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STATE WILL EXCEED ITS BOND QUOTA

PORTLAND BRINGS STATE'S TOTAL SUBSCRIPTIONS WELL OVER MINIMUM

SOME SECTIONS LAGGING BEHIND

Eastern Oregon Generally Doing Well. Local Subscriptions Will Exceed Hundred Thousand

The local banks report that a total of \$91,000 has been subscribed in Josephine county to the second Liberty loan. As the banks will remain open until 8 o'clock Saturday to receive subscriptions, it is thought that at least the \$100,000 mark will be reached. The county's quota was set at \$125,000.

Seattle, Oct. 26.—This city has redoubled its efforts in the loan drive to reach the minimum quota of \$12,000,000. Of the state's \$36,000,000 minimum, \$25,544,000 has been subscribed.

Portland, Oct. 26.—The official Liberty bond total was announced at noon at \$19,181,456, well over Oregon's minimum quota. While over \$10,000,000 remain to be obtained in just 24 hours, the city of Portland, with over \$11,000,000, is well over its maximum quota, but the rest of the state, with some few exceptions, has fallen lamentably behind.

Portland has made a wonderful record. With one-third of the wealth of the state, it has subscribed nearly two-thirds of the Oregon total, while in actual number of subscriptions, it has subscribed 16,400 out of a total of less than 30,000. Moreover in Portland, subscriptions made by an employer for hundreds of employes counts as only one subscription.

"Pendleton's record and Umatilla county's is one for the state to admire," declared the committee. "Based on the maximum quotas, however, Lake county heads the state outside of Portland with 83 per cent; Clatsop jumps to second place with 65 per cent; and Umatilla takes third place with 64 per cent."

Marshfield is now beginning to get its gait.

The following towns have attained their maximum quota.—Bridal Veil, Seaside, Wheeler, West Fall, Echo and LaFayette.

The minimum quotas, the allotment under which headquarters have worked up to this time, is \$18,000,000 and the maximum quota expected is \$30,000,000.

RUSSIANS REPULSE GERMAN DETACHMENT

Petrograd, Oct. 26.—The Russians on the Werder coast of Esthonia have repulsed a German detachment. A part of the German squadron, including some dreadnaughts are anchored in Kuivast Bay of the Gulf of Riga.

BANKS WILL BE OPEN LATE ON SATURDAY

The banks of the city will remain open Saturday afternoon and evening until 8 o'clock for the purpose of receiving Liberty loan subscriptions.

CIVILIANS ARE LEAVING

FORTRESS OF KRONSTADT

Petrograd, Oct. 26.—The evacuation by the civil population of the naval base of Kronstadt has begun.

ARMY MORALE OF GERMANS IS POOR

Many Evidences That Privates Are Rebellious Under Domineering Officers and Trouble Brews

London, Oct. 26.—The report that British troops had found a German officer who had been executed by his own soldiers, the body having the hands bound behind the back, has been confirmed. The incident occurred at a redoubt south of Poelcapelle. There were 14 German soldiers and young officers holding this place. When the British troops stormed this redoubt German soldiers surrendered and the British found the dead officer with five bullet wounds in his body. The reason for his execution was that the men desired to surrender and he refused to give up his stronghold without a struggle.

This affair is another link tending to substantiate statements made by prisoners that the German officers commanding certain bodies of troops along the Flanders front are losing control over their men. There is no doubt that there has been a very considerable deterioration in the morale of many of the German troops in this region. But the German fighting machine is recognized as still being a powerful one.

GERMAN WITHDRAWAL IS TO PROTECT RIGA

Petrograd, Oct. 26.—The Russians, following the German withdrawal, have reached the Riga-Orel railroad without coming up to the enemy.

It is considered in well-informed military circles here that the object of the German withdrawal beyond the Dvina is so as to consolidate the defense of Riga as to make its recapture impossible. The enemy also is shortening his Baltic front by about 30 miles, rendering useless positions of the Russian army on which much work had been expended, and necessitating the establishment of other positions closer to the enemy's new line.

CANADIAN MUNITION FACTORY WRECKED

Montreal, Oct. 26.—Tremendous explosions destroyed a portion of the plant of the Canada Explosives Company at Vaudreuil. A train carrying fire fighting apparatus has been sent from this city.

It is believed that there was no loss of life. The fire, which lasted an hour, started from the explosions, the cause of which has not been ascertained.

AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT

FACES BITTER ATTACKS

Washington, Oct. 26.—Sternly repressive censorship the past two weeks by Austrian authorities has failed to prevent the leakage of reports to this country of fierce attacks on the government in the reichsrath by Czernin leaders.

LIGGETT HAS SEEN LATE WAR TACTICS

San Francisco, Oct. 26.—Major General Hunter Liggett, former commander of the western department, will return from the French front within a few weeks to take command of Camp Greene where the federalized guards from California, Oregon and other western states are in training. General Liggett has taken a course in the latest military tactics on the firing line in France.

