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## FRENCH STREW GROUND WITH GERMAN DEAD

### HIT THE GERMAN LINE IN THE SOUTH AND MENACE HUN FRONT

## GALLING MACHINE GUN FIRE

### Tanks and Air Squad Assist in Routing the Prussian Guards Who Die Hard in Vain Attempt

Paris, Sept. 4.—French troops have crossed the Comme near Epenancourt, according to the war office announcement today. They have also gained a foothold on the east side of the Canal Du Nord.

With the French Armies in the Field, Sept. 4.—The battle for the plateau north of Soissons has used up some of the best divisions remaining in the German army.

This was evidenced this morning by the field being strewn with the dead of the Prussian Guards. They are piled one on top of the other in some trenches and long lines of them show where the guard counter-attacked five times in a vain effort to stem the tide of battle which was running relentlessly against them.

Both tanks and air squadrons contributed to the route of the Guards. Aviators flying low over the field met the attacking forces with a galling machine gun fire and pursued the shattered lines as they retired before the unflinching French troops.

Tanks drove into the enemy's lines machine gunning and shelling the assaulting waves and opening big gaps in the German lines.

These successes make serious roads upon the line of defense east of the Ailette and on the plateau that the German troops were ordered to hold at any cost.

## BASEBALL SERIES POSTPONED ON ACCOUNT OF RAIN

Chicago, Sept. 4.—The opening game of the world's series has been postponed until tomorrow on account of rain.

## 27 NATIONALITIES ARE AT CAMP LEWIS

Camp Lewis, Sept. 4.—Twenty-seven nationalities are represented among 144 drafted men who arrived yesterday from Oregon and Washington points. They are the first of 5,000 men who are to arrive within the next few days.

## COMPTROLLER GIVES CALL FOR BANK STATEMENTS

Washington, Sept. 4.—The comptroller today issued a call for statements from all national banks at the close of business, Saturday, August 31.

## GERMAN EMPRESS BETTER SAYS ZURICH REPORT

Zurich, Sept. 4.—The condition of the German empress is reported as being more favorable today.

## FOREST FIRES DAMAGE NORTHERN FORESTS

Portland, Sept. 4.—Serious brush and forest fires were reported doing much damage today in Hood River county, Oregon, and Clarke county, Washington. Soldiers are helping to fight the Clarke county fires.

## WILL ORGANIZE BRANCH SCHOOL

### Public Meeting Tonight at Court- house to Organize Extension Course of Training

A public meeting, to which everyone is invited, will be held at the courthouse tonight at 8 o'clock sharp for the purpose of organizing an extension course in military training. This will be a branch of the training school at the U. of O. at Eugene.

The aim of the organization is to give instruction in military science, to enable and qualify men to enter the officers' training camps to secure commissions. A recent ruling prohibits men from going directly from private life into the officers' training quarters, therefore there is urgent need of a branch of the extension work of the University of Oregon to equip men in this vicinity to prepare themselves for this work.

An officer from the U. of O., and C. A. Thomas, of Medford, are scheduled to be here tonight to fully explain the course and to endeavor to secure a class of 40 members, which is the number required to form the organization.

As stated above the meeting is open to all, and those between the ages of 18 and 45 are eligible to attend. A rousing meeting is desired by those behind the movement in this city.

## TWO OREGON MEN ARE COMMISSIONED LIEUTENANTS

Washington, Sept. 4.—Among the men commissioned as second lieutenants at Camp Grant include the following from Oregon:

Private Willard Johnson and Arthur J. Woodstock, both of the Oregon Agricultural College.

## GRAND JURY FINISHES BUSINESS IN ONE DAY

The Josephine county grand jury empaneled at the April term of court, completed its business session in one day, finishing last evening. They returned four indictments and recommended that a new lock be put on the county jail.

The grand jury also examined the county home, pronounced it in a sanitary condition and stated that the inmates are receiving the best of treatment, but recommended that a little better ventilation be provided by putting a window in the attic.

## CANADIAN WHEAT TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT

Ottawa, Sept. 4.—Complete control of the purchase and sale of Canadian wheat has been assumed by the government.

## PRESTON PEAK HURLS FORTH LAVA AND ROCKS

Yreka, Cal., Sept. 4.—Preston peak, 35 miles east of Crescent City, burst into volcanic eruption Monday, according to the Orleans lookout of the United States forestry service. The explosion was violent. Lava and rocks were hurled several hundred feet into the air and the cloud of fumes is reported to have covered a radius of five miles. Preston peak is 7,300 feet high.

Later the forest ranger stationed in the Applegate region stated that Preston peak was not erupting, but that a great forest fire back of it gave it that appearance.

## 33 SHIPS ARE THE OUTPUT FOR MONTH OF AUGUST

Philadelphia, Sept. 4.—American shipping was increased by 33 wooden vessels during August it was announced today by Charles Piez, vice-president and general manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

Mr. Piez said most of the new ships would be used in the American coastwise trade.

