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FOREST FIRES RAGING ON ALL SIDES OF CITY

LARGE AREA IN BLOODY RUN DISTRICT COVERED WITH BLAZING TREES.

LEASANT VALLEY FIGHTS FIRE

Auto Truck Hauling Ore Through Burning District Nearly Destroyed By Flames.

Forest fires are raging on nearly every side of Grants Pass, filling the valley with smoke. They have resulted quite seriously in some places, burning crops and buildings. The shortage of available men in the forest service has made it hard to prevent the fires from spreading but the citizens have volunteered and helped all that they could to at least protect the homes and grain.

The blaze in the Bloody Run district is spreading rapidly. It is only half a mile from J. L. Pierce's place and if the wind should change in all probability the Pierce buildings would be burned. Friday night the fire in this district destroyed the buildings at the old 23 mile house. Two section crews and all the neighbors are out fighting the flames. On the Jones creek side the fire jumped Rogue river and is endangering the home of C. H. Gordon. The whole mountain side seems aflame, and burning trees fall in all directions.

A fire covering a large area is in Pleasant valley. Many citizens of Grants Pass have been out protecting nearby farm homes. The home of Mr. Bannister has been in constant danger, having caught five or six times. Each time, however, it has been saved from serious damage.

GOLD HILL WHEAT FIELD IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Two acres were swept by fire and approximately two tons of grain destroyed at the El Oro ranch, owned by F. L. Champlin, near Gold Hill, late yesterday evening, according to telephone reports received in this city last night. The fire, which was discovered by persons passing on the road near the grain field, was declared by Mr. Champlin to be of incendiary origin, and was started by a "hoo." After raging for about an hour, the flames were subdued by the El Oro ranch crew and neighbors who had flocked to the scene, and an expedition was started in pursuit of the person igniting the grain.—Medford Sun.

THREE STORY BUILDING COLLAPSES AND BURNS

Sloux City, June 29—A three story building collapsed and caught fire here today. A score of persons are believed to be buried in the ruins.

TODAY'S CASUALTY LIST HAS 81 MORE NAMES

Washington, June 29—The army casualty list for today has 43 names. Five were killed in action and 12 died from wounds. Privates Carrol Bates of Hillsboro died from wounds. The marine corps list has 39, of whom 24 were killed in action and eight died of wounds. Sergeant William J. M. McCole of Portland was killed in action.

LARGEST BUDGET IN ALL HISTORY

Senate Passes Army Appropriation Bill Carrying Over Eleven Billion Dollars.

Washington, June 29—The army appropriation bill, carrying over \$12,000,000,000 passed the senate today. This is the largest budget in the history of the world.

TWENTY THREE LEAVE FOR CAMP LEWIS JULY 22

The following is the list of men called for service, to be sent to Camp Lewis, Washington within a five day period beginning July 22, 1918:

Karl Karg
George W. Smith
Luther Augustus Armstrong
George Delbert Van Dorn
Fritz Kraus
Thomas Henry Croxton
Oliver Chester Goodnow
Dennis Peter Norton
Hugh Bohannon
Eugene Robert Brown
Harrison James Masters
Charley Harry Edgell
William Leonard Ridley
Claude Elsworth Moore
John Justice Carr
George W. Matthews
Stephen Smith
Clarence Vernon Hunt
Marion Lee Darnelle
Forrest Johnston
Luther Melvin Wyatt
Lester Lee Sparlin
Charles Vernon Campbell, will be in this draft if he passes the physical examination.

LONG RANGE CONFLICT BETWEEN DESTROYERS

London, June 29—Four British torpedo boat destroyers fought a long range engagement with a German destroyer force off the Belgium coast Thursday. The action was broken off before decisive results were attained.

PRESIDENT WILL NOT RAISE 5 MILLION ARMY

Washington, June 29—The senate rejected the amendment to the army appropriation bill today directing the President to raise an army of 5,000,000 as soon as the equipment for transportation is provided.

GERMANS TO RESTORE ORDER IN RUSSIA

London, June 29—Germany is reported to be taking measures to intervene in Russia. Troops will be sent to restore order, assisted by Maximallist forces.

