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WAR SITUATION IS SUMMED UP BY IMPARTIAL MEN

Survey From British Viewpoint:
Of Second Year of Great
Conflict

CHECK GERMAN ADVANCE

England Better Prepared With Muni-
tions and Allies Are Making
Advances Steadily

LONDON, Aug. 9.—While qualified American students of the war from their special position probably are better able to sum up the situation at the end of the second year of the conflict than any of the bellicose, it may be of interest to present the following survey from the British viewpoint. While I am unable to cite my authorities, I can vouch for their high standing.

First and foremost, the British fleet is now stronger in every respect than ever before in its history and its domination of the seas is more nearly complete.

The Teutonic powers occupy 167,000 square miles. Of course, the character of the occupied territory has to be taken into account and a study of the world's map does not settle the argument.

The best estimate of the present situation is obtained by recalling the state of affairs in 1915. While the German advance on the west had been definitely checked the Teutonic powers were conducting a successful campaign in Russia, and followed that by overrunning Serbia and Montenegro. On the Austrian frontier Italy was making no headway. The large Anglo-French Army was neutralized in Gallipoli, and in Armenia the Turks were holding their own everywhere. The initiative then lay with Germany.

The initiative now is definitely in the hands of the Allies. The Anglo-French force which was tied up in Gallipoli was successfully removed and made available on other fields of warfare. The Serbian army has been reconstituted and is presenting a formidable front to the Bulgarians, who had been led to believe it was nonexistent as a fighting entity.

SUCCESS IN MESOPOTAMIA

Despite the loss of the garrison at Kut the Mesopotamian operations resulted in the complete domination of Shat-al-Arab and the Turkish province of Iraq by the British and the elimination of German influence in South Persia.

But it is in Europe that the scene is changed most strikingly. With the German failure at Verdun their possession of the military initiative came to an end. The summer of 1916 has seen the beginning of a great combined attack on the Austro-German defenses. The Anglo-French forces are slowly but surely driving back the Germans on the Somme. In the difficult Alps the Austrians are receding before the Italians. The Russians are advancing rapidly on the Hungarian frontier and reconquering the Austrian territory which they won in 1914 and had to relinquish in 1915, when the Teutonic Allies cherished the fallacious belief that the Russians would be unable to come back.

With the continuance of Russian successes in that quarter, Germany's recently renewed expressions of apprehension relative to Rumania are quite comprehensible, and after the gathering of the harvests has been completed, matters may begin to move startlingly in southeast Europe.

England Now Ready

In regard to the situation in England particularly, it may now be said that this country only recently reached the point of readiness for the huge continental war in which she is engaged with wholeheartedness. This may be gauged among other things by the fact that before compulsory service was introduced in March, 5,041,000 men had voluntarily joined her forces.

Great Britain's output of munitions last year was still inadequate. Her resources in organization, men, and machinery since last year have proceeded to such a degree that Great Britain now is turning out more than enough supplies for an enormously increased army, so that she is able to render assistance to her allies in this direction also.

CONVICTS COMMIT MORE SERIOUS DEPREDATIONS

Steal Car from Silverton Man and
Rob Store at Coburg

A Ford automobile was stolen from the private garage of Roscoe Langley of Silverton at midnight Wednesday, August 3, by three convicts who escaped from the flax farm between Silverton and Salem. The thieves are still at liberty.

The robbers hid in the willows near Harrisburg and Thursday night broke into Mr. Drury's store at Coburg. It was discovered that they had tire trouble twice at Coburg but this only caused a slight delay as the car was equipped with repair supplies. The party was seen at the Hale farm near Harrisburg Thursday afternoon and were traced to the Eugene bridge but no further clue has been obtained.

Mr. Langley was in Springfield this afternoon seeking information that might lead to the arrest of the convicts and restore his stolen car.

SEATTLE MAN INTERESTED

Wants Agency For H. E. Pitts' Butter
Mold and Wire Binder

J. A. Garrard of Seattle was in Springfield recently to confer with H. E. Pitts, president of the Springfield Planing Mill company, in regard to a butter mold and a wire binding machine, both of which have recently been invented and patented by Mr. Pitts.

Mr. Garrard, who is in the hardware and wooden ware business in Seattle read an account of the invention of the binder in the Western Lumberman recently, and became so interested that he called on Mr. Pitts here in an effort to secure the Washington agency for that product, as well as for the butter mold. Mr. Pitts says he has not yet decided about the matter. The butter mold has just been put on the market, and the wire binder will be ready to introduce in a very short time.

