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WEATHER Tuesday fair. Minimum, 49; Rain-fall, 0; Light; Weather, clear.

AMERICAN SHIP SUNK BY MINE OFF CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

Five Americans Lost When Vessel Goes Down; Was Carrying Missionaries From New York and Brooklyn; 19 Missionaries Saved.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Five Americans were lost when the American vessel City of Athens was mined off Cape Town, South Africa, last Friday. Four members of the crew and ten additional passengers were lost. The vessel carried missionaries from Brooklyn and New York to Capetown. The destination was almost in sight when the vessel sank. Nineteen missionaries were saved.

The dead Americans are: Mr. Sumner, Mr. and Mrs. Nagard, Miss Robinson, Caroline Thomson, the state department announced. "In addition to these, a man named Duckworth, a Briton, his American wife and six children were lost. Mrs. Duckworth's father lives in Denver. His name is unknown. "A telegram shows that Miss Robinson belongs to the Methodist board of missions, New York."

DRAFT MEN WILL GO SEPT. 5, 15, 30

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—The national army will move to their cantonments in three increments of 20 per cent each, September 5, 15 and 30, the provost marshal general has announced. The dates specified are for the enrollment at home stations. The last ten per cent will follow as soon after September 30 as possible. The final decision on the mobilization for the first citizen army has turned to a patriotic demonstration. The first day will be Wednesday, the second, Saturday, the third will fall on Sunday. On these days men accepted for service will report to their local boards and will entrain for camp within 24 hours of the time they report. The men must present themselves in civilian clothes with nothing but the absolute necessities. For many days the war department and railroad experts have been working out plans for the great troop movement to camp. It is stated the men will go with the least personal inconvenience, but it will be necessary to send all in day coaches.

SAN FRANCISCO HAS CAR STRIKE

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 13.—Fifty more United Railroads platform men signed a pledge not to resume work until wages had been advanced. Hours shortened, the strike leaders announced today. It is declared 1250 men will quit by tonight practically tying up the system. The company denies this statement. Aside from a clash between police and company guards and strikers this morning, the strike was free from violence. The company declared that less than 200 employees had quit. It is said the company is fully able to cope with the situation and maintain service. The company does not recognize that a strike exists, asserting that the men have not made any demands on the company.

AMERICANS ARE BECOMING GOOD WITH BAYONET

AMERICAN FIELD HEADQUARTERS in France, Aug. 13.—General Pershing and Ambassador Sharp have offered silver cups as prizes for the winning company squads in a great field day of rifle shooting, bayonetting, grenade throwing, machine gun firing and rifle grenade work. The contests will be staged under realistic war conditions. The elimination contests will start soon. It is likely that Pershing and General Sibert will attend the finals. The squads are far advanced in training, operating automatic guns and grenade throwing. The Americans are victims of bayonet experts.

NORMAL WEATHER FOR THIS WEEK

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Forecast for week beginning Sunday, August 12, 1917. Pacific States: Generally fair weather with normal temperatures. Rocky Mountain and Plateau Region: Fair, except local rains over southern portion beginning of week. Temperatures near or somewhat below seasonal average.

HOOVER TO CUT DOWN ON DINNER

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Hoover's war on high prices turned on the restaurants today. Experts began compiling full details of America's eating habits. Hoover proposes to issue a new national menu, designed to reduce both portions and prices from a third to a half in dining cars, restaurants and hotels. The economy board of the national defense council has sought to secure the cooperation of a few Detroit and New York bakers who thus far refused to stop taking back bread. The board is determined to stop retailers from returning old bread to bakers throughout the country.

FIRE DAMAGED ECHO CANDY SHOP

(East Oregonian Special.) ECHO, Aug. 13.—A small fire, believed to have been caused by defective wiring, damaged the confectionery stock of John Jordan here about 5 o'clock last evening. The flames, which started in the basement, were quickly extinguished and the damage to the building was small. Mr. Jordan estimated his damage at \$200, fully covered by insurance. His store is in the lower floor of the Masonic Hall. Mr. Jordan was in Pendleton at the time.