FRENCH STILL DRIVING HUNS TOWARD LAON

CROWN PRINCE FINDING HIS TROOPS BEING FORCED INTO SERIOUS POSITION

MAY FALL BACK TO A NEW LINE

Both French and British Are Keeping up Continuous Pounding of German Positions

From the heights of the Aisne, the French are driving back the forces of the German crown prince relentlessly toward the fortress of Laon, eight miles away, and possibly to a general retreat to a line reaching from St. Quentin to Cambes.

With his strongholds wrenched from him, 12,000 of his best troops prisoners, many other thousands killed or wounded, 120 big guns lost,—the crown prince's predicament is most serious.

Yesterday the Germans were forced back to the Oese-Aisne canal, evacuating valuable positions.

Two thousand more prisoners were taken by the British today. The French, in their attacks upon the Ypres lines made satisfactory progress; took the village of Draebank and the Papegood woods. Many fortified farms were occupied and hundreds of additional prisoners were taken.

Shortly before dark last evening the enemy launched a counter-attack against the British to the south of Houtholst forest, near the junction with the French, but this was repulsed with machine gun and rifle fire. Both the French and British were holding strongly their new positions in this difficult territory on the edge of the forest.

SUPPOSED SUICIDE MAY BE A MURDER

Sparta, Wis., Oct. 26.—Friends of Lieut. Malcolm McCoy, announced as a suicide at Vancouver barracks, have begun an investigation. Local doctors announced that the case looked to them like one of murder. The bullet entered behind the left ear and there were no marks of burns or powder.

BRAZIL VOTING ON QUESTION OF WAR

Rio de Janeiro, Oct. 26.—Parliament will vote tomorrow on the question of authorizing the government to declare that a state of war exists between Germany and Brazil, and also on all necessary legislation for the carrying on of war.

The president of the republic, Dr. Wenceslao Braz, has sent a message to the congress declaring it is impossible to avoid noting already the state of war which Germany has imposed on Brazil. He proposes the seizure of a German warship now in the port of Bahia.

POTATO PRICE WILL TAKE SUDDEN DROP

New York, Oct. 26.—The price of potatoes dropped here today. More than 300 carloads were thrown on the market and consumers are paying but three cents a pound compared with four to six cents. The new price gives the retailer a profit of \$1.50 a barrel.

SCHOOL BOYS TO ROUND UP WAR-AID FUND

FORTY BOYS OF SCHOOLS VOLUNTEER TO FINISH WORK WELL BEGUN

WILL CANVASS THE CITY SOON

Work Auspiciously Commenced Last Week to Be Pushed to Completion by City's Youngsters

The school children of Grants Pass raised nearly all the city's quota of the war-camp recreation fund in the one day's campaign last week. Because of the fine record they made, and the thanks they have received from state and national headquarters, they are determined to finish the work commenced.

At the request of Superintendent Imel, each school principal has appointed a committee of ten boys from her school, which 40 boys will be a committee to round up this fund. The boys will work in units of schools and already a keen rivalry between the four schools has developed. On the first campaign, they were extremely close, there being a difference of less than three dollars between the high and the low school.

The boys will solicit small contributions from business men, housewives and from whomsoever they can obtain mites to help the good cause along. As the first three days of next week will be a school vacation owing to the teachers' institute at Ashland, the boys will have several afternoons in which to finish this task.

Responses from all sections of the country are most gratifying. The fund is so badly needed, and its application will make such a difference in the fighting spirit of the nation's army, that citizens are everywhere rallying to the appeal of the war and navy departments. A total of \$3,500,000 will be raised.

ITALY'S COAL SUPPLY

IS GETTING PLENTIFUL

Rome, Oct. 26.—The railroads announce an increase in the number of fast trains throughout Italy in view of the improved coal conditions. It is now apparent that the enemy submarines have been unable to check the present arrival of new stocks of coal.

TELEPHONE GIRLS THREATEN STRIKE

Seattle, Oct. 26.—Electricians and girl switch-board operators here say that they will walk out at midnight Saturday unless word is received from the San Francisco conference that the wage demands, a closed shop, and recognition of the girl's union, have been granted by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company.

BRITONS WILL STAND BY SLAVS TO THE END

London, Oct. 26.—In the house of lords, Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade, gave a categorical denial of rumors circulated by Germany that the western powers were contemplating a separate peace at the expense of Russia and Roumania.

"The government," he said, "is determined to abide by our Russian ally, and assist her in constructing her new foundation and liberty. The government also realizes the great debt it owes to the Roumanian government and army and they may be assured the British will not desert them in the present crisis."

