

Rogue River Courier

DAILY EDITION

VOL. VIII., No. 16.

GRANTS PASS, JOSEPHINE COUNTY, OREGON,

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1917

WHOLE NUMBER 2174.

DARING CREW TEUTON BOAT RAID PACIFIC

FOR SEVERAL MONTHS SHIP-
PING IN SOUTH PACIFIC SEA
WAS TERRORIZED

AMERICAN SCOOTERS ARE SUNK

Battleships of Japan, and Britain as
Well as America, Are on Hunt for
Commerce Destroying Teutons

Washington, Oct. 5.—A hunt for
the commerce destroyer in the Pa-
cific ocean has been set in motion
today.

This news follows the arrival at
Samoa and the obtaining of definite
information from the crew of the
schooner Slade, sunk by the German
raider Zeadler, whose crew is re-
ported at large on the seas in two
small boats, which however, are well
armed, after looting the Zeadler by
stranding.

British and Japanese as well as
American vessels will engage in the
hunt.

Washington, Oct. 5.—Word has
been received here from Captain
Haidor Smith of the schooner, Slade
transmitted through the commander
of the naval station at Tutuila, Sa-
moan Islands, telling of the opera-
tions of a German raider in the
south Pacific for the past seven
months.

The dispatch was sent on Septem-
ber 29, several weeks after the two
new raiders left Mopeha Island
where they had been captured by the
Germans. The first put to sea on
August 21 and the other on Septem-
ber 5 and it probably was their
operation which led to recent re-
ports of raiders in the Pacific.

Before coming to grief on August
2, the Zeadler had added the Amer-
ican schooners A. B. Johnson, Manila
and Slade to the list of at least 12
allied vessels which she sank early
this year in the South Atlantic ocean.
In the long period from last March
when she was last heard from the
raider probably sent down other
craft encountered in passing through
the Atlantic, around Cape Horn and
across the Pacific to the Society
group of French Islands, of which
Mopeha is one.

The Zeadler, according to Capt.
Smith's report, arrived at Mopeha
on July 31. Two days later she
stranded on the island and was aban-
doned as a total loss, the master and
crew with 27 white men and 17 na-
tive prisoners, making shore in safe-
ty. The company remained there
until August 21 when the Zeadler's
master, accompanied by three offi-
cers and two men, put to sea in a
motor sloop with machine guns,
rifles, bombs and about two months'
supplies.

The remainder of the crew stayed
(Continued on page 4.)

MEXICO HAS ANOTHER REBELLION ON HAND

Brownsville, Texas, Oct. 5.—A re-
volt against the Mexican govern-
ment has been started by general
Porfirio Gonzalez, a former Carran-
za commander. He has mobilized
800 followers at Aldamas, near Ma-
tamoras, about 100 miles from the
American border, according to re-
ports received here.

OREGON LANDS RESTORED TO ENTRY BY HOMESTEAD

Washington, Oct. 5.—President
Wilson today signed a proclamation
restoring to homestead entry 6,345
acres in the Wallawa reserve and
28,438 acres in the Fremont reserve
all in Oregon, to be effective Novem-
ber 15.

SIX-CENT FARE IS TURNED DOWN

Portland Street Car Company Not
Allowed to Increase Fares to Meet
Demand of Employees

Salem, Oct. 5.—The Oregon pub-
lic service commission today denied
the petition of the Portland Railway
Light and Power company for per-
mission to increase the carfare rate
on their lines to six cents.

The company's application for
such increase had been made on the
claim that it cannot otherwise grant
the increase wages asked by its em-
ployees, in lieu of which they state
they will go on strike.

The decision states that this wage
increase can be granted through
proper economies.

Commissioners Miller and Buchtel
signed the decision, Commissioner
Corey dissenting.

PROBE ORDERED ON LA FOLLETTE CASE

Washington, Oct. 5.—Formal in-
quiry into the alleged disloyal
speech of Senator LaFollette at St.
Paul a fortnight ago, was ordered
today by the committee of privileges
and elections. The investigation
will be conducted by a sub-commit-
tee of five.

