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RED CROSS FORCES ARE LINING UP

SOLICITATION OF FUNDS TO BEGIN IN RURAL DISTRICTS ON MONDAY

JOSEPHINE'S QUOTA IS \$5,000

City Canvass to Be Made Immediately After Completion of the Country Districts

The preliminary arrangements for the solicitation of Josephine county's quota of \$5,000 in the second Red Cross war fund campaign May 20-27, are nearly completed. Team captains and their teams have been selected and are to meet at the Chamber of Commerce rooms Thursday evening at 8 o'clock for final instructions, supplies, etc. It is important that this meeting be well attended to insure the successful prosecution of the drive.

The out of town districts will be solicited Monday and Tuesday, May 20 and 21, by their local auxiliary representatives, where there are auxiliaries, assisted by members from the teams assigned to that district. Team captains will make their own arrangements for soliciting districts where there are no auxiliaries with which to cooperate.

The solicitation of funds will be commenced in the city on Wednesday and it is hoped to complete the work in two days.

The urgency of the need and the value of the cause are so well recognized that it should be only a short matter to secure the full quota.

Following are the teams:

Team No. 1—Missouri Flat and Provolt—E. T. Ludden, captain, L. A. Lauer, Dr. L. O. Clement, Alfred Letcher Jr., C. D. Thompson, Katharine Bridges.

Team No. 2—Hugo and Merlin—W. P. Quinlan, captain, Dr. A. A. Witham, C. H. Demaray, Dr. J. O. Nibley, E. F. Heath, E. H. Ingram.

Team No. 3—Selma—H. A. Dillingham, captain, Dr. E. C. Macy, J. M. Isham, P. P. Proctor, I. Best, P. A. DeGennault.

Team No. 4—Kerby—T. P. Cramer, captain, H. H. Allyn, John Dubula, A. E. Voorhis, O. P. Harvey, Noble Best.

Team No. 5—Williams—Geo. C. Sabin, captain, F. S. Bramwell, Rev. L. M. Boozer, A. H. Gunnell, F. L. Vannice, Geo. Dickinson.

Team No. 6—Holland—C. A. Winetrou, captain, R. J. Bestul, Fred A. Williams, Fred Roper, E. Balsiger, E. Pollock.

Team No. 7—Takima and Waldo A. B. Cornell, captain, John Hampshire, Amos Williams, C. A. Sider, E. H. Lister, J. G. Imel.

Team No. 8—Murphy—R. E. Bratton, captain, C. L. Clevenger, Harry K. Clark, Herman Schmidt, Dr. Bert Elliott, Amos Myers.

Team No. 9—Leland, Wolf Creek and Pacer—F. C. Bramwell, captain, Frank Mashburn, W. W. Walker, J. H. Denison, N. F. Maoduff, Scott Perry.

Team No. 10—Wilderville—Dr. S. Loughbridge, captain, Rev. M. T. Wiro, W. S. Maxwell, Geo. Calhoun, F. B. Herman, P. A. Schalthora.

21 MINE OFFICIALS ARE UNDER ARREST

Tucson, Ariz., May 15.—Twenty-one leading mine company officials, employees and business men of the Warren district have been arrested at Bisbee on federal indictments for the deportation of 1,200 alleged I. W. W. last July. They are charged with conspiracy to deprive citizens of their rights.

CHAMBERLAIN STIRS WILSON

President Considers Resolution Alluding "Want of Confidence"

Washington, May 15.—In a letter to Senator Martin of Virginia, President Wilson declared he would regard the passage of the Chamberlain resolution calling for an investigation of the aircraft and other war activities as a "direct vote of a want of confidence in the administration" and an attempt by congress to take over the conduct of the war.

Senator Chamberlain disclaimed that the military committee had any intention of holding a general inquiry into the "conduct of the war," and said he was ready to take the whole question to the floor of the senate. It is indicated that if the senate were to refuse to pass an amended resolution giving the military committee authority for investigation, he would not attempt to press the army inquiries resolution further.

Washington, May 15.—The senate expenditures committee limited the Chamberlain resolution to an investigation of the army operations and reported it favorably.

PORT OF BOSTON CLOSED FOR FEDERAL INSPECTION

Boston, May 15.—The port of Boston was closed an hour yesterday, while Rear Admiral Spencer S. Wood U. S. N., commanding the first naval district, made an official inspection of the harbor defenses.

AIRPLANE FALLS IN AMERICAN SECTOR

With the American Army in France, May 15.—Falling through the clouds an American airplane crashed to earth two kilometers behind the American lines in the Toul sector late last evening, killing both the pilot and the observer.

How the machine happened to drop is a mystery that may never be solved. One of three things is believed to have happened. An enemy aviator, hidden in the clouds, surprised it, a stray piece from a German anti-aircraft shell hit it, or an accident caused it to collapse.

The machine was seen flying over the lines and anti-aircraft shells were bursting around it. Suddenly it swerved upward and disappeared in a fleecy cloud. The next thing observers on the ground saw of the plane, it was hurtling downward through the cloud bank toward the ground. The accident was witnessed by several hundred American soldiers in the trenches and gun pits.