ITALIANS DRIVEN BACK BY TEUTONS

Powerful Offensive of Austro-Germans Cannot Be Held by Italians on Isonzo Front

Berlin, Oct. 26.—The Austro-Germans have captured over 30,000 Italians and three hundred guns in their new offensive.

London, Oct. 26.—On a 28-mile front running from Monte Ronbon to the Bainsizza plateau, the battle between the Austro-German forces and the Italians apparently is growing in intensity with the Austro-Germans the aggressors, but with the Italians stubbornly resisting everywhere.

Although the German war office asserts that gains have been made at various points along the line, the Italian communication does not concede any losses except on the east bank of the Isonzo south of Monte Ronbon. To the contrary, this communication asserts that on the Bainsizza plateau, where the Germans had announced successes and on the west slope of Monte San Gabriele, enemy attacks were repulsed and that the Italians even took several hundred prisoners.

FRENCH MAY DRIVE TEUTONS TO RETIRE

Copenhagen, Oct. 26.—The Germans, under the French victory on the Aisne, may endeavor to effect a general retirement to a new Hindenburg line, well in the rear of their present positions. Numerous hints from German sources of late have indicated that the German experts, recognizing the menace, particularly to the exposed salient south-southwest of Laon, were preparing a new fortified line somewhere between Laon and their former front, to which they expected to effect an orderly retirement akin to their spring withdrawal, as soon as the menace became pressing.

ONLY A RUMOR AS TO MICHAELIS' QUITTING

London, Oct. 26.—Nothing had come from any source up to early today confirming the report of the resignation of Dr. Michaelis, the imperial German chancellor. The London newspapers either ignore the report or print it inconspicuously.

A dispatch from Amsterdam says everything published concerning the position of Chancellor Michaelis is based on supposition.

BOND SUBSCRIPTION COMES FROM ARCTIC

Seattle, Oct. 26.—"Farthest north" in Liberty bond subscriptions was reported today when Circle City, a settlement on the Yukon just where the mighty Alaska river touches the Arctic circle, transmitted \$6,000 by wireless to a local bank to buy war bonds for loyal Americans living in the frozen north.

AMERICAN LABOR NOT TO ATTEND MEETING

Washington, Oct. 26.—The executive council of the American Federation of Labor has declined to participate in the International Conference of Workmen and socialists of all countries. The council, declared that such participation would be untimely and inappropriate.

WOMEN CLUBS HOLD MEETING IN THIS CITY

SOUTHERN OREGON FEDERATION WILL HOLD ALL DAY MEETINGS TOMORROW

LIVE TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED

Public Invited to Attend and Take Part in Discussions, Dean Fox Will Be Principal Speaker

The first Southern Oregon District Federation of Women's clubs which convenes in this city tomorrow, will hold all sessions in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, the ladies of the Methodist church serving lunch and dinner in the church parlors.

An invitation is heartily extended to the public to attend any or all sessions and any person is at liberty to enter the discussion. The clubs would be pleased to have men or women who may be particularly interested in Red Cross, food conservation or Liberty loan bonds come prepared to discuss the same.

The following program has been arranged for the day:

Morning Session
10:00 to 12:00—Business session with election of officers.

Afternoon Session
1:30 to 2:15—Address "Man's Responsibility to Win the War, From a Woman's Point of View," Mrs. W. Frank Gloeckner.

2:15 to 3:00—Address, "Germany and the American Program," Rev. Melville T. Wire.

3:00 to 3:45—Address, "The Function of Women's Clubs in War Time," Rev. L. Myron Sooner.

Discussion
3:45—Conference on Red Cross work, food conservation and Liberty loan bonds.

Evening Session

7:30—Music: Vocal solo, "On the Shore," by Neidlinger, Mrs. C. P. Wise. "Stamber Boat," by Jesse L. Gaynor, Mrs. C. P. Wise. Address, "What Men Live By," Miss Elizabeth Fox, dean of women, University of Oregon. Music, "Bridal Chorus," from Rose Maiden, Mrs. Knapp, Miss Cox, Miss Patillo, Mrs. Wible, Mrs. Hanson, Miss Drake, Mrs. Parsons, Miss Claire Wolke.

A GOOD FOOTBALL GAME TOMORROW

One of the most important football games of the season will be played on the local grounds tomorrow afternoon between Grants Pass and Medford. Both teams are working hard and both are entering the game confident that victory is going to be brought home.

Coach Blanchard says his bunch of young huskies are ready for the fray, with just the right degree of determination and lack of over-confidence to insure a victory. Medford has been having splendid teams of late years under Coach Klum and they can be relied upon to put up a good article of ball.

COAL DEALERS ARE TO BE PROSECUTED

Washington, Oct. 26.—The department of justice has received reports from various sections that retail and wholesale coal dealers are violating the law, charging more than the price set by the administration. A general investigation and prosecution where the facts seem to be as alleged is promised.