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SALEM, OREGON, WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 19, 1918.

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## DRAFT ARMY OF PICKERS IS PLANNED

Local Organization Will Co- Fifty-Four Names Are Operate with Federal Agent in Raising Force of Berry Harvesters.

**RED CROSS THINKS** 

Meetings Are Called for Dis- SCOTTS MILLS cussion of Emergency Situation.

business men held in Salem Monday afternoon, and the consequent agitation of the labor problem, there is evidence of results in an awakening public interest and a concentration of effort upon what is for the moment the most important matter before the community.

Through the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., and the boys and girls organizations there will be co-operation with the federal agent in drafting an army of workers that will save untold values in fruits. To be sure, the immediate returns in registration are not what might be desired. At the labor office 150 to 200 names are thus far enrolled, and the field workers are not meeting with flattering results in localities outside. But more encouraigng is the fact that the women's oragnizations are waking up to the exigencies of the

One Group Ready.
At the Y. W. C. A. Miss Florence Cleveland is making every effort to interest both women and young girls in the cause of fruit conservation. One band of twenty-five girls has already been made up and within a day o rtwo it is hoped to have dauble that number. These young ladies have been enlisted for the specific work of picking cherries in two of the larger orchards of this section. Each group will go out under the supervision of a chaperone, who will also be a commissary officer, and if necessary a disciplinarian. A competent cook will be employed for each group, to be paid a reasonable salary, the food supplies to be paid for on a per capita basis by the

Every provision will be made for their comfort and entertainment. fashion of the Camp Fire girls organization. This should prove dcubly attractive to all gidls who wish to cobbine work with an outing. Undoubtedly an added impetus torneys. will be given the woman's movement by the conference to be held this

afternoon at the Commercial club. Some Growers Criticised. Commenting upon the situation, Federal Agent Coleman expresses himself very emphatically. He is disappointed to find that the work of organization and mobilization had not been started a month previous to his coming. He finds to many eviof the larger growers and fruit organizations, whereas there should be

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## Additional List Shows

WASHINGTON, June 18 .- An additional list of 84 Americans reported in German prison camps by the American Red Cross was announced tonight by the war department. Most of the men named previously had been reported as missing by General

Added in Casualty List

WASHINGTON, June 18 .- Fiftyfour names are contained in a marine corps casualty list issued tonight, bringing the total announced during the day to 157. Tonight's list showed one man killed in action, one died of wounds and 52 wounded severely. All the prisoners named are from OF LEADING WORK New England and mid-western

# **GETS FACTORY**

Following up the conference of Fruit and Vegetable Evaporator Established for Growers of County.

> ed yesterday at the office of Corpora-tion Commissioner Schulderman by the Scotts Wills Co. The Scotts Will Co. The Scotts Wills Co. The Scotts Will Co. tion Commissioner Schulderman by ment could see no immediate need for the Scotts Mills Co-operative Evap- such action, although the date alorating company which proposes to ready is in sight when it will become establish a fruit and vegentable evap-necessary to replenish the class one orating plant at or near Scotts Mills reservoir. for the benefit of growers of that section in Clackamas and Marion land, to extend the draft to men from counties. The incorporators are L. 18 to 45 is now before the senate S. Rice, Orlan Thomas, E. S. Lutgen, military committee and at a hearing C. J. Thomas and W. C. Robison, on it last Saturday, Provost Marshal and the capitalization is \$10,000. No General Crowder gave it his opinion one person or corporation, other that extension of the draft ages than the corporation itself, will be permitted to own more than 20 per cent of the capital stock for the reason that the company intends to distribute the stock among growers of

fruits and vegetables.

Board of Alienists Declares Teacher Sane—Sentence Is Pronounced.

WAUKESHA, Wis., June 18 -Grace Lusk, who was found guilty of murder in the second degree for slaying Mrs. Mary Roberts, wife of Dr. David Roberts, former state veterinarian, was this afternoon declared by a board of alienists to be same difference between members of class and was sentenced by Judge Martin Camp life wil the conducted after the Lueck to nineten years' imprison-

When sentence was pronounced, Miss Lusk fell backwards in a faint and was caught by one of her at-

Before pronoucing sentence Judge Lucck delivered a ten-minute speech in which he severely scored Dr.