ALL WOOL REQUIRED FOR MILITARY PURPOSES

Chicago, June 29—The bulletin of the National Sheep and Wool Bureau states that a large part of the present raw wool stock in the country and all to be produced or imported about June 29, 1920, will be required for military purposes.

1ST AMERICAN TROOPS REACH ITALIAN SOIL

FORCES ARE NONCOMBATANT TROOPS THAT ARE SENT DIRECT FROM AMERICA

PIAVE IS ENTIRELY RECOVERED

General March States General Situation On Italian Front Is Favorable To Allies Armies.

Washington, June 29—The first American troops landed in Italy yesterday. General March announced that it was not a force sent by General Pershing but consists of units sent from this country, being mainly sanitary units and non-combatants. General Pershing will send combat troops.

General March said that the general situation was extremely favorable to the allies. He made no comment on the indications of the impending German attacks.

He announced that the first national army to take up a sector at the front is the 77th, raised in New York, trained at camp Upton, and originally commanded by Major General J. Franklin Bell. They were taken across by Major General Johnson. Five American divisions, which were brigaded with the British for training, have returned to General Pershing's command with the training completed. One is the 35th, composed of the Kansas and Missouri troops.

General March said that official reports from Italy place the number of Austrians captured at 18000 and a large amount of material. The Piave line has been completely recovered and at some points slightly advanced.

PACIFIC COAST YARDS RECEIVE HIGH HONORS

Washington, June 28—Shipyards on the Pacific Coast made a clean sweep of the honors awarded for the first time by the Emergency Fleet Corporation to plants excelling in construction of vessels.

First honor blue flags, awarded on the basis of output in May, will go to the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation, (Union Iron Works Plant), San Francisco, for yards building steel ships, and to the Grant-Smith-Porter Company, of St. Johns, Or., for the yards building wooden vessels.

TO BENEFIT SOLDIERS
"More than \$100,000,000" will be the slogan of the American Y. M. C. A. in its drive for funds in October.

BRITISH GAIN PRISONERS IN LOCAL ATTACK

AMERICANS TAKE FORTY GERMANS IN OPERATION NORTHWEST OF MONTMIDI

HUNS DRIVEN BACK 1,500 YARDS

French Repulse Attacks Southwest of Soissons—Italians Defeat Enemy At Biigny.

London, June 29—The British took 400 prisoners in a successful action on Flanders yesterday.

Field Marshal von Hindenburg's troops east of the forest of Nieppe got a nasty and unexpected knock today when the British suddenly drove forward in a surprise attack along a front of more than three miles and hurled the startled German soldiers back to an average depth of 1500 yards.

The operation was an unqualified success from its inception and the attacking infantry reached their objectives in remarkably short time. By this thrust the British not only have greatly improved their position in this important and much-contested sector, which lies just north of Merville, but they inflicted heavy punishment on two hostile divisions that were holding the line near the 32nd division of Saxons and the 44th reserve of Prussians.

Large numbers of the enemy were killed in the hurricane onslaught and some 250 of the more fortunate had been collected in prisoner cages before noon.

The front of the attack was 6000 yards in length and lay approximately between Vieux Berquin on the north and Pont Tournai, which is 2000 yards northwest of Neville, on the south.

PARIS, JUNE 29—SOUTHWEST OF SISOONS

French troops, in an attack over a front of four and a half miles, from the south of Amblemy to the east of Montrober, today captured German positions, and at some points advanced their lines to a depth of a mile and a quarter, says the French official communication this evening.

Prisoners to the number of 1060 thus far have been counted.
The communication follows:
"South of the Elme we attacked from south of Amblemy to the east of Montrober in order to acquire armed places on several kilometers of front. We entered German works, took the Fosses above Laveraine and the heights northwest of Outry, advanced our lines near the west of St. Pierre Aigle and also on the hill south of the village.
"Our advance reached at some points a depth of two kilometers. We have taken 1060 prisoners."

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GREED IS CAUSE OF PROFITEERING

No Excessive Profits Indicated At Present Time In Timber Industry On West Coast.

Washington, June 29—The federal trade commission announced today that profiteering exists among American industries, due partly to the advantage taken of war pressure for heavy production and partly to inordinate greed and barefaced fraud.

