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Coos Bay Times

LOSS OF GERMANS

ENGLISH AUTHORITIES CLAIM 2,000,000 MEN GONE

London Authorities Make Statement of Cost of War in Men So Far—How Long Can They Stand It

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Aug. 30.—A statement from a British authoritative source on German's strength in men and her losses was made public here today. The statement asserts that about July 31, the Germans had 1,800,000 men on the western battle front and 1,400,000 on the eastern front—a total of 3,200,000 men on the actual fighting line—while there also were 1,200,000 Austrians opposed to the Russians. There were besides a large number of German troops of various classes in garrisons, fortifications and on lines of communication, in addition to convalescents, invalids and others.

"It is impossible to say," the statement declares, "how far the reserve troops have been armed and equipped, but the fact that the total number of men on the two fronts is only 3,200,000 appears to show that this is about the largest number the Germans are able to put fully equipped into the fighting line. First Line 50 Per Cent

"The Germans from a date shortly after the outbreak of the war supplied the losses in their first and reserve troops from the second and even the third line, so that it is safer to regard all the German troops in the fighting line as much of the same quality as in the first few months of the war.

"It is calculated that the first line troops lost about 50 per cent in casualties and the reserves about 25 per cent, their places being taken by recruits from the 1914 class and from other categories and reformed units, including the 1915 class of recruits.

"Since then they have again lost about 50 per cent in casualties, so probably there remains only about 25 per cent of the original first line troops, to which must be added the men slightly wounded who have returned to the fighting line. Total Loss 2,000,000

"The German casualties in killed, wounded and missing reported to June 30 totalled 1,672,444 men, of whom 306,123 were killed, 15,808 died of disease and 540,723 either are missing or prisoners, or are so seriously wounded as to put them out of action for the remainder of the war. Since June 30 there has been heavy fighting, probably bringing the total loss up to 2,000,000 for the year.

ENGLAND PURCHASES 6,000,000 R. R. TIES

To repair the railroads of Great Britain which have now been taken over by the government, England has put into Portland an order for 6,000,000 ties, about one third of this amount to be delivered in September, providing there is ample tonnage available.

Local tie men predict that the order may have an effect in allowing contractors of Coos county to get a share of their supply at better than prevailing prices. At the same time it is noticeable that the Allies are calling for more lumber than usual, a fact that also may materially affect local conditions within the next few months.

ITALY WAR'S ON LIQUOR

PARIS, Sept. 2.—Italy has declared war on a third foe by opening a prohibition campaign, according to Milan dispatches. Scores of saloons and inns have been closed and 1800 liquor licenses have been withdrawn by the government, the Milan advices declare.

All Over Oregon

BEND—Fire of unknown origin destroyed the Bend hotel, driving guests out in their nightclothes, and causing a loss of \$15,000.

PORTLAND—The lockout of the union musicians in the local theaters terminated by both sides making concessions.

PORTLAND—Chas. Alisky bequeathed his \$400,000 estate to his widow, his son receiving his watch and chain.

PORTLAND—Carl Lewellyn, aged 22 and Yale graduate, is here to visit his uncle, Judge M. C. George, and wears the German Iron Cross conferred for bravery in the German army in the battle of Ypres.

ASTORIA—Mrs. J. E. Roman was elected queen of the coming annual regatta.

ROSEBURG—Saturday was the hottest day of the season, the thermometer registering 100. Baker City reported 95, Eugene 97 and other points similar heat.

FOREST GROVE—About \$80,000 bonds have been voted to install a sanitary sewage system to cover the entire city.

ROSEBURG—Forest fires have done considerable damage in Calapooia, North Umpqua and Myrtle Creek districts.

HOOD RIVER—R. Reeves Claxton says that one of his cows ate \$112 worth of pears in his orchard before he discovered that she had a fondness for the fruit.

BRIDAL VEIL—James McCann was killed and Will Fulford hurt when a National Guard special train ran them down on the railway tracks.

TOLEDO—Joe Gay, aged 78, severely slashed Shem Lafayette, aged 80, near here. Both are Indians.

SALEM—Max Gelhar has resigned as National Guard Captain.

SALEM—Rev. Robert Booth, aged 86, has returned from a 400-mile auto trip to eastern Oregon.

FOREST GROVE—The Catholic congregation has presented Rev. Father J. R. Buck with an automobile.

BAKER—Claude F. Shaw of Payette, Idaho, has been appointed U. M. C. A. secretary here.

GRESHAM—Mrs. E. L. Thorpe, prominent in the grange and Multnomah County fairs is dead.

PORTLAND—It is claimed that all the fish produced in the Oregon Hatcheries cost the state \$38.50 per pound.