Miss Lusk will be accompanied on her trip to prison by a jailer and a

ALASKANS WILL REGISTER WASHINGTON, June 18.-President in a proclamation today fixed fined in a private sanitarium. The dences of self-interest in the efforts the period between 7 a. m. July 2 and newspaper adds that Hindenburg 9 p. m. September 3 for the registration or the military duty of men cent offensive on the western front, majority since September 2, 1917.

## Eighty-Four Prisoners NO OBJECTION TO CHANGING DRAFT LIMIT

Secretary Baker Says War region. In the Kaniksu forest the Department Has No Opposition to Offer if Plan Is Considered.

FRANCE BILL CALLS

All of Class 1 Will Be Absorbed Shortly, According to resent Scheme.

WASHINGTON, June 18 .- Should at this time to extend the draft age the letter. limits either below 21 or above 30, or both, no opposition will be offered by the war department.

A bill by Senator France of Marywould be necessary.

The present tentative schedule of the war department is said to contemplate the arming of 4,000,000 men by Next January 1. That would mean the calling of 1,000,000 men etween July and January, and the absorbing not only the men remaining in class one from the first registration, but those placed in that class under the recent registration as well as some 200,000 expected to be put in that class as the result of the reclassification recently ordered. All previous estimates of the de partment relating to man power have been based solely upon the men in class one, General Crowder stating specifically in his report on the first draft that it would be the policy of his department to refrain from

touching the other classes. The present emergency, however with its resultant demands for the speedy organization of forces far in excess of the number contemplated. have upset these decisions. Officials here have always declared that the one and class two, from the viewpoint of eligibility for service, was too minute to be seriously considered. The invasion of this class, it is said would not effect the economic machinery of the nation to any disastrous degree.

HINDENBURG IN SANATORIUM

GENEVA, June 18 .- The Tribune says it learns from a reliable source that Field Marshal von Hindenburg is sufering from an acute nervous disease; that his mental capacity is much affected, and that he is contook no responsible part in the rein Alaska who have reached their the work being chiefly done by General Ludendorff.

### Danger from Forest Fires in Two States Increasing AUSTRIA

MISSOULA, Mont., June 18.—The forest fire danger in Western Mon-MISSOULA, Mont., June 18.—The forest fire danger in Western Montana and Northern Idaho is increasing rapidly because of the dry sea. ing rapidly because of the dry season, according to reports today to the headquarters of District No. 1 of the United States forest service.

Another serious fire has started in the Coeur d'Alene forest in Idaho and two bad fires were reported in the Selway forest and the Clearwater situation is critical because of large ires in that area.

#### Loyalty and Co-Operation of Seamen Commended

NEW YORK, June 18 .- Warm appreciation and commendation for the "splendid loyalty and coopera-FOR SUCH EXTENSION the "splendid loyalty and cooperation's cruiser and transport forse during its first year of "exactinghazardous duties" has been conveyed to the entire personnel of the service by its head, Admiral Albert Gleaves. His letter was made public here tonight.

Safe conduct of transports bearing hundreds of thousands of men overseas and the preparation for service, within three months, of the

# **INCREASE NAVY** TO 131,485 MEN

of Marine Corps Officers Is Turned Down.

as Favoring Men Never Yet Under Fire.

WASHINGTON, June 18 .- Permanent increase of the naval personnel from 87,000 to 131,485 men was voted today by the house during consideration of senate amendments to the \$1,600,000,000 naval appropriation bill, but the proposal to create the rank of litutenant general for the marine corps commandant and of major general for the corps staff officers was disapproved, 73 to 44.

