

# PERSHING'S COMMAND TO BE EXTENDED

## AMERICAN FORCES IN FRONT LINE INCREASED

### AUSTRIAN BATTLESHIP TORPEDOED BY ITALIANS TUESDAY MORNING—ACTION OF WEST FRONT MAINLY ARTILLERY

### FORMER KLAMATH FALLS PHYSICIAN REPORTED IN PERSHING'S LIST OF CASUALTIES TODAY—IS SLIGHTLY WOUNDED

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 16.—The division on the western front will fight under American commanders whenever the American troops predominate, according to an announcement made today.

General Pershing may be placed in command of the British and French units as well as Americans under this plan. It is expected that this decision will rapidly increase the size of the American forces on the firing line and contribute to the spirit of unity.

PARIS, May 16.—There were artillery actions last night to the southeast of Amiens in the Hailles Castel sector. On the west of Montdidier a German raiding detachment was driven off.

ROME, May 16.—An Austrian battleship was torpedoed by the Italian naval forces at the Pola harbor Tuesday morning. The Italians worked their way into the harbor by dodging patrol boats and searchlights.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 16.—The casualty list today contains ninety-one names. Eight were killed in action, four died of wounds, one by accident and four from disease. Fourteen are reported in action. The officers include Captain Earl Morrow of Portland reported slightly wounded.

Dr. Morrow, the officer mentioned, is well known in Klamath Falls, where he practiced for some time as a partner of Dr. R. R. Hamilton.

### APPOINTED TO SURVEY INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 16.—Charles Otis, president of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce, has been appointed by the war industries board to make a survey of the industrial resources of the country.

## ITALY WANTS U. S. BOYS ON BATTLE FRONT

### BELIEVES PRESENCE OF FEW THOUSAND MEN WOULD HEARTEN BOTH ITALIAN SOLDIERS AND CIVILIAN POPULATION

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 16.—Italy, in an informal way, has made known to the United States that the presence of American troops on the Italian front is greatly desired.

It is felt that a few thousand men under the Stars and Stripes would serve to hearten the civilian population and troops very materially.

Summary by Associated Press  
The local fighting has died down again in Flanders and Picardy. The big guns are busy, but there are no infantry activities reported.

The French have held Hill 44, which was a strategic point in the Kemmel section, reported yesterday to be captured by the Germans. It is said that this hill is one of the most hotly contested points on the west front. A raid started last night on Paris, but proved fruitless. More distant suburbs were bombed.

## PLANT WIZARD HAS EVOLVED 'SUPERWHEAT'

### LUTHER BURBANK ANNOUNCES HARDY VARIETY OF GRAIN AFTER EXPERIMENTS OF ELEVEN YEARS—IS ADAPTED TO ANY CLIMATE

SANTA ROSA, May 16.—Luther Burbank has evolved a "superwheat," containing 14 per cent gluten, after eleven years' experimenting. It is said that this wheat can be grown from the Hudson Bay to Patagonia. It is a winter variety and very hardy, producing a very white flour. Burbank is now experimenting with rye and barley.

### FOURTEEN CONCRETE SHIPS TO BE BUILT

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 16.—The shipping board has decided to build immediately fourteen concrete steamers for fuel oil trade and four cargo vessels. Eight of these will be built on the Pacific coast.

## CLASS DAY EXERCISES TOMORROW

### PATRIOTIC PROGRAM HAS BEEN ARRANGED BY HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS FOR TOMORROW AFTERNOON—KAISER ON TRIAL

The annual Class Day exercises will be held at the county high school on next Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock. The public is invited to attend. The class of 1918 has prepared a unique program with a distinctly patriotic tone. The main feature of the exercises this year will be a dramatic number, "The Trial of the Kaiser," in which the entire class will participate. The entire program will be as follows:

- 1—Class Song (written by Gertrude Wirtz).....Class
- 2—Class History.....Audrey Roberts
- 3—Class Will.....Carl Newbury
- 4—Class Poem.....Ina Akin
- 5—Selections.....High School Orchestra
- 6—Class Prophecy.....George Riggs
- 7—"Trial of the Kaiser".....Entire Class
- 8—Presentation of Memorial.....Tom Delsell
- 9—"Star Spangled Banner"

## WITHYCOMBE ISSUES R. C. PROCLAMATION

### CALLS ALL CITIZENS OF STATE TO GET BEHIND SECOND WAR DRIVE OF WORTHY ORGANIZATION NEXT WEEK

SALEM, May 16.—Governor James Withycombe of Oregon has issued a proclamation calling upon all citizens of the state to support the American Red Cross in its second war fund drive, set for May 20 to 27.

In handing the original proclamation to a representative of the American Red Cross, the governor said that he could be afforded no greater pleasure than to do a sacrifice for the Red Cross.