GUNMEN AT TEXAS IMPEACHMENT TRIAL

AUSTIN, Texas, Aug. 13.—Speaker Fuller of the house of representatives who called the Texas house together to consider impeachment proceedings against Governor James Ferguson, declared his intention was called off efforts on the part of certain gunmen and strikers to gain admission to the galleries when armed. Fuller said he had called the attention of Adjutant General Hutchings without effect.

GOVERNMENT PREPARED TO BUY ENTIRE 1917 WHEAT CROP; NO PRICE HAS BEEN DESIGNATED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—The food administration announced last night its plan for controlling wheat, flour and bread, revealing that the government is prepared to take over the whole 1917 wheat harvest if necessary to conserve the supply, obtain prices to gain admission to the galleries when armed. Fuller said he had called the attention of Adjutant General Hutchings without effect.

Minimum Effective in 1918. The minimum price of \$2 for wheat fixed by congress does not become effective until next year but the administration proposes to exercise a very thorough control over this year's crop through powers conferred under the food and export control bills. Following is the administration's announcement: "The disturbance to the world's supply and demand for wheat has caused a greater disruption of the

TROOP D IS NOW SAFE AT CLACKAMAS

Warriors Given Heartfelt Send-off by Local People at Departure Sunday Morning.

Troop D of Pendleton is now encamped at Camp Withycombe, Clackamas, with the other three troops of the Oregon squadron. The local cavalrymen left here Sunday morning at 2:35 and despite the hour and despite the fact that no public announcement had been made of the time of departure owing to the censorship rules, there were 500 or more people at the depot to bid them goodbye and Godspeed. The troopers knew early Saturday that they were scheduled to go out on one of the night trains and they made preparations accordingly. Their belongings were packed and taken aboard the baggage car set out for them. All evening and late into the night the troopers, each with his Round-Up scarf knotted about his neck, paraded Main street in twos, threes and dozens. They were taking their leave of the old town and their many friends.

While there were many sad hearts in the city at their going they did not belong to the boys of the troop. Having been waiting here for nearly three weeks for orders to move, they were happy and joyous at the prospect of getting nearer to actual service. Their two sleepers and baggage car were ordered picked up by No. 3 and a half hour before that train pulled in the depot platform was thronged. The girls of the Honor Guard were present and stood in line to say goodbye to the cavalry boys. Many mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers were present and there was pride but no joy in their farewells. The arrival of the train and its departure with the troop was the signal for wild cheering that woke up nearly all the sleepers in the city. Until the train pulled from view the troopers were waving their goodbyes. Troop D arrived in Portland yesterday morning and pictures were taken of the whole troop at attention and also of Captain Caldwell. Ref productions were in the Oregonian this morning together with a story telling of the arrival and departure of the "crack cowboy troop of cavalry." They went on to Clackamas yesterday where they found their tents already pitched for them. They expect to be provided with mounts there this week.

CHICAGO, Aug. 13.—Quick action which the state defense council will demand of the federal government at a coal conference August 16, is the policy outlined to representatives of the Illinois coal operators by Justice Carter, fuel director, today. He declared the coal price adjustment should come immediately, but he will not make a decision until after the hearings, which he expects to rush through.

Normal Trade Interrupted. "1. As a result of the isolation of certain of the world's wheat-producing countries by either belligerent lines or short shipping, the normal determination of the prices of wheat by the bid and flow of commerce is totally destroyed. "2. In order to control speculation and to obtain more equitable distribution of the available wheat flour between their countries, the allied governments have placed the whole purchase of their supplies in the hands of one buyer. Also, the European neutrals are now buying their wheat through single government agents instead of in the normal course of commerce. Therefore, the export prices of wheat and flour—such as the real prices, if not controlled—will be subject to almost a single will of the foreign purchaser. Large Stocks in Reserve. "3. In normal times, American wheat moves largely to Europe in the fall months. This year, the shortage of shipping necessitates its distribution over the entire year. Therefore there is danger of a glut in our ware

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THIRD WEEK OF FLANDERS FIGHT IS ON

Haig Reports Supremacy of British Artillery Over Enemy; French Victorious.