## GERMANS CANNOT STOP THE BRITISH ADVANCE

### Drive Through Wotan Line to Canal Du Nord and Take More Towns—Lens Definitely Evacuated, British Kept Out by Gas Fumes—Huns Appear Disorganized

Paris, Sept. 4.—The British have driven through the Wotan line as far as Canal Du Nord and the progress continues.

A wedge has been driven between the railway centers of Du Aix and Cambrai and menaces the enemy, who must stop the British on the canal line if they hope to save these bases, which are most vital to the German defense in the west.

Disorganization in the German ranks is reported unofficially, and there seems more than a possibility that the enemy will be unable to reconstruct his defensive formations in time to stop the British along the canal. The main force of the British push is towards Cambrai.

To the north the Germans are still in full retreat and the British have occupied additional towns in the Lys salient.

London, Sept. 4.—Lens has been definitely evacuated by the Germans, according to reports from Northern

France. The British are not occupying the place yet because of gas fumes.

London, Sept. 4.—In the push beyond the Drocourt-Queant line the British have reached the German line defending the Canal Du Nord, the war office announces. North of Peronne the advance carried the British through Vaux wood in Flanders and the advance continues.

With the British Armies in France, Sept. 4.—The British are reported to have taken Moeuvres, southeast of Queant, but the capture of the town has not been confirmed.

The Germans are in full flight in the region of Canal Du Nord and appear to be greatly disorganized. A thousand more prisoners were taken last night by the British.

The reported capture of Lens has not been officially confirmed, although it is generally believed that the British have taken the place.

## GROCERMAN SAYS HE SET FIRE TO THE TOWN

That he purposely set the fire which destroyed his grocery and confectionery store and several other buildings at Riddle last Thursday night, was the admission of E. R. Davidson, who was arrested there last Saturday evening by Sheriff Quine, says the Roseburg Review. Davidson was brought to this city and after being "sweated" for several hours, finally broke down and confessed the whole crime. It was about 4 o'clock Sunday morning before Davidson "came through" and told the officers what he had done.

Davidson had bought the store from Kenneth Quine, son of Sheriff Quine, early last June, making but a partial payment and leaving a balance of \$1,600 still due.

In some respects this is a pitiable case. Davidson has a wife and six small children, the oldest being 14 years of age and the youngest five months. A boy of 12 was paralyzed in infancy and has never been able to speak or walk, being a constant burden of care. Davidson also has a physical ailment, contracted while in service in the Philippine war, which gives him constant trouble and embarrassment. His wife is also suffering from worry and a heart ailment that at times is serious.

Davidson was arraigned before Justice I. B. Riddle this afternoon. He waived examination and was held to appear before the grand jury in November, under a bond of \$1,000. He claims he can raise this through friends in Washington. In the meantime he will be held in jail.

The penalty for this crime ranges from one to 20 years in the penitentiary.

## CROWN PRINCE BITTER AGAINST THE ENGLISH

Amsterdam, Sept. 4.—The German idea of victory as defined by the German crown prince in an interview published in Budapest, is "to hold our own and not let ourselves be vanquished." The crown prince is quoted as saying that this was clear to him the moment England entered the war.

## TRUCK GOES OVER BANK AND INJURES ONE MAN

While driving to this city last night in an auto truck from the south, Harry Cougle and Orlando Rose met with an accident that was rather disastrous to Mr. Rose. Near Locust Hill ranch about three miles south of the city another automobile "gave them the horn" and passed them, but in turning out, Mr. Cougle drove too near the edge of the road and the truck went down the hill, turning over twice in the descent.

Mr. Cougle was not injured, nor was the truck badly damaged, but Mr. Rose was not so fortunate. The lobe of one ear was split, two ribs were broken, and Dr. Loughridge, who attended the injured man, stated that there was scarcely any part of the man's body that did not yield some cuticle. Rose was certainly badly skinned.

It is said that Mr. Cougle was driving with dim lights and could not see the road very plainly. The accident occurred at 9 o'clock.

## SALVATION ARMY DRIVE IS NOT YET COMPLETED

The Salvation Army drive in Josephine county began yesterday to raise \$400 for war work is progressing nicely, although the committee in charge were in hopes of raising the full quota in one day.

Up to 3 o'clock this afternoon there was a total of \$253.55 turned in, according to the report of Roscoe Bratton, chairman of the drive.

Some of those who were appointed on the committee are unable to assist, and the few who are working are making strenuous efforts to finish the quota tonight. If you have not yet contributed to this worthy cause, you are earnestly requested to hand in your dollar at once—this evening—to any member of the committee.

## WOMEN TO REPLACE MEN IN THE CHURCHES

Eugene, Sept. 4.—Many young women who are students in the Eugene Bible University will no doubt be called upon to act as pastors in churches of the state during the coming year, as a result of war conditions and the demand for the services of the men elsewhere.

