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## PRES. W. J. KERR SHOWS NEED OF CONSERVATION

CHAUTAQUA TENT FILLED WITH CROWD TO HEAR O. A. C. PRESIDENT

### GRAVITY OF SITUATION IS TOLD

Final Outcome of Struggle Depends Upon the Supply of Food for the Allies

A packed tent greeted President Kerr of the Oregon Agricultural college Sunday night, when he came to deliver a message from the federal authorities at Washington. President Kerr, with seven other representative men from different parts of the nation, was called to Washington to confer with federal authorities and representatives of allied nations and there he learned the actual conditions which confront the allied cause and learned the seriousness and even critical conditions which now prevail. Mr. Kerr, after an introduction by President Bramwell of the Chamber of Commerce, talked for an hour and a half with an earnestness that left in the minds of his hearers the conviction of the seriousness of the present food situation. His statements were to the effect that the allies are looking to America for help. The entire stock of wheat now in the United States, if every ounce were shipped to Europe, would not bring the rationing up to 75 per cent of normal. Without the sufficient food for the allies they will collapse, and if any one of the allies collapses the Germans will be victorious in Europe. Then within three months will come a German invasion of the United States.

President Kerr pictured scenes at the national capital, where every energy is bent toward the prosecution of the war. He told of the frantic appeals for help coming from England, from France and from Italy, of the absolute need of sufficient food for the fighting men, and for the civilian population to keep up strength for the duties behind the lines. It was a dark picture but one that was made necessary to bring the American people to a realization of the true condition of affairs. He stated that although there were meatless meals and meatless days the meat consumption had increased, and that although there are wheatless meals and wheatless days, more economies are necessary.

President Kerr left north this morning to continue his addresses, expecting to spend several weeks of his time delivering the food message.

## COUNTY WISHES TO KEEP COUNTY AGENT

The home economics club met this morning at the courthouse. The community was well represented and many interesting subjects were discussed. Among the most vital was the subject of whether or not the county felt the need of keeping a county agent or not. The matter was put to a vote and it was unanimously carried in favor of having one. The feeling was very strong on this subject.

Miss Turley of Corvallis was present and gave a very instructive paper. After the meeting the members all adjourned to the luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

### FORECAST FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 27 TO JUNE 1

Pacific Coast States—Fair except showers over north portion first half of the week; higher temperature Monday over interior district.

## M'ADOO RAISES ALL R. R. RATES

Freight and Passenger Prices Increased As Well As Pullman Tax—No Stopovers Allowed

Washington, May 27.—In order to meet the increases in wages and the higher cost of coal and other supplies, Director General McAdoo today ordered that all railroad freight rates should be raised 25 per cent and that passenger rates should be increased to 3 cents a mile instead of the present rate of 2½ cents per mile in the east. It is estimated that these changes will bring in \$800,000,000 to \$900,000,000 more revenue yearly. This is the biggest rate increase ever made in the history of railroads. The freight increase will go into effect June 24 and the passenger increase becomes effective June 10.

All passengers on sleeping and parlor cars will be required to pay 3½ cents a mile besides the regular Pullman fare. Commutation rates and all stopover privileges are abolished. Excess baggage charges will be raised and other increases made.

### STRAWBERRIES INCREASE RED CROSS TREASURY

Seattle, May 27.—First strawberries from Kennewick, Wash., this year brought close to 50 cents apiece for the Red Cross. The Kennewick berries, especially the first to ripen, are generally regarded as luxuries, but when they were sold for the Red Cross here they soared to prices never reached before. Two crates netted \$507.

## BRITISH SINK BIG HUN SUB CRUISER

London, May 27.—A German submarine of the cruiser type was sunk May 11 in the latitude of Cape St. Vincent by a British Atlantic escort submarine. The admiralty made this official announcement Saturday.

Cape St. Vincent is on the southwest extremity of Portugal.

