

BIG RETREAT ON WEST FRONT

LARGE PART OF BELGIUM IS TO BE EVACUATED ACCORDING TO REPORTS

SIMULTANEOUS PRESSURE ON FOUR FRONTS IS MORE THAN GERMAN ARMIES ARE ABLE TO STAND.

Americans, Who Have Been at a Standstill For Several Days, Have Renewed Advance In the Argonne Forest, In Spite of Heavy Enemy Reinforcements Being Used.

LONDON, Oct. 2.—(By United Press.)—The German armies on the western front are facing the war's greatest series. Simultaneous allied pressure on four fronts makes German retirement imminent.

Unofficial dispatches have reported that the pressure is already under way for the retreat of the two wings in Flanders and on the Argonne.

WILL FALL BACK TWELVE MILES.

Franco-British armies virtually possess St. Quentin and Cambrai. The French entered St. Quentin yesterday. The British have been clinging to Cambrai's outskirts for several days.

Following the evacuation of these cities the Germans will probably fall back immediately twelve miles eastward to the Vallee de la Somme line.

RETIRING FROM BELGIUM.

Unofficial reports are to the effect that the Germans have already been ordered to evacuate the greater portion of occupied Belgium. The civil population is fleeing from Lille, the great industrial center. The rulers in Flanders are within the grasp of the Belgian army.

AMERICANS RESUME ADVANCE.

On the southern flank the Americans, after being practically at a standstill for several days, have resumed a slow advance between the Meuse and the Argonne forest, despite huge German reinforcements.

LINE OF RETREAT THREATENED.

LONDON, Oct. 2.—(By United Press.)—The German line through Beaurevoir and Fismes, northeast of St. Quentin, has been broken, said this afternoon's battlefront dispatches. This threatens the enemy line of retreat from the Oise valley and St. Gobain massif.

It is learned that violent fighting is continuing north and south of St. Quentin. The French have passed above the canal tunnel at Letrinquoy and are progressing eastward. An attack is developing upon the Omissy near St. Quentin.

SET FIRE TO ST. QUENTIN.

PARIS, Oct. 2.—(By United Press.)—The Germans retiring from St. Quentin have fired the city, Premier Clemenceau has announced.

FRENCH HOLD ST. THIERRY PLATEAU.

PARIS, Oct. 2.—(By United Press.)—The war office announced that the French had been progressing west of Rheims, capturing two additional villages and completing the conquest of the St. Thierry plateau. The Germans still hold the canal south bank at St. Quentin.

BRITISH BREAK THROUGH LINES.

LONDON, Oct. 2.—(By United Press.)—Haig has announced that the British are smashing forward between Cambrai and St. Quentin, and it is believed the German defenses were penetrated two miles yesterday in some places. Haig said that Beaurevoir and Fismes had been reached.

WRESTLING MATCH

Jack O'Neill and George Samson in Two Falls Out of Three.

Wrestling fans are eagerly looking for the finish go tomorrow night between Jack O'Neill and George Samson. The contest is to be a finish affair—best two falls out of three. All know Jack O'Neill, the local man, and his opponent is George Samson, the undefeated middleweight wrestler and title holder of the Pacific coast. He is now recognized as a contender for the world's championship.

Both weigh about the same and are considered evenly matched. The two contestants say that they feel in the best of condition and a good bout is looked for. There will be interesting preliminaries, and the first bout will be called promptly at 8:30.

HEARING IS ON

Public Service Commission Hear Session On Telephone Matter.

The Public Service Commission is in session at the city hall today for the purpose of holding a hearing on the recent application of the Home Independent Telephone Company for an advance in rates. Mr. H. H. Corey is the only member of the commission present. He is accompanied by Ed. Wright, secretary; Wm. T. Neill, electrical engineer, and W. P. Ellis, examiner and reporter. The hearing so far is a one-sided affair and has attracted little interest. At the conclusion of the meeting in La Grande a similar hearing will be held in Enterprise.



David J. Lewis, member of the United States tariff commission, has been transferred by the president to the post office department. He will assist the postmaster general in controlling and operating the telegraph and telephone lines throughout the country.

WAR EXHIBITS ATTRACT MANY

UNION COUNTY MADE DISTINCTIVE SHOWING AT SALEM

Great Personal Interest Was Evidenced In Trophies Direct From The Front.

It is the consensus of opinion of all who have returned from the state fair at Salem that Union county made a "clean sweep" there, as County Agricultural Agent Spillman not only produced the products that pulled down first prize from the Eastern Oregon district, but the artistic arrangement was very effective and was so presented that seeing it from any place in the building one was naturally impelled to investigate what the fine background might reveal. Messrs. Spillman and Peyton, his assistant, certainly developed some artistic taste in their arrangement of the exhibit, and at that the prize was won without showing all of the intended exhibit, as several boxes of products did not reach Salem at all. Nor was that all, for the county had another drawing card that kept the crowd coming, and once there of course they "saw it all" while awaiting their turn at the war relics and counter and case that the county was exhibiting.

