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## BRITISH ARE ON OUTSKIRTS OF COAL CITY

### CAPTURE OF IMPORTANT MINING CENTER ONLY MATTER OF A FEW DAYS

## FIERCE STRUGGLE IN PROGRESS

### Germans Are Being Driven From Ruin to Ruin in Stubborn Resistance to Conquering Britons

British Headquarters, June 26.—(A late dispatch)—Reduced to the necessity of fighting from ruin to ruin of the burned city, and their powerful trenches outside the town taken, the German position at Lens has become extremely critical this afternoon.

With fresh British advances the Germans destroyed the bridge over the Souchez river leading to the city from Avion.

British Headquarters, France, June 28.—Canadian troops have occupied the town of Elieu Dit Leauvette, a half mile southwest of Lens. Canadian patrols have shoved out in front of the village penetrating even closer to the coal city.

The enemy clings tenaciously to Avion. He gave up his trenches, which were on a slope leading up to the village, with a quarter of a mile from the houses, only under strong compulsion. His new line is immediately in front of the most westerly row of houses in Avion. It is connected with cellars and dug-outs in the village to which the occupants can retire when heavily shelled.

Strong Canadian patrols were sent out during last night along most of the front to learn something of the conditions in this trench line. They found them strongly held by the enemy and were unable to enter his defense. The Canadian heavy artillery has once more taken up the work of destruction.

Between Avion and Lens a considerable stretch of marsh has been flooded and wire entanglements have been destroyed on the eastern side of the flood area.

## SUFFRAGISTS SING AWAY JAIL SENTENCE

Washington, June 27.—The six suffragists who were yesterday sentenced to jail for picketing before the White House, seem to be enjoying their stay immensely. Nothing like a hunger strike has been attempted. They gathered around the jail organ last night and sang hymns for an hour or more, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" being the favorite.

Their audience was a group of about 30 negro women prisoners whom they later were permitted to address, their talks being fervent appeals for "the cause."

## AMERICAN OFFICER BEGINS ACTIVE WORK

Paris, June 28.—Major Mitchell, an American army aviator has been in active service flying over the German lines at Verdun and elsewhere during the past week, the American headquarters announced.

Mitchell is one of the first American army officers to reach France after the declaration of war. Two weeks ago he started a tour of the various French flying squadrons. He is the first regular army officer of the United States to get into action.

## RULES FORMED ON EXEMPTION

### President Ready to Proclaim Regulations Governing Exemptions From Army Conscription Bill

Washington, June 28.—The exemption regulations to be used in putting into operation the army draft law, have been completed and will soon be issued in a proclamation by the president. Every provision that could possibly be the cause of unfairness or tampering has been carefully safe-guarded.

From authoritative sources it is learned that the regulations provide the following general exemptions: Married men with wife and children solely dependent upon him; men with aged parents solely dependent upon him for support; men with orphaned brothers or sisters under certain ages; workers in industries necessary to maintenance of military organization and the national interest; state, county and federal officials. Affidavits will be required from claimants for exemption covering the points specified as entitling them to such exemption.

The regulations do not specifically state what industries are necessary to the maintenance of the military organization and national interests.

## BELGIUM COMMISSION ON TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRIP

Washington, June 28.—The tragedy of Belgium will be told to the whole of America by men who have been through it in the forthcoming tour of the Belgian mission.

Tentative plans for their trans-continental swing contemplate the most extensive tour any mission has yet made.

Among the places under consideration are Chicago, Butte, Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Cheyenne, Salt Lake, Kansas City, Wichita, Oklahoma City and many others.

## ANNAPOLIS CLASS GIVEN DIPLOMAS

Annapolis, June 28.—One hundred and ninety-nine members of the class of 1918 of the naval academy were graduated today a year ahead of time in order to furnish more officers for the enlarged navy.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels, in making the presentation speech, said: "A victory for the United States and her allies will forever end the fiction of the divine right of the German government. They will then have learned that a democracy of 160,000,000 people can speak with one accord when their rights are violated."