Spirited debate preceded the rejection of the senate's marine corps amendment. Representative Butler of Pennsylvania. Republican, whose son is a colonel in the corps, said propaganda had been conducted to cause the promotions, while Representative Keating of Colorado, Democrat, charged that Major General Barnett, the corps commandant, started a campaign for the new law as soon as the naval bill was sent to the senate, in spite of Secretary Daniels' known opposition to the amend-

"The amendment, in effect, is to give the rank of lieutenant general duous. to a man who was never under fire so far as the records show," declared Mr. Keating. "There has need a lobby by men directly concerned in this amendemen strong enough to warrant the president to order a courtmartial.

"It is not the men who are going over the top' in France who are asking for this amendment. I am in favor of giving the men who are fighting recognition before giving it to those rocking chair soldiers."

General Barnett, who was a spectator in the house gallery during most of the debate, was defended by Representative Flood of Virginia, Democrat, and Representative Britten of Illinois, and Meeker of Missouri, Republicans. Mr. Flood denied that the general had not sought personal promotion, but increased rank for the men under him.

Secretary Daniels also came to the defense of General Barnett. in a statement tonight he said the gen-" is a very able officer; has been most efficient in his position as commandant of the corps and served through the Boxer trouble and at other places where only brave men were to be found."

Mr. Daniels added that he had no heard of any propaganda being conduced by the marine corps in support of the senate amendment.

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#### Proposal to Change Rank of Navy Officers Defeated

nett, commandant of the corps, had ings." started a campaign for the amendment as soon as the naval bill was sent to the senate by the house several weeks ago.

# ALLIED MEN

Enemy Reports Taking 120 Guns on Italian Front-Remain Stationary

FRENCH SUBJECTED TO HEAVY ATTACK

Desperate Fight Centers on Montello Plateau-Key to Positions.

VIENNA, via London, June 18 .congress decide that it is necessary achievements commented upon in the Austro-Hungarians in their drive on the Italian front has been increased to 30,000. The guns captured number 120. The official statement issued today by the Austrian war office follows

"On both sides of the river Brenta the enemy constantly renewed his vain attacks against our new posi-

"That British attacks south of Asiago were just as unsuccessful. "The number of prisoners has been increased to 30,000. We have captured 120 guns. The booty in mine throwers and machine guns as Proposal to Change Ranking well as other war material has not yet been counted."

FRENCH BOMBARDED.

PARIS, June 18 .- (Havas Agency) -After violently bombarding the French positions on the Asiago sec-DEBATE GROWS SPIRITED tor of the Italian front, telegraph the Havas correspondent at the Italian headquarters, the Austro-Hungarians attacked today in mass for-The French everywhere Keating Attacks Amendment broke up the assaults and completely maintained their line. Prisoners were taken, important material was captured and considerable losses were inflicted on the enemy. Six hundred Austro-Hungarian corpses were buried in front of one French

COUNTER-ATTACKS VIGOROUS.

ITALIAN HEAQUARTERS, June -The Italians, with their French and British allies are successfully resisting the Austrian onslaught and are counter-attacking vigorously everywhere. In addition, there is an acute watchfulness for all enemy movements eithe: in the Brenta river area, the mountains and plains, Whether the enemy effort upon

Montello plateau is an attempt to move toward the rear of the famous Monte Grappa key to the Italian mountain positions, or else to menace the Venetian plains and the city of Venice, it is certain that the Austrians are fighting desperately to hold what they have so far attained.

The Italian command feels that while the first great attempt to adwill bring new efforts and with each by August 4, 1918. effort the fighting will be more ar

## TWO SOLDIERS ARE PARDONED

Saved from Death by President Wilson.

granting unconditional pardon devoted service for the future,"

military duty.

"The needs of discipline in the persuaded, however, that this young Venice.

THE WEATHER, Fair and warmer; moderate northwesterly winds. .

## Sending of Americans to Italy Is Talked of

WASHINGTON, June 18 .- Count Wacchi di Cellere, the Italian mbassador, called on Secretary Baker today. No statement was made but it is understood the recently announced decision to send American troops to Italy was dis-

Leaders of all the allied governments as well as officials here have felt that no better way of demonsented in the armies in each front. tions cruiser and transport force tria have solidified into a single Lines Along River Brenta force with a single purpose could be devised than to have a nation representedin the armles in each front. Necessarily, however, the extent of the participation of any country on any front must be governed by questions of transportations and supply.

