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HUN ADVANCE IS STOPPED ON NORTH OF LINE

BRITISH WITHSTAND ATTACKS AND DRIVE OFF INVADERS AT IMPORANT POINTS

GERMANS ARE THRUST OUT

Attack Near Merville Fails—British Advance West of Festubert Taking Prisoners

London, Apr. 13.—The British repulsed an enemy attack west of Merville and advanced slightly near Festubert and took some prisoners.

Heavy fighting occurred last night near Nueve Eglise and Wulverghem. The Germans entered the British lines east of Locon at certain points, but were ejected by counter-attacks.

With the British Army, Apr. 13—Further attack on the British right wing between Givenchy and Rebecq, on LaBassee canal, wholly failed. Two attempts to capture Locon were repulsed. The British also delivered counter-attacks around Givenchy and took an important German post.

London, Apr. 13.—While the position of the northern line on the British front is a little less alarming today, military authorities still take a grave view of the situation, according to the evening newspaper reviews. They do not conceal their apprehension that if the enemy were successful in his heavy blows west of Armentieres and compelled the British to retire from Bailleul and Hazebrouck, Ypres would have to be abandoned and the French channel ports would be in imminent danger.

For the moment, at any rate, the Germans are being held, it is pointed out,

The next three or four days, the reviewers consider, will be the most critical in the war.

OVER 30 BOYS ARE BURNED IN HOSPITAL

Norman, Okla., Apr. 13.—Between 30 and 37 boys of from 10 to 15 years of age, patients of the state hospital for the insane, were burned to death here this morning at 3 o'clock by a fire which started from an unknown cause. There was a panic among the children.

COUNTY SAVED BY BUILDING IN 1916

That Josephine county saved a substantial sum of money by building its courthouse in 1916 over what it would cost now was the statement of J. M. Dougan, of Klamath Falls, who is in the city for a few days with Mrs. Dougan.

According to Mr. Dougan, who had the contract for building the Josephine courthouse, an exact duplicate of the building, except that brick is being used instead of terra cotta, which he is putting up for Klamath county, is costing Klamath county $150,000. The local building cost about $100,000. If terra cotta was used the cost would be $20,000 more. This is a difference of $70,000. Mr. Dougan states that if the contract was to be let today the same building would cost $181,000.

Paris, Apr. 13.—The city of Rheims is in flames. The French are attempting to limit the burning area and are working under a heavy bombardment.

FRED A. WILLIAMS ENTERS CONTEST

Local Man Filed Declaration To Become Candidate for Public Service Commissioner

Fred A. Williams, prominent local attorney, has filed his declaration to become a candidate for the republican nomination for the office of commissioner of the public service commission of Oregon.

Mr. Williams spent part of the week in Portland, where he received every encouragement possible, and his many friends in that city feel confident of his nomination. The announcement came as a surprise to local people, for it was not known that Mr. Williams was considering a political office. In fact, he was not, and when he went to Portland Wednesday at the instance of prominent republican leaders of the metropolis, he had no idea that he would try for the office. He stopped off in Salem on his way home Friday and filed his petition with Secretary of State Ben W. Olcott.

Nine years ago Mr. Williams came to Grants Pass and entered the law business with George W. Colvig, a former member of the railroad commission, with whom he has since been associated. Prior to his residence in this city he practiced for nine years in Iowa. He was born in Iowa 40 years ago. He was a graduate from the University of Iowa, receiving his literary degree in 1899 and his law degree in 1900.

During his residence here Mr. Williams has built up a good law business and has won a wide circle of friends all over the Rogue river valley and in other parts of the state. Previous experience in corporation work has fitted him for the position he seeks.

There is no lawyer on the Public Service commission at present, and matters which regularly come before that body relating to public service corporations naturally involve many legal questions of import. The regulation of corporations is vastly important to the citizens of Oregon, and especially to all towns and cities where the light, water and gas are furnished by such companies.

Every means to reduce overhead expenses, costs of operation, useless repairs and extensions and other improvements, should be first tried before raising rates. The increasing of rates at all times depreciates the value of property and especially discourages the home-builder as well as the business man. Under the present stress of circumstances where there can be no competition of public utilities, it is unfair to the consumer to raise light, water or gas rates because of dead weight units. In other words, the patron should not be made the sufferer because of the unfortunate experiments of the corporation.

Mr. Williams will do all in his power to enhance agriculture, and especially encourage irrigation projects of merit, both private and public which he insists must be operated at the lowest possible cost consistent with good business. In all matters that may be referred to the commission he will insist upon value received both as to the patron of and investor in public utilities.

He asks printed after his name the following slogan—"A six cent fare is too much for a five cent ride."

