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WEATHER
Tonight and Sunday unsettled probably showers.
Maximum temperature, 63; minimum, 51; wind, west, light; weather, cloudy.

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NEW MENACE NOW LOOMING IN RUSSIA

Peasants Taking Things Into Their Own Hands; 150,000,000 Acres of Land Seized; Hundreds of German Agents Working in Petrograd Alone; Soldiers Urged to Desert in Order to Get Share in Vast Estates.

PETROGRAD, May 12.—THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WORKERS AND SOLDIERS COUNCIL HAS REFUSED TO PARTICIPATE IN A COALITION MINISTRY. THE EIGHT COMMITTEEMEN DID NOT VOTE.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The departure of the American commission to Russia will be speeded because of the continued internal disturbances.

PETROGRAD, May 12.—A new menace in the Russian situation is apparent today. The peasants are taking things into their own hands. Nearly a hundred and fifty million acres of land have been seized by the peasants throughout Russia.

Warms Against Treitors. Minister of War Gutcheff stated: "The people who hate Russia are contracting the work of the army and clamoring for the end of the war. An active campaign is proceeding against discipline and obedience. Don't listen to traitors. Insist that all ranks observe discipline. Soldiers at the front obey your chiefs, whose duty it is to punish disobedience severely."

Germany's Hand Active. Germany's fine hand is seen in the mushroom growth of many movements. Hundreds of German agents are working here alone. The full weight of Germany's influence is behind the Stockholm socialist conference.

Before the Duma Deputy Roditch-off, declared: "All honest Russian hearts are with you, even your opponents, and even those speaking against you. Don't weaken. Your name will be blessed as long as the Russian language is spoken."

OREGON HAS 108,000 MEN OF DRAFT AGE

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The war department began the distribution of the ten million registration blanks on which the names of the men between 21 and 31 will be indexed. The census bureau estimated that New York city alone should register 621,000; Chicago, 309,000; Oregon, 108,000; Washington, 217,000, and Idaho 54,000.

UMATILLA RED CROSS ORDERED TO MOBILIZE FOR FUNDS CAMPAIGN

The following message bearing upon the work of the Red Cross was received here last evening by wire. Washington, D. C., May 19, 1917. Mrs. Jessie S. Vert, Umatilla Red Cross Chapter 402 College Street, Pendleton, Oregon. The president has today appointed a Red Cross war council consisting of Henry P. Davison of J. P. Morgan and Company, chairman; Charles D. Morton, M. P. Murphy, Cornelius N. Elms, Jr., Edward S. Hurley, with William H. Taff, chairman, Elliot Wadsworth, vice chairman of the executive committee ex-officio members. The President today issued the following statement: May 19, 1917. I have today created within the Red Cross a war council in which will be entrusted the duty of responding to the extraordinary demands which the present war will make upon the services of the Red Cross both in the field and in civilian relief. The best way in which to impart the greatest efficiency and energy to the relief work which this war will entail will be to concentrate it in the hands of a single experienced organization which has been recognized by law and international convention as the

SELF INFLICTED WOUNDS RESULT IN MAN'S DEATH

LLOYD SHAWLEY PASSES AWAY AT 6 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING AT LEWISTON.

Lloyd Shawley of Pendleton, who shot and killed his wife at Lewiston Wednesday night and who fired two bullets into his own breast, died this morning at 6 o'clock of his wounds at White's hospital in Lewiston, according to a message received in this city from his half-brother, J. W. Brown who has been attending him.

PAST WEEK FINE FOR ALL GRAINS

Many Farmers Declare They Have Never Seen Wheat Grow as Fast as During the Past Several Days.

The past week has set the grain of the county a big step forward, the showers and the warm sun having combined to release the growing energy in the young wheat. A number of farmers declare that never in their experience have they ever seen grain grow as fast as during the last week.

There is a danger that the weather will turn out too warm. With the amount of moisture in the ground now, a real warm spell would have the tendency to make the roots of the grain spread out instead of going down. A shallow rooting rather than a deep one always makes the grain susceptible to any severe weather conditions such as cold or hot winds.

However, the past cool weather has had a tendency to cause the grain to root well. The 1915 crop was damaged a good deal by poor rooting when both cold and hot winds followed a wet spring.

Cut worms are reported to be doing considerable damage to the grain in some sections and the farmers would welcome a hot spell. When the grain becomes real warm, they state, the worms go deep into the ground and thus leave the roots of the wheat alone.

The growing season is at least a month behind now and some warm weather is needed. Ordinarily harvest is in full swing by July 20 and it is hoped that this year the harvest season will not be delayed beyond August 1.

FIRST 1000 MEN RECRUITED

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The first thousand men, for the expeditionary force of engineers to France have been recruited, the war department announced.

