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## THE BIG FOUR

You need them all—you want them all—the strongest combination of homefurnishings ever grouped in one offer—Think of it!—The Monarch Range, the Ring of Ranges—The White Sewing Machine, over two million sold—The Maytag Electric Washer, the greatest household labor saving invention of the age—The McDougal Kitchen Cabinet, the Queen of the Kitchen—The Big Four—all grouped in ONE GREAT OFFER on terms that will permit placing the Big Four in any American home.

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## NAVAL MILITIA GETTING HARDENED FOR WAR

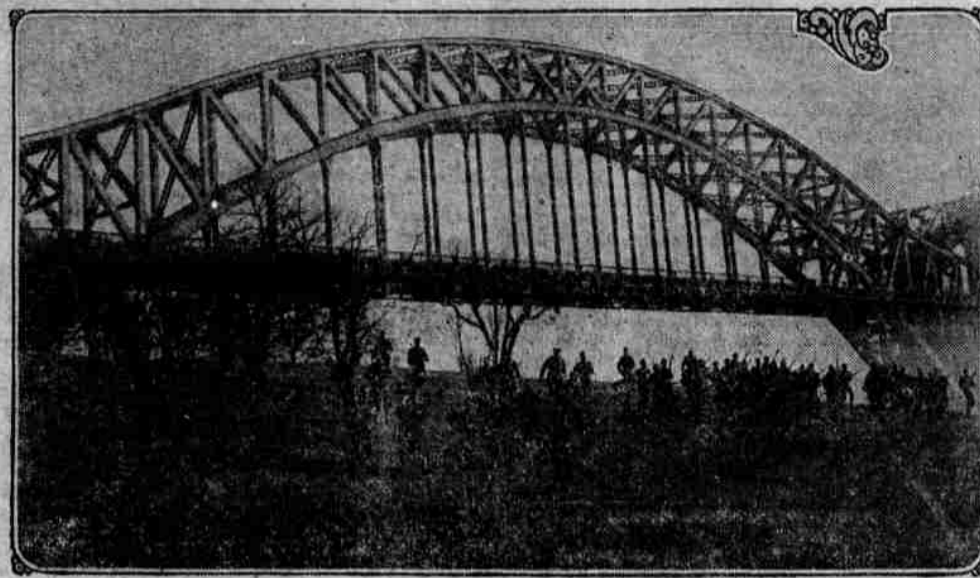


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Using Ward's island as a drill ground the naval militia of the New York district has undergone severe training. Here they are seen charging. The structure above is the new Hell Gate bridge, just opened.

## IOWA'S RECORD IN FOOD DRIVE

The first lap of an unusual drive for increased food production is being completed in Iowa. As a result, Iowa probably will do more than her share of feeding the United States and her allies, despite the fact that 75 per cent of her winter wheat crop was killed. For the first time in the country's history the Corn Belt States promise to produce a 400,000,000 bushel corn crop, and will lead the entire middle west in the yield.

Because of the shortage of winter wheat, most serious in Kansas, Nebraska and the Dakotas, corn is certain to attain more importance than ever as an article of human food. Until the present less than 10 per cent of the world's corn crop has been used for food for human beings. Now the country's greatest cereal crop is expected to bound into some measure of the popularity held by wheat.

The middle west will gather the greatest corn crop in all history this fall, provided weather conditions are at all favorable. Reports of crop experts in 13 of the leading corn belt states indicate that the yield will be increased by more than 500,000,000 bushels.

Despite the fact that the call for the mobilization of farm resources came rather late to affect many important crops outside of corn, the farmers of the middle west have responded by planting all the crops they possibly can care for and save this year. Next year, should the food shortage continue, the middle west will smash all records for crop production. The winter wheat acreage will be vastly increased and fertilizing and farming will be on a more extensive scale than ever.

Much of the activity of the middle western farmers this spring has been devoted to thorough preparation of their corn ground and in planting such crops as soy beans, sorghum, barley, oats and kafir corn. Increase in the acreage of potatoes and garden crops has been enormous this summer, at least, the country should be flooded with cheap food.

Farmers who own tractors have been working them night and day in Iowa and Kansas. The latter state has mobilized more than 500 tractors for farm work under the direction of the Defense Council and is working them to the limit, the night shifts being provided from towns and cities near.

So far it has not been necessary to employ women for farm work, except in isolated cases, although later on the shortage of labor is going to be most serious. Thousands of wives and daughters of South Dakota farmers found it necessary to work in the fields for a few weeks this spring in order that the wheat acreage might be increased.

Hundreds of thousands of women will be employed this summer in canning of fruits and vegetables. In Iowa more than 250 demonstrators will give canning demonstrations in every community. One Iowa county has already held 300 such demonstrations to interest the women in thrift work. Other states are organizing women for the same work and canning of fruits and vegetables this summer will be conducted on an enormous scale.

### Coal Rules Coming Soon

Regulations to govern the operations of coal mines will be issued by Dr. U. A. Garfield, fuel administrator, probably this week.