NEWBURG—Ruth Doyle, aged 14 lost her life while bathing in the Willamette and so did Louis Stoeber, aged 40, from Lansing, Mich., who attempted to rescue her.

SALEM—Ex-Gov. West in behalf of the policy holders of the defunct Horticulture Fire Relief Association is going to sue the directors of the body if Receiver Harvey Wells does not.

OAKLAND—A fire of unknown origin caused several hundred dollars damage at the creamery before it was extinguished.

GLENDALE—A. H. Henson married Mrs. Sadie Clements of Roseburg.

EDENBOWER—Fire, caused by a defective flue, destroyed Rudolph Jennie's \$1,700 home.

RIDDLE—Deputy Sheriff Stewart is investigating alleged incendiarism in connection with the burning of two large barns belonging to Sam Ball and E. Bollenbaugh on Middle Creek.

EUGENE—Guy L. Hill, aged nine, through his guardian, Jessie Mosier, has sued the Al Barnes circus for \$5,000 damages for a broken arm sustained when circus seats collapsed at Salem.

EUGENE—The Lane County Fair will be held September 22 to 25, the same date as those of the Pendleton Roundup.

EUGENE—The first rain in thirty days fell Monday. It was only a light shower.

EUGENE—Police Judge Bryson has fixed \$20 as the minimum fine for speeders.

ROSEBURG—An auto of Geo. Euston of Prineville rolled over a 100-foot embankment on Roberts Mountain when he attempted to crank it.

DALLAS—Rev. Howard McConnell of The Dallas will become pastor of the Christian church here and Rev. Claude F. Stevens of Raymond, Wash. will become pastor of the Independence Christian church soon.

HOOD RIVER—Scores of gypsies camped here en route down the Columbia and have taken everything that wasn't guarded.

PORTLAND—Spot bluestem wheat is selling on the Portland stock exchange for 87 cents and Red fife at 81, a decline of three cents.

PORTLAND—Workmen are laying hard surface paving on the highways at the rate of 14,000 yards or a mile and a half of road per day.

SUMPTER—Frank S. Balice has retired as manager of the Columbia mine after twenty years service. O. D. Glover succeeds him.

SALEM—Two trustees, Lewis Stacey of Wallowa and Wm. Bowen of Lake county escaped from the state prison here.

MEDFORD—Forest fires swept 5,000 acres near Elk Creek, Butte Falls near Trail, and near Applegate. Fred Sturgis' home was burned.

MEDFORD—The thermometer registered 103 Saturday, 101 Sunday and a trifle cooler Monday.

MEDFORD—Bill Battle, colored porter, fired two shots at unknown man who tried to scare him. Chief of Police Hixon has given public notice that anyone pestering Battle will be arrested and fined.

SALEM—About ten thousand hop pickers are now busy in Oregon fields. They receive only forty cents per box this year and last year they got fifty cents.

SALEM—Attorney General Brown says that the State funds cannot be used in hard surfacing a road leading to the fair grounds.

PORTLAND—Alvin Hawkins and Walter Nelson, two Jefferson High school students were drowned in the Willamette, Hawkins suffering from cramps while going into the water overheated and Nelson drowning in a vain attempt to save him.

LA GRANDE—Sixty dollars was taken from the safe of the Island City, postoffice. The safe was opened by breaking the combination. This is the second time the office has been robbed lately.

WAR MIGHT STOP PILOT RATES ARE REDUCED

MINNEAPOLIS, Sep. 3.—If the United States should become involved in war, some of the fraternal insurance organizations may decline to issue policies to enlisted men, according to Brigadier S. Young, of Ada, Okla., commander-in-chief of the uniform rank of the Knights of Pythias who was in Minneapolis as a delegate to the National Fraternal Congress of America. The question is now in the hands of attorneys to determine whether candidates admitted to the order hereafter can be compelled to waive their insurance benefits in the event that they enlist, he said.

Canadian Insurance Stopped

"The Knights of Pythias are writing no more insurance in Canada," he said, "and it is likely that if the United States went to war, there would be no more written in this country.

"As every fraternity is deeply interested in war's mortalities, they are especially anxious to see peace preserved. The best guarantee, I believe, is preparedness. There is now before Congress a bill which will enable the government to take advantage of the drill teams of the various organizations by providing equipment and instruction to every semimilitary organization. This would form the basis of a great defensive army."

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 3.—The pilotage rates into and out of this port have been reduced from \$3 per foot draught on all vessels under 500 tons to \$2, and on vessels over 500 tons from \$3 per foot draughts and 3c per ton for each and very ton registered measurement to \$2 and 2c respectively.