The statement says: "One of our Atlantic escort submarines returning to its base, reports that on May 11 in the latitude of Cape St. Vincent, while proceeding to meet a convoy she sighted and sank a German submarine of the scout cruiser type. A heavy sea was running at the time. There were no survivors."

"Shortly afterward another enemy submarine was sighted, but by swift diving she escaped the fate of her consort.

"This being the first cruiser submarine destroyed, it has been decided to depart from the usual rule of not announcing the destruction of individual enemy submarines."

Madrid, May 27.—The German submarine U-65 which entered the port of Santander Saturday morning was forced to come into the harbor because the accumulators of the vessel had been damaged. The submarine is one of the 500-ton class and carries one deck gun and two torpedo tubes.

A Spanish gunboat has been sent to Santander to convey the submarine to Ferrol for internment. The crew of the U-boat has been interned in the interior of the country.

## LONG RANGE GUNS ARE AGAIN ACTIVE

Paris, May 27.—After an interval of quiet, the Germans at 6 o'clock this morning, again began to bombard Paris with their long range guns.

## PRES. WILSON URGES REVENUE LEGISLATION

Executive Appears Before Congress and Demands That Politics Be Laid Aside and New Tax Laws Enacted—Luxuries to Pay More

Washington, May 27.—Just as the German guns thundered and heralded the renewal of the offensive, President Wilson appeared unexpectedly before congress today and demanded that it should lay aside all political consideration and remain in session until it had enacted new tax laws. He said that politics is "adjourned."

"The principle increases in taxes should be on incomes from war profits and luxuries," said the president. He said he felt that it would be manifestly unfair to wait until 1919 before determining the new tax schedules. Distinct warning was given against lobbying in connection with the new tax bill. He brought out the fact that there was indisputable evidence of profiteering now, which should be reached by the new legislation. "The only way that it can be

## FRONT LINE MEN ARE BUSY EVERY MINUTE

London, May 27.—In a letter received last week, a lieutenant in a London regiment says, according to the Daily News:

"To give you some idea of our last seven days, we were gassed and shelled and attacked every night and morning. Although we suffered casualties I am proud to say we never gave an inch and the casualties we inflicted on the enemy were enormous. In parts of our front they lie eight and nine deep of wounded and dead. I've seen more fighting during the last month than during the rest of my previous 15 months actual experience in the line put together. One day we finished up with our fists, and as you may guess, in that art we had Fritz beaten to a frazzle. We are now enjoying a few days rest."

## MILITARY SURGEONS AT FRONT HARD WORKING, UNSUNG HEROES

Somewhere in France, Apr. 24.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—One of the unsung heroes of the war is the military surgeon. No man has been harder worked in the tremendous fighting of the past few weeks, and his work has been in most cases far from pleasant.

There is not the same romantic stimulus for the medical man that there is for the infantry or artillery officer. It is one thing to dash about under fire intent on killing or being killed; it is another thing to dash about under fire and take the same risks while calmly attending to those with wounds from which all other men as they pass avert their heads. "Thank God, I am not a doctor," said an officer who had been detailed to inspect a number of improvised casualty clearing stations along the front during a recent attack.

The regimental surgeon in the British army has in his charge the well being of more than a thousand men. When there is no fighting on, he has plenty to do. He has to strike a happy medium in discouraging the faint-hearted, who come to him as a means of obtaining a fortnight's rest, and in holding out a helping hand to those who are in real distress. If he is too lenient, the commanding officer begins to ask whether he intends to deplete the whole regiment; if he is too harsh the junior officers and men lose patience.

## RELATIONS ARE NOT RUPTURED

Cuban Government Notifies Representatives That Mexican Affairs is Passing Incident

Havana, May 27.—The Cuban state department has notified Cuban representatives in all countries that diplomatic relations between Cuba and Mexico had not been ruptured, and she considers the affair only a passing incident.

### AVIATOR PAUL BAER IS BELIEVED TO BE PRISONER

London, May 27.—It is now believed that Lieutenant Paul Baer, of Florida, aviator, missing since May 22, may have been taken prisoner.

