

BIG OFFENSIVE IS RESUMED TODAY

ATTACK IS MADE NEAR RHEIMS AND AT KEMMEL

ATTACK IS PRECEDED BY HEAVY BOMBARDMENT—REPORTS INDICATE THAT HUNS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MAKE SLIGHT ADVANCES

LONG DISTANCE BOMBARDMENT BEGINS AGAIN ON PARIS—THE FRENCH NEAR RHEIMS RESIST WITH HABITUAL VALOR

By Associated Press
Germany today has resumed the big drive in an apparent effort to push ahead to the Channel ports. The heavy action commenced near Rheims along a section which had been quiet since last fall.

Dispatches from London declare that the big attack was launched in two places, between Rheims and Soissons and also on the Flanders front between Loere and Voormezele. Heavy artillery bombardment preceded the attacks.

Wires from the British army headquarters indicate that the enemy has been able to make small progress at several points. One on the main points of attack has been made to the northeast of Kemmel Hill on a position which was recaptured by the French on May 26th.

Paris reports the attack between the forest of Pinon and Rheims, and declares that the French are resisting with their habitual valor. The bombardment of Paris by the long distance guns was commenced again this morning after an extended interval.

CITY BANKER NOW IN FRANCE

News received here today indicates that W. F. Wahrer, previously an officer in the First State and Savings bank of this city, and now in the National service, is in France with the American Expeditionary Forces.

RETURNS FROM OAKLAND

Miss Norma Barber, teacher in the Shippington school, returned last evening from Oakland, Calif., where she has been taking civil service examination.

BIG PARTY AT ELKS TEMPLE THIS EVENING

COMMUNITY WILL TURN OUT IN FULL FORCE TO CELEBRATE THE FINE SHOWING MADE BY COUNTY IN RED CROSS DRIVE

Tonight is going to be one big night when the whole community will get out to celebrate the results of the Red Cross drive in Klamath County. The Elks hall has been secured for this event, and excellent music is engaged for the evening. Those who attended a similar event at the close of the drive last year (and everybody did), will not want to miss the party this evening.

This is a fine opportunity to help a good cause and have a good time with the same dollar.

OFFENSIVE IS LAUNCHED ON A SMALLER SCALE

LONDON, May 27.—Later—Germany's offensive on the new front is not so extensive as the previous ones, according to the Evening Standard. The Germans are reported to have pressed back the British for a short distance at one point near Rheims. The Belgians repulsed three attacks last night.

INJUSTICE DONE MAN FROM BARNES VALLEY

In a communication just received from the Bank of Bonanza the declaration is made that Harold S. Tuttle of Barnes Valley, whose name was published in the Yellow List following the Third Liberty Loan campaign, was placed there thru error made at that institution. Mr. Tuttle subscribed for double the amount of his quota, which was \$50.

ITALIANS MAKE A SUCCESSFUL ATTACK

ROME, May 27.—The Italians have launched an important attack, capturing several mountain positions and taking 800 prisoners.

CRESCENT EDITOR VISITS

Editor Don Jolly of the Crescent News at Crescent is in the county seat attending the trial now under way in the Circuit Court.

R. R. TARIFFS TO TAKE BIG JUMP IN JUNE

BIGGEST FREIGHT RATE INCREASE IN HISTORY ANNOUNCED BY MADDOG TODAY—PASSENGER RATES RAISED SUBSTANTIALLY

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 27.—To meet wage increases, higher costs of coal and other supplies, Director Maddog has today ordered that railway freight rates in the United States be raised 25 per cent and passenger fares raised 2 cents per mile, instead of 2½ cents, as at present.

It is estimated that the changes will bring in from \$900,000,000 to \$900,000,000 more revenues yearly.

This is the biggest rate increase in the history of railroads. The freight increases become effective on June 15 and the passenger increase on June 16. Passengers on sleeping and parlor cars are to pay 3½ cents beside their Pullman fares.

Commutation rates have been increased and "stopovers" abolished. Excess baggage rates have also been increased and other increases made.

WILL BORE FOR OIL AND GAS NEAR THE CITY

OIL BELIEVED ADDITIONAL HIDDEN RESOURCE OF KLAMATH. ALASKA MEN PLAN TO START DRILLING SOON

In the belief that oil and gas are to be found by drilling in the Klamath Basin, Neill Campbell and Fred Weston, experienced oil men are here from Alaska with the object of beginning boring in the near future.

It is their intention to bring in a drill and bore to a depth of 2,000 to 4,000 feet.

The promoters are attempting to secure leases on 2,000 acres of land for drilling purposes only, offering the lessee 10 per cent of oil or gas that may be found thru the efforts.

It is reported that 1,300 acres are now signed up by the farmers in the valley near this city.

COUNTY COURT MEETS

The County Court is holding a special executive session at the court house today.

BOYS FROM BLY ARE CHAMPION KNITTERS

Concrete examples of what the small children are able to do to help win the war are evidenced in six pairs of wool socks knitted by Frank Obeschain, Lloyd and Everett Bell of Bly, which have just been received at the county school superintendent's office. The boys are about 12 years of age, and the quality of their work is astonishing. A number of quilt covers have also been sent in from that district by the school pupils.