PLEASED WITH AUTO CAMP

Tourists are Much Pleased With Re-
ception Received Here

C. S. Sultz, president of the Red Wing Advertising company of Red Wing, Minnesota, and George Aune of San Francisco, California, stopped at the auto camp the first of the week. Mr. Sultz said he had been calling on salesmen in Portland and would pass through Texas to see his son at the border with the militia. Mr. Sultz was formerly a newspaper man and worked for the New York Sun and Chicago Times besides owning several papers of his own.

The Springfield camp ground was the first auto camp they heard about and praised it highly. They said that this type of work should be encouraged, and they wanted the Springfield people to know that they thought it fine to have a place to "play Indian."

FISH HATCHERY HAS CAMP

Tourists Can Stop at Poujade When
Up the McKenzie

A free camp ground for the convenience of tourists has been opened at the Poujade fish hatchery, up the McKenzie river about 25 miles from Springfield. The Poujade fish hatchery is maintained by the state.

Free water, wood and electric lights are provided, according to M. L. Ryckman, superintendent of the hatchery who has just completed the work of clearing off the ground by working during his spare time.

The electricity for the lights is provided by the hatchery dynamo.

ARE GROWING GOOD CORN

Boys' Industrial Clubs Working Thru
State Department of Education

L. P. Harrington, industrial worker for the state department of education reports that some of the boys industrial clubs of the Willakenzie and the Norkenzie districts northwest of Springfield are growing some of the best corn he has seen this year.

Tuesday morning Mr. Harrington and Miss Bossen visited the Thurston district and met with the club members from that school as well as those from the Maple and the Davis schools adjoining. There were 21 members of the clubs in the meeting, all of them carrying on some sort of the club work, the mill is kept quite busy just now, president H. E. Pitts reports.

Mr. Harrington took a number of interesting pictures of the boys and the girls at work, which he will use in some of his illustrated lectures his travels over the state.

R. R. CARPENTERS ARE REPAIRING TROLLEY TRACKS

Gang of Men Come From Cor-
vallis and Eastern To Do
Work Here

TO USE DRESSED LUMBER

Bricks Along Tracks Will Be Taken
Up and Replaced With Planks
Early Next Week

A gang of railroad carpenters began dressing the lumber that will be used in repairing the roadbed of the local street car line Wednesday. A train load of carpenters came in Tuesday night over the Woodburn-Springfield branch from Ashland. They are from the Corvallis and Eastern railroad. Part of the large crew of men went to Winchester on the Southern Pacific main line, some went up the Mohawk and the remainder will do the work in Springfield.

It is the intention of the street railway company to take up the brick that have been doing service along the trolley rails and replace them with plank and dress it up with asphalt. The brick had become worn in many places and for this reason they will be removed and replaced with wood.

Springfield has nearly a mile of trolley car track and it will take some time to complete the job. The men are now working in the local yards preparing the timbers that will be used and dressing the lumber.

"WASHINGTON, OR BUST"

Men Pull Wagon With Camping Out-
fit; Women Also Walk

The Pacific highway has become very popular for tourist travel and all kinds of knights of the road may be seen wending their way to the north or to the south. Yesterday morning a party consisting of two men, two women and a child, passed south through West Springfield. They had a four wheeled, rubber tired, light wagon with a covered top. On the top was painted this inscription, "From Coast to Coast. Bound for Washington, D. C."

The wagon carried their camping outfit and it was drawn by the two men. The women followed in the rear and one of them carried a small child.

SUPERINTENDENT ELECTED

Will Succeed A. I. O'Reilly Who Goes
To Marcola Schools

C. E. Ferguson, who for eleven years was in the employ of the United States government as school supervisor in the Philippines Islands was elected by the county board of education on Tuesday as county school supervisor to succeed A. I. O'Reilly who has resigned to accept the principalship of the schools at Marcola. Mr. Ferguson lives in Eugene.

Mr. Ferguson was selected out of a list of ten applicants. Previous going to the islands, Mr. Ferguson was engaged in teaching in the county schools of Iowa and of North Dakota.

After returning from the Philippines about a year ago he has finished his college course at the University of Oregon, graduating with the class of 1916.

The new supervisor will enter upon his duties August 15.

MILL GETS BIG ORDER FROM CRESWELL

An order has just been received from Creswell by the Springfield planing mill for between 4,000 and 6,000 orchard boxes. Altogether with this order, and the work they are doing for the new Methodist church and the parsonage as well as other regular work, the mill is kept quite busy just now, president H. E. Pitts reports.

OXTEAM GOES THROUGH SPRINGFIELD

Yesterday afternoon a man and a woman with an oxteam hitched to a two-horse wagon passed through Springfield. They had regular harness with bridle and bit on their oxen and their wagon contained their camping outfit. They had a buggy trailing behind the wagon and were leading a few cattle.