When City Manager Fred Curry first conceived the idea of sending an exhibit of these souvenirs to the fair he was met with refusals from the owners of the articles to let them go, but most of them finally consented when assured that the county would send a personal caretaker with them. Mrs. C. N. Palmer, president of the Union County Army and Navy Auxiliary and Navy exhibit, was the guard and explain-

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THIRTY ARE FOUND TO BE SLACKERS

THESE WILL BE WAITED UPON BY A SPECIAL COMMITTEE—DRASTIC MEANS NEXT

SEVENTY OTHERS ARE EXCUSABLE

Committee Is Still Determined To Turn The Spot Light On Those Who Do Not Respond To The Ratings That Have Been Assigned Them.

I AM PUBLIC OPINION.

All men fear me! I declare that Uncle Sam shall not go to his knees to beg you to buy his bonds. That is no position for a fighting man. But if you have the money to buy and do not buy, I will make this No Man's Land for you! I will judge you not by an allegiance expressed in mere words.

I will judge you not by your mad cheers as our boys march away to what-over fate may have in store for them.

I will judge you not by the warmth of the tears you shed over the lists of the dead and the injured that come to us from time to time.

I will judge you not by your uncovered head and solemn mien as our maimed in battle return to our shores for loving care.

But, as wise as I am just I will judge you by the material aid you give to the fighting men who are facing death that you may live and move and have your being in a world made safe.

I warn you—don't talk patriotism over here unless your money is talking victory Over There.

I am public opinion! As I judge, all men stand or fall!

About thirty cases out of the one hundred considered yesterday evening at a joint meeting of the Emergency Committee and the team captains in the La Grande district of the Liberty Loan Campaign, were reserved for further consideration. The remaining seventy appeals for exemption from full subscription to the various card ratings were considered justifiable. Necessary Measures To Be Taken It was decided that each of the

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TELLS OF OUR BOYS IN FRANCE

REV. G. L. CLARKE TELLS OF INTERESTING THINGS

La Grande Boys Are Like One Big Family In Far-Away Europe.

The following letter addressed to friends in La Grande was written by Rev. G. L. Clarke, now regional director of religious activities in France.

"Strange as it may seem to you folks at home, I have to say that yesterday was one continuous round of real heart felt pleasure, for the day was ideal, following the good rain and the fellowship I had with home boys, made the day one of rare value. To begin with, Otis Palmer came to my room when I was out to breakfast, he left his toilet outfit expecting to shave and clean up some, but had to leave right away so did not get in before night, when I saw him. At 10:30 we tried to conduct a regular Sunday morning service in the big Y.M.C.A. here, which I must say was a howling success for I was the chief howler and I know how much perfectly good man power was used in the ordeal. But the main feature of the morning was the after meeting, which follows came up and said: 'I am from Oregon too, what part did you come from?' One boy grabbed my hand, saying 'Good morning, Clark, you registered me in La Grande just after the first draft law went into effect.' And I recalled writing the name of 'Casebeer,' which is his name. He worked in the railroad shops and came from Baker to La Grande. He is now with the Co. E 37th Engineers, looks fine and is in fine health. He is located in this town just now.

But that was just the beginning of the fun, for just after the lunch we—the Regional Activities man, the fellow who books the entertainers, etc., and I started out and the first time we made our Henry Ford come to a halt we were at Base Hospital No. 45, and there we found Dr. Bouvey. I was asking for the Oregon men as I stood talking to a captain and near where we stood I saw someone look thru the window, then whirl around and rush out as though he had some ancient grudge to settle with me. It was our genial, happy-faced Dr. Bouvey. Well, we walked around, there arm in arm, looking at his fine arrangements for working and operating, incidentally we met two or three fine nurses, one from Rockford, and her name is—, and another from the city of Portland, whose name is—.

"After a short visit with the doctor, exchanging questions in rapid alternation, and assuring each other that we would write to both our wives sending them our love and long-distance handshakes, etc., we twisted 'Old Henry's' tail without even getting kicked, and away we went to the place where I knew our home-unit is resting. I found some playing ball, some shaving, some talking and some just sitting around and thinking and some out-

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HINDENBURG LINE HAS BEEN PIERCED LIKE A SIEVE; DEFENSE CRUMBLED

MILITARY AUTHORITIES HINT THAT "INTERESTING DEVELOPMENTS" WILL PROBABLY HAPPEN SOON.

Gigantic Pincer Movement, With a Base of Fifty Miles, Has Been Inaugurated On West Front By the Allies—Are Overcoming Frightful Obstacles—More Prisoners.

LONDON, Oct. 2.—(By United Press.)—The allies have broken through the German line northeast of St. Quentin. This thrust, with the combined push of the two French armies between the Aisne and Vesle, is threatening the St. Gobain massif and Laon by a gigantic pincer movement nearly fifty miles across the base.

"INTERESTING DEVELOPMENTS" EXPECTED.