## MANY PEOPLE HEAR LECTURE ON WAR FOODS

One hundred people, both men and women, attended the luncheon in the Chamber of Commerce rooms today at 12 o'clock. A very good luncheon was served, after which Sam Baker, representative of the food administration, introduced the speaker of the occasion, Miss Milan, dean of the home economics department at O. A. C. Miss Milan was appointed by Mr. Hoover as the representative of the state of the home economic department.

Miss Milan spoke in such a way as to make the people realize just what we must do in this crisis of the food problem. Her main argument was against the using of so much meat. "We don't need it," she said, "and the allies do." Milk is a good substitute for meat and half the people do not realize it. Miss Milan pointed out all through her lecture the contrast between the rations of the allies and the United States. She showed how reasonable the appeal of our government really is. The extreme need of wheat was emphasized and she showed how easy it would be to do without it.

Miss Milan closed her speech with the little grace that she thought not only beautiful, but fitting for the spirit of the times.

Here we gather deal All Father, Round Thy table to be fed, Thy gift—our daily bread.

As we gather to be fed— Nations plead for daily bread, Fighting son and anguished mother, Orphaned children, all together Pray to Thee for daily bread. At Thy common table, Father, Ask we all for daily bread.

Lest they perish, swift and eager, Share we now our daily bread, Give through us, O Great All Father, To Thy children daily bread. After the meeting Miss Milan met the ladies to give them a more definite idea of how to conserve on food-stuffs.

## IMPORTANT POSITIONS TAKEN BY ITALIANS

Rome, May 27.—The Italians have launched an important attack, capturing several mountain positions and taking 800 prisoners.

## W. HORNER PLEADS GUILTY TO MURDER

Kalama, Wash., May 27.—William Horner pleaded guilty today to the murdering of Mrs. Bassett and two children at Kelso. He was sentenced to life imprisonment at Walla Walla. Horner declared that he went crazy when she protested because he refused to marry her.

## HUNS RENEW OFFENSIVE ON WEST FRONT

ATTEMPTING TO REACH CHANNEL PORTS AND PUSH ON TOWARD PARIS

### GERMANS MAKE SMALL GAINS

Activity Over Wide Front But British and French Resisting With Violence

London, May 27.—The renewal of the big German offensive which the allies have been expecting, is now on. Reports are given this morning that strong German attacks have developed, following heavy bombardments, between Rheims and Soissons and between Loos and Vornmezele.

London, May 27.—Germany has resumed the drive, apparently trying to push to the channel ports in the north and to Paris in the south, striking near Rheims, taking in a sector which has been comparatively quiet since last fall.

With the British Army in France, May 27.—Latest reports show that the Germans made small progress in some places and made a stubborn attack northeast of Kemmel, which was directed against ground taken by the French May 26.

London, May 27.—The German offensive on the new front is not on so extensive a scale as previous drives, according to the statement published in the Evening Standard.

The Germans have pressed back the British for a short distance at one point near Rheims. The Belgians repulsed three attacks last night.

Paris, May 27.—The Germans have launched an attack over the front extending between the forest of Pinon and Rheims. The British and French are resisting with habitual valiance.

## ALASKAN COAST TO HAVE NAVAL PATROL

Washington, May 27.—A naval patrol along the Alaskan coast has been established, to forestall any agitation that might arise by the leaders of the I. W. W.

There has been no evidence of an "break in Alaska, but leaders are there, especially in the cannery communities and it is believed they are preparing to interfere with the preserving of food.

## MAJOR GENERAL WOOD TO COME TO COAST

Washington, May 27.—Major General Leonard Wood was today assigned to the position of commander of the department of the west with headquarters in San Francisco, succeeding Brigadier General Treat, who is now abroad. Major General Leonard Wood was detached from his division, which has gone to France. He will remain at Camp Funston.

### TELLER GOES TO WAR

War work proved more attractive than paying teller in the Seaboard National Bank, New York, to Ella Walla Ferrelis, so he enlisted in Y. M. C. A. and is serving the soldiers "over there."