MORE DETAILS RUMANIAN "PEACE" ARE RECEIVED

Amsterdam, May 15.—A Vienna dispatch says that a special economic treaty between Rumania and the central empires provides that Rumania will sell to Germany and Austria-Hungary her surplus production in 1918 and 1919 of all kinds of grain, including oil seeds and also fodder, pulp, poultry, cattle, fibrous plants and wool. Rumania also agrees to sell this surplus to the central powers for a further period of seven years, if it should be required.

DIRECTOR OF SUPPRESSED PAPER CONDEMNED TO DEATH

Paris, May 15.—M. DuVall, director of the suppressed newspaper, Bonnet Rouge, has been condemned to death on the charge of treason.

New York, May 15.—Testimony to the fact that in 1916 Germans in the United States were planning a revolt against this country was given at the state attorney general's investigation of reports of hidden munitions. German societies were to join the I. W. W. and socialists.

GOVERNOR ISSUES RED CROSS PROCLAMATION

Sets Aside Week of May 20-27 For Purpose of Soliciting Funds For The Red Cross Second War Fund Drive—Let Oregon Lead

Salem, Ore., May 15.—Governor James Withycombe of Oregon today issued a proclamation calling upon all citizens of the state to support the American Red Cross in its second war fund drive, set for May 20 to 27.

In handing the original proclamation to a representative of the American Red Cross, the governor said that he could be afforded no greater pleasure than to do a service for the Red Cross.

The militant message of Oregon's "War Governor" to the people of Oregon follows:

PROCLAMATION

State of Oregon Executive Department
Salem, May 15, 1918.

Citizens of Oregon, Greetings!
WHEREAS, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States and President of the American Red Cross, again has called upon the people of the United States to support the great institution of Red Cross, and:

WHEREAS, he has proclaimed the week of May 20 to May 27 for the purpose of soliciting gifts:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James Withycombe, Governor of generous Oregon, call upon all citizens of this state to set aside this week to the holy purpose of serving in this humane cause; and I urge all private citizens, if called upon, to serve as workers, and to let no private occupation hold them back.

When citizens of Oregon are asked for their gifts let them remember they are helping suffering humanity. Oregon never fails. Let her lead again!

Given under my hand this 15th day of May, 1918.

Signed: JAMES WITHYCOMBE
Governor of Oregon.

CENTRAL POWERS DIVIDING SPOILS

London, May 15.—A Copenhagen dispatch says that Emperor William of Germany and Emperor Charles of Austria met at the German great headquarters and have selected monarchs for the Lithuania court, and for Estonia and Poland.

RUSSIAN OPPOSITION FOUND BY GERMANY

Amsterdam, May 15.—Berlin newspapers announce that war has had to be proclaimed at Ekaterinoslav, Odessa and Poltava, as a strong counter current to the present order of things was observed. There are several groups of great Russian forces in the Don region.

AGED WOMAN DIES AT HOME OF SON

Mrs. Fred Barrel, of Dundee, Ore., died at 9 o'clock this morning at the home of her son, A. J. Barrel in this city. Mrs. Barrel, who had for some time been suffering from paralysis, came to this city some six weeks ago for the purpose of improving her health. Fred Barrel Jr., of Portland, is expected to arrive here tonight.

The burial will take place in this city, although the funeral services have not as yet been announced.

FRANCE GIVES MOBILIZED WORKMEN TO ALLIED CHIEF

Paris, May 15.—The government has decided to place at the disposal of the commander-in-chief all the mobilized workmen belonging to the contingents of 1912, 1911 and 1910, and also some of the contingents of 1909 to 1903. Allowance will be made for the time spent at the front and the wounds received.

DISASTROUS FIRE IN B. C. SHIP YARD

Vancouver, B. C., May 15.—A disastrous fire in the J. Coughlan & Son's shipyard did a million and a half damage, destroying several ships under construction. One fireman was killed and several were injured.

FREEMAN, PORTLAND, IS DEAD IN FRANCE

Washington, May 15.—The casualty list contains a total of 120 names in cluding Cadet Stuart Freeman of Portland, who died of accident. Those reported are three killed in action, three died of wounds, five of disease; other causes seven, missing in action 39.

CHICAGO TEAMSTERS STRIKE CALLED OFF

Chicago, May 15.—The strike of 5,000 teamsters and truck chauffeurs, called here last night, was temporarily called off, after a conference of union officials summoned by Hinton G. Clabaugh of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice. Clabaugh put the case up to the patriotism of the union men, who agreed to an armistice pending a conference today, when a settlement may be effected.

FLYING HINDERED ON MONDAY BY VISIBILITY

London, May 14.—An official statement on aerial operations today says: "Flying was possible only for a few hours Monday, during the early part of the day, and 500 bombs were dropped on various targets. Two hostile machines were brought down in air fighting; none of ours is missing."