The St. Gobain plateau is recognized as the strongest natural defense on the west front. Laon is the vital center of communication. Enemy retreat on a fairly large scale is contemplated. Military authorities hint that "interesting developments" will happen soon.

ADDITIONAL PRISONERS TAKEN.

It is learned this afternoon that Cambrai was partially occupied this morning and it is believed that the city has fallen. Americans are reported to have been ejected from Exermont, five miles above Varennes. Between the Vesle and the Aisne the French are pushing northward in an encircling movement. Two thousand additional prisoners were taken today.

HINDENBURG LINE IS A SIEVE.

Utter demolition of Germany's fixed defenses seems approaching. The Hindenburg line is now a sieve. Open warfare on a gigantic scale is now possible.

OVERCOMING FRIGHTFUL OBSTACLES.

WITH THE AMERICANS WEST OF VERDUN, Oct. 2.—(By Fred S. Ferguson, United Press Staff Correspondent.)—While activity in the remainder of the line is confined to repulsing bitter concentrations, and consolidating newly won positions, the Americans in the depths of the Argonne forest are shoving forward somewhat today. They are overcoming almost insurmountable obstacles in rectifying their lines. The density of the forest renders liaison the most difficult.

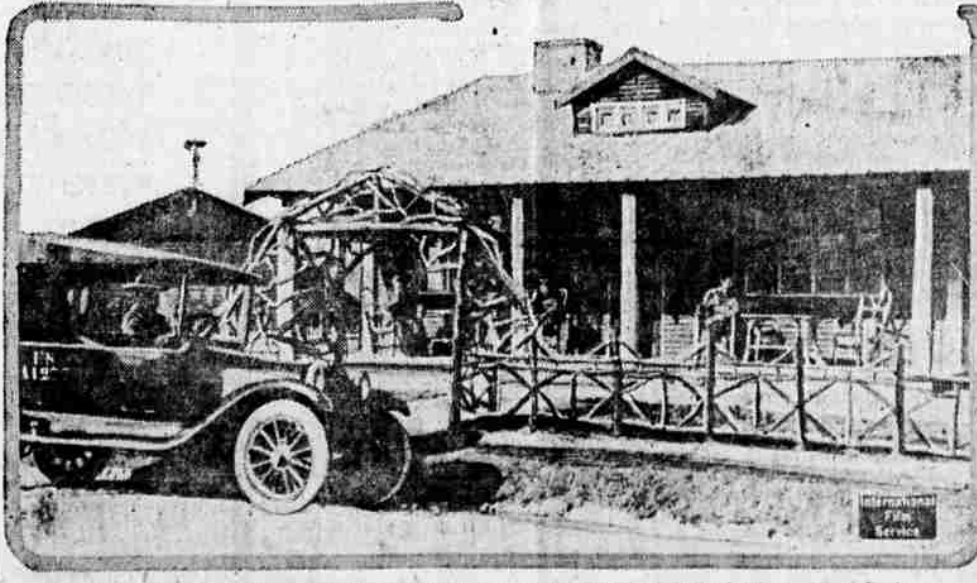
BAD WEATHER ON BELGIAN COAST.

Bad weather and vigorous counter attacks are slowing the Anglo-Belgians in the Flanders advance. A further advance of five miles will probably force the Germans to evacuate the Belgian coast.

BRITISH OCCUPY DAMASCUS.

LONDON, Oct. 2.—(By United Press.)—The British occupied Damascus at 6 o'clock yesterday morning, says an official report. A Manchester Guardian dispatch declared that the Turkish commander has asked for terms of surrender. The city is menaced on three sides.

GENERAL PERSHING'S FIELD HEADQUARTERS



This is the field headquarters of General Pershing, established since he left the headquarters at Paris.

GRAVE CHARGES ARE INVOLVED

LOYALTY OF AMERICAN CONSUL IS QUESTIONED.

Representatives To Central America And German Banking Interests In Bad Light.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—(By United Press.)—The senate foreign relations committee has referred to the state department charges involving the loyalty of the American minister and several members of the consular staff to the Central American republics.

Charges of gravest character and German banking interests are said to be involved in the probe.

WEATHER REPORT.
PORTLAND, Oct. 2.—Fair.

DEMANDS FOR PEACE

Conditions On Which Greece And Serbia Will Asquiesce.

WASHINGTON, October 2.—Serbia and Greece have announced their peace demands upon Bulgaria, which include the following:

- 1—Reparation for all damages in occupied territory.
- 2—Abandonment of all plans to dominate the Balkans.
- 3—Guarantees that Greeks living in Bulgarian territory shall not be exterminated.

JACKSON-DESHAZER NUPTIALS.

Arthur C. Williams, Justice of the Peace, officiated Sunday at the marriage of William B. Jackson, of Baker to Roxalina Deshaizer, of La Grande, at the home of Mrs. L. L. Deshaizer, 2706 North Fir.

Mrs. Effie Skages, who has been visiting for the past three months with friends in Portland, left this morning for a short visit with her brother, T. M. Martin at Imbler before returning to her home at Elgin.