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SOUTHERNERS IN ANNUAL PICNIC AT LITHIA PARK

A crowd of southerners, old, young and medium, gathered in Ashland park Wednesday and staged a Dixie demonstration that made passersby sit up and take notice.

It was the occasion of the second annual picnic of the Dixie association of the Rogue River valley and more than fifty sons and daughters, grandsons and granddaughters of the south journeyed from the four corners of the valley to the scene of the celebration.

A bountiful basket dinner was spread under the trees, generously supplied with friend chicken, southern style, watermelon, and other substantial reminiscences of the south.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year. George P. Mims, Medford, president; Thomas Hudson, Ashland, vice-president; Mrs. F. F. Whitte, Ashland, secretary-treasurer; C. L. Upshaw, Medford, Ed. H. Richards, Grants Pass, and Mrs. Mary Black, Ashland, board of control.

The date and place of the next jollification was set as August 15, 1918, noon, at Ashland park, and H. C. Garnett, Mrs. Rawles Moore, Medford, and Mrs. John H. Dill, Ashland, were selected as program committee to prepare the fund for the 1918 gathering.

All persons hailing from south of the Mason-Dixon's line and now living in the Rogue River valley are eligible for membership in the association. Every eligible who failed to attend yesterday missed the time of their life and are urged by the officers to send their names and addresses at once to the president or secretary so they may be entered upon the rolls for the next demonstration.

PORTLAND CARMEN THREATEN A STRIKE

PORTLAND, Aug. 16.—Platform men employed by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, which operates all the street cars in Portland, besides several interurban lines, today presented a new scale of wages and hours to the management, calling for considerable increase of pay and the adoption of a basic eight-hour working day.

The present scale of pay is from 29c to 34c an hour, depending upon length of service. The proposed scale provides a minimum of 35c ranging to 50c for four-year men and those older in the service.

WAR PREPARATIONS

THERE are now in the United States naval and military establishment over 850,000 men. In the regular army there are upwards of 300,000, of which 184,000 have been enlisted since April 1.

In September these forces will be increased by 680,000 in the new national army, drawn by selective draft, officers for which have already been trained. As soon as these units are organized and trained and on their way to France, another half million will be called to the colors, and at regular intervals from then onwards the army will be increased, half a million at a time, until sufficient force is in the field to make democracy triumphant.

Preparations for war are going forward upon a businesslike basis. The greatest merchant fleet ever built is under forced construction. The greatest air fleet ever assembled is being built to give America mastery of the air.

The food resources of the country are being mobilized under the direction of Herbert C. Hoover as food administrator, who seeks to stabilize prices, eliminate speculation, extortion and waste, to guard exports so as to retain sufficient to feed our own people and our allies.

The cost of these preparations, of arming, feeding, equipping and transporting our army and navy, of financing the war and our allies, will total a tremendous sum—and to supply it is the part of those who remain at home. We must steel ourselves to great sacrifices, to stand the shock and sorrow of bitter war, to encourage the men in the trenches and nerve ourselves to carry the program thru to victory.

"The righteousness of our cause cannot decide this titanic conflict. It is the fibre, the stuff, the grit, the nerve of the civilian peoples which will decide it. Be sure of this. The side which lasts the longest, the side which endures is the side which will give its character to the future of civilization. The quality of national fibre will decide this war and decide the future of the world."

The war will not be won by the men at the front any more than by those at home. If we preserve our courage and our faith, if we steadfastly supply the food and the money and the munitions, if we do not whimper and whine and falter, the soldiers at the front will know that the nation backs them up and can fight the better for it.

And we must, if democracy is to triumph, if we are to continue in the future to enjoy the blessings of liberty and independence and peace, to avert for America the fate of Belgium. Fortunate indeed are we that we do not have to furnish the battlefields—as France and Belgium and Serbia and Russia have had to do—that we only have to furnish the men. If we meet defeat, with our allies, or if we listen to the tempting offers of premature peace that leaves autocracy triumphant, within the next generation we shall furnish both the battlefields and the men.

Hearty support at home enables a vigorous prosecution of the war abroad and gives the world the finest possible example of the indomitable American spirit of courage, pluck and stamina. Surely we will rise to the occasion—as Belgium and France and Britain have already risen.

PLATINUM REPORTED FOUND IN ALASKA

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Discovery of platinum in Alaska by Dr. Herschel C. Parker of New York and others, has aroused government agencies to the greatest activity in the hope of finding sufficient quantities of precious metal to meet the war needs of the allies.

Four government experts have been assigned to study the Alaskan situation and report in favor of the discoveries may replenish the platinum supply cut off recently by the virtual cessation of activities in the Ural mountains mines, the source of the world's greatest supply.

Intensive operations would follow a favorable report, for the true condition, it is declared, can not be determined before next year, by which time the present short supply will be very nearly exhausted.