## PAROLE OFFICER NABS AN ESCAPED CONVICT

Portland, June 28.—A man wearing the yellow slicker given state convicts when they work in the fields stepped up to State Parole Officer Joe Keller on the street. "Can you tell me the way to the Burnside bridge?" the man asked.

Keller recognized George Hohoff, life termer, confessed murderer, who recently escaped from the state penitentiary. He knew Hohoff had a gun. Keller was unarmed.

The officer stepped up close to the convict. "You're not going to the Burnside bridge," he said. "Come with me."

Keller put his right hand in his coat pocket and stuck his index finger into the corner of his coat, as if he had a gun. "Covering" Hohoff in this fashion, Keller ordered Hohoff to raise his hands above his head and the two marched off to the police station, where Hohoff was disarmed. Today Hohoff is back in the state penitentiary.

## AMERICA'S CHANCE IS IN ARMY OF THE AIR

### Military Men Convinced That the United States Can Win War by Building Immense Fleet of Aeroplanes to Blind Eyes of the German Army

New York, June 28.—As soon as the food control bill is out of the way, the administration is going into congress with its aeroplane program. Eminent military men of this country and its allies have decided that America can do more in the quickest time, toward bringing about the defeat of Germany's armies by the construction and manning of an immense fleet of air craft than in any other one way. This statement is made in a military sense and does not mitigate against the great need, in which all our allies look to the United States, of furnishing the largest possible amount of foodstuffs for their sustenance.

Brigadier-general Geo. O. Squier, head of the American army aviation service, has given to a special writer on the New York Sun a statement of

## JOSEPHINE COUNTY IS NEAR THE LEAD IN OREGON'S GREAT DONATIONS TO RED CROSS

Portland, June 28.—Although the tag ends of the Red Cross fund will be coming in for some days yet, most of the subscriptions have been reported and Oregon has made herself proud.

The nation came to Oregon asking for \$600,000 as this state's fair proportion of the \$100,000,000 Red Cross mercy fund. For every dollar asked Oregon has given nearly \$1.70.

Of this amount \$609,000 has come from the state outside of Portland. The state at large was asked for only \$400,000, a sum that appears small compared with what Oregon has demonstrated as its unstinting liberality and capacity to give.

Nearly all the counties exceeded their apportionments. A small minority fell beneath what was expected of them, and late returns may put them on the other side of the ledger.

Four of the counties of the state

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## HYPNOTIZED.



—Harding in Brooklyn Eagle.

## DAY'S STORY OF U-BOATS

### Weekly Toll of Submarine Losses Shows Another Increase in Victims of Tontou Ruthlessness

London, June 28.—Mines or Tontou submarines were responsible for the sinking last week of 21 British vessels of more than 1,600 tons each, and seven under 1,600 tons, according to the weekly British admiralty statement.

Washington, June 28.—"The fewer persons there are saved from the crews of sunken merchant ships the better." This ruthless doctrine was expounded by Professor Flaun, shipping specialist of the Charlottenburg technical high school, and printed in the Freie Zeitung of Berns, the state department was advised Tuesday afternoon.

London, June 28.—The Norwegian steamer Volette and the Swedish steamship Gotla have been sunk by submarines, with the loss of several lives, according to a Copenhagen dispatch today. Fifteen of those aboard the Volette were saved. The others perished. Four men and two women are missing from the Gotla.

Copenhagen, June 28.—Two more Norwegian ships have been sunk by German submarines, said a dispatch from Christians today. They were the King Haakon and the Magne. Only six members of the King Haakon's crew were saved.

London, June 28.—The American sailing ship Galena, bound from New York for Rouen, France, has been sunk off Ushant by a German submarine.

Word of the destruction of the vessel was received today from Brest where 15 members of the crew were landed. There were no casualties.

The ship was held up on June 25, and a bomb was placed on board, which blew a big hole in the hull. The Galena displaced 991 tons and was formerly the Fosag Sney.

