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WEATHER
Tonight and Wednesday fair, heavy frost tonight.
Maximum temperature 48; minimum 25; rainfall .35 inches; wind, southwest light, weather cloudy and threatening.

GERMANY'S FIRST SHOT--A MISS

FRANCO-BRITISH ARMIES WIN ADVANTAGES IN GREAT DRIVE; 10,000 GERMANS CAPTURED

Fighting Covers Front of 175 Miles and is Biggest Military Operation in History; Three Million Men of Two Nations Carry War to Hindenburg Line.

LONDON, April 17.—The greatest offensive of the greatest war is on today. Over a front of one hundred and seventy miles the Franco-British forces are driving with all the strength of energy conserved through months of winter preparation.

10,000 TAKEN BY FRENCH. The French troops in the departments of the Aisne and the Marne have delivered a violent infantry attack against the Germans over a front of 15 miles and made important gains of terrain and captured more than 10,000 prisoners and large quantities of war material.

ARTILLERY ATTACK PRECEDED MOVE. The artillery for several days had been violently shelling the entire region and Monday, while British activities along the front from Lens to St. Quentin had almost ceased owing to a heavy rainfall, the French launched their infantry in an endeavor to break through or press back the Germans from this point of great strategic value.

LONDON THRILLED BY OFFENSES. London thrilled today with the actual start of the greatest offensive. At least three million of France's and England's best troops are fighting. More than the world ever has known in one operation are being slain over a stretch of 175 miles. The French made their greatest advances over the Aisne line. Ten thousand Germans were captured. Battle front dispatches indicate perfect coordination between the Franco-British forces.

ITALIANS IN THE GAINS. ROME, April 17.—Italy may be launching an offensive aimed to catch the Teutons when they need men to compete against the great Franco-British push on the western front. Advice received here from Switzerland reported extreme activity by the Italian artillery on the Isonzo.

Head Not Guilty. NEW YORK, April 17.—Seven print paper manufacturers who were indicted on the charge of violating the anti-trust law pleaded not guilty and each furnished a three thousand dollar bail.

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LOCAL INDIANS AND WHITE RENTERS ARE ASKED TO AID MOVE

Acting under instructions from the office of Indian Affairs, Supt. E. L. Swartzlander of the Umatilla reservation is working to secure the cooperation of the Indians and white renters on the reservation to the end that every tillable acre available produces this year its utmost to assist in relieving the food situation.

On April 5 he received a telegram from Commissioner Cato Sells urging the imperative need of the intensive cultivation of all land in reservations. He at once began conferring with the Indians to get them to put in as much garden as possible, and in conferring with individual lessees to the same end.

With a long pull, a strong pull and a pull all together, I feel that the Indians will play a large and important part in the economic history of the nation during this period of war stress," he states.

NEW YORK, April 17.—The belief that Germany may have obtained information concerning the departure of the allied commissions is expressed this afternoon. It is recalled Germany learned of Kitchener's departure. The submarines off the American coast may be waiting the arrival of the ship with the officials.

COMMERCIAL CLUB WILL FOLLOW UP FOOD CAMPAIGN

ORGANIZATION TO BE FORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ADVICE FROM SPEAKERS.

To carry on the work which the special food preparedness plan outlined here yesterday, a campaign is to be undertaken at once, under the direction of the Commercial Association, to make certain that every bit of available ground in the city is utilized for gardening purposes.

Principal Drill and Principal Della Rush of the Lincoln school were the only principals re-elected. Principal A. E. White and Principal E. E. Geiss of the other grade schools did not make application. Supt. Park, who was re-elected several weeks ago, states that all teachers who applied were re-elected.

Plans will be made to list all vacant lots and tracts and secure someone who will put these utilized spots to garden. The meetings conducted by the members of the food preparedness party here yesterday were well attended both afternoon and evening and many practical suggestions for beating the high cost of living and for assisting the country to meet the food demands imposed by the war were given out.

CANADA'S MOVE HITS WHEAT PIT

CHICAGO, April 17.—News that the Canadian government has placed wheat, flour and semolina on the free list demoralized the wheat pit. May wheat went down to \$2.28.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 17.—(Special)—Club, \$2.05; Bluestem 27.85.

COMMANDERS OF ANTI-SUBMARINE MOSQUITO FLOTILLAS



ABOVE: LIEUT. COM. CHAS. E. COURTESY & LIEUT. COM. J. K. TAVENNER. BELOW: LIEUT. C. A. PHINNEY & LIEUT. COM. NEAL E. NICHOLS.

These are the commanders of the various divisions of the United States Atlantic Destroyer Flotilla, the men who in all probability will have immediate charge of the work of keeping Atlantic steamer lanes open and suppressing the activities of German submarines as a menace to American and allied shipping.

LOCAL TEACHERS REELECTED AT GENERAL ADVANCE OF SALARIES

Because of the high cost of living the school board last evening in re-electing teachers added five dollars to the salary of every grade teacher and to all of the high school teachers with three exceptions.

The salaries of most of the grade teachers were advanced to \$80 and those of the high school teachers to \$100 though several run above that figure. The salary of the music teacher and the art teacher was placed at \$80. The music teacher is to give half-time service. The following are the teachers re-elected.

SELLS 10,000 BUSHELS WHEAT AT \$2.02 1-2. The highest price ever paid for wheat in Pendleton, at least within the memory of local grain dealers, was paid yesterday to James R. Porter, who farms north of Pendleton, when C. O. Hinchart, representing M. H. House of Portland, paid him \$2.02 1/2 for almost 10,000 bushels of bluestem. The Porter crop was the largest crop left in the county. Several other small lots sold yesterday at \$2.00, and this practically cleans up all holdings save some small tailend lots held by farmers for reseeded. The wheat will be shipped east as soon as possible.

BIDS FOR RURAL CREDIT BONDS ARE BELOW PAR. STATE LAND BOARD REJECTS ALL OFFERS, STOPS TAKING OF APPLICATIONS.

Not so much for the blessings received, but for the opportunities that the board—let us give thanks.

SUBMARINE FIRES TORPEDO AT U. S. DESTROYER SMITH NEAR NEW YORK COAST; ENEMY RUNS

Torpedo Crosses Bow of American Warship Which Gives Chase; Submarine Attack Represents First War Act Since Declaration; Navy Department Confirms Report; Expected News Will Arouse Country to Action.

BOSTON, April 17.—An engagement between a submarine and the U. S. destroyer Smith, is officially reported. The message came from the Fire Island station to the Charleston navy yards as follows: "At twelve twenty this morning, April 17, the Smith apparently sighted a submarine. She fired a torpedo which missed the Smith by thirty yards. The wake was plainly seen across the bow. The submarine disappeared."

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Germany has fired the first shot in war against the United States—and missed. The navy department officially confirmed the report that the destroyer Smith was fired upon by a submarine at 5:30 this morning. The torpedo missed. The Smith chased the submarine. The enemy ship submerged and escaped.

WRESTLERS WILL HELP RED CROSS. TEN PER CENT OF RECEIPTS FROM MCCARROLL-KENNEDY MATCH IS OFFERED.

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