AUSTRIANS EXPECT AN OFFENSIVE BY ITALIANS

LONDON, Aug. 13.—The Flanders battle has entered upon the third week with Haig announcing nothing of special interest to report. Sharp, brief engagements marked the past 48 hours, as the Germans endeavored to regain some ground the British had captured. The British artillery is extremely successful in repelling the enemy attacks with heavy losses. Brisk fighting is reported on the Aisne front where the Germans strongly endeavored to retake positions which would secure their lines in the event of a retreat in Flanders becoming necessary. The French after repelling most of these attacks, regained ground recently lost north of St. Quentin.

Enemy Repulsed. PARIS, Aug. 13.—Continued artillery duels in the Aisne region and toward German infantry attacks north of St. Quentin are reported officially. All enemy attacks were repulsed.

Expect Italian Attack. ROME, Aug. 13.—The Austrians are hurriedly reinforcing the Carso front, anticipating a strong Italian attack. Italian airplanes are extremely active at Carso and other fronts.

FLASHES

FIRE ON AMBULANCES. ATLANTIC PORT, Aug. 13.—Since America entered the war German gunners pay more attention to American ambulances, according to Henry Houston, of Philadelphia, who today returned from the front. He served seven months driving an ambulance. Before America's war declaration the ambulances received only casual shots.

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FOUGHT OFF DIVER. NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—A half hour engagement between a German submarine and an American steamship off the Irish coast is reported. Neither scored a hit.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Disfranchisement whose religion prohibits them from making war, will be forwarded to mobilization camp, where they will compose the quota from their district and be assigned duty as non-combatants. Crowder has announced.

TO MAKE INQUIRY. WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—The United States plans to ask Germany through the Swiss government what was done with the captain and four American naval gunners taken prisoners when a submarine sank the campaign, the state department indicated this afternoon.

CHINA FOR WAR. TOKYO, Aug. 13.—It is officially stated that China will declare war on Germany and Austria tomorrow.

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COMMANDER OF AMERICAN DIVISIONS IN FRANCE



General Sibert, who is in direct charge of the Pershing "Sammy's" in France, in conversation with a French officer. The general is at the left of the photograph.

SUMPTER IS AFIRE

BAKER, Or., Aug. 13.—The town of Sumpter is reported afire and in danger of complete destruction. The town has asked for help from Baker. A part of the business district is reported already destroyed and the fire is spreading. Details are lacking. In a telephone message received by the East Oregonian from the Baker Herald at 2 o'clock it was stated that the entire town of Sumpter with the exception of a few scattering residences, was destroyed. The fire started about 1 this afternoon in the Capital Hotel, the cause being unknown, and spread with remarkable rapidity. The meager equipment in Sumpter was not sufficient to check the flames. The population of Sumpter was about 600.

KILLED BIG BEAR THAT WAS WALKING OFF WITH SHEEP; 3 BEAR KILLED

A story of big game hunting in the wilds of Umatilla county was brought back from Meacham yesterday by Col. J. H. Bailey who spent the day there in buckskin boots and patches. While there he came across Tom Gurdane, former chief of police who is now foreman for Smythe Bros out from Meacham. Gurdane told him of the killing of three bear and of a rattlesnake, over four feet long all in one week. The three bear were in one bunch and were bagged at the same time. All were well grown and the largest was walking on his hind legs carrying off a live sheep from the Smythe flocks. Gurdane, Bud Smith, camp tender, and a herder were in the party that brought down the three animals. The biggest Bruin weighed over 100 pounds and had tusks like a lion. One of these tusks was brought back by Col. Bailey. The rattlesnake was four feet five inches in length, as big around as a man's arm and had 20 rattles and a button. Col. Bailey brought the rattles down with him. The most peculiar feature of the incident, however, was the fact that the snake was killed high up on Wilbur mountain, contradicting the theory that rattlesnakes are never found on high points.

