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### ALL STRATEGY UPSET

Bombs and Planes Will Keep Germany Within Its Bounds.

(By Floyd MacGriff, International News Service Staff Correspondent.)

LONDON (By mail).—The last war has been fought in which strategic railways will dominate the situation, according to the best opinion at the war office. Germany, who gambled on her strategic railways, lost, not because these railways were inefficient, but because they were bombed into near uselessness from the air.

The nation, or group of nations hereafter which has superiority in both bombing and fighting planes will be master of an enemy's strategic railways, the experts maintain.

The war ended before the full weight of the powerful British and American bombing planes got into action against Germany. But the ascendancy gained by the British in the final months of the struggle was so marked and important that nothing has been left to debate or conjecture regarding results obtainable by superiority in the air or the irreparable damage that could be inflicted.

The British independent air force made Germany's strategic lines on the western front one continuous congestion in the last few months of the struggle. As Americans well know, trains in the triangle of Metz Salsion were immobilized by the demolition of the lines at the apex of the triangle and the Thionville junctions similarly were broken up. This operation was repeated scores of times on the British front.

While absolute mastery of the air by one nation is an impossible ideal, results obtained in this war show what superiority will do. Par-seeing men point out that if this ratio of superiority is maintained by the allies, Germany a permanent checkmate to central European militarism will be inevitable.

Britain, for one, does not contemplate any extension of her air might, now that peace has come. Great Britain is determined to maintain an air fleet in keeping with her navy. While she has no ambition to be "mistress of the air" she does intend to share abundantly in the advantages which a great air armada will give. Britain is looking up her empire by the air just as in the past she has kept the competing links safeguarded by her navy. Naturally, the many commercial advantages resulting from a high-class air fleet operating along permanent routes and to fixed schedules will be gathered in by the empire. But that can be regarded here at only just compensation for the initiative taken and the

risks involved. Britain's air force of 300,000 persons—almost as great as the war time naval establishment—will be diverted, insofar as possible, to development of aerial transportation.

Thus, the air force can, in a measure, be regarded as one of the trustees of peace. If the allies maintain strong aerial establishments they insure peace; if they are to slip back and be weak in the air, they jeopardize it. Some officials not prone to optimism say the master key to permanent peace is in the air.

Germany, by her central position and diligent manipulation of railway transport, was able to keep the world at bay more than four years. In the final test that overcame and rendered futile these railways the aerial armadas of the allies must be given a very large slice of the credit. True, they were but one arm of the forces. But they were a most vital one and minus which the war might very possibly be going its way to a different end today.

In previous wars an army was secure in its communications as long as its front remained unbroken. The revolutionary difference caused by the conquest of the air is that there now is no such thing as an unbroken front, and communications are only safe for the army holding the aerial superiority. Without properly safeguarded communications an army might as well be a group of ping-pong players.

### MARSHFIELD HAS BLAZE

MARSHFIELD, Feb. 20.—Fire originating in the rear of the Liberty cafe at 2 o'clock this morning destroyed five buildings near Front street and Central avenue. Occupants of the Lloyd hotel and several apartments escaped in their night clothes. The Marshfield News company, Bertram's jewelry store, Nicholson's pharmacy, Bly's restaurant, the Liberty cafe, Simpson & McCormick's pool hall, Pioneer hardware store, warehouse, Songstack's abstract office and the Lloyd hotel are the principal losers. The total loss is probably \$100,000, with insurance half that amount.

### HE PLOWS IN JANUARY.

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 20.—Iowa can boast of weather rivaling that of California or Texas, say friends of Charles F. Keeling, a member of the Peck county board of supervisors. Keeling, west to his farm, near Avon, one day in the latter part of January and with a gang plow plowed up fourteen acres of prairie land which he needs for other purposes. "Old timers here say this is something unprecedented in the history of the state during the month of January."

## CITY MANAGER MAKES REPORT

La Grande, Oregon, Feb. 19, 1919. To the Honorable Commission, City of La Grande, Oregon.

Gentlemen: The several departments of the city report for the past week is as follows: From the fire department, no fires. The Chief is back at work again, after an absence of two or three days on account of sickness, and the regular force is now complete. The police department, five arrests for the week, two for drunkenness, one for having liquor in possession, one for disorderly conduct and one for gambling. A third man has been added to the force. Fines collected for the week \$89.00. Receipts and disbursements by the recorder were: Fines, \$70.00; warrants issued, general, \$1,322.95; contingent, \$15.99 and one license for electrician.