There is nothing to indicate that it is proposed to send to Italy an American force that would be important from a military standpoint. There is always the possibility that the Italian front will become center of assault against the Teuforces. Officials here, before the Italian retreat last fall, saw great possibilities in a strategic way in shifting the front of attack to Italy

## PENSIONS MAY BE INCREASED

Civil War Veterans May Be Benefited by Efforts of Senator Smoot.

WASHINGTON, June 18 .- Under the act of June 10, secured largely through the efforts of Senator Smoot, amending the act of May 11, 1912, veterans o fihe Civil war may secure material increases of pension. The increase is provided for veterans of the Civif war only who are pensioned under the act of May 11, 1912, so that veterans of that war or under other laws are not affected. In order to secure its benefits, they should submit application for pension under the act of May 11, 1912.

The act provides the rate of \$30 month for soldiers and sallors of any age who were honorably discharged and who are now receiving a lower rate under the act of May 11, 1912. Those who are 72 years old, or over, and who served six months, are entitled to \$32 a month; those who served one year, \$35 a month; one and one-half years, \$38 a month. and two years or over, \$40 a month.

The commissioner of pensions adises Representative Hawley that increases will be granted automatically and without the claimants making application of any kind to the bureau of pensions, when the soldier is now receivin ga pension under the act of May 11, 1912. Where the soldier is not pensioned under this act, it is suggested that he write Mr. Hawley giving the facts in his case as to the present rate o fpension, age and length of service, under what act now pensioned, and if convenient transmit an application under the act of May 11, 1912, and his case will be promptly submitted to the bureau of pensions. The commissioner advises that he will endeavor vance has been blocked, each day to make payments at the new rates

James C. Staley's Name First Officially Announced as Involved in Great Graft Scheme.

LIEUTENANT

**BUSINESS MEN AND** ATTORNEYS INTERESTED

Correspondence Uncovered in Raids Concerns Congressional Employes.

The secret agents arrested him after he was said to have received a sum of money from Joshua Rosenthal and Louis Wener, proprietors of the plant. It was charged that he had told them he would expect more money as soon as they got the co tracts which they sought for 50,000 raincoats costing near \$250,000.

This was the first arrest of an army officer since the department of justice started its investigation late the system by which contingent fee agents have made millions by obtaining contracts for manufacture ers who were charged a commis Other arrests may follow soon, as I is known that a number of contractors in New York and elsewhere are assisting the government in runn down agents by whom they have been approached.

Lieutenant Staley is about 50 years old and came originally from was transferred to Fort Snelling. near St. Paul, where he was missioned in August. Subsequ he was trained at the quartermaster school at Camp Dodge, Iowa, and last December 11 was appointed an Inspector in the quartermaster's partment for raincoats and other army rubber goods. He has be stationed in New York most of the

time since. After being arrested today Lieutenant Staley made a complete confession of his part in the transacti department of justice officials said and gave much valuable information which may lead to the detection of other cases of fraud. He will be tried by a courtmartial.

WASHINGTON, June 18-The trail of the governments pursuit of illega to the arrest in New York of Lieutenant James C. Staley, a reserve army officer, on a charge of ac ing money from the True Fit Raincoat company of New York for a contract which he promised to procure The arrest was made by depart-

ment of justice agents who had followed the officer during his inspection of the plant of the raincont company, whose proprietors acted in

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## WAR SUMMARY

last October, when they forced back tain region, saying that all be closing at all.

its path.

both cases and made public today, been unable further to advance their bring their total and those of the lines since their initial onslaught last allies well in the neighborhood of "In view of the youth of Private week. Everywhere from the Asiago 5000. (Forest Sebastian and Jeff Cook) plateau sector eastward to the Plave and the fact that his offense seems river all their attacks have quickly that the Austrians have thrown fourto have been wholly free from dis- been repulsed by the allied troops teen bridges across the Piave ale loyalty or conscious disregard of his who, in their turn, have delivered a front of about fourteen and a half duty, I hereby grant him a full and counter-attacks, regained lost ter- miles between the Zenson loop and unconditional pardon and direct that rain, inflicted heavy casualties on the Conegliane railway bridge, and he report to his company for further the enemy and taken a considerable that the Italians are heavily engagnumber of prisoners.