The Federal Trade Commission is working on a scale of profits for retail coal dealers, which it will submit to Dr. Garfield. Indications are that retail prices will be fixed to complete the Government control of the coal industry already put into operation with the fixing of mine and wholesale prices.

### Woman Dies of Burns

Burns suffered while she was clearing sagebrush from her homestead, five miles from Pleasant Valley, caused the death of Mrs. Lucy Burden at the Baker hospital. She was 63 years old. Mrs. Burden was born in Illinois April 25, 1854, and had lived in Baker county for 26 years. She came to Oregon in 1883.

## WHEAT PRICE IS SET

The Government price on wheat has been set at \$2.20 per bushel for the 1917 crop, based on No. 1 Northern at Chicago. Freight charges on wheat from coast points to Chicago is 30c per bushel.

## CAVALRYMEN NOW IN THE TRENCHES

American cavalry regiments now undergoing intensive training may be surprised on their arrival at the French front to find their horses relegated to the stables and themselves to the trenches.

As a matter of fact, the role of the French cavalry has been largely one of foot in the trenches. Unless the whole character of the war on the western front should change completely it is entirely possible that American cavalry may undergo the same experience.

The change in the war that came when the Germans dug themselves in on French soil rendered it necessary for a large number of the French cavalry regiments to be dismantled and the men utilized in the foot service. Enough of the cavalry was retained to meet any requirements that may yet come with a reversal to open warfare, but the wisdom of the change has been demonstrated by the fact that since then the French cavalry that still continues as such has only had two occasions to get into action. During the first few days of the Battle of the Somme cavalry patrols were thrown out ahead of the advancing infantry for a few days and during the German retreat of last March the cavalry again had a busy week chasing the fleeing Germans.

But that has been all. With the whole war on a trench basis, these "cavaliers a pied" or cavalrymen afoot as they are known, took their turns in the trenches.

### Champions Compete

The greatest aggregation of world's champions ever seen in one contest will compete at the Round Up, September 30, 31, 22. The contests will be the biggest things the world has ever seen. All former champions will meet and compete for the supreme title. In the cowgirls' relay race Ruth Perton, Mabel DeLong, Bertha Blacett, Mrs. Parsons, Lita Smith and Josephine Sherry will ride against each other. In the cowboys' relay Sleepy Armstrong, Darrel Cannon, Allen Drumheller, Paxton Irwin, Knapp Lynch and Bob Anderson will ride. These riders are all champions. In the steer roping Geo. Wier, Charlie Wier, Joe Beason, Henry Yabenny, Sammy Garrett, Tom Grimes, Ed McCarty, Dan Clark and John Judd, all former winners, will compete. In every other one of the competitive events it will be the same thing, champion against champion and then some outsiders. The Directors say it will be the biggest Round Up ever pulled off. These people will all positively be here, as the Round Up never makes such an announcement until it is a sure thing. Indications are that the crowd will be up to normal. The seat sale opens Sept. 1, and the advance sale is already above 1915.

### Forest Fires Raging

Forest fires this week were threatening Washington towns and sweeping through the woods of Montana at a tremendous rate, driving homesteaders and crews of fighters before them, according to reports that reached the outside yesterday from the fire infested districts.

No sooner was the serious fire at Kamela subdued Monday than another broke out in Ladd Canyon, where 400 acres of the choice timber last night were reported afire. Volunteers were rushed into the woods. Baker reported that the fires in the Minaw forest were under control, but the one on Mount Mariah was still dangerous and about 800 acres had been burned over.

## LUMBER FOR THE ARMY COSTS NEARLY \$2,000,000

From July 1 to the present time approximately 1800 carloads of lumber have been furnished by mills of Washington and Oregon at a cost of about \$1,900,000 for the construction of the army cantonments at Camp Lewis, American Lake, and at Des Moines, Ia. Included in these figures also are 50,000 window sashes and 12,000 doors. For Camp Lewis alone about 1400 carloads, 85,000,000 feet, have been placed, about all that will be required. The orders went to 100 mills.

The work of supplying such a great quantity of lumber on such short notice necessitated many shortcuts and every means possible were taken to get the lumber through on time. On one occasion representatives of 53 mills were present and no orders were given to those who could not promise shipment within a week. After 6,000,000 feet of lumber was ordered for Des Moines a trainload of 37 cars left Portland and another of 37 cars left Hoquiam, Wash., within five days after the committee gave the word. Every sash and door factory in the two states was pushed to get out the necessary equipment and to meet conditions six carloads of glass were ordered by wire from Pittsburgh, Pa.

### Raymond—Parker

Miss Hazel Parker of this city, and Lee R. Raymond of Walla Walla, were united in marriage in Toppensish, Wash., Tuesday afternoon, at the Christian church parsonage, by Rev. Hower. The marriage came as a complete surprise to the relatives and friends of the young couple, and they are now receiving congratulations from everyone.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Parker of this city, and the groom is a son of Adam Raymond, the well known Walla Walla farmer, and who at one time resided near Athena.