AGRICULTURAL DAY IS BEING OBSERVED

Organized Effort Made to Awaken All Producers to the Need of a Maximum Yield From Their Lands This Year.

Between 25 and 30 local farmers gathered at the Hatopy Canyon pavilion this afternoon for the Agricultural Defense Day meeting. The farmers were addressed by W. A. Bailey, district agricultural agent, and close attention was given.

Today is Agricultural Defense Day in the state of Oregon, and through the co-operation of the Umatilla county Council of Defense and W. A. Bailey, agriculturist, the day is being observed in this county by an organized effort to awake all producers to the need of a maximum yield from their lands this year and to secure a systematic survey of the crop prospects of this county.

Meetings are being held in all the farm centers of the county and at these meetings survey blanks will be given each farmer with the request that he fill them out. Farmers not attending will be supplied in other ways.

Love is the treacle of life that helps to make palatable the rest of the treat.

SMALL BROWN WORM IS DAMAGING THE WHEAT

A little brown worm has made its appearance in some of the wheat fields of the county and is already doing considerable damage, according to reports brought in. It is working on the roots, thus killing the plant. The presence of yellow blades among the green fields indicates the presence of the pest.

John Planting, who farms between Adams and Helix, has found the worm working in his fields as has Ike Christopher and other farmers of the same neighborhood. By digging at the root of a yellow blade of wheat the worm can be found. It is about a quarter of an inch long and resembles a cutworm.

Mr. Planting recalls that the worm made an appearance about ten years ago following a wet, late spring and believed the unreasonable weather is responsible for it.

BRITISH ASTRIDE HINDENBURG LINE



Reports from France indicate that Field Marshal Haig has made important gains along a twelve-mile front between Fromor (1) and Bullecourt (2). Progress was made in the vicinity of Cherisy (3). German positions two miles north and south of Fromor have been taken and the trenches north of Oppy penetrated.

SENATE KILLS THE NEWS GAG IN SPY BILL

Debate on Entire Measure is Limited and Vote is Expected Before Adjournment.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—By a margin of one vote the senate killed the censorship provision of the Gregory espionage bill, giving the government autocratic power to gag the press in any criticism of the government's conduct of the war or the administration's international policies by a vote of thirty-nine to thirty-eight.

President Given Many Powers. The measure gives the president powers hardly exceeded by any ruler in the world.

The measure was authorized to issue a proclamation governing the movements of all vessels in American territorial waters; to employ land and naval forces to prevent the destruction or injury of any vessel; the measure provides a heavy penalty against conspirators against the United States, against persons injuring vessels, against persons who loan, sell or build a vessel for war to the belligerent, and many other provisions.

The disposition of the censorship feature leaves the President without specific control over the press. It is possible for the administration later to secure the adoption of a much modified censorship provision. The debate was limited. A vote on the entire measure is expected before adjournment.

To Follow House Action. Immediately after the house vote, Gardner hastened to the senate cloak rooms and held a conference with Republican leaders. It is generally believed.

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SEPT. WHEAT IS SELLING AT SKY PRICES

\$2.45 Paid Today in Chicago Market for Fall Delivery; July Options at \$2.75.

CHICAGO, May 12.—(Special to the East Oregonian.)—The closing of May futures by the board of trade has turned the attention of wheat speculators to July and September deliveries. This forced July up 25 cents over the opening price to \$2.75, and September to \$2.45.

The special committee set \$3.18 as the price at which May trades must be settled. It is said a million bushels will be sold at this figure. The market is extremely nervous.

Today's Prices. CHICAGO, May 12.—(Special to the East Oregonian.)—Range of wheat prices today: Open, High, Low, Close. July \$2.47 \$2.75 \$2.47 \$2.75 Sept. \$2.15 \$2.45 \$2.14 \$2.46

St. Louis Market Wild. ST. LOUIS, May 12.—With trading in May wheat discontinued, the grain pits and merchants exchange went wild. July was sent up 28 1/2 cents, September is up 24 cents, July bid at \$2.69.

Portland \$2.08. PORTLAND, May 12.—(Special)—Cash bluestem wheat on a basis of Portland delivery, sold today for \$2.08, establishing a record. Some grain dealers are advocating closing the merchants exchange, because of the war time condition of the wheat market.

The Merchants Exchange bids today were club \$2.91, bluestem \$2.98.

GERMANS TURN IN THEIR FIREARMS

In compliance with the government's recent order that all citizens of a country now at war with the United States voluntarily surrender any firearms in their possession, two unarmament Germans of Umatilla county have appeared at the office of Sheriff T. D. Taylor within the past few days and turned over revolvers. There are quite a number of other Germans in the county who have not renounced their allegiance to their native country and who have not placed themselves above suspicion by voluntarily surrendering their firearms. Steps will probably be taken to deal with this class soon.

