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Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday; warmer Saturday.

Maximum temperature, 77; minimum, 47; rainfall, .02; wind, west, brisk; weather, partly cloudy.

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BRITISH SWEEP FORWARD ON 2000 YD. FRONT

HAIG STRIKES SUDDEN AND TREMENDOUS BLOW SOUTH OF OPPY GAINING ALL OBJECTIVES; FALL OF LENS IS CERTAIN

Several Days of Desperate Fighting Thought Likely Before City is Taken; Hindenburg Gets Ready to Retreat to Prepared Positions, Releasing a 150 Square Miles of Belgian and French Territory.

LONDON, June 29.—South and southwest of Oppy, Haig struck another sudden and tremendous blow, capturing the enemy's forward positions over a front of 2000 yards and gaining all objectives.

The fall of Lens is considered a foregone conclusion. Several days of desperate fighting before the city falls are thought likely. It is believed Hindenburg plans another retreat to prepared positions, releasing 150 square miles of Belgian and French territory. The French statement revealed another attempted German counter offensive on the right bank of the Meuse. All attacks failed.

Lens is reported practically in ruins from the German scheme of destruction and the shells of the fighting forces. Ordinarily Lens is a city of 25,000 population. It is the center of one of the richest coal fields in northern France and surrounded by 200 square miles which prior to the war yielded 15,000,000 tons of fuel annually.

Indians Are Kept Guessing.

France and Italy are directly in need of coal. The victory at Lens will aid in relieving the shortage. Haig's sudden strike at Oppy is another example of the British plan of keeping the Germans guessing by surprise attacks in force. The armies around Oppy were quiet for weeks. The British seemingly concentrated all their forces for an encircling drive around Lens. The Germans probably likewise hurried massed reserves to defend the city.

Hindenburg Retreat Prepared.

It is expected Hindenburg is prepared to retreat to a line running from Zonnebeke, 15 miles north of Lille, thence to Garvin, connecting with the Douai-Cambrai and St. Quentin.

Berlin Admits Loss.

BERLIN, June 29.—After a bitter hand to hand battle the English occupied the foremost lines of our defense between Oppy and the Bavreille windmills, it is officially stated.

FLAT FEET BAR MAN FROM NAVY BUT AID HIM TO WIN RACES

H. H. Jones, Rejected as Naval Recruit, Carries Off Practically All Athletic Honors at Freewater Festival.

A young man who wanted to serve his country and who was rejected as a naval recruit because he had flat feet yesterday demonstrated that he is something of an athlete, anyway, when he captured most of the events at the annual Freewater Cherry Day festival. He is H. H. Jones, who is working on the construction gang of the O. W. R. N. at the big trestles near Weston. He attended Freewater's festival and entered the races as a darkhorse. He ran away from the Freewater and Milton sprinters in the free for all 100 yard dash and took first in the standing broad jump and in the running half hammer jump. G. O. Miller took second in the race. E. H. Rose in the broad jump and M. E. Still in the half hammer.

George Harper won the 50 yard race and S. E. Davis was second. J. Wilcox won the 100 yard dash for boys under 12 and George Martin was second.

The 50 yard race for girls was won by Miss Chessman. Miss Williams was second and Leona Dauser third. Other winners were mentioned in the story of yesterday.

The Cherry Day festival was a big success in spite of the wind which kept some people away. There was a good crowd in attendance and the program was an exceptionally fine one. The festival closed with dancing in the evening.

WARREN CONSTRUCTION CO. GETS CONTRACT FOR THE WILD HORSE ROAD

Bid of \$119,120.42 is Not Only Lowest for Bitulithic But for Any Pavement of Any Kind Offered.

The first ten miles of the Wild Horse road, beginning at the Pendleton end, will be hard surfaced with standard bitulithic by the Warren Construction Co. This company was this afternoon awarded the contract by the state highway commission with the consent of the Umatilla county court after its bid had been declared the lowest and best.

The winning bid for the work complete was \$119,120.42 which not only was the lowest bid for bitulithic but for any pavement offered. Under an agreement filed with the county clerk permitting other companies to submit bids for laying bitulithic, two companies other than the Warren Construction Co. submitted bids on this kind of pavement. There were three bids for a two inch asphaltic concrete known as Topola Mixed and two for asphaltic concrete with a one inch binder and one and a half inch top.

Made on Basis of 12 Feet Wide.

All bids were made on the basis of a 12 foot pavement but the commission reserved the right to increase the width for the same unit cost. As a matter of fact the commission did decide at once to build the first five miles from Pendleton to Save, 16 feet wide. The commission also has the right to increase or decrease the width of the shoulder as it sees fit.

The winning bid is on the basis of \$1.29 per square yard or about \$90.1 per mile for the actual hard surface. The balance of the contract price is for rock work and shoulders. The commission was very much gratified that the hard surface cost per mile was under \$10,000 because of pre-election statements made.

Under the terms of the call for bids, the contracting company is only required to give a five year guarantee for workmanship and materials but

RECRUITING FOR TROOP D BEGUN

Actual recruiting to bring Troop D up to full war strength of 105 was begun today. Captain Lee Caldwell arrived home yesterday from southern Oregon where he went to look at the newly acquired ranch and brought with him from Portland enlistment papers. He and Lieutenant Cooke will have charge of the recruiting.

HOUSE HAS PASSED PRIORITY SHIPPING BILL

WASHINGTON, June 29.—The house this afternoon passed the priority shipping bill, giving the President power to control and give precedence to any shipping carried by common carriers.

