN'S REPORT
BERLIN, Sept. 7.—(By United Press.)—Northeast of Bismarck, several American attacks have been repulsed, the German war office announced.

BRITISH ADVANCE IS RAPID
LONDON, Sept. 7.—(By United Press.)—The British after a seven mile drive toward St. Quentin, have taken Hamcourt. Field-Marshal Haig has announced.

They took Zereet-Le Grand, Maton-Casare and penetrated the Haverincourt wood, taking a number of prisoners.

The progress of the whole front from Haverincourt wood eastward this morning was rapid, it was expected.

MORE OF DEMOCRACY'S DEFENDERS REACHING FRANCE



Transport loaded to the gunwales with American soldiers arriving at a French port.