The treasurer's report follows: Receipts: Water rents \$ 515.55 Imp. Dist. Int. 39.98 Imp. Dist. Inst. 229.81 Permits 1.00 Licenses 21.00 House Rents 10.99 Cert. Sale 5590.00 Total \$6317.34

Disbursements: General warrants paid \$ 15.00 General War. Int. paid 1.13 Semi-annual Int. B. G. P. 4000.00 Total \$4916.63

The street force were used in cleaning catch basins, cross walks and streets in various parts of the city and in hauling wood from the pound in the city buildings. This wood is from old plank from cross walks and is being used as fuel at the city building. Cost for the week \$84.25. The city has purchased from Mr. John Murr some sixteen inch cement blocks which we are using for meter boxes. These cost about the same as wood boxes and will last much longer.

Regarding the graveling of streets proposed in my last report would say we have been unable as yet to make any canvass of the district but a number of citizens have inquired regarding the work and signified their willingness to pay part or all of the expense.

In regard to the water situation the caretaker at Beaver creek reports that the snow is still falling in that section, there being now some 44 inches of snow. I have taken up with some of the hydraulic engineers and water supply experts the matter of a prospect or survey of the whole situation and hope to have some sort of a definite proposition to submit in the near future. In the meantime the caretaker at Beaver creek has been instructed to continue taking water measurements and make other observations under the direction of the city engineer with a view to obtaining all the data possible for use in case it is decided to make a survey.

Respectfully submitted, JOHN COLLIER, Manager.

### MINES LOOKING UP

Year of Great Activity Predicted for the Cornucopia District.

A year of great activity is promised for the mines at Cornucopia. Since the United States entered the world war the gold mining interests have suffered. Gold did not rise in value, though everything else did; and the mines were confronted always by increased costs, with no increase possible in production. Rather, it was the other way. A lack of help often interfered greatly with the amount of production and increased the cost in two ways. Until lately the Cornucopia mines have worked short-handed sometimes at only 60 per cent capacity.

The outlook for the future is better. Plenty of labor can be obtained now and the mill is crowded to its capacity at all times. A higher pay roll, even with the same number of men, means more money to spend, some of which flows into the valley. The ore in both the Union and Last Chance continues to show up good values to the deepest levels.

There is plenty of talk of big things in prospect in the near future. One thing often mentioned is a tunnel from Cornucopia or near there to tap the Union mine at a low level. The lowest level in that mine now is something like 800 feet. A vast amount of power is required to pump water from this level and to lift the ore. The tunnel would drain the mine and eventually give an outlet for the ore. The figure is talked, which are not official, give the length of the tunnel at a half mile and the probable depth at the mine of 1000 feet.

Another subject of more or less talk is the opening of the Queen of the West. The mine was sold at Baker some time ago and the company is said to have reorganized with the intention of starting work again the coming spring.—Pine Valley Herald.

President Wilson visited a Red Cross hospital and shook hands with 1200 badly wounded American soldiers. They were mainly survivors of the battle of Chateau Thierry. He stopped at every bedside and said a word or two of good will. After he visited a French hospital.

### FROM ABROAD IN THE STATE.

From Wales comes news of the death of William X. Davis, 98, a pioneer of the Cornucopia district in Clackamas county.

Mrs. Alice Biddle Mooreland, the first woman graduate of O. A. C. 1870—died at her home in Oakland, Cal., according to word received. She was born in the early fifties in Corvallis.

Tells City, nine miles west of Dallas, is in the grip of the influenza. Physicians of Dallas were called upon to help out the local doctor, who himself was ill a few days. Several deaths have occurred and a strict quarantine has been established. The mills are running short-handed.

Gresham is rapidly becoming an important poultry and egg center and is fast gaining a reputation in that direction. Between thirty and forty egg farmers are located in that vicinity; some of them within the town limits. Gresham is being spoken of as the "Petaluma of Oregon."

Extra Taylor of Baker recently received a letter from his brother Riley, who is with the base hospital No. 96. Mr. Taylor writes that they are drilling ten hours a day and expects to leave for Russia soon. He, with 251 others, was selected from the medical corps at Camp Kearney for this detail.

J. D. Brown, head of the farm department of the United States employment service, is specializing in obtaining jobs for men "who will furnish their own wives." Right now he has calls for men and their wives in the Hood River section. Men with experience in orchard work are the most desirable. The employers usually require that the wives cook for the employes or do other housework.