A report was sent to the senate following investigations in steel, copper, zinc, nickel, sulphur, lumber, flour, canned milk and salmon. The report said that there was no excessive profits indicated in the lumber industry on the west coast although the spruce producers previously had profited at the expense of the allied government.

Unusually and unnecessarily large profits are indicated on the part of southern pine producers where the profits on the net investment averaged 17%.

QUESTIONNAIRES SENT TO MORE REGISTRANTS

Names of Registrants to whom questionnaires were mailed on June 28, 1918.

- 29 Dan Wellington Rigol
- 30 Glen Weblor Wilhelm
- 31 Roy Clifford Sharlow
- 32 Frank Dewey Ray
- 33 Albert Arthur Tavis
- 34 Claud Herbert Keyte
- 35 Bepnie Leslie Hull
- 36 Orlando Hillier
- 37 Harold Benedict Hyde

FORTY NINE FLYERS FELLED IN ONE DAY

London, June 29—Forty-nine German airplanes were brought down by British and French airplane squadrons Thursday, according to the official announcements of the respective war offices today.

In the air-fighting over the British sector of the line British planes destroyed 20 German machines and forced down nine more enemy aircraft, out of control. The British lost 14 machines. The British vigorously bombed behind the Teuton lines, dropping 21 tons of explosives on railway junctions and other targets.

SENATE MAKES CROWDER LIEUTENANT GENERAL

Washington, June 29—The senate amended the army bill today, making Adjutant General Crowder, Lieutenant General during the war. He was highly praised for his work in connection with the draft system.

PRESIDENT NOMINATES MEN FOR ADVANCEMENT

Washington, June 28—Nominations for eight Brigadier Generals in the national army to be Major Generals and for forty-three Colonels to be Brigadier Generals were sent to the senate by the President today.

U. S. FREIGHTER SINKS IN SHALLOW WATER

Watch Hill, Rhode Island, June 29—The Atlantic freighter, Onondaga, lost its way in a heavy fog today and struck a reef, sinking in shallow water, after the crew had been taken off by coast guards.

WAR SAVINGS CAMPAIGN HAS 1840 PLEDGES

DETAIL REPORT FROM PROTECTIVE DISTRICTS NOT YET AVAILABLE.

\$100,000 IS PROMISED BY CO.

Three More Buy \$1000 Worth of War Savings and Join Limit Club.

Josephine county has made 1840 pledges to date during this campaign, which amounts to \$100,000. The revised quota for Josephine county was \$170,000 and the county hopes to make that before the drive is completely over. The official reports are incomplete, many team captains not having reported which it makes it difficult for the chairman to give definite figures. Frank Bramwell, H. K. Miller and Mrs. L. L. Perkins are added members of the "limit club" having subscribed \$1000 maturity value, for war stamps.

The meetings last night, which were called by President Wilson were a great success in the outlying districts, many pledges being made. The meeting in town was a failure as only a very few were present.

OVERLAND CAR BURNS AT SAVAGE RAPIDS

An Overland car owned by W. J. Hanfield, contractor at a Chrome mine in Selma district was entirely destroyed by fire Friday evening at Savage Rapids.

A truck owned by H. Hills was badly burned Friday evening when coming through a forest fire on Oregon Mountains.

Mr. Hanfield had been to Medford to get new tires for his truck and was bringing them home wrapped in gunny sacks and chained to the side of the car. It is believed that the sacks caught fire from the exhaust pipe, for the first indication of trouble were the flames, which curled around the tires. The flames spread rapidly and although a fire extinguisher was used, it was to no avail. Campers at the Savage Rapids endeavored to smother the blaze by the use of sand but the car burned to the ground, leaving nothing intact except one wheel. The loss was fully covered by insurance.

The truck was loaded with Chrome ore and going along a short stretch of road where the fire was burning on both sides. The tires caught fire first then spread to the body of the car. The fire was put out before much damage was done to the main part of the truck, although the tires and bed are completely destroyed.

Oregon Weather
Fair and warmer except near coast. Gentle northerly winds.

PRESIDENT VETOES POSTOFFICE BILL

Washington, June 20—The President vetoed the postoffice appropriation bill today because it provided that the government take over the pneumatic tube mail service between Chicago, New York and some other cities until March, and then have the interstate commerce commission determine the disposition. Postmaster General Burleson opposed the provision but congress insisted upon it.

