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## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

### Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Informa- tion of Our Readers.

Dangers of another long war in La Grande are evident.

A home guard company of 111 men was organized at Dallas.

Gold Hill has taken over under lease the management of the city water system.

Portland Washington park zoo elk are to be liberated in the wilds east of Estacada.

Representatives of the grand council of Oregon, Royal Arcanum, convened in Portland Tuesday.

Indications are that the primary pamphlet for Multnomah county will run up to or over 70 pages.

Total subscriptions in Oregon to the third Liberty loan were unofficially estimated at \$22,997,650 Saturday night.

Mrs. Martha Jane Yates, who crossed the plains to Oregon 71 years ago, died at her home in Corvallis at the age of 89 years.

Linn county's total subscription to the war savings and thrift stamps during the month of March amounted to \$59,959.80.

The 28th annual meeting of the West Willamette association of Congregational churches and ministers opened at Hillsboro Wednesday.

Blanks returned in the federal farm survey for Lane county show that the farmers will increase their acreage of corn 100 per cent this year.

Forest Grove claims the distinction of being the first town in Oregon officially to file its record in going "over" in the Liberty loan drive.

J. R. Bowles, president of the Northwest Steel company, of Portland, has closed contracts with the shipping board for eight additional steel steamers of 8800 tons each.

All hotels and eating houses of Oregon are to serve bread only on request of patrons, and that served must be war bread, containing not less than 50 per cent of substitutes.

Beginning Tuesday, June 11, women workers in this state will receive an increase in their minimum wage ranging from 20 to 30 per cent and covering various employments.

Hens are not to enjoy immunity from the chopping block much longer, as the food administration announced that restrictions against their sale would be lifted on April 20.

Every county in Oregon has exceeded its quota in subscriptions to the Liberty loan. Jackson and Josephine were the last counties to swing into line. Both went over the top Saturday with a liberal margin.

Frankly opposing national prohibition and declaring for the introduction of light wines and beer under state regulation, Mayor F. C. Harley, of Astoria, announced his candidacy for governor on the republican ticket.

The largest sheep deal reported so far this season in Oregon was announced at Baker by George Densley, who had just returned from Echo, where he bought 7000 sheep, involving a purchase price of \$140,000.

To work on Independence day, July 4, and donate the wages received to the Red Cross was proposed by representatives of the North Bend locals of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen at a patriotic meeting.

Goble claims the honor flag for the greatest oversubscription of its allotment for the third Liberty loan. With an allotment of \$1000 subscriptions officially were announced as \$14,000. This is 1400 per cent above the town's quota.

Cochran, Washington county, subscribed \$11,500 to the third Liberty loan at an enthusiastic meeting in the mess hall of the Wheeler Logging company. The quota was \$1000. This is a subscription of 1100 per cent for Cochran.

Two hundred and six candidates filed for office with Secretary of State Elliott for the primary election, May 17. Of this number 188 were republicans and 18 democrats. Out of them will be picked 99 men to fill the many offices.

John S. Coke, republican of Marshfield, formally filed his declaration as candidate to succeed Justice Wallace McCamant on the supreme bench. His entrance places three in the race—Judge Coke, Judge Percy R. Kelly, of Albany, and Charles A. Johns of Portland.

Oswald West, former governor of

Oregon, filed with Secretary of State Elliott declaration of his candidacy for the democratic nomination for United States senator. His opponent for the democratic nomination is Will R. King of Ontario. West is now in Washington, D. C.

An aero training school for Oregon, possibly at Hermiston or Medford, may be established in the near future. The Portland chamber of commerce was advised by wire from Robert Dougan, Washington representative, that a special commission will be sent to look over sites at these two places.

With approximately 100 applications on hand the recruiting of the Oregon state police, authorized and paid for under a recent action of the state emergency board, has gone forward with such rapid strides that Major Richard Deich, commander, predicts its operation as a protective unit by May 1.

Oregon is staging another drive this week. Its object is that of enrolling 9500 youths in the United States boys working reserve. This is the state's quota. The drive is directed by the United States department of labor, and is designed to mobilize an army of boys whose service may be used upon the farms in caring for crops.

Provided the state public service commission is willing to go on record in favor of restoring the 5-cent streetcar fare in Portland, the city council will submit to the voters at the special city election May 17 a measure to enable the city council to relieve the company of the burden of paying between its tracks, paying bridge tolls, carrying firemen and policemen free of charge and paying streetcar licenses.

A mob which assembled in St. Mark's hall at Medford to prevent the meeting of Pastor Russell's adherents, incensed at the departure of the principals, drove by automobile to Ashland, where the members of the mob secured George Maynard, a Medford repair man, who is one of Pastor Russell's followers. Returning with him to Medford, the mob gave Maynard a coat of printer's ink and feathers and told him to leave town.

Eight men want to sit in the governor's chair at Salem. Six of them are republicans, two are democrats. They come from practically every section of the state. They are: J. E. Anderson of The Dalles; F. C. Harley of Astoria; G. C. Moser of Portland; Ben W. Olcott of Salem; Louis J. Simpson of North Bend; James Withycombe of Corvallis; Walter M. Pierce of La Grande, and Harvey G. Starkweather of Clackamas county.