## BROADER GROUNDS FOR EXEMPTION

### General Crowder Says New Rules Will Govern the Registration on September 12

Washington, Sept. 4.—Broader grounds for exemption claims will govern the registration on September 12 than have heretofore been in effect, General Crowder announces. The term "industrial occupation" is eliminated and persons may get deferred classification when engaged in "occupations which can be established as necessary to military establishment or the maintenance of the national interest."

## U. S. CASUALTY LIST

The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces for today:

Killed in action	110
Missing in action	179
Wounded severely	309
Wounded, degree undetermined	160
Died of wounds	21
Died of disease	23
Died of accident and other causes	11
Died of aeroplane accident	4
Total	808

Wounded severely—William D. Maxwell, Baker, Ore.

Wounded, degree undetermined—Justin H. Wilkins, St. Helens, Ore.; Corporal Ross V. Loughran, South-beach, Ore.

## Marine Corps

Killed in action	3
Died of wounds	1
Wounded in action, severely	1
Wounded in action, degree undetermined	2
Total	7

## ANOTHER CONTINGENT OFF FOR CAMP LEWIS

Another contingent of boys will leave for Camp Lewis tonight to enter training. They are: Earl S. Sanford, Ransome N. Gates, Orlando Miller, Lester D. Calhoun, Roy C. Sharlow and Ralph W. Maloney. Valoa White is alternate for this contingent.

A. B. Richey, whose home is in Malheur county, and Bryan Redding, who hails from Plentywood, Mont., have been inducted into the service by the local board and will leave on the same train, as will also Edward Howard, the negro who was taken on the streets here a few days ago on the charge of being a slacker. Howard will be in charge of one of the other boys until they reach Camp Lewis.

## M'DONELL SAYS IT WAS A MISUNDERSTANDING

A. McDonell, the Portland man who came to Grants Pass last week for the purpose of buying black locust trees to be used in making ship treenails, left this afternoon for points south, stating that he was unable to secure enough trees in this locality to make a carload. Mr. McDonell says there was a misunderstanding as to his intentions to confiscate trees and take them by government order, and today stated that it was his business to merely try to buy them from the owners. However, several of our citizens understood from conversing with Mr. McDonell that the trees would be taken by government order, whether the owners wished to sell or not.

Grants Pass still has shade trees, but it is safe to predict that the owners will sacrifice them any moment our government says they are absolutely necessary to help win the war.

## MANY PERSONS ARE INJURED BY EXPLOSION

### CHICAGO IS SHAKEN BY LARGE BOMB PLACED AT FEDERAL BUILDING

## 3 KILLED—WINDOWS BROKEN

### Explosion Occurs at the Adams St. Entrance—No Report Made As to Guilty Parties

Chicago, Sept. 4.—Three persons were killed and 75 injured today by the explosion of a bomb at the entrance to the federal building.

Hundreds of windows in the neighborhood were shattered and in these buildings many persons were injured. The explosion occurred at the Adams street entrance.

Chicago, Sept. 4.—What is believed to have been a bomb was exploded at the corner of the federal building today. The detonation broke windows in stores across the street and one man was killed.

## VESLE FRONT VACATED BY RETREATING BOOIES

London, Sept. 4.—The Germans are contemplating a general retirement from the Vesle front where the Americans face them, according to indications reported from the battlefield. The Franco-American successes have prompted the move.

## NEW COMMANDER FOR THE EASTERN FRONT

Washington, Sept. 4.—General William S. Graves has arrived at Vladivostok to take command of the American forces on the eastern front.

## CLASS OF JUNE, 1918 IN HANDS OF BOARD

The list of names of registrants of the class of June, 1918, whose registration cards are in the possession of the local board, and the order of their liability for military service, and their registration number, are as follows:

- 45 John Franklin Ward, Hugo, Ore., order No. 5-a.
- 41 Harry Gordon Neely, Grants Pass, R. F. D. No. 2, order No. 5-b.
- 39 Clarence George Emerick, Merlin, Ore., order No. 13-a.
- 46 Robert Clark Story, Wolf Creek, Ore., order No. 13-a.
- 40 Richard Every, Merlin, Ore., order No. 19-a.
- 38 Glen Allen, Grants Pass, Ore., order No. 19-b.
- 44 Luther Ruth, Grants Pass, Ore., order No. 28-a.
- 43 Earl Harris Pittenger, Grants Pass, Ore., order No. 31-a.
- 42 Rudolph G. Pimperl, Grants Pass, Ore., 204 S. Third St., order No. 38.

## EMBARK 1,600,000 TO DATE SAYS MARCH

Washington, Sept. 4.—General March announced today that the total embarkation of American soldiers on all fronts has passed the 1,600,000 mark since August 1. Over 250,000 were landed in France in August.