After four of the members of the
original committee named by Speak-
er Clark had been excused from
serving on pleas of urgent business,
and others had failed in efforts to
get excused, the committee held a
glorious meeting.

It was found that the resolution
provided that it should report its
findings before Saturday; that Mr.
Heflin desires many witnesses called
from far states, and that the resolu-
tion gives no power for calling wit-
nesses or employing assistance to
conduct a hearing. Then they ad-
journaled to "think the situation
over."

Another meeting of the commit-
tee will be held tomorrow in an ef-
fort to determine what shall be
done.

SEATTLE HAS STRANGE WOMAN SLUGGER CASE

Seattle, Oct. 5.—Five shots were
fired by the police today at a prow-
ler believed to be the "woman slug-
ger" who with accomplices has at-
tacked five women in their homes in
daylight. The suspect was loitering
in the residence district and fled
when the police approached and
made good his escape to the woods.

Two women yesterday frightened
the slugger from their homes by
screaming. One woman was tied
hand and foot and another was
found unconscious in her yard and
a fifth was bound to a table and
beaten by the slugger.

DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE RESIGNS

Washington, Oct. 5.—James E.
Ralph, director of the bureau of en-
graving and printing, whose admin-
istration has been under investiga-
tion, resigned his office today.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCT. 5.—FRANK OX- MAN, OF DURKEE, ORE., WHO WAS FREED HERE YESTERDAY FROM THE CHARGE OF PERJURY, LEFT LAST NIGHT FOR HIS HOME.

BRITISH CRUISER IS SUNK—NINETEEN DEAD

London, Oct. 5.—The British
cruiser Drake has been torpedoed
and sunk, according to an admiralty
announcement tonight.

One officer and 18 men were killed
by the explosion. The remainder of
the ship's company were saved.

NEW TAX LIST IS IN EFFECT— HEAVY RAISES

AMERICA'S WAR FIGHTING
REVENUE BILL WENT INTO
EFFECT YESTERDAY

LUXURIES WILL PAY HEAVILY

Movie Films, Automobiles, Soft
Drinks, Phonographs, and Sport-
ing Goods Come in for Share

Portland, Oct. 5.—The greatest
revenue bill in the history of this
or any other nation, went into effect
yesterday.

U. S. Internal Revenue Collector
Milton A. Miller has sent out over
the state notices to this effect, out-
lining the principal features of the
bill.

Tobacco dealers are to take an
inventory of their stocks as of date
October 4 and hold the same pend-
ing receipt from Mr. Miller of pro-
per forms on which to make reports.

The tax applies on the following
articles held by jobbers or whole-
salers on October 4 or sold after
that date, such jobbers or whole-
salers being required to make an
inventory of their stock on October
4, and file the same within 30 days.

Moving picture films, chewing
gum or substitute therefor, per-
fumes, essences, extracts, toilet wa-
ters, cosmetics, petroleum, jellies,
hair oils, pomades, hair dressings,
hair restorers, hair dyes, tooth and
mouth washes, dentrifices, tooth
pastes, aromatic cachous, toilet
soaps or powders, or any similar
substance intended to be used or ap-
plied for toilet purposes, pills, table-
ts, powders, tinctures, lozenges,
syrups, medical cordials or bitters,
anodynes, tonics, plasters, liniments,
salves, ointments, pastes, drops, wa-
ters (except those taxed under sec-
tion 314 of the war revenue act—
which refers to fruit juices, carbon-
ated waters etc.) essences, spirits,
oils, and all medical preparations,
the manufacturer or producer of
which claims to have any private
formula, or claims to have any ex-
clusive right to making or prepar-
ing same.

On all automobiles, automobile
trucks, automobile wagons and mo-
(Continued on page 2.)

BATTLE FOR STRATEGIC ROAD IN FRANCE HAS COVERED FIVE MONTHS OF INTENSE STRUGGLE

French Front, Aug. 28.—(Corre-
spondence)—To say "I come from
the battlefield of the Chemin-des-
Dames"—the Ladies' Road—stamps
a French soldier in the popular mind
today as a hero. Verdun had seized
the popular imagination owing to
its position as the door through
which the Germans hoped to break
to reach the heart of France. Even
the battle of Verdun, in which the
French, by their long-suffering de-
termination to resist, succeeded in
thoroughly defeating the Germans,
is considered by some observers a
lesser operation than that of the
Chemin-des-Dames, whose posses-
sion means the command of the
great road to the north by which the
Germans must retreat.