The militant message of Oregon's "war governor" to the people of Oregon follows:

"Citizens of Oregon, greetings!  
"Whereas, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States and President of the American Red Cross, again has called upon the people of the United States to support the great institution of Red Cross; and,  
"Whereas, He has proclaimed the week of May 20 to May 27, for the purpose of soliciting gifts;  
Now, therefore, I, James Withycombe, governor of generous Oregon, call upon all citizens of this state to set aside this week to the holy purpose of serving in this humane cause; and I urge all private citizens, if called upon, to serve as workers, and to let no private occupation hold them back.  
"When citizens of Oregon are asked for their gifts, let them remember they are helping suffering humanity.  
"Oregon never fails. Let her lead again!  
"Given under my hand this 16th day of May, 1918.  
"JAMES WITHYCOMBE,  
"Governor of Oregon."

## CORPORATIONS SWELL COUNTY SUBSCRIPTIONS

### LOCAL TIMBER COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE DOES GOOD WORK ENLISTING AID FROM CONCERNS INTERESTED HERE

The final checking of the results of the Third Liberty Loan campaign in Klamath County is now being made at headquarters, and presents some interesting figures. When the work was first undertaken it looked as tho it was an impossibility to secure the estimated quota in Klamath County. It was not for the reason or on account of the people of Klamath County not being considered patriotic, but rather on account of the conditions. Financially, the people of Klamath County are not profiting to any extent on account of the war, and at this stage of the development of Klamath County all available funds are invested. The farmers of the county have met with disappointment and discouragement in poor crops, high cost of development of their lands and lack of marketing facilities.

With this in mind, it was decided that the outside interests would be asked to assist the people of the county in meeting the call of their government, and a special committee was appointed for this purpose. The chairman of this committee was J. F. Kimball, and immediately upon his appointment he commenced work. What he was able to accomplish is shown by the following list of foreign subscriptions received, and at the close of the campaign it was found that he had rolled up the grand total of \$102,350. The following is the complete list of such subscriptions:

Weyerhaeuser Timber Co.	\$25,000
Freemont Land Co.	25,000
Western Pacific Land & Timber Co.	20,000
Jan. F. Soper	5,000
C. C. Yawkey	5,000
Cal-Ore. Power Co.	5,000
Soper-Wheeler Co.	3,000
Oshkosh Land & Timber Co.	3,000
Southern Pacific Co.	3,000
Ore. Land & Livestock Co.	2,000
Roe-Burgess Land Co.	1,000
Big Basin Lumber Co.	1,000
Day Bros. Lumber Co.	1,000
Wood Curtis Co.	1,000
S. L. Thompson, San Francisco.	1,000
Union Pacific Oil Co.	500
Pacific Tel & Tel Co.	400
Geo. Hilton, Oshkosh, Wis.	250
Torinus Co., Stillwater, Minn.	200
Total	\$102,350

### DELEGATES OF ODD FELLOWS ARE OFF FOR CONVENTION

To attend the session of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., which convenes at Seaside, Ore., next week, O. H. Brenneman, W. D. Cofer and W. H. North left this morning by auto as delegates from Klamath Lodge No. 137. They went out by way of Copco, and the Pacific highway, and intend returning by the route east of the Cascades. The party is well equipped with fishing tackle, and expects to enjoy this sport to the utmost while on the way.

Charles Meldrum, a member of Klamath Lodge No. 137, now living at Milwaukee, Ore., was the fourth delegate chosen to represent the lodge, and will meet the other delegates at the Grand Lodge session.

## PELICAN BAY MILL GROWING VERY RAPIDLY

### OVER FIVE HUNDRED MEN ON PAY ROLL—MANY WORKMEN'S COTTAGES BUILT—OFFICE REMODELED AND IMPROVED

A trip around Pelican City, the home of the big Pelican Bay Lumber company, adjacent to this city, shows many changes and improvements to one who has not visited that section for several months. Additions and enlargements are apparent on every hand.

In its effort to secure employees who are married, and thus secure a more stable class of help, the company has this year constructed forty-three neat workmen's cottages adjacent to the mill, and these, with a similar number erected before, making a fine showing. These cottages were erected by the company, as it was impossible for the employees to get back and forth to work over the roads in the winter months. The office of the concern has just recently been remodeled, and the whole plant evidences a progressive aspect.

The Pelican Bay company, which has reached its present size in a very few years, and suffered one devastating fire, now has 230 men on its mill payroll, and 659, including those in the surrounding lumber camps. These are distributed as follows: Odessa, 150; Kirk, 140, and Barnes Camp, 50.

President H. D. Mortenson announces that the next payday here will exceed \$33,000.

## HARD CONTEST AT BALL PARK NEXT SUNDAY

### INDICATIONS POINT TO BIG STRUGGLE BETWEEN LOCAL TEAMS ON DIAMOND AT MODOC PARK—OUTLOOK BLOODY

A terrible tussle will be pulled off at Modoc Park next Sunday at 2:30, when the Red Shirts (red with blood from former victories) will shove the saw-just down the throats of the Chelsea Sox team. The Soxers have been making boxes all week to carry the remains of the carnage crowd from the ring. The game will go the full nine innings unless the field becomes too strewn with corpses to admit of the demonstration of the playing of the national game as it should be played.