CHICAGO PROFESSOR PLACED UNDER ARREST

Chicago, Apr. 13.—A warrant charging a statuatory offense was issued for the arrest of Dr. William Isaac Thomas, a professor of the University of Chicago. He was arrested for registering at a local hotel with Mrs. R. M. Granger, the wife of a Texas army officer, who is now in France, as his wife and under an assumed name. Dr. Thomas' wife has taken the woman into her own home.

JOSEPHINE GOES OVER THE TOP WITH $106,150

Banks Take Up Remaining $40,000 of Quota and Look to People For Re-Purchases---Big Drive Will Start In County Tuesday Morning

Josephine county came from behind today and leaped over the top with her quota for the third Liberty loan, thanks to the patriotism of the First National bank, the Grants Pass Banking Co., and the Josephine county bank. With $66,150 subscribed by volunteer sales, County Chairman Frank C. Bramwell was Saturday notified from Portland that this was one of four counties holding the state out of the honor column.

The banks immediately held a conference and decided to pledge the amount necessary and took up $40,000 worth of the bonds. It is now up to the people to purchase them back and take part of the investment off of the hands of the institutions.

The wet weather of the past week has prevented the soliciting committee from going into the country. But Tuesday, weather permitting, the drive will start and Takilma, Kerby and Selma will be visited by committees from Grants Pass. The local captain from each district will join the committee and it is the intention to call upon every available person in the county. It is planned to complete the work in one day.

The banks have confidence in the people and are sure that they will respond faithfully with their subscriptions.

FIRE TRUCK BEING ASSEMBLED HERE

Improvements which will give this city one of the best fire departments in the state for a place of this size are under way at the fire house. A new Ford chassis, together with the body and chemical tanks from which a chemical truck will be made, have arrived and upon the arrival of a few more parts an expert will come up from Portland, assemble the mechanism and make alterations on the large fire truck.

A powerful LaFrance pump which will be operated from the engine of the truck, has been ordered. The chemical tank will be removed or replaced from the large machine and the pump installed in its place. This will insure sufficient pressure in case of fire in buildings in the higher portions of the city.

Another improvement that will be of value is the installation in the homes of each of the firemen of an alarm bell. The wires of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. are being used. A louder sound is made by these bells and in case of fire the firemen will know at once the nature of the call and be able to respond more readily.

BREAD MUST BE HALF SUBSTITUTES

County Food Administrator Sam Baker announces that beginning today all hotels, restaurants and eating houses must serve bread containing as much substitutes as wheat flour.

"If they can do this," he says, "where they are serving the public, will not you voluntarily and patriotically do as well in your own home? Many are doing that now. Are you?"

AMERICAN WOMEN ARE CAPTURED BY BANDITS

Peking, Apr. 13.—Miss Katherine Schmidt and Mrs. Stanley Dixon, American missionaries formerly of South Dakota, have been captured by bandits. The women are representatives of the China Mennonite Mission society.

Washington, Apr. 13.—The state department has been notified that the two women missionaries were released soon after the bandits took them.

LOCAL FIRM HAS BEEN HERE 25 YEARS

On Monday it will have been 25 years since Cramer Bros., the well known hardware merchants, started in business in this city. During that time they have steadily grown in the confidence of the people and have built up a splendid trade.

In 1892 T. P. Cramer came to Grants Pass and for a year he was associated with the firm of Jewell & Cramer. His brother, George, P. Cramer, who was in business in Omaha, was not in very good health and when he heard of the wonderful climate and of the possibilities of the Rogue river valley, he moved to Oregon.

On April 15, 1893, Cramer Bros. took over the stock and store of J. T. Tuffs and Co., which was then located in the Layton corner. Later they moved to the opera house block where they stayed for five years, and when the Odd Fellows built their new building the firm leased a portion of it and has been in the same place since.

Cramer Bros. had planned a celebration upon the completion of their 25th year, but owing to the war this has been abandoned.

PROVISIONS OF THE SABOTAGE BILL CHANGED

Washington, Apr. 13.—Provisions in the sabotage bill penalizing acts obstructing the production of war materials were eliminated by the conferees. They also struck out the clause permitting labor to strike for higher wages, which the senate had rejected.

MEDFORD FORBIDS RUSSELITE SPEECH

Medford, Apr. 13.—Pastor E. P. Taliaferro, traveling for the International Bible Students association, scheduled to lecture here Friday night was refused permission and ordered from town by Mayor Gates.

He remained until a crowd of several hundred threatened violence and then left hurriedly in an automobile.

The crowd followed to Ashland, but failed to find him. They then seized George Maynard, the local leader of the Russellites, painted a huge iron cross upon his body and gave him until Monday to leave town.