All along the Piave river, from the the pontoons under their gunfire, army with propriety impose grave mountain passes, fierce fighting is The infantry operations on the bat penalties upon those who imperil the going on, especially on the Montello tle front in France continue virtually safety of their fellows and endanger plateau; in the region of the famous at a standstill, but the allied ar their country's cause by ack of vigor. Zenson loop and further south from German guns are roaring on vario or by infractions of rules in which Fossalta to the marsh country around sectors and it is not improbable that safety has been found to rest. I am Capo Sile, some twenty miles east of fighting on a large scale will be re-

tunity of his forfeited life as a chal- that the enemy everywhere is being of Serre the British and Germans lenge to devoted service for the fu- held along the Piave. On the crucial are engaged in mighty artillers house today by a vote of 73 to 44 ture and that the soldiers of the sector of the Montello plateau, duels, while rejected a senate amendment to the army of the United States in France which bars the way from the north-noticeable along the French sectors naval appropriation bill conferring will realize too keenly the high east to the Venetian plains, the near Montdidier and between Montthe rank of lieutenant general for character of the cause for which Italians have strengthened their politicers. The French they are fighting and the confidence sitions on the northern edge of the Defeat of the amendment follow- which their country resposes in them; plateau and repulsed two enemy at- continue daily to regain ground taked a spirited debate in which charges to permit the possibility of further tacks to advance on the northern en from them in the recent German were made that Major eGneral Bar- danger from any similar shortcom- border. Likewise to the south near offensive south of the Aisne and also Maserada and Candelu attempts by to take prisoners in their enterprises. the Austrians to effect new crossings Several attempts by the Germans

The Austrian pincers are not clos- port. It does not concede to the ing up on Italy with the precision of allies any of the ground in the mounthe Italian armies of General Cador- counter-attacks were repulsed. Con-Youths Who Slept at Posts na from the Julian Alps to the Piave cerning the fighting along the Piave, river and from the northern moun- it asserts that the Austrians have tain regions almost to the plains of gained ground at numerous points Venetia. In fact they do not seem to and that the battle is following its intended course

The upper jaw in the Venetian In addition, the Austrian war of WASHINGTON, June 18. - In Alps is stalled under the resistance fice says the number of prison to of the British, French and Italian taken in the fighting has increased to two young soldiers sentenced to forces, and the other one seems to 30,000 and that 120 guns, in addeath for having slept on post at lack the force necessary to bring it dition to mine throwers, machine the front, President Wilson expected across the Piave river and push back guns and war material have been his action to act 'as a challenge to the Italian troops which are clogging captured. The prisoners taken by the Italians Monday at one point The text of his order, identical in In the Alps the Austrians have amounted to 1550 which would

Unofficial advices are to the effect

sumed somewhere shortly. man will take the restored oppor- The Italian war office announces the Ancre, south of Albert and west

> of the Plave were frustrated with to penetrate the American lines in From Vienna comes a variant re- the Marne sector have been smashed.

The policy of this store forbids that goods once reduced be put back in stock at their former prices. Broken lines, odd lots and short lengths left over from Bargain Day must, therefore, be closed out at the reduced prices. There are many excellent values to be picked up all over the store.

A lot of Plain and Fancy Silks-a large and good assortment to choose from-35 and 36 inches wide. Values to \$2.00 a yard, while they last-

Fancy Waist and Dress Silks-a big lot of them to make a selection from. They are 24 and 27 inches wide, formerly priced up to \$1.35 a yard. While they last-85c yard

\$1.35 yard

For the Sleeveless Coat

Just in by express—the most wanted, most fashionable, richest JET BLACK VELVET used for sleeveless coats and jackets, also skirts and suits. Extra rich quality.

27 inches wide, yard

32 inches wide, yard .....