Further increases approximating \$8000 a year were granted to state institution employes by the state board of control. Added to the approximate \$27,000 a year granted at the last meeting of the board this now makes a total of about \$35,000 increase granted. Increases are still to be given to eastern Oregon state hospital employes at Pendleton, which may bring the total up to or above the \$44,000 mark annually.

The state land board decided to grant an extension of time on the Jason Moore lease on Summer and Abert lakes in Lake county, providing a surety bond for \$15,000 is given by April 22, guaranteeing payment of the \$15,000 still due as a deposit from Moore, regardless of whether or not salts and soda deposits are taken out in the interim between that time and December 20, this year, the date to which the extension is to be granted.

Twohy Bros., contractors, who established camps and started work on the extension of the McGregor Malone railroad in the Young's river district, have withdrawn from active operation and the work is now being performed by the Crown Willamette company, under the supervision of James Bremner, of Astoria. The railroad extension leads into one of the largest spruce timber belts in the northwest. The spruce will be used by the government.

Twenty-seven banks in Oregon had deposits aggregating over \$100,000,000, as of March 4, 1918, according to a statement completed by Superintendent of Banks Bennett. Portland led the list with \$96,403,071.23, Pendleton was second with \$6,290,863.29, and Salem third with \$5,602,284.97. Portland with 25 banking institutions holds 52.2 per cent of the total deposits, while 26 towns outside of Portland hold 30.8, and the remaining 136 towns 17 per cent. The total in the 27 institutions having deposits of \$1,000,000 or more was \$153,261,209.48, and the total in the 263 banks in the 162 towns of the state which have banks, was \$184,591,308.69.

## THE BALANCE OF POWER



### OVER THE TOP

#### Ten Americans Killed in Action.

Washington.—The latest American casualty list contained 67 names, divided as follows: Killed in action, 10; died of wounds, 3; died of disease, 4; died of accident, 2; died of other causes, 2; missing in action, 4; seriously wounded, 11; slightly wounded, 31.

#### Big Spikes Found in Logs at Mill.

Aberdeen, Wash.—Spikes in logs ruined two saws, endangered several lives and hindered war work at the Donovan plant. The presence of the spikes is attributed to either German sympathizers or I. W. W., whose leaders preach sabotage.

#### Government May Seize Wheat.

Washington.—Food administration officials said state administrators had been instructed to seize grain where it appeared farmers were holding it because of pro-German influences.

#### The Unicorn.

The unicorn which assists the lion in upholding the British Royal coat of arms bears the reputation of being entirely mythical. But in truth it has an actual prototype in the chiru, an antelope of western Tibet and Hindustan. By right the chiru has two horns, but it is of so pugnacious a disposition that it often loses one of them.

In a statement issued by the Portland chamber of commerce covering shipbuilding in the Oregon district, it is shown that where there were six wooden shipbuilding plants December 10, 1916, there are now 17 and the number of employes in both steel and wooden yards has increased from 4200 at that time to 25,000 men. The monthly payroll was \$392,400 in December, and now is placed at \$2,754,000. Eighteen steel ships have been launched of 136,400 tons, and 43 wooden vessels launched of 193,000 tons, while there are 84 vessels on the ways.

## AMERICANS DOWN PLANES

### Two Enemy Machines Taken in Lively Engagement.

With the American Army in France. —Two German fighting planes were shot down inside the American lines by Lieutenants A. S. Winslow, of Chicago, and Douglas Campbell, of California. Each man downed one machine.

Both the enemy aviators were made prisoners. One of them was slightly wounded.

The American aviators were encamped when the enemy machines were signalled as crossing the line. Fifteen minutes later the American pilots sighted the enemy machines and immediately engaged them.

The French general commanding the zone in which the machines were shot down congratulated the Americans on their "beautiful exploit."

#### Secretary Baker Returns From Trip.

An Atlantic Port.—Secretary of War Baker arrived here Tuesday from Europe on one of the large steamships which flew the German flag before the United States entered the war. "I return with a sense of pride and confidence at the achievements of the United States and allied troops abroad that would justify many trips across the water," Secretary Baker said, as he stepped aboard a train for Washington.

#### British and Greeks Start Offensive.

London.—The Greek and British troops crossed the Struma river on the eastern flank of the Macedonian front, and have occupied seven towns, the war office announces.

#### \$77,927,167 Put into Farm Loans.

Washington.—The government through the federal farm loan board has lent \$77,927,167 to the farmers of the United States since the federal farm loan act was passed.

## BRIEF NEWS OF THE WAR

Reports from the battlefield in Flanders indicated that the British army was responding loyally to the appeal of its commander and holding grimly against renewed German assaults.

Having driven the British from Bailleul and Wytschaete the Germans also have gained other points on the high ground south and southwest of Ypres. After fighting with huge forces for eight days the Germans Tuesday got out of the lowlands, but to make their gains secure they must push on further. The British, resisting every step of the way, are striking back doggedly.