### Death of Mrs. Howe

Mrs. Margaret Howe died last Friday afternoon at the State Hospital in Pendleton. The remains were removed to the Miller Undertaking parlors in Athena, Saturday. Interment took place in Athena cemetery Wednesday forenoon, services being conducted at the grave by Rev. W. H. Bleakney of Walla Walla.

Mrs. Howe formerly resided in Athena, living at the home of her brother, James Henderson. She is survived by a son, two brothers and three sisters. One sister is a Red Cross nurse with the British army in Salonica.

### The Swimming Pool

Now that harvest is drawing to a close, agitation for a swimming pool is noted. Some weeks ago a start was made to raise funds for the construction of a pool, but harvest operations were so close at hand that the work was deferred with a portion of the funds raised. A general interest is being manifested in the enterprise, and with the completion of what hauling the work will be promptly taken up as completed. The plans and specifications are at hand, and with men and teams released from harvest, it should not take much time to work out the details of construction.

### In Business Again

Jesse Myrick is again part owner of the Farber Barber Shop, having repurchased a half interest. Mr. Myrick sold to Mr. Parker, last fall, when he decided to engage in farming, and rented a place near Helix in partnership with his brother in law. Early this spring he disposed of his farming interests. His Athena friends are pleased to have him in business here once more.

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## OREGON POLICY OF DRAFT IS CHANGED

A special to the East Oregonian from La Grande, says: The draft lists certified by the district exemption board of eastern Oregon to the adjutant general will be revised in conformance with the recent ideas as expressed by President Wilson relative to "heads of families." This was the announcement made this morning by members of the district board. The lists they sent in to Adjutant General White several days ago have been returned for revision. The board will reconsider all dependency cases and expects to have the revised lists complete tomorrow. It was stated that President Wilson's ideas would be followed.

The Portland Oregonian says: The policy of Oregon exemption boards with regard to men of military age who have dependents, as heretofore carried out, coincides with the declaration of President Wilson on that phase of the draft according to Adjutant General George A. White, and will remain unchanged.

"At a recent meeting of the district board a similar policy was adopted for Oregon," the Adjutant General commented, "and the instructions received from the Provost Marshal General will not materially affect the policy already in force."

"The President's idea on the subject, however, serves to clear up any confusion as to the intent of the law, and will serve to facilitate the work of the district boards. Copies of the telegram of instructions have been forwarded to the district boards at Portland, Eugene and La Grande."

The substance of President Wilson's recommendation is summed up in one paragraph of his communication to the Provost Marshal General: "We ought, as far as practicable, to raise this National Army without creating the hardships necessarily entailed upon the head of a family is taken, and I hope that for the most part those accepted in the first call will be found to be men who have not yet assumed such relations."

Adjutant General White held a conference with Carl Taylor, of the O. W. R. & N., representing the American Railway Association, with reference to the routing entailed in assembling the National Army quota.

A complete change in the schedule for September 5, which was countermanded by orders received Saturday, rendered new instructions and provisions necessary for the movement of troops on September 5 to American Lake, but the previous schedule will be in force for September when 40 per cent will be mobilized, and for the third mobilization of 40 per cent on October 3. Fifteen per cent will remain to be called when practicable.

Provisions for the moving of the first five per cent of Oregon's quota on September 5 are complete, and no delay is anticipated. The ruling of the War Department in this matter is held to be of great assistance to state authorities, as they are empowered to make any adjustment of the regulations that may be found necessary in assembling the men.

The responsibility for delivering the quota on the day specified, as recruits to the National Army, is placed wholly upon Oregon authorities by this ruling. It is officially recognized that the prescribed regulations might not be applicable in all communities and cases.

### \$200 per Acre.

The cream of high prices for wheat land was received this week by Wm. McBride, when he sold his farm southwest of Athena, to Frank Carl Pendleton, for \$200 per acre. In the deal, Mr. Carl also purchased all stock and farming implements.

## Shoes SHOES Shoes

The most important question to be discussed by all families this season. You have been reading of the big Government orders for Shoes, and of the advance in all Shoe leather and you will be surprised at the very low prices we quote you on all Footwear. These shoes were bought at prices prevailing six months ago and bought for cash, so you can readily see where we can save you money

Infants' soft sole shoes	-.35 .59
Childrens shoes 1 to 5	.79 to 1.35
Childrens shoes 5 to 8	.98 to 2.25
Childrens shoes 8 1-2 to 11	1.49 to 2.25
Misses shoes 11 1-2 to 2	1.49 to 2.69
Ladies dress shoes in high and low heel	2.25 to 4.50
Black lace Boots	4.50 to 5.90
White Kid Boots	5.90 to 7.90
Ladies novelty lace boots in grey, brown white and black combinations	3.98 to 7.50



Ladies English walking shoes in combination colors	3.98 to 4.98
Mens dress shoes	2.98 to 5.90
Mens English Walking shoes tan and black	3.98 to 6.50
Mens work shoes	1.79 to 6.25
Mens High top shoes	4.98 to 6.90
Boys school shoes	1.49 to 3.49
Boys English shoes black and tan	
Neolin sole	3.19 3.69
Shoes laces 2 pair for 5c	
Shoes polish .98	

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