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## IRRIGATION FOR NORTH SIDE IS IN SIGHT

**SALE OF PROPERTY OF THE ROGUE RIVER PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION**

### BID IN FOR ELEVEN THOUSAND

**Reorganization of Company and Announcement of Plans for Work Expected Soon**

Another chapter in the affairs of the Rogue River Public Service corporation was closed on Saturday by the sale of the property on order of the United States district court by Robert F. Maguire, master in chancery. The affairs of the company were placed in the hands of receivers in June of last year and the real object of the suit, which was brought by F. M. Fauve against the company, was to conserve the property.

At the sale, which was held at the court house yesterday, Attorney Spencer of Portland, attorney for the receivers, bid in the property in the name of Newton W. Roundtree, for a sum a little in excess of \$11,000, subject to a bond issue of some \$400,000. The \$11,000 represents the cost of receivership expenses and maintenance during the past year.

A reorganization and re-incorporation of the company will be effected in the very near future and it is expected that within two weeks definite announcement of the plans of the new company will be made public.

It is believed that this move means the early operation of an irrigation system by gravity and pumping for the northside, and will eventually include all the irrigable lands in the district.

## FORMER GRANTS PASS MAN IN HUN PRISON

Word was received here through the Portland papers that Leo Leroy Graham, a former resident of Grants Pass, leaving here about a year and a half ago, is a prisoner at Kiel, Germany. Graham, who is a brother of Mrs. Harry G. Ritchey of this city, was a member of the crew of the schooner Encore when the vessel left Portland last May with a cargo of lumber. The Encore was a victim of the raider Wolff.

News concerning Graham was sent to Portland by the bureau of navigation, department of commerce and was received by the bureau from the naval attaché at Copenhagen, Denmark.

Los Angeles, Mar. 30.—An injunction to prevent the abolition of saloons by ordinance at midnight has been denied.

## HOUSE TO HOUSE CANVAS SELLS MANY WAR STAMPS

The people of Josephine county responded freely to the call of the war savings stamps house-to-house canvass. In Grants Pass there were 170 families who purchased thrift stamps or war savings stamps and the total sales amounted to \$1,148.84.

The schools continue their marvelous work to help win the war. Accurate figures are not available, but it is known that the sales of thrift stamps and war savings stamps made in the schools exceeded \$2,500.

The total sales in Josephine county to date exceeds \$19,000.

## EIGHT HOUR DAY TEN HOUR PAY

**Eight Hour Day and Equal Pay for Men and Women Engaged in Like Work Is Granted Today**

Chicago, Mar. 30.—The eight hour day wage increases and equal pay for like work by men and women were granted to Chicago packing-house employes by Judge Samuel Alschuler, arbitrator in the recent wage hearings here. Several other demands of the workers also were granted.

Beginning May 5, 1918, eight hours shall constitute the basic work day and such work shall be completed, insofar as possible, within nine consecutive hours.

Overtime shall be paid for at the rate of double time for all Sundays and holidays, except that where the operation is necessarily and generally carried on for seven days, provision may be made for relief workers so as to give the regular employes a day off.

### MISS. MOONEY RELEASED ON \$10,000 BAIL

San Francisco, Mar. 30.—Mrs. Rena Mooney has been released on \$7,500 bail on each of two murder charges.

## HUN WOOLEN MILLS HAVE BEEN SEIZED

Washington, Mar. 30.—Six great German-owned New Jersey woolen mills, with a total valuation of more than \$70,000,000, have been taken over by the enemy alien property custodian, who has named governing boards of directors to assume control of them. The earnings of the properties during the war will go into the federal treasury for the purchase of Liberty bonds.

The mills taken over were announced today by A. Mitchell Palmer, the enemy alien property custodian, as follows:

The Passaic Worsted Spinning mills, the Botany Worsted mills, the New Jersey Worsted Spinning company, the Fortman and Huffman company and the Gera mills, all of Passaic, N. J., and the Garfield Worsted mills of Garfield, N. J.

## GENERAL PERSHING HOLDS VITAL POINT

New York, Mar. 30.—By restraining further movement of German's first reserve troops across France, America's increasing military strength along the Alsace-Lorraine border is exerting what may prove to be a decisive influence upon the progress of Hindenburg's attack against the Anglo-French lines.

The key to the situation now confronting Hindenburg, Haig and Petain is the question of reserves. Both sides must depend for a renewal of activity upon fresh reinforcements. If Hindenburg were able to bring up still more shock troops and to slaughter them in large numbers as a further sacrifice to the Hohenzollerns, the situation along the west front would cause much anxiety. There are German reserves ready for such a purpose, concentrated at Metz and southern Alsace.

It would be fatal, however, for Hindenburg to draw on them. If they were to vanish, the road to the Rhine would be made into an easy passage for General Pershing. Were it not for the American armies now in eastern France and the fast-arriving American reinforcements, there would be nothing to prevent Hindenburg from throwing at least a quarter of a million men more into the western combat at this critical moment.