The outcome of this great battle
has at the date of writing not been
finally determined. All that the
correspondent of the Associated
Press, who has followed the opera-
tions closely, can affirm is that the
French, after their first capture of
the famous road with all its observa-
tories as a result of their offensive
began on April 16, have been able
to hold all their gains, to inflict al-
most unbelievable losses on the pick-
ed troops of the Crown Prince's
army and to resist successfully all

BRITISH HOLD POINTS WHICH CONTROL LINE

HAIG'S GREAT OFFENSIVE AT-
TAINS HIGH PLACES OF GREAT
STRATEGIC VALUE

ONE OF WAR'S GREAT VICTORIES

Attack Was Timed and Planned to
an Exactness and Each Division
Played Well Its Part

British Headquarters, Oct. 5.—
The British are now entrenched on
the crest of high ground made fam-
ous in the Ypres salient because
of the heavy fighting that has oc-
curred on and about them.

As a result of the blow given the
Germans yesterday on an eight mile
front, five villages have been cap-
tured in their entirety.

The Germans bombarded the cap-
tured territory last night, but with-
out success.

Thousands of prisoners have been
taken by the British in the new
drive against the Germans, which
was begun today east of Ypres. All
the objectives of the British were
won, including positions character-
ized by Field Marshal Haig's report
as of "great importance."

The villages of Reutel and Noor-
denhoek were captured by English
troops, who also secured the high
ground overlooking Beelaere, east
of Ypres. Australian regiments took
the village of Broodzinde, five miles
east of Ypres.

As in the preceding attacks, the
latest one was timed to the minute.
The British forces, at a given signal
at daylight, swarmed from their
trenches over ground that had been
harrowed by myriads of shells from
the great array of artillery, and all
along the front of more than eight
miles, from south of Tower Hamlets
to the north of Langemark, they
made notable new gains or terrain,
inflicted heavy casualties on the
Germans, while themselves suffering
slight losses, and took many prison-
ers, large numbers of whom gladly
surrendered in order to reach a ha-
ven of safety from the maelstrom.

The attack was delivered with all
the dash of previous offensives, and
swiftly and surely the Britishers,
(Continued on page 3.)

STATE'S QUOTA IS MUCH HIGHER

Oregon's Share in Forthcoming Lib-
erty Loan Issue is Raised by
About Eight Million

Portland, Oct. 5.—Eight million
dollars have been added to the quota
which Oregon is expected to raise
on the new Liberty Loan subscrip-
tion.

A telegram received from Wash-
ington this afternoon brings the in-
formation that a total of \$5,000,
000,000 will be raised instead of
\$3,000,000,000. This means that
Oregon's quota will be \$24,500,000
instead of \$16,500,000.

The Pacific coast division will be
expected to raise a total of \$350,-
000,000 instead of \$210,000,000 as
originally announced.

MORE SOLDIERS ARE FED BY RED CROSS

Grants Pass was host to 347 more
of Uncle Sam's new recruits, en
route to Camp Lewis, at breakfast
this morning.

The next bunch to be served by
the local Red Cross will arrive next
Tuesday morning.

Camp Lewis, American Lake, Oct.
5.—In two hours last evening, 1,500
men of the third quota of the na-
tional army were handled by the re-
ceiving officers at Camp Lewis—the
largest batch to be handled in a
given time since the opening of the
camp. Up to 5 o'clock last evening
not more than 200 had arrived. Then
the big influx started with the ar-
rival of the Seattle and Everett con-
tingents. Between 7 o'clock and
midnight about 500 men were
scheduled to arrive. Today brought
the largest number of the third
quota, 3,743 men, which swelled
the population of Camp Lewis to
approximately 30,000.

COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BOARD ALLOTS FUNDS

The county high school board, af-
ter lying dormant for the past four
years, held a meeting in the office
of County Judge Gillette Thursday
morning and entered into contracts
with all the school districts main-
taining standard or accredited high
schools, whereby the districts will
in the future receive from the county
high school fund an apportionment
of \$75 each per year for the first 20
pupils, and \$12.50 each for addi-
tional pupils, the apportionment to
be based on the average daily at-
tendance, as required by law.

Up to the present time District No.
7, in which Grants Pass is situated,
has operated under a contract made
four years ago, which gave Grants
Pass \$60, \$50 and \$12.50 on enroll-
ment, and gave the other high
schools of the county, having no con-
tract, \$40, \$30 and \$12.50 on daily
average attendance. Based on the
old contract price and complying
with requirements of average atten-
dance the Grants Pass district would
fall about \$700 below the amount
heretofore received. The new con-
tract gives the Grants Pass district
the same amount of money but is
based on the average daily atten-
dance instead of enrollment. The
smaller high schools under this con-
tract are placed on an equal and
just footing with Grants Pass.

The county high school board is
composed of the county judge and
two commissioners, county treasur-
er, and county school superintend-
ent. The county high school fund
is raised by general taxation, each
district in the county paying its pro-
rata, the districts in which high
schools are located making up the
deficit in their individual districts
by special school tax. There are
high schools located at Kerby, Mer-
lin, Hugo and Wolf Creek.

BONDS VOTED FOR BUILDING CANAL SYSTEM

PROPOSAL FOR BONDING THE
GRANTS PASS IRRIGATION
DISTRICT CARRIED

VOTE STOOD 43 FOR, 5 AGAINST

Next Step Will Involve Completion of
Plans and Their Approval by State
Engineer

One of the most important steps
for the upbuilding of Josephine
county that has been taken in many
years, was the adoption by the land
owners under the Grants Pass Irriga-
tion district, at Thursday's election,
of the proposal to bond the district
for the building of the water sys-
tem.

The vote stood 43 in favor of and
5 opposed to bonding the district
for \$290,000.

The next move will be to com-
plete the investigation for determin-
ing the accurate estimate of cost,
formulating plans and preparing
specifications upon which contracts
can be let, to gather such data as
will satisfy the state engineer and
the irrigation securities commission
in order to get the bonds certified
as a state legal security, and to place
the project in such shape that the
bonds will appeal to bond buyers.

It will be necessary to appeal to
the circuit court for a confirmation
of the acts of the district. This ap-
peal will be started on the return of
Attorney Norton early next week.

There are included in the district
5,800 acres of irrigable land, and a
gross acreage of 8,000 acres, but
with a co-operative agreement with
the Gold Hill district a total acreage
of 12,000 acres, with a combined
bond issue of \$390,000, the esti-
mated cost of completing the two
projects is \$350,000.

RUSSIAN GENERAL WILL NOT GO TO SIBERIA

Petrograd, Oct. 5.—On petition
of the wife of General Soukhomlinoff,
the provisional government consent-
ed to allow the general, who had
been convicted of treason last week,
to serve his sentence in prison in-
stead of Siberia.

LAST CHANCE GIVEN FOR CONSCRIPT MEN

Washington, Oct. 5.—A last warn-
ing was issued today to drafted men
who have failed to answer the call
to the colors. The government
gave notice that those who have fail-
ed to report that they will be given
an opportunity to escape punishment
if they join the colors now and ex-
plain their previous failure to do so.
If they show a wilful disposition to
evade, they will be charged with de-
sertion and every effort will be made
to apprehend and punish them.

ALLEN EATON RESIGNS AS U. OF O. TEACHER

Eugene, Oct. 5.—Allen H. Eaton,
the university professor, whose at-
tendance at the recent Chicago meet-
ing of the People's Council for De-
mocracy and Peace brought charge
of unpatriotism by the Eugene
chamber of commerce and demands
for his removal from the faculty of
the University of Oregon, tonight
tendered his resignation to Presi-
dent Campbell, but will continue his
duties at the university until the
board has acted. A meeting has
been called for October 20.