SPREAD POPULARITY AMERICAN APPLES

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—An effort to increase the popularity of the American apple is soon to be made in an educational campaign by the members of the International Apple Shippers' association, which has representatives in all parts of the United States and Canada, according to announcement made here today.

Information placed before the convention was to the effect that there was no prospect that England would lift its embargo upon the importation of apples, which closed the American growers' best foreign market.

FINLAND FACES 'CABINET CRISIS'

HELSINGFORS, Finland, Aug. 16.—Disorders occasioned by the scarcity of food, have led to a cabinet crisis. The senators have requested the governor-general to transmit their resignations to the provisional government. The governor-general has asked M. Tokol, vice-president of the department of economics and former president of the diet, to form a socialist cabinet. He has accepted. A general strike has been declared.

GEN. HAIG STRIKES HARD ALONG A WIDE FRONT

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ing their new territory near Lens and defending it against German efforts to retrieve their losses, they struck another blow about thirty miles farther north, on a wide front east and north of Ypres. The official report from London gives few details of the battle, but says progress is being made.

All Objectives Gained.

The French, with the assistance of British troops on their right, attacked the German positions on both sides of the road between the towns of Steenstraete and Dixmude, eight miles apart.

Paris reports that all objectives were gained and that a crossing of the Steenbelle river was forced. The French and British are making further progress on the right bank of the river.

Marked success was won by the French on the Aisne front. A strongly held system of trenches on a front of one kilometer south of Ailles was stormed and German counter-attacks were beaten off.

The French also made progress in the vicinity of Hurtebise monument.

German Statement.

BERLIN, Aug. 16, via London.—British troops yesterday unsuccessfully attempted to take the village of Vendin le Vieil, two and a half miles east of Loos, on the Lens front, the German general staff reported today. The British gains, it was added, were small.

The German statement says that in Flanders a second great battle has burst forth, the British infantry attacking the German positions on an eleven-mile front.

The German general staff reports that the cathedral at St. Quentin was set on fire by French shells and that it has been ablaze since yesterday evening.

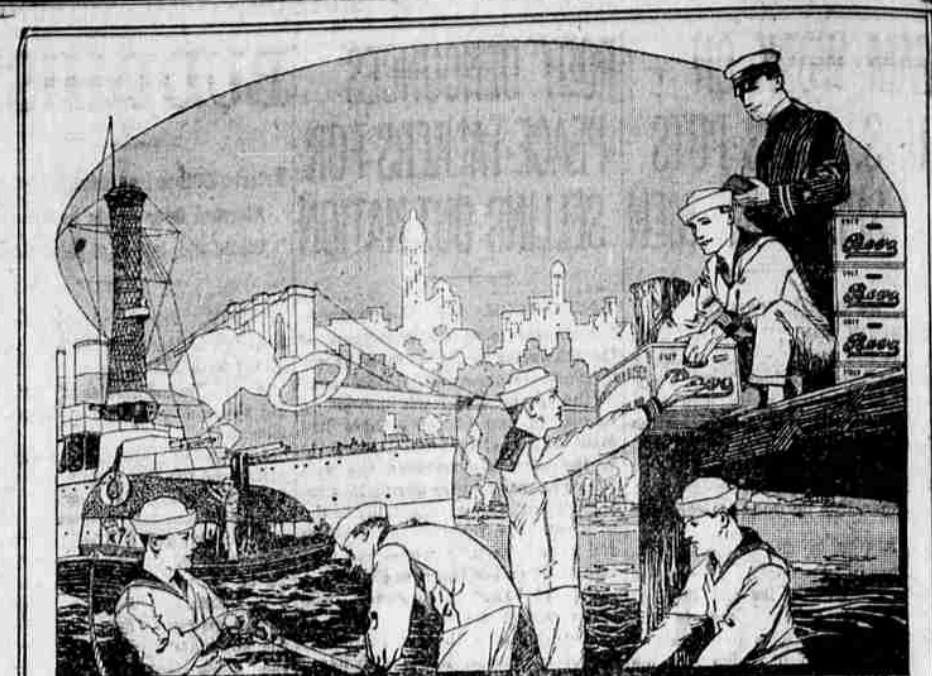
Losses Frightful.

CANADIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Aug. 16.—The taking of Hill 70 yesterday stirred the Germans as nothing else has done on this front this year. Crown Prince Rupprecht's frantic and desperate efforts to capture the hill have so far been unavailing. The Germans could not get close enough for fighting with bayonets. The Prussian guards were subjected to a terrible concentrated fire from our artillery and machine guns. Their losses were frightful.

FEARED GERMAN INTRIGUE IN CHINA

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—China's official explanation of the declaration of a state of war with Germany and Austria-Hungary, in the form of a statement by the foreign office, was received today at the Chinese legation here. It said:

"In view of the many kinds of German intrigue seeking to create disorder in China, the Chinese government found it impossible to wait for the convocation of parliament before declaring the existence of the state of war with Germany, especially since the rupture of diplomatic relations with the imperial German government had been previously approved by parliament almost unanimously."



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