SPANISH WAR VETERANS TO CONVEINE HERE NEXT YEAR

Pendleton was yesterday selected by the Spanish War veterans of Oregon as the place for their next annual convention, to be held July 2, 3 and 4, 1918. At that time they will be here several hundred strong, a special train being contemplated for the Portland contingent which will bring the Scout Young Camp Boys Drum Corps, of 50 members, along.

The ladies auxiliary of the order will also meet here at the same time. The vote to come to Pendleton next year was taken at Hillsboro yesterday after an invitation to the "biggest town of its size in the world" had been presented to M. L. Peters, of the Pendleton camp and pressroom foreman on the East Oregonian. Several other towns had planned to invite the convention for next year, but the demonstration in favor of Pendleton was so enthusiastic that the name of no other town was presented. By unanimous vote it was agreed to meet in Pendleton. Mr. Peters returned this morning from Hillsboro.

As they will be here on July 4 next year the Spanish war veterans will be an important addition to the celebration here at that time. They have a side degree known as the Secret Order of Snakes which will also give a public demonstration on the streets.

Must Guarantee Peace by Destroying Military Power of Prussia Says Minister

PERSHING'S MEN ARE NICKNAMED SAMMIES

WASHINGTON, June 29.—Major-General Pershing's men have been nicknamed Sammies. The title bids fair to stick, taking a place with the Tommies, Polts and Boches.

PRESIDENT TRYS COMPROMISE ON DRY AMENDMENT

WASHINGTON, June 29.—Members of the cabinet conferred with senate dry leaders in an effort to persuade the modification if not the total elimination of the dry amendment to the food control bill. While these conferences were going on, Senator Chamberlain succeeded in forcing the food bill to a reading of the amendments adopted by the committee, thereby hastening the measure on toward the final vote.

WASHINGTON, June 29.—The president is throwing his influence into the senate fight to save beer and wine. He is much exercised at the consequence of jamming through the drastic prohibition measure now. The president is endeavoring to force a compromise as distilled spirits alone are barred. The president believes the bone-dry prohibition is a blow against personal liberty and would create an uncertainty in business generally and might cause a spirit of antagonism seriously jeopardizing the war work.

GREECE IS IN STATE OF WAR WITH GERMANY

LONDON, June 29.—An Athens dispatch asserted that the new Greece government considers a state of war exists between Greece and the central powers.

DR. BROUGHER'S ADDRESS IS RAPID FIRE EXPOSITION OF HUMOR AND HELPFULNESS

Third Annual Chautauqua Opens Last Evening With Good Attendance and Fine Program.

TONIGHT, Evening, 8:00 p. m.—Concert, The Daverny Festival Quintet.

MORNING, 10 a. m.—Lecture, C. A. Rowland, Junior Chautauqua.

Allies Can Not End Struggle Until Democratization of Germans is Assured Lloyd George Declares.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO DISPOSE OF COLONIES

GLASGOW, June 29.—Peace can come only when the allies have attained their aims and have their objectives guaranteed, Premier Lloyd-George declared. Peace before victory, he added, would be the greatest disaster in the history of mankind.

"The democratization of the Germans is our best guarantee of peace. We would negotiate with them in a different spirit, with less suspicion than with the aggressive, arrogant Prussian militarism."

Would Avoid Experiments.

A number of business men met the commission in the lobby of the American National Bank and, with J. E. Italey as spokesman, asked the commission not to experiment on road building at the expense of Umatilla county. "Umatilla county is one of the biggest and richest counties in the state," said Mr. Italey, "and the Wild Horse road is one of the main traveled highways of eastern Oregon. We ask that the commission do not experiment on us with a cheap pavement. We want the best."

Must Consider Future, Too.

Mr. Adams declared that in building roads the commission must consider not only the present traffic but must anticipate future traffic. "There

Turks Can Not Have Mesopotamia.

"France is fighting to recover the peoples patrimony, Mesopotamia was never rightfully Turkish. The Turks converted the Garden of Eden into a terrible wilderness. A great international peace conference will decide the

disposition of German colonies. Mesopotamia can never be restored to the Turks, blasting tyranny, nor Armenia." Lloyd-George declared the submarines were unable to starve those staying at home or drive the allied armies from the field.

BUSINESSMEN MEET ROAD COMMISSIONERS

Informal Conference Held This Morning Prior to Opening of Bids on Hard Surface Road Work.

"Of all the cities in the state which I visited during the recent campaign for the good roads bonds, there was none that impressed me as did Pendleton. You certainly are alive here, full of pep and keep your augers boring all the time."

The above tribute was paid to this city this morning by E. J. Adams, one of the state highway commissioners in the course of a talk he made to business men at an informal conference this morning prior to the opening of bids on the hard surface road work.

Speaking for the commission, Mr. Adams declared that it would be policy of the commission to lay the very best road possible for the money available. In determining the best bid, he said, the commission would consider not only the initial cost but the cost of upkeep and maintenance over a period of years.

"You can buy a pair of shoes for \$2," he said, "and you can get another pair for \$6. Perhaps in the end the \$6 pair would be the cheaper. The same applies to pavements."

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NATIONAL GUARD TO BE SENT DIRECTLY TO SOUTHERN CAMPS

WASHINGTON, June 29.—Starting its original plans, the war department announced that, instead of holding the national guard in the home quarters after they are called, the militia will be sent directly to southern camps. The calls are arranged for July 15 and 25 and August 5. It may be necessary to make a general call August 5.

ARGENTINE NEAR BREAK

Buenos Aires, June 28.—Argentine appeared likely to announce the revocation of neutrality between Germany and the United States at any time. The subsidizing of the Argentine steamer Tiro announced caused the crisis. Public sentiment caused following, Brazil's protest.

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