## LIBERTY LOAN ORGANIZATION IS COMPLETED

**COMMITTEES APPOINTED FOR EACH BRANCH OF PRELIMINARY WORK**

### DISTRICT CAPTAINS SELECTED

**City Divided Into Four and County Into Nineteen Districts, Each With Captain in Charge**

The organization work for the Liberty loan drive in Josephine county is about completed. All committees have been appointed for each particular branch of the work. A map has been prepared dividing the county in 19 districts. These districts have been outlined to conform as nearly as possible to topographical conveniences. Each district will have a team captain who will have charge of the work in preparing questionnaires. This captain will select any number necessary as members of his committee, to make a thorough canvass of the district and obtain the names of all persons who are the head of a family or have an income or earning capacity sufficient to justify the purchase of a Liberty bond. It is the intention of the committee having charge of this part of the work to have all questionnaires returned by April 5. The cards will then be turned over to a committee which will insert the amount of taxable property of each person as shown by the county tax rolls. When this is completed the cards will be delivered to the rating committee.

The names of those who subscribed for Liberty bonds of either of the prior issues will also be provided and the amount inserted in the questionnaire cards. All preliminary work will then be completed and Josephine county will be ready for a systematic drive when the time arrives for the Liberty loan campaign. The apportionment for this county has not been made. Definite announcements as to the amounts, rate of interest, kind of bonds, etc., will be made as soon as the information is available.

Chairman Bramwell has made the following committee appointments: Executive committee—Frank C. Bramwell, chairman; Geo. E. Lundburg, Sam H. Baker, N. F. Macduff, E. T. Ludden.

Other Standing Committees: Questionnaires and teams captains—E. L. Coburn, chairman; A. N. Parsons, C. A. Winetrot, T. P. Cramer, E. H. Balsiger, George W.

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## FOCH'S APPOINTMENT PLEASURES THE ALLIES

Washington, Mar. 30.—News of the appointment of General Foch was conveyed to President Wilson during the cabinet meeting yesterday. The text of the cablegram to the general was made public before the cabinet adjourned.

The president, in addressing the cablegram, however, did not make clear whether Foch was supreme in command or merely in command of the Anglo-French-American army of maneuver—the "victory reserve."

The announcement that General Foch commands the allied reserves is most pleasing to the military experts, who say that the veteran French general has no equal in all Europe as an exponent of military strategy. With his transport line short, so far as these things go in Europe, and with an abundance of men and supplies of all sorts, Foch can be depended upon to reach the vital spot in the German advanced lines by the quickest route.

## GERMANS PUSH THEIR WEDGE INTO ENTENTE

**APEX OF ENEMY'S LANE DRIVEN TO WITHIN 12 MILES OF CITY OF AMIENS**

### LIFE STRUGGLE EBBS AND FLOWS

**Huns Claim to Have Defeated British and French Troops and to Have Captured Beaumont**

Paris, Mar. 30.—Germans have driven forward an apex of their wedge toward Amiens, now astride of the Somme, about 12 miles east of Amiens. The British line is now west of Marcellave and Demuin and is still regarded hopeful. The enemy advance has not yet been arrested, but is certainly greatly retarded. French have completely checked the Germans west of Montdidier. Continuing their counter offensive in the region about Arras and Oise, the enemy's line offers positions for the entente counter blow to roll up one side of the enemy wedge.

Berlin, Mar. 30.—Between the Somme and Avre, Germans have driven the British and French troops further back, reinforcements of the enemy brought up from parts of their former positions and have captured Becucourt and Mesieres. French attacks against Montdidier have failed.

London, Mar. 30.—Fighting on the battle front between the Scarpe and the Oise has diminished greatly, except between Albert and Montdidier. The allies are preparing for a counter blow. The German strength given indication of waning. General Foch will command the British, French and American armies in the expect attack.

British Headquarters, Mar. 30.—In the vicinity of Albert, Germans are digging themselves in, along a line from Thirval to Labohelle.

London, Mar. 30.—The war office announces that the Germans have captured Agvillers, five and one half miles northwest of Montdidier, as also the villages of Grievnes, Catigny, Mensil, St. Georges and Ayencourt, all in the Montdidier region. They are also making progress west of the Aves river. A heavy rain is falling.

### MORE UNIONS THREATEN TO HOLD UP SHIPBUILDING

New York, Mar. 30.—The work of camouflaging ships in this harbor may be brought to a halt next week unless the demands of ship painters for a raise in pay is granted.

The painters, who now get 80 cents an hour, ask an increase of 20 cents and threaten to strike tomorrow unless their demands are granted.

## BOY SCOUTS MAKING GOOD STAMP SALES

The sale of war savings and thrift stamps which is being conducted by the Boy Scouts indicate that they are putting forth good efforts. Stamps which have been delivered by the postmaster and were sold through the activities of the scouts total \$1,194.25 for the past week. Thomas McKinstry sold stamps valued at \$646 and is high boy for the week. Newell McKinstry is second with \$195. Claude McCracken is third with \$71.75 and is again in the honor columns.