WOMEN WILL PROTECT OUR PRISONERS

MEMBERS OF RELIEF CORPS DECIDE TO TAKE PLEDGE TO FORCE HUMANE PRISONERS IN GERMANY

It is reported that the members of the Klamath Chapter of the Woman's Relief Corps will sign the pledge of the League for the Protection of American Prisoners in Germany. The pledge is as follows:

"I do hereby pledge myself to refrain from buying German made articles after the war if any American prisoners of war receive other than humane treatment at the hands of Germany."

It is believed that if the women of this country will sign this agreement it will be a big safeguard against the atrocities that the allied prisoners have suffered at the hands of the enemy during the previous years of the conflict.

German's first problem after the war will be an economic one, and she will be slow to push a practice which she knows will revert to her own disaster in after years.

Mrs. Chas. Eberlein of this city has charge of this work, and it is hoped by the Relief Corps members that a large number of the women residents will assume the obligation. Those who sign will pay 10 cents for the cost of printing pledges and helping to spread the movement.

INDEPENDENT TICKET WILL BE LAUNCHED

CAUCUS IS HELD AT MOOSE HALL SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT WHICH DELEGATES ARE PRESENT FROM MANY PARTS OF THE COUNTY

To organize for the launching of an independent ticket in the field for the county offices next fall, delegates from all parts of the county gathered with Klamath Falls voters at Moose hall Saturday afternoon, and perfected an organization.

It is reported that another meeting at which officers will be selected will be held on next Saturday.

It is the apparent intention of this body to run an entire list of candidates in opposition to the republican and democratic candidates selected at the primaries.

That this move is the outcome of a plan contemplated for some time is generally believed, and is probably more or less responsible for the fact that there was so little opposition at the primary election.

WRECK ON MAIN LINE DELAYS LOCAL TRAIN

A wreck of a freight train on the Southern Pacific railroad near Sisson on Saturday, in which seven boxcars were thrown from the track, delayed passenger trains on the main line so that the train which should have reached Klamath Falls last night did not make connections, and reached the city about 5 o'clock this morning.

PEOPLE ASKED TO USE LESS WHEAT FLOUR

SALES AT STORES WILL BE STOPPED FOR FIVE DAYS—PEOPLE ASKED TO CO-OPERATE WITH FOOD OFFICIALS IN MEETING CRISIS

A strenuous appeal to the people of the United States to do without wheat entirely, or just as nearly as possible, until the next harvest comes on, has been made by the food administration.

To this end a notice has been received by George Chastain, who is acting as county food administrator in the absence of George T. Baldwin, that all sales of flour will be stopped in the stores for five days, beginning today. This move is made to prevent a possible run of flour purchases by less patriotic persons by the announcement of the increased shortage. It is admitted that a small amount of wheat flour is necessary for use as a binder in baking the substitutes, but it is hoped by the administration that the amount used in the interval remaining will be reduced to a minimum.

WOULD RAISE VOLUNTEER AGE TO 55

MEN ENLISTING OVER FORTY TO BE PLACED IN NON-COMBATANT SERVICE—MOVE WOULD RELEASE YOUNGER MEN FOR FIGHTING

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 27.—Another move toward full utilization of the country's man power was made Saturday when Secretary Baker sent to congress the draft of a bill proposing to raise the maximum age limit in the army from 40 to 55 years. All men over 40 so enlisted would be assigned to non-combatant service.

In a letter to Speaker Clark, asking that the bill be pushed, Secretary Baker said:

"Every man above the age of 40 years who is enlisted in non-combatant branches of the service, will make available for duty with the line troops a man within the prescribed age limit for all troops.

"Many men whose long experience as mechanics and artisans will make them particularly valuable to the various staff corps and departments may be thus secured, instead of younger men without such experience, and the efficiency of the staff corps and the departments will thus be increased."

There probably are 7,500,000 men between the ages of 40 and 55, and many thousands of them already attested their desire to serve by bombarding the department with applications.

While the great majority of the men in this class undoubtedly will be restrained from enlisting by family and business ties, the number at liberty to join the colors is expected to be more than sufficient to meet the purpose in view.

AVIATOR MISSING

PARIS, May 27.—Lieutenant Paul Baer of Florida, an aviator, has been missing since May 22. It is feared that he may now be a prisoner in Germany.

CRESCENT MAN IS ON TRIAL HERE TODAY

MAN ACCUSED OF TAKING FUNDS WHILE MEMBER OF SCHOOL BOARD IN NORTHERN PRECINCT FACES CHARGES

The trial of Jesse Davis, a former member of the school board of District No. 29, at Crescent, on a charge of misfeasance in office, was commenced this morning in the Circuit Court.

Davis is accused of misappropriating funds belonging to the school district while in office. This case has caused considerable interest in the northern end of the county, and is being followed closely by residents of that section. Several members of the jury were selected this forenoon.

The defendant is represented by Attorneys E. L. Elliott and Horace M. Manning.

MT. LAKE WILL OBSERVE MEMORIAL DAY THURSDAY

Plans are now being made for Memorial Day exercises at 2:30 Thursday afternoon at the Mt. Lake cemetery