The situation, it is admitted in London, is more serious than at any time since the German drive in the north began. Some British newspapers already advise the evacuation of the hard won sector Ypres and the Paschendaele ridge, which is a continuation of the Messines ridge.

Documents captured from German prisoners show conclusively that the great new offensive of the Germans was launched with the intention of separating the British and French armies and crushing of the British.

Northwest of St. Mihiel the American troops have been compelled to withstand a series of persistent assaults, second in intensity only to those delivered by the Germans against the British in Flanders. And the honors at the end rested with the Americans, who met the foe at every style of fighting he offered and decisively defeated him.

#### Collier Cyclops' Fate is Mystery.

Washington.—The big American naval collier Cyclops, carrying 57 passengers, 16 officers and 221 men in her crew, has been overdue at an Atlantic port since March 18. The navy department announced that she was last reported at a West Indies island March 4 and that extreme anxiety is entertained as to her safety. The vessel was bringing a cargo of manganese from Brazil.

#### Centralia I. W. W. Property Burned.

Centralia, Wash.—The headquarters of the Industrial Workers of the World here is no more. Tuesday night during the progress of a patriotic parade patriotic men visited the headquarters, piled the furnishings in the middle of the street and set fire to them.

#### Tacoma Names C. M. Riddell Mayor.

Tacoma, Wash.—C. M. Riddell was elected mayor of Tacoma over A. W. Fawcett, incumbent, by a majority of about 400.

## BAILLEUL REPORTED TAKEN BY GERMANS

### British Forced Back in New Attempt By Enemy to Break Through.

London.—Bailleul, one of the most important strategic points on the north portion of the Flanders salient, has been captured by the Germans, Field Marshal Haig reported.

The British have abandoned both Bailleul and Wulverghem, Haig's report indicates, but the Germans have occupied only the former city. Wulverghem, which is dominated by Messines ridge on the north, probably is rendered untenable by British artillery fire from that height.

Bailleul has been the scene of the most desperate fighting in the entire Flanders drive. It was the stronghold from which the British hurled back the Germans from the northern edge of the Flanders salient. It guarded the entire Ypres salient from the south and its fall endangers the British positions in Ypres, on the Messines ridge and Zonnebeke.

Hindenburg has won his most important victory in the Flanders drive through the capture of Bailleul and abandonment of Wulverghem.

As he drove his wedge westward between the Ypres-Comines and La Bassée canals, Bailleul became the key to Messines ridge and the Ypres salient on the north and to Hazebrouck on the west.

Bailleul is located midway between Armentieres and Hazebrouck, on a sharp bend in the railway between those two cities. It is seven miles and a half east of Hazebrouck and about eight miles southwest of Ypres. The Messines ridge, which is the strongest defensive position in all Flanders, runs westward from the village of Messines past Wulverghem to Kemmel, a distance of about three miles. It is about a mile and a half wide and on its eastern face runs northward to Wytschaete.

This ridge is practically impregnable from the east and only slightly less difficult from the south or north. One of Hindenburg's main objectives in Flanders has been to work around to the west of this ridge and assault the British positions there from the rear.

The abandonment of Wulverghem, which is four miles and a half east and slightly north of Bailleul on the Douve river, gives Hindenburg a hold in the southern foothills of the ridge.

## BRITISH ORDERED TO HOLD POSITION

London.—Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, in a special order of the day addressed to "all ranks of the British in France and Flanders," says:

"Three weeks ago the enemy began his terrific attacks against us on a 50-mile front. His objects are to separate us from the French, to take the channel ports and to destroy the British army.

"In spite of throwing already 106 divisions into the battle and enduring the most reckless sacrifice of human life, he has yet made little progress toward his goals.

"We owe this to the determined fighting and self-sacrifice of our troops. Words fail me to express the admiration which I feel for the splendid resistance offered by all ranks of our army under the most trying circumstances.

"Every position must be held to the last man. There must be no retirement. With our backs to the wall and believing in the justice of our cause, each one of us must fight to the end. The safety of our homes and the freedom of mankind depend alike upon the conduct of each one of us at this critical moment."

Eight fatalities out of a total of 535 accidents were reported to the industrial accident commission for the week ending April 11. The names, addresses and occupations of the fatally injured workmen are: George Crumley, Wasco, with oil company; Omar Buford, Marshfield, shipbuilding; G. Schaeffer, West Timber, sawmill worker; C. E. Reiber, Elgin, sawmill worker; August Juuma, Astoria, shipbuilding; Bert Hines, Bay City, logger; Edward Pierce, Blundstone, trespasser, killed by logging truck; Charles Chaffings, Aumsville, section foreman.

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Educated at Mt. Tamalpais Academy and  
University of California.

Worked as a laborer in 1889, at \$1.50 per  
day, in the ship yards on Coos Bay, Ore.  
Rose from the ranks to executive head  
of a large lumber and shipping indus-  
try, employing many thousands of men.  
Started the town of North Bend, 1901.  
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Mayor of North Bend, 1902-1914.  
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