Scout Norris Clemens has gone to Kerby and Holland to sell stamps today.

## FRIGHTFULNESS OF HUN MURDER

**Paris Church Is Struck by Shell During Good Friday Services. Women and Children Pay the Price**

Paris, Mar. 30.—Germany's long range gun has surpassed the airplane for frightfulness. A shell struck a Paris church during Good Friday services, killing over 75 and injuring 80, mostly women and children. More bodies of women were found today.

Washington, Mar. 30.—French reserve troops have stopped the German advance on a 25 mile front, extending from Moreuil to Laasigny, according to an official Paris dispatch.

Paris, Mar. 30.—Germans have renewed powerful attacks in the Montdidier region, where their wedge has been pushed farthest toward Paris and a great battle is raging. Apparently French have been forced back slightly on the northern edge as far as Moreuil, which forms a part of the line.

## FOOD ADMINISTRATION SEES IRRIGATION NEED

Engineer John Dubuis of the Grants Pass Irrigation district project and F. S. Bramwell, president of the Chamber of Commerce, left last night for San Francisco to confer with the federal reserve board, in connection with the local irrigation situation.

Mr. Bramwell on Friday received the following wire from W. B. Ayer, federal food administrator for Oregon, showing his idea of the importance of the project:

"I understand that you are leaving for San Francisco tomorrow evening for the purpose of presenting to the federal reserve board the application of the Grants Pass Irrigation district. Will you please say to them that I consider it of the utmost importance that irrigation development should be encouraged as a food production measure and that I trust that in their investigation of the merits of the Grants Pass project they will give due consideration to this phase of the matter. W. B. Ayer."

## WILFORD ALLEN WILL GIVE FISH BILL TALK

Wilford Allen, former editor of the Courier, and former president of the Chamber of Commerce, now a member of the state industrial accident commission, will be guest at the noon luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce on Monday and will present some interesting information regarding the fish bill. There will also be a discussion of the irrigation district project.

### MOLLA BJURSTEDT WINS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

New York, Mar. 30.—Molla Bjurstedt has won the indoor tennis championship, defeating Miss Eleanor Goss.

## NEST OF SPIES IS FOUND IN FACTORY

Newark, N. J., Mar. 30.—Admission that a group of spies have been employed in the plants of the Curtis engineering corporation at Hempstead, New York, has been obtained from Mrs. Lydia White, arrested with blue-prints of airplanes in her possession.

## SHIPBUILDERS OFFER TO MAKE OREGON FIRST

**CAN TURN OUT MORE VESSELS THAN ANY OTHER STATE IN THE UNION**

### TIMBER AND SITES AVAILABLE

**Prepared to Construct 150 Motor Driven Wooden Ships Without Interference With Program**

Washington, Mar. 30.—The shipbuilding board has granted permission to vacant wooden shipyards of Oregon to accept contracts for the construction of 150 motor driven ships of 200 tons each. Vessels will probably be put into Pacific coast and China trade and will cost about \$400,000 each.

Washington, Mar. 30.—Oregon ship builders have made an offer to the shipping board to build 150 motor-driven wooden ships, without interfering with the government's program. Timber and sites are available. They offer to make Oregon the foremost shipbuilding state, by turning out more vessels than any other state of the union.

Portland, Mar. 30.—A seventy-five million dollar shipbuilding project at Portland will be entered upon by Delaware capitalists—presumably the Du Ponts—as soon as Chairman Hurley of the shipping board, confirms in writing assurances he gave over the telephone yesterday to Senator McNary. This written confirmation is promised today.

In brief, the shipping board has agreed to amend its regulations, according to suggestions made by Senator McNary, so that private capital may build at Portland for private American account, and receive assurance that it can complete and turn over to the owners ships of 3,000 to 3,200 tons, such ships to be operated after completion in trans-Pacific, Australian and South American trade.

### DEATH PENALTY FOR ESPIONAGE IS PROPOSED

Washington, Mar. 30.—The death penalty for many acts of espionage will be proposed in legislation brought before congress, said Senator Overman, after hearing the testimony of several government agents.

### OHIO MOB TEACHES PRO-HUNS PATRIOTISM

Cashocton, Ohio, Mar. 30.—A mob of 500 to 600 persons early today visited 16 homes and forced between 26 and 30 alleged pro-Germans to kiss the Stars and Stripes and say, "To hell with the Kaiser."

## JOSEPHINE'S QUOTA LEAVES THIS MORNING

Josephine county's quota representing the first 5 per cent of the second draft will leave this morning on No. 14 for the camp. The county will be represented by Lewis S. Fall, Merlin; Roy Ruby Reed, Leiland, and Maple Carmen Page, Galice, and these are the first men called by draft from Josephine county. Five other men will leave for camp at the same time, having been drafted from other counties, but are temporary residents here.

It is expected that a large delegation of citizens will be at the station to give the men a patriotic send-off.