## LODGE SAYS CHANGE BONE DRY MEASURE

Washington, June 28.—Senator Lodge of Massachusetts this afternoon opened the attack on the dry amendment inserted by the house in the food control bill and approved by the senate committee on agriculture.

Lodge urged that the dry legislation be limited to prevent further manufacture of distilled spirits instead of the bone dry provisions now in the bill. Lodge also proposed that further manufacture of beers and wines be permitted.

## GASOLINE EXPLOSION SINKS MEXICAN SHIP

Mexico City, June 28.—The Mexican ship Soberano was destroyed in Frontera harbor today, when 12,000 gallons of gasoline on board exploded. Frontera is in the state of Tabasco.

## ANTI-DRAFT AGITATION AMONG COLORADO MINERS

Trinidad, Colo., June 28.—County authorities here are investigating a report that German spies are organizing Austrian and other pro-German miners here to resist conscription. There are many Austrians employed in the local coal fields, and a strong under-current against the draft measure has been noticeable.

## AUSTRIA MOVING MEN TO RUSSIAN BATTLE LINE

Rome, June 28.—As an indication that the central powers feared a renewal of offensive on the Russian front, the fact is cited today a number of Austrian divisions had been withdrawn from the Italian front and hurried north to the Galicia

## THIS COUNTY GETS SHARE ROAD FUNDS

### STATE WILL HELP IN GRADING PACIFIC HIGHWAY TO THE DOUGLAS LINE

## STATE PROGRAM COMMENCED

### Highway Commission Apportions Nearly Half of This Year's Available Funds on Pacific Highway

Portland, June 28.—At the meeting of the state highway commission, held in this city yesterday, appropriations amounting to \$280,000 were made out of a total of \$1,200,000 that will be available this year.

Josephine county is to get \$10,000 of this sum, the same to be spent in grading Wolf Creek hill and other parts of the Pacific highway between this city and the Douglas county line.

Douglas county will get \$75,000 from the state and a like amount from the federal government, which with its \$200,000 bond issue will make up \$350,000 to be spent in grading the Pacific highway through that county.

Other appropriations were: Columbia river highway, The Dalles to Astoria, \$500,000; Fort Rock to Lakeview, \$15,000; Bend to LaPine, \$17,000; Sherman county, \$15,000; Wasco county, \$10,000 plus \$125,000 out of the forest road fund.

The rendering by the state supreme court of the decision upholding the right of the state highway commission to issue \$1,200,000 in bonds as provided by the Bean-Barrett bill, in addition to the \$5,000,000 voted by the people, has been promptly followed by the commencement of work by the highway commission on a definite road program.

With all legal difficulties smoothed away by this decision, the highway commission can now lay out its road program, both for roads to be graded or hard surfaced under the \$4,000,000 bond issue, or for forest and post roads to be constructed or improved in conjunction with the federal government. This program in large part, has already been agreed upon by the commission, but could not be officially acted upon until the supreme court decided whether the \$1,200,000 provided by the Bean-Barrett bill could be used.

The program tentatively agreed upon includes the allotment of \$100,000 for hard-surfacing part of the highway between Pendleton and Walla Walla.

The allotment of \$100,000 to hard-surface the Columbia river highway for some distance east of Astoria.

The allotment of \$100,000 to hard-surface as much as possible of the Box-Tigard road beginning at the Multnomah county line.

The allotment of \$500,000 to complete the grading of the Columbia river highway between Astoria and The Dalles.

The commission will soon make other allotments for post-road work.

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## HEAVY ACTION UPON FRENCH-GERMAN LINE

Paris, June 28.—A violent artillery engagement today followed infantry fighting in Hurlerbus-Cornillet sectors, according to the official statement from the war office. A German attack on the Watt Willer salient failed with a number of the enemy killed.

Reciprocal bombardments of considerable intensity continue to prevail along the Aisne front and in the Champagne, and there also has been a renewal of the big artillery fire in the Arocourt sector, northwest of Verdun.