AIRPLANE MAIL SERVICE BEGUN

Regular Service Between Washington and New York Started This Morning

Washington, May 15.—Airplane mail service between Washington and New York started this morning with planes leaving simultaneously at 11:30 a. m. from the national capital and New York.

President Wilson, cabinet members and other government officials were present to attend the ceremonies at the flying field here. The president as head of the American Red Cross, received the first letter by airplane from New York. The communication was from Governor Whitman and expressed his wishes to the president for the success of the Red Cross campaign to raise \$100,000,000 for war relief work which will start next Monday.

The mail airplanes were piloted by army aviators especially detailed to the service for experience in cross-country flying. The plane which brought the first letter to the president was piloted by Lieutenant Howard Sulver. The plane that left Washington was taken out by Major R. H. Fleet, and from Philadelphia to New York it was piloted by Lieutenant Walter Miller.

The machines used in the mail service are capable of carrying from 300 to 600 pounds of mail. The plane that left Washington completed its first leg to Philadelphia, 135 miles, in an hour and twenty minutes. It arrived in New York at 2:30 o'clock.

GERMANS EXPECT TO REACH CHANNEL PORT

Copenhagen, May 15.—The Germans are still of the belief that they will be able to reach the English channel coast, bar navigation of the waters and bombard southern England, and that then it will be easy to begin peace negotiations, according to an interview the Politiken has had with a prominent German politician, a member of the reichstag, who requested that his name be not used. He added that the German offensive thus far had proved a failure, owing to heavy losses and that the German high command was waiting to obtain more artillery.

Germany had lost in killed and wounded and made prisoner three million men, he added. Answering questions about the opinion of the reichstag main committee on the situation on the west front and the end of the war, the newspaper's informant said:

"We still believe, according to messages from our military leaders, that we shall reach the north coast, where our guns can bar navigation of the channel, and fire at south England. It is suggested from the German side that this course of war will commence, and as far as Germany is concerned, it will be very easy to start armistice negotiations, as, despite all assertions, we don't aim at any conquering. We want neither the mine districts at Lorraine's west frontier, nor Antwerp.

"We have lost, including killed, wounded and prisoners, three million of men. Do you think that we intend to make foolish claims and send our children through another four years of war? Moreover, we shall have enough to do during the age of man to control the new Russian country and secure their mercantile and industrial influence. Responsible German politicians only demand that the western powers shall give back our colonies."

Moscow, May 15.—Rostov-on-the-Don, the largest city in Don, Cossack territory, was recaptured Friday by Russian Soviet troops, who drove the Germans out. The Germans had held the city one day.

HILL 44 IS RECAPTURED BY FRENCH

FRENCH FORCES HARD HIT BUT STILL HOLDING OUT THIS AFTERNOON

MOST HOTLY CONTESTED HILL

Germans in Counter Attack Bounced Off by French Below Amiens Last Night

With the British Army, May 15.—Hard fighting continued today near Hill 44, north of Kemmel, which the French recaptured yesterday. The French are still holding the Germans off at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Hill 44, a small but important elevation near the Wyverbeek river, north of Kemmel, about which such sanguinary conflicts have been waged since May 8, appeared today to be in the hands of the French again. The enemy began an assault yesterday morning and gained a hold on this position, but were later driven out by the hard-hitting French.

Hill 44 has been one of the most hotly contested points on the northern battlefield.

Paris, May 15.—The French attacked the German positions near Halles, below Amiens last night and captured a wood on the west bank of the Avre. The Germans counter-attacked but were beaten off with severe losses.

London, May 15.—The expected renewal of the German offensive having failed to develop, the allies are continuing their tactics of anticipating the new offensive by reaching out for new vantage point from which better to resist the new German drive. The French have taken the wood on the slopes west of Avre, about where the Germans made the farthest westward advance. The possession of this wood improves the allied defensive position.

London, May 15.—German artillery fire increased this morning near Morlancoeur south of Albert, and in Flanders north of Kemmel.

London, May 15.—In an attack along a mile front near Morlancoeur last night the Germans penetrated the British positions at one place. Field Marshal Haig reports that at all other points the Germans were repulsed with heavy losses, and that the Australians later recaptured the lost positions.

Paris, May 15.—The war office announcement last night says:

"There were intermittent bombardments in the Grievance sector. Our batteries dispersed enemy concentrations and convoys in the neighborhood of Montdidier and on the road between Noyon and Guiscard. "In the Champagne, an enemy surprise attack in the region of Butte du Mesnil failed.

"Eastern theater, May 13.—Our artillery was quite active, as well as our infantry patrols in nearly all sectors, particularly on the Serbian front and at the Cerna bend, where several enemy raids were repulsed. Allied aviators bombed depots at Demir-Hissar and aviation grounds at Resna. An enemy machine was brought down by a British airplane near Livanovo."

FEARED OREGON BOY ON BOARD CYCLOPS

Salem, May 15.—A communication from the authorities at Washington to his parents indicated that Earl W. Hollencop of Salem, was on board the Cyclops, all trace of which was lost.