## BANK DONATES LOVING CUP

HIGH SCHOOL LADS ORGANIZE AT THE Y. M. C. A.

First Basketball Game Under New Schedule Will Be Played on the Gym Floor Tonight.

When the Tommie and Yanka and the Blue Devils and Devil Dogs clash tonight after supper at the Y. M. C. A. in the first basketball game of the high school class league there will be things stirring for fair, as the four teams are all evenly matched and each boast of its speed and scrapping ability.

The teams of the league will play basketball, indoor base ball, volleyball and other competitive games. A track meet will be held in the spring and swimming contest are on the schedule later on.

The La Grande National bank has put up a fine loving cup which will be awarded to the team that comes out with the greatest number of points when the tournament ends about May 1. All the boys are on their toes since the announcement of the cup was made and the interest will probably be keener as the season advances.

Points may be made in the following manner: 19 points for a new member, five points for winning basketball game, three points for winning base ball game, 1 point to the team which has best attendance, and for the swimming and track events three points will be given for first two for second and one for third.

The league started on the post system last Monday night when the Yanks vanquished the Tommies at indoor baseball and the Devil Dogs defeated the Blue Devils. The standing of the teams is as follows: Blue Devils, 19; Devil Dogs, 4; Yanks, 3; Tommies, 0.

Those on the different teams will elect their captains tonight when the class meets. The personnel of the teams is as follows: "Tommies": Ted Heiderich, Ted Larsen, Phil Corbett, Chet Carity, Alfred Robbins, Robert Williamson, Howard Ball, Arthur Theisop, Glenn Metcalf.

"Yanks": Showalter Lynch, Fred Rivette, Mike Chandler, Roy Wilcox, Lloyd Barnwell, Waldo Staudahl, Grant Gooden, Ronald McKinley, Steven Blare, Harry Snodgrass.

"Blue Devils": Don Cramer, Everett Heese, Bob Carity, Lloyd Chandler, Floyd Rowe, George Hill, Abbie Green, Harry Mohr, Edgar Oliver, Frank Block.

"Devil Dogs": Kenneth Keeney, Orvan Brandt, Herman Berger, Willy Holmes, Halbert Rollins, Harry Proctor, Karl Edmund, Thayer Hill, John Robertson, Foster Stunk.

The will of Mrs. Russell Sage gives four-fifths of her property for educational, charitable and religious purposes. These bequests amount to \$40,000,000. In life she had given away \$30,000,000. The only large bequest for private use was \$8,000,000 to her husband, J. J. Slooan.

## METHODISTS TO START DRIVE

OBJECTIVE OF CONGREGATION IS SET AT \$3500.

Meth's Banquet on March 7th Will Inaugurate Campaign in First M. E. Church.

Beginning with a Methodist men's banquet on March 7th the M. E. church is planning a program by which they expect to raise \$3500. The church property, including the parsonage, is located on the southwest corner of Fourth and Spring. The church is complete in every detail and stands as a monument of the self-sacrifice and devotion of the people of La Grande. The M. E. church is a structure of which every citizen may be proud. It is a real asset to the beauty and wealth of La Grande.

The following have been appointed chairmen of their respective committees: Dr. Brownson, finance committee, W. S. Nelson, banquet committee, George Curry, program committee, Dr. Ulysses F. Hawk, district superintendent of the Spokane district, will be here and preach on Sunday, March 9th.

### STRICTLY GOVERNMENT WORK

This Nation Will Not Delegate Duty of Retraining to Others.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The work of fitting war disabled men so that despite their injuries they are able to become skilled, efficient wage earners is held by the United States government to be strictly a governmental act of justice towards its disabled defenders, and in order to be sure that they get the best attention the world can afford, the government is seeing after them itself.

A good many "institutes" and other concerns for "crippled and disabled soldiers" and the like have sprung up and have been vigorously press-agented over the country, but they actually have nothing whatever to do with this work. The government desires it understood that it is not a private charity or philanthropy, nor is it in any sense a charity for disabled men to take this training. The government's position is that it is no more than justice to them to restore them insofar as is humanly possible to the position of independence from which they were called to serve their nation, and in which service they have suffered impairments, and for this it has appropriated large sums and furnished adequate machinery to do.

This work is solely in charge of the federal board for vocational education at Washington, designated by congress for the task and the board is more than pleased to receive inquiries from those who are disabled, whether by disease, accident or wounds.

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