ROLICKING FUN BY BIG BONFIRE NEXT TUESDAY

Young People of Springfield To
Take Half Day Off For
Merrymaking

ACTIVITIES ARE PLANNED

Cafeteria Luncheon Will Be served
By "Eats" Committee For All
Hungry Ones

Three thirty next Tuesday afternoon is the time, and Emerald Heights is the place that has been decided to hold the Big Young Peoples' picnic of Springfield. This picnic is for the benefit and enjoyment of every young man and woman in this community, regardless of age, race color or political ambitions. The committee had an enthusiastic meeting Tuesday evening and made preparations for a great time next Tuesday afternoon and evening.

The afternoon will be devoted to sports and other amusements which will keep all laughing from the time they arrive until the ladies give the call for the fine cafeteria luncheon at six thirty. Then the sandwiches, coffee, pickles, ice cream and other good things will be served that will make everybody that goes to the picnic laugh inside with the joy of acting.

The committee on site will have swings for the girls and seats on the soft sides of the rocks for the boys that have been doing service along the trolley rails and replace them with plank and dress it up with asphalt. The brick had become worn in many places and for this reason they will be removed and replaced with wood.

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PRUNES MAY BE SHIPPED FRESH

J. O. Holt, manager of the Eugene Fruit Growers association, has received an offer through which the prune growers in the vicinity of Eugene may receive one cent a pound green for their fruit shipped fresh. If the growers so desire arrangements will be made to ship them from the cannery, but it is desired to ship at least 10 car loads.

COUNTY COURT WILL IMPROVE PUBLIC ROADS

Highway Leading to Fifth Street in
Springfield Comes in For
Its Share

The county court is advertising for bids for three important road improvements in this county. The first one calls for 8885 feet of macadam road leading from the north end of Fifth street in Springfield to the Wendling branch of the Southern Pacific railroad on the road leading to the Mohawk valley.

Another one calls for macadamizing a 5880 feet of the Eugene-Ellera road from the end of the present macadam out of Eugene over Crabtree hill and connecting up with the next stretch of macadam. This will give a good road from Eugene to the bridge over Coyote creek a distance of more than eight miles. The other piece of road will be 5200 feet of new dirt construction road around Cape Horn in the Lake creek valley. This new road will eliminate a dangerous precipice overlooking the creek and will eliminate a heavy grade.

The bids will be opened by the county court September first and the contracts let so that the work may be done this fall before heavy rains begin.

WORKING AT GRAVEL PIT

Three Trains Daily Haul Material for
Ballasting New Roadbed

The Southern Pacific company began working at the Natron gravel pit on the Oakridge branch of the road Tuesday and three trains began hauling the gravel to points south of the Umpqua bridge of the Willamette-Pacific line Wednesday.

Three trains are used to haul the gravel, one from the pit to Springfield and two from Springfield to the places along the road where the ballast is to be used. These trains will tie up every night at Springfield and one helper engine will tie up at Eugene.

Trainmaster, W. J. Williams has his headquarters at Springfield while the gravel trains are working.

The gravel is used in ballasting the Willamette-Pacific road bed which is just being completed from Eugene to Marshfield on the coast.

TO GIVE PIANO RECITAL

Pupils of Miss Amy Carson Appear
Next Friday Night

The pupils of Miss Amy Carson of Springfield will give a piano recital tomorrow evening at the Christian church at eight o'clock. The persons who will appear on the program will come from Donna, Marcola as well as from Springfield.

The following program will be rendered:

Piano solo, "Warbling of the Birds," Kimball, Jennie Turner, Donna.

Piano solo, "Dance in the Barn," Klickman, Ellen Lambert, Donna.

Piano duet, "Spanish Dance," Moszkowski, Cleone and Lavelle Barker, Donna.

Piano solo, "Morning Mood," Grieg, Miss Carson.

Vocal solo, "A Winter's Lullaby," Ethlyn Powers.

Piano solo, "Wild Rose," Streabog, Flossie Richardson.

Piano solo, "Wild West," Wienrich, Mabel McPherson.

Reading, "When Company Came," "At Auntie's House," Marjorie Knott.

Piano solo, "La Serenade," Shubert, Miss Carson.

Piano duet, "Home Sweet Home," Bishop, Mary Vulgamore and Mildred Workman, Marcola.

Piano solo, "Sparrow," Hoffman, Golden Nelson.

Piano solo, "Pretty Birds Waltz," De Lancey, Marian Clearwater.

Reading, "Lasca," Miss Carson.

Piano solo, "Scarf Dance," Chaminade, Pauline Duguid, Marcola.

Vocal duet, "Dreaming," Eastman, Ethlyn Powers and Mabel Duryee.