

America Must Bear Brunt of War

RUSSIA-FRANCE EXHAUSTED WITH LONG FIGHTING

ENGLAND, ONLY, HAS "PUNCH" LEFT IN WAR

Military Observers' Report is Basis for Conclusions Drawn by American Military Men—American People Apathetic About Buying Liberty Bonds and Recruiting, it is Declared—West Front Headway Small.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25—Russia's military power is gone for two years. France's man-power is exhausted.

These are the true facts on the war situation, American military men declared today.

The American military observers' report is their basis for this belief.

The report says that England has a "punch" left but that America must bear the burden. The first 500,000 men to go from America to Europe will be but a drop in the bucket.

It is also said that there is a general misunderstanding about the allies' progress, in the west where the headway is not as great as it is believed.

America is declared to be apathetic in buying the Liberty bonds and in recruiting.

1917 CLASS GET DIPLOMAS TONIGHT

LARGEST CLASS IN HISTORY OF INSTITUTION WILL HEAR ADDRESS BY M. S. PITTMAN OF MONMOUTH COLLEGE.

The fourteenth annual commencement exercises of the Klamath County High School will be held tonight at 8 o'clock at Houston's Opera House.

The class this year, consisting of forty-six members, is the largest class to ever graduate in one year from this institution, despite the fact that a number of seniors have left school to join the army and navy ranks of Uncle Sam.

M. S. Pittman, of the extension service of the Monmouth Normal School, will give the address of the evening. Mr. Pittman is one of the prominent educators in the State and an interesting speaker.

The presentation of the diplomas to the members of the class will be made by R. C. Grosbeck, city attorney. The Opera House is being decorated today and special arrangements are being made for this event.

The program is as follows: Patriotic Overture, High School Orchestra, Invention, Rev. W. E. Rambo, Vocal Solo, Judge Law, Salutatory, Nera Knight, Vocal Solo, Claudia Smith, Address of the Evening, M. S. Pittman, Elections, Senior Class Odelet, Vaudeville, Marjory DeWitt, Presentation of Diplomas, Atty. R. C. Grosbeck, Benediction, Rev. Geo. H. Bennett.

Returns From School. Miss Muriel Stamble has returned from spending a year in Chicago and a short visit at K.

KLAMATH LAND TO BE CULTIVATED UNDER U. S. PLAN

GOVERNMENT WILL ANNOUNCE PLANS SOON

Klamath Project Among Those on Which Productive Lands to be Increased—Bill in Congress Carries Appropriation of \$5,000,000 for Work. Klamath Project Lined Up With California Projects.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 24—Within the next few weeks the federal government plans to take steps to put all of the uncultivated lands in the government reclamation districts within the borders of California under cultivation.

Word to this effect was brought to California yesterday by Elwood Mead, chairman of the state rural credits commission, who has returned from Washington where he consulted with Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane on the details of the plan to bring many thousand acres more into cultivation in this state.

Three big projects in California and Oregon will be affected by Secretary Lane's decision to increase the productivity of the government's irrigation projects. They are the Orland project, which is located in Glenn County; the Yuma project, in Southern California and the Klamath project, part of which lies in this state.

Mead estimates that about 700,000 acres of land, now provided with water but not under cultivation, will be affected by the activities of the department of the interior.

In addition to the three projects above named, the Truckee-Carson project in Nevada will have its productivity doubled.

According to Professor Mead, there is now a bill pending in Congress, introduced by Congressman Taylor of Colorado, which provides for the increased production of food in the government reclamation projects. The bill carries a \$5,000,000 appropriation.

It would authorize the secretary of the interior to prepare unentered lands for the production of crops by clearing, leveling and improving them to the extent deemed necessary to insure the utilization of the lands for crop purposes. Although the provisions of the bill would apply broadly to the entire United States, California and the other states on the western coast, would receive the chief benefits under its provisions.

"Secretary Lane is doing everything in his power to encourage increased production," said Mead yesterday. "He thinks the settlers should be assisted in putting their lands under cultivation. The war with Germany and the need for increased production has necessitated this step, which otherwise might not have been taken up for years."