XTRA

AMSTERDAM, May 12.—The Belgian coast was halfly bombarded for an hour and a half this morning by aeroplanes supplementing naval vessels in an attack upon Zeebrugge.

Men who lack imagination are often forced to adopt the expedient of telling the truth.

"KAISER AND KAISERISM MUST GO BEFORE WAR CAN END" IS MESSAGE OF AMERICAN SOCIALISTS TO COLLEAGUES IN GERMANY

MILWAUKEE, May 12.—Indications that a nationwide rupture in socialist ranks is imminent came this afternoon when Victor Berger, member of the national committee, declared the socialists signing the anti-Kaiser message were not representative of the party.

NEW YORK, May 12.—America's socialists have notified their colleagues in Germany that Kaiser and Kaiserism must go, and that war against Germany must continue by the democratic people until that result is obtained. The message was cabled to the socialists in Stockholm, Copenhagen, Hango and Bern by specific instructions that the text be forwarded to the German socialists.

BULLETCOURT ADVANCE NETS MANY CAPTIVES FOR BRITISH FORCES

Opportunity for Massed Attack Has Passed; Struggle Now Developing Into Hand to Hand Fighting; Hindenburg Exhausts Every Reserve in Vain Attempt to Save Lens.

MACEDONIAN OFFENSIVE IS RAGING WITHOUT HALT

TWO HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS RESIGN THEIR POSITIONS

Virgil Fendall, athletic coach and head of the agricultural department of the high school during the past year has resigned his position to accept a similar one at the Tillamook, Oregon, high school. His resignation was accepted by the school board at their meeting last night. Mr. Fendall will receive the same salary as he has had the past year, and will also be in charge of the chemistry, biology, agricultural and athletic work at Tillamook.

Clarence Tubbs, assistant in the manual training department, also resigned. He will farm part of the Frank Carl land next year. The salaries of Principal Drill, Miss Alice Butler and R. E. Chloupek were fixed last evening. They will remain the same as last year, \$1350, \$1200, and \$1500, respectively.

Adopts Tax Budget. The board last evening adopted a budget of expenses for the next school term which will require a tax levy of nine mills. This is the same levy that has prevailed in the past few years. The voters of the district will have to approve the levy before it can be made.

EAT MORE CORN; SAVE THE WHEAT

- WASHINGTON, May 12.—With a world wheat shortage, the agricultural department has launched a countrywide propaganda urging the general war-time use of corn on tables. Now only ten per cent of American corn is utilized as human food. The rest is feed for cattle and hogs. It is believed, without affecting the meat supply, that the present two hundred million bushels used annually for feed could be many times multiplied. Corn substitutes—unsuitable for the table—it declared could supplant corn as a feed. Virtually there is four times more corn than wheat raised in the United States. The circulars and posters describing the various corn dishes and foods will be circulated broadcast, bearing the slogan, "Eat more corn."

LONDON, May 12.—The British have taken hundreds of prisoners in further advances around Bullecourt and along the Arras Cambrai road, north of the Scarpe river. Haig reported.

"During the night and early this morning," he reported, "we attacked the Hindenburg line near Bullecourt astride the Arras, Cambrai road, north of the Scarpe. We gained our objective at all points and took hundreds of prisoners."

All SORTS OF WEAPONS THIED. Crown Prince Rupprecht is trying every sort of weapon known to military science in an effort to dislodge the British grip. Hand grenades, trench mortars, liquid fire, boiling oil, nauseating gases, bayonets, big guns, little guns, machine guns, and rifle fire—all are concentrated in the fury of attack.

NO CHANCE FOR MASS ATTACK. All opportunity for concentrated mass attack has passed, according to descriptions of the deadlock received here. The struggle is developed into hand-to-hand bits of fighting while behind the road the guns on both sides are pelting the lines opposite with vast quantities of shells.

Massed offensives at Arras and other points around Lens are officially reported. The British grip on the coal city is increasingly strong recently. Hindenburg, with every reserve, is endeavoring, vainly, with extraordinary loss, to weaken the circle of the British trenches about the town.

MACEDONIAN FIGHT DESPERATE. Macedonian dispatches show desperation in fighting there equal to anything on the western front. General Serrail's allied army is jamming forward with considerable gain. The fighting is over rocky promontories, through valleys and around jagged mountains—conditions favoring the defenders.

Maad Opens Offensive. LONDON, May 12.—General Maad opened the offensive in Mesopotamia. The British still are pushing back the Turks. It is officially stated the new, by advanced British line is sixty to eighty miles north of Basra.

To Commandeer Ships. WASHINGTON, May 12.—The navy department asked the House naval affairs committee for legislation to enable the department to commandeer ships for the coast defense fleet because the owners of a number of the vessels needed ask exorbitant prices. Two hundred yacht owners refused to sell their vessels to the government at appraisal prices and refused to sell at any price.

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