Last Sunday, the Merrill team was trounced by the kids, and after expenses had been paid a surplus of \$20 was left which was turned over to the Junior Red Cross. The proceeds of the coming game above expenses will go to the Soldiers' Baseball fund, which is for the purchase of baseball paraphernalia for the boys over seas and in the cantonments, so anyone can pay the two-bit admission fee with a pleasure, whether the game be bad or worse, and give the boys "over there" that new set of baseball stuff they have been writing home that they would like to have.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

The hard times dance at the Elks Temple, scheduled for tomorrow night, has been postponed until Friday, May 24th.

## WILSON STILL FIGHTING WAR INVESTIGATION

### DECLARES THAT RESOLUTION AS AMENDED IN THE SENATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON IS STILL OBJECTIONABLE

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 16.—The president has renewed his fight against the adoption by the senate of Senator Chamberlain's resolution for a war inquiry by the military committee. He advised Senator Thompson today that the resolution as amended yesterday is still objectionable. It would authorize a "dragnet" investigation by the military committee, he fears.

## ARMENIANS PREPARE TO FIGHT TURKS

### ARMENIANS ASSERT THEY WILL FIGHT TO THE DEATH FOR THEIR NATIONAL CAUSE—EASTWARD ADVANCE OF TURKS OPOSED

LONDON, May 16.—It is learned from Armenian sources that everywhere in the Caucasus the Armenians are organizing in order to resist the attempted advance of the Turkish troops eastward. Information from both Armenian and Turkish sources has announced from time to time that fighting has taken place between Armenian and Ottoman troops, and it appears clear that the Turkish march eastward has been considerably hindered.

In spite of enemy propaganda and betrayal by the Tartars, the Armenians are determined to fight to the death for their national cause and in defense of their country. Armenian trade unions have adopted resolutions that all able-bodied persons be enrolled, while the students and school boys met and declared the field was the place where they would continue their studies.

### PATRIOTIC ORDERS NAME OFFICERS

ALBANY, May 16.—T. H. Stevens of Portland was chosen department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic at the Oregon encampment. E. F. Cox, Albany, was elected senior vice commander. Mrs. Bertha Drew Gilman was elected president of the Woman's Relief Corps.

## WARRANTS OF COUNTY MAY AGAIN BE TIED UP

### SECOND SUIT BY TIMBER CORPORATIONS TO ENJOIN COUNTY PAPER IS NOW EXPECTED, ACCORDING TO REPRESENTATIVE

### CORPORATIONS HAVE NO CHOICE IN COURT HOUSE SITE, BUT OBJECT TO USE OF TAXPAYERS MONEY IN ITS SETTLEMENT

That a suit to again enjoin the warrants of Klamath County is contemplated by the large timber corporations represented here, is indicated today by their attorney, Charles J. Ferguson. It is expected that the suit will be instituted on the law which limits the county's voluntary indebtedness to five thousand dollars.

This action, if started, will be taken, according to Attorney Ferguson, on account of belief of his clients that the county officials are using the taxpayers money to settle a real estate dispute. He indicates that these corporations have no choice in a court house location, and do not care how long the people of this district take to settle the question, or how much money they expend in so doing, so long as they spend their private funds, but the alleged waste of county money in a matter of this kind is objected to.

### AVIATION STUDENT IS ARRESTED FOR FORGERY

SAN FRANCISCO, May 16.—Charles Garland, an aviation student at the Berkeley school, has been arrested on a charge of forging a check for \$5,525 while employed as a clerk for the California Wine Association.

PORTLAND, May 16.—Garland was formerly a Portland attorney. He served as clerk of the legislature for several sessions. He was disbarred from the Bar Association a year ago. He is married, and has one child.

### HEAVYWEIGHT FIGHT AT PORTLAND PLANNED

PORTLAND, May 14.—Fred Fulton, claimant of the heavyweight championship, and Frank Farmer of Kapowsin, Wash. Pacific Coast claimant, may engage in a six round bout in Portland on May 24th. Negotiations started today are well under way.

## Lecture Last Night Unusually Interesting

The lecture last night on "Mistaken Mexico," by Rev. W. L. Mellinger of the Christian church of Ashland, at the Methodist church here, was well attended and unusually interesting and instructive. The speaker's extensive

experience as a missionary in that country has qualified him to discuss this subject very intelligently. Another lecture will be given tonight by this speaker, entitled "The Underlying Causes of the War."

## Russia Declares Her Freedom Is Menaced

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 16.—A copy of the protest by the Soviet government to Germany against German aggressions, has been published by the state department. It shows that the Russians gave notice of their intention to mobilize "all the necessary forces to secure freedom and independence of the Russian republic, now menaced beyond the limits established by the Brest Litovsk treaty."