APPROVAL ASKED OF FEDERAL BOARD

Grants Pass Irrigation District Sends Petition to Federal Board for Approval

John Dubuis, engineer for the Grants Pass Irrigation district, Saturday sent a petition to the federal reserve board at San Francisco asking its approval of a bond issue of $105,000 for the purpose of developing the first unit of the local district.

The board, contrary to reports published in Portland papers and elsewhers, has never acted on a petition of the Grants Pass Irrigation district. Correspondence has been had on the subject, but the issue has never been approved or disapproved. The board made some suggestions, and the district decided to issue a smaller amount than it first anticipated.

With the approval of the federal board of the $105,000 bond issue, construction will shortly begin on irrigation work which will put under water 1,600 acres of land. About 1,300 acres of the land are adjacent to Grants Pass and 300 at Rogue River. The Grants Pass district extends from Rogue River to the Applegate river a distance of 15 miles and comprises 6,200 acres of land.

FIVE KILLED IN LONDON; 24 IN PARIS

London, Apr. 13.—Five were killed and 15 others injured in a German air raid on England Friday night.

Paris, Apr. 13.—In an air raid on Paris Friday night 24 persons were killed and 62 others wounded by the Germans.

CRAZY MAN FRIGHTENS TAKILMA RESIDENTS

Sheriff Lewis this afternoon went to Takilma to take into custody Dan Pfefferle, who has run amuck and threatened to kill several people in that vicinity. This afternoon a call was received from Frank Hogue and Constable Shaddinger, who stated that Pfefferle was insane and dangerous to be at large. Armed with a warrant for his arrest, Sheriff Lewis went to the place to bring him to the county jail where he will await his hearing before County Judge C. G. Gillette for insanity.

Pfefferle has given trouble before and there seems to be little doubt but that he should be placed where he can do no harm.

DIVORCE ASKED AFTER 31 YEARS MARRIED

After 31 years of married life, during which time a family of five children have been brought into existence, Mrs. M.McCallister Saturday, through her attorney, filed suit for divorce from George McCallister. Desertion is the charge stated in the complaint.

The couple was married December 19, 1887. They lived together up to four years ago when, the complaint alleges, the husband left his home and has thus far failed to return. There is considerable property belonging to defendant, but plaintiff asks for custody of the two minor children, Elden, aged 16, and Waldo, aged 14, who have been living with their mother.

AMERICANS AID IN HOLDING HUN WITH FRENCH

YANKS REPULSE DESPERATE ASSAULTS AND TAKE 36 PRISONERS—KILL MANY

NO AMERICANS WERE TAKEN

U. S. Troops Also Help French to Break Assaults in Apermont Forest Sector

With the American Army in France, Apr. 13.—In an all-day battle Friday northwest of Toul the Americans repulsed two German attacks and inflicted heavy casualties. They took 36 prisoners. The American casualties were slight. None were captured. There was much hand-to-hand fighting. The Americans drove the Germans back from trenches where they had gained a footing.

Paris, Apr. 13.—Renewed attacks have been made by the Germans on French positions in Brule wood in Apermont forest. American troops in this sector, in conjunction with the French, have broken a majority of the enemy's attacks. At one point the enemy obtained a footing but was ejected.

JUNIOR RED CROSS SALE BIG SUCCESS

By D. W. H.

Long before the hour for opening the Junior Red Cross sale Saturday, a crowd had gathered, ready to purchase the wares for sale. The Junior high school had a good assortment of clothing which found plenty of buyers. The girls of the Junior high school had a very fine display of war candy, and there was a steady stream of customers.

The Riverside school had provisions for sale, bread, pies, cookies, salads, vegetables, eggs and chickens, which were sold almost before the teachers who were in charge, had time to place them.

The East school had a mammoth supply of fresh pop corn balls, salads, canned fruits and vegetables for sale, all of which sold readily.

During the day the East school served tea and wafers, and the Riverside and Junior High school served coffee, cake and sandwiches, from which a neat sum was realized.

To the supervisors, teachers and scholars of the three schools holding the sale, a great deal of credit is due, and it is gratifying to them the way the public so generously patronized their sale and made it possible for them to replenish their treasury.

A report of the sale for each school will be given later.

CUPPER CANDIDATE FOR WATER SUPT.

Percy A. Cupper, of Salem, has filed his petition for the republican nomination for the office of superintendent of water division No. 1, of which Josephine county is a part. Mr. Cupper has been assistant state engineer for the past nine years, and with his legal and engineering training he believes that he is well fitted of the engineering department of O. A. C. and of the Willamette univerfor the position. He is a graduate sity law school.

He has adopted as his slogan, "My record in this work as assistant state engineer.