Mead says it is Secretary Lane's plan to put the actual administration work in this state in the hands of capable Californians. Definite announcement as to who will have charge of the work will probably be made as soon as the bill is signed by President Wilson.

MAY POLICE TOWN TO STOP LIQUOR SALES

SACKS HARBOR, New York, May 24—Lieutenant Colonel Sample has threatened to place the town under martial law unless the saloons quit selling liquor to members of the officers' reserve training camp.

Socialists Name Pre-Conference Plans

Latest Photo of American Beauty, Wife of a Member of British War Council

This is the latest photograph of Lady Curzon, wife of Lord Curzon of Kedleston, who was Miss Hinds, daughter of J. Munroe Hinds, American Minister to Brazil. She was the widow of Alfred Duggan of Buenos Ayres when she married Lord Curzon. The fact that his first wife, Mary Victoria Leiter, was a daughter of Levi Z. Leiter of Chicago has made him of particular interest to Americans. Lord Curzon is not only a member of the war council which directs the operations of the British armies, but he is the government leader in the House of Lords.



LADY CURZON

Mayor Crisler Issues Memorial Day Proclamation

In accordance with the custom of the Nation in appointing and observing a day of tribute to the departed, I hereby proclaim Wednesday the 30th day of May, 1917, as Memorial Day, requesting our citizens to cease from their usual occupations, assemble, and join in the paying a just and liberal meed of praise, reverential respect and affection to the memory of our dead. I especially request that our business houses close during the exercises provided for the afternoon. I urge our citizens with one accord to evidence at this time their loyalty to our Nation by personally attending and participating in the parade and program of the day, thus manifesting their reverence for those who have served the Nation, and by their presence pledging an active and patriotic allegiance to our Country's present cause. C. E. Crisler, Mayor.

WITH THE GREAT AMERICAN FLEET

UNITED PRESS WRITER TELLS OF PREPARATIONS AND WORK UNDER WAY IN PREPARING AMERICA FOR WAR.

By CARL D. GROAT (United Press Staff Correspondent)

WITH THE AMERICAN GREAT FLEET, May 25—America's great fleet for the moment is a human factory—grinding out gun crews by the score.

Boys from every corner of the land, many of whom never saw a gun bigger than a Fourth of July pistol, are getting cured of "gun shyness," are learning to point, sight and fire big guns, upon which merchant craft relies for defense against Germany's submarines.

Boys by the thousand are learning these and many other lessons which shall make them better men, men with the stuff that enters into heroism and national vigor. For three days I have seen Uncle Sam's grim draughts with their men at work and at play—a well balanced program that turns striplings into men, and men into giants.

K. OF P'S CLOSE REDDING MEETING

REDDING, May 25—After a business session of the Pythian Sisters and Knights of Pythias today, the grand lodge meeting of those orders will come to a close tonight in the Mardi Gras ball, the closing feature of the week. The people of Redding have made elaborate plans for this event which is expected to prove one of the most notable Redding has witnessed.

Tomorrow the 1000 visitors who have spent the week here will leave for home.

COMMITTEE ON SPY BILL AGREE; CENSOR CLAUSE IN

PRESIDENT TO DESIGNATE WHAT MAY BE PUBLISHED

"Wilfully" Publishing Any Information Useful to Enemy or Respecting Movement of Troops Punishable With Fine of \$1,000—Jury Trial Provided—Accident Investigations Are Wanted.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25—The House and Senate conference committee formally agreed on the spy bill today including the censorship clause.

The censorship clause provides a fine of \$1,000 for "wilfully" publishing any information useful to an enemy or respecting any "movement, numbers, equipment, description or disposition of armed forces in the United States," or respecting any defenses.

The clause empowers the President to designate what information shall be "useful to the enemy" and provides that a jury trial shall decide the question of "wilful" publication and also whether such publication was "useful to the enemy."

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25—Senator Frelinghuysen, of New Jersey, introduced a resolution today demanding senatorial inquiry into the recent accidents aboard American ships due to defective ammunition, specifying the Mongolia accident.