GERMAN WOMEN KILLERS DOWNED ON RETURN FLIGHT

LONDON, Aug. 13.—Two German airplanes which raided southeast and other towns Sunday, were downed, the admiralty announced. The machine were downed off the coast of Flanders. One was a new type German plane, the other a seaplane. The admiralty announced that twenty German machines participated in the raid, killing 23 and injuring 50. "Enemy raiders caused considerable damage at Southend, where they dropped about 40 bombs. The casualties thus far reported are: "Killed—Eight men, 9 women, 6 children. About 50 people were injured. "At Fochford, two men were injured, but no damage is reported. At Margate, four bombs were dropped. (One uninhabited house was demolished, but there were no casualties. "The text of the first official statement says: "About 5:15 o'clock this afternoon a squadron of about 20 enemy airplanes were reported off Folkestone, in Suffolk. They skirted the coast to Clacton, in Essex, where they apparently divided, a part going south to Margate, in Kent. The remainder crossed the coast and went south west toward Wickford, near which place they turned southeast and dropping bombs in the neighborhood of Southend, in Essex. Some bombs as so were dropped on Margate. "Our own aircraft were very quick in the air, and they pursued the enemy out to sea."

NO PASSPORTS FROM ALLIES TO STOCKHOLM

United States, England, France and Italy Join in Discrediting Peace Gathering.

ORIGINATED IN RUSSIA BUT KERENSKY IS OPPOSED

LONDON, Aug. 13.—The allied nations have agreed that no passports will be issued to socialists desiring to attend the international conference, scheduled for Stockholm in September, when peace is to be discussed. Andrew Law, chancellor of the exchequer, announced that the United States, France and Italy had agreed with England that passports permitting attendance at the Stockholm conference be withheld. The invitations to the conference were originally issued by Russians. Kerensky declared that he opposed the conference. It is not known whether passports will be denied to Russian delegates. The decision of the allied governments to act in concert in refusing passports will nullify the action of French socialists in voting to send 10 delegates. Arthur Henderson, who resigned as a member of the British cabinet following the action of the labor party in voting to send delegates to Stockholm, was severely arraigned by Lloyd George in a personal statement in the commons today.

May Not Attend. AMSTERDAM, Aug. 13.—German socialists will probably not attend the Stockholm conference if the socialists insist on discussing the responsibility for the war, it is semi-officially stated.

HARRAH NAMED ON COMMITTEE TO SPOKANE

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Aug. 13.—(Special to East Oregonian).—W. W. Harrah, the Umatilla county wheat man, has been named by President W. J. Kerr, chairman of the food preparedness committee for Oregon, as one of two representative farmers to attend the conference of Northwest states to be held in Spokane, Aug. 27 and 29. The appointment of two representative farmers to join with the Oregon Agricultural College delegation to the conference was requested in a telegram received by President Kerr from Secretary Houston. The principal business of the conference is to devise ways and means for obtaining the greatest possible acreage of fall sown wheat and rye in the northwestern states. President Kerr expects notice of Oregon's share of the appropriation made by congress to carry out the provisions of the food control law to reach him today. What the sum will be is not known, but it is believed already that there will be great difficulty in financing the campaign on the allotment. By close organization and coordination it is expected that the work will go forward with great effectiveness however. The other appointees as delegate to the Spokane conference is A. S. Roberts of The Dalles.

ANACONDA MINERS VOTE ON STRIKE

BUTTE, Aug. 13.—Early balloting indicates that 2400 Anaconda miners will vote to strike. A full vote of unionists is expected. A two thirds majority is necessary to call a strike. The strike of Anaconda miners will seriously cripple and might close the copper mines in this district. The Butte trade council sent a committee to Anaconda and Great Falls in an endeavor to have the metal trade councils there repudiate their recent contracts with their companies. The metal trade unions in the three cities are banded together in a state council.

CONFERENCE MAY END STRIKE IN KENTUCKY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—The labor department announced an informal conference with miners and mine owners in this district. The strike in which 2000 miners struck last Saturday.