This action has been taken voluntarily by the pilots themselves, and means that they are in effect actually "reducing their own" wages quite an unusual, and decidedly refreshing mode of procedure in these modern times, when the trend everywhere seems to be to get as much as possible and return therefore as little as possible.

However, this action on the part of the pilots is deserving of a great deal of credit, and must invariably rebound to the benefit of San Francisco.

LUMBER PRICES STIFFEN

Advance at Early Date Held as No Surprise

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 2.—Lumber manufacturers and dealers say there is a tendency to stiffen prices all around, and it is held that an advance at an early date should not come as a surprise. For the past 20 days prices have ruled steady and as the demand especially for clears is somewhat improved.

Manufacturers have looked longingly for the happy moment when they would be in position to elevate quotations, for the returns now from the log under existing conditions are said to be anything but profitable. In fact, the word has gone out repeatedly that many mills are operating at actual loss. But in many instances it has been found less expensive to operate at a loss than to shut down entirely.

RUBBER SOLES put on. Union Shoe Shop, 119 Front Street.

NEW DANCE STEPS

DANCING MASTERS TRY TO STANDARDIZE DANCING

Simplify and Unify, Keynotes of the Convention Just Concluded at San Francisco

- New Dances
The Waltz Trot.
The National One Step.
The National Fox Trot.
The Waltz Walk.
The Jitney Jog.
The Duzurka.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 27.—Portland dancing teachers have just returned from San Francisco where they have been attending the American national convention of dancing masters held at the Claremont hotel. Dancing teachers from all parts of the United States assembled to discuss and standardize the modern dances of the day. Nearly 100 delegates and their wives were in attendance. Portland was well represented by seven delegates.

The key note of the convention was not to add something new to the already top heavy list of various dances, but to simplify the popular steps of the day and adopt a uniform method of teaching the same dance throughout the entire United States so that a person from Portland can go to New York or San Francisco after having learned the modern dances here and be able to dance the same steps with the same grace and freedom as others. Four standard dances were adopted by the convention and Professor M. M. Ringler, of Portland had the honor of being the originator of one of the new dances.

Meets Instant Favor
His dance, which will be known as the "Montrose" a waltz trot is a beautiful combination of simple movements in waltz time, and met with instant favor at the convention.

The other dances adopted were a combination of the one step movements known at the "National One Step" and also a "National Fox Trot." In the latter dance the trotting steps of the past year have been eliminated and slow Paso or two-step substituted. This makes the dance very catchy and graceful. The other dance adopted was the "Waltz Walk" by Oscar Duryea of New York City.

Smooth Waltz Coming Back
The smooth waltz is coming back and is being danced throughout the country, although the Fox trot and One Step hold first place. Dancing for the coming season will be smooth and refined, and no movement of the body or arms should be indulged in. The "Jitney Jog" by Willis Chambers of Omaha and the "Duzurka" also by Oscar Duryea, were shown.

The convention was a big success and was the first one in 22 years to be held on the Pacific coast. Professor Ringler had the distinction of having one of his dances, "The Ringler Schottische," adopted by the international convention of dancing masters, held last June in San Francisco, a similar organization to the National Ringler in the United States to be honored by both organizations.

WANT PROHIBITION LAW AGAINST DANCES

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 20.—"What we need is a law that will prohibit a man from putting his arm around the waist of a woman while dancing," declared Mrs. Juliet Jones, of East Oakland, before the congress of reforms here.

"No respectable woman should allow any man to put his arm around her waist unless that man is her father, brother, husband or son."

Mrs. Jones described the modern dances as a recruiting office for the divorce court. She advocates the return to the old square dances.

BAD FOREST FIRES

Conflagration Near Walla Walla Controlled by Back Firing

WALLA WALLA, Wash. Sept. 2.—The fire on Spackman mountain, which yesterday burned three farm houses was reported controlled today by backfiring.

HOTTEST DAY OF YEAR IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 2.—With a temperature of 97 degrees at 11 o'clock, the weather set a new hot record for the year. The weather bureau predicted a continuance of the warm wave which began last Friday.

SAWMILLS TO RESUME

Two Plants Near Portland Will Start Operations Again

OREGON CITY, Ore., Sept. 2.—After being closed for several months the Milwaukee and University Park plants of the Menefee Lumber Company will open again to operate for an indefinite time, announced President Menefee.

The Milwaukee mill will employ 50 men and the plant at University Park 75. George Johnson will be foreman at the local mill. Milwaukee will be benefited by the opening of the mill, owing to the fact that heads of many families are dependent upon it for employment. Mr. Menefee said that he found the shingle market in a fair condition. The plant of the Hawley Pulp & Paper Company at Milwaukee will remain closed until the river rises in the fall and the pulp machines at the Oregon City mill are put in operation.

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