The Senate finance committee has received from the tariff commission a list of articles suggested for removal from the free list and also recommendations increasing the duty on other commodities to meet the war costs.

I. O. O. F. LODGE ELECTS AND INITIATE TONIGHT

Election of officers will be held tonight by the I. O. O. F. lodge of this city and a class of candidates from Merrill will also be initiated. Special arrangements are made for an interesting meeting and a large number of members are expected to be present, especially on account of the interest in lodge circles this week with the state meeting in session at Eugene.

Les Darcy Dies

MEMPHIS, TENN., May 25—Les Darcy, the Australian middleweight, died yesterday from pneumonia, which led to complications including kidney and stomach troubles.

Three Robbers Killed

ARDMORE, Okla., May 25—Three men in attempting to rob the Tusahoma, Oklahoma, bank were killed yesterday during a gun battle which followed.

Recruiting Officers Here

Two recruiting officers, one for the marines and the other for the army, are in the city this week. The army recruiting officer arrived last night.

Lumber Company Hires Women REDDING, May 25—The Weed lumber company has replaced twenty-one men in the box factory with women, the men having enlisted in the army.

ELKS TO OBSERVE ANNUAL FLAG DAY

PATRIOTIC ORDERS OF CITY AND PUBLIC WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND CEREMONIES TO BE HELD JUNE 14.

Committees have been named for the B. P. O. E. Elks No. 1247 Annual Flag Day exercises which will be held by every Elk lodge in the country on Thursday, June 14.

The exercises here will be held in the evening.

As the American flag is the Elk's emblem, this order takes special pride at this time in making its services patriotic. They will be conducted publicly and the other patriotic orders of the city will be invited to join with them in the ceremonies.

A Portland speaker will be brought here for the occasion to make the principal address. Complete announcements will be made later.

The committees appointed by Exalted Ruler, W. O. Spith, are as follows: Program, E. B. Hall, Leslie Rogers, and H. R. Galt; Music, L. W. McHaffey, Willard Smith and J. E. Dodge; Arrangements, Oscar Larson, M. J. Lincoln and Fred Fleet.

Tells America What Army Needs in France



Lieutenant-General G. T. M. Bridges is the chief military authority accompanying Arthur J. Balfour to the United States. He has been busy in Washington telling members of the General Staff and the secretary of war how to prepare any American army for service in the trenches of France.

PEACE DEMANDS GIVEN OUT TO HURT MEETING

SCANDINAVIAN SOCIALISTS TELL OF SUGGESTIONS

Leave Settlement of Alsace-Lorraine Problem to be Settled Later Which Will Not Meet With French Socialists' Approval—Ideas on Peace of War Aims Will Also Find Disapproval Among Delegates.

STOCKHOLM, May 25—Scandinavian socialists announced the following peace suggestions today preparatory to the Stockholm conference of socialists:

The reestablishment of Belgium, Serbia, Montenegro and Rumania;

Leave the status of Alsace-Lorraine to future settlement;

Ask the parliaments of belligerent nations to work for peace, disarmament and arbitration;

LIBERTY LOAN BODY TO FORM

MEETING WILL BE HELD AT COMMERCIAL CLUB MONDAY NIGHT TO ORGANIZE SUBSCRIPTIONS HELD VITAL TO CAUSE.

A meeting will be held at the Commercial Club Monday night at 8 o'clock for the organization of a Liberty Loan Committee in this city for the purpose of selling these Government securities for the support of the Government in the war.

The First National Bank of this city has received the following telegram from the Liberty Loan Committee of Oregon, of Portland: A. Kaine, Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank; F. L. Myers, President of the State Bankers Association, and A. L. Mills, Chairman of the Portland Liberty Loan Committee:

"Will you organize a committee consisting of the heads of your local banks and the principal men of your community to collect subscriptions for the Liberty Loan and to cooperate with a similar committee in Portland?"

"It is vital that you employ all efforts to get subscriptions to this loan no matter how small the amounts."

"Wire name of your chairman to this committee." It is reliably stated that less than \$500 has been subscribed here for the Liberty Loan, outside the \$1,000 which the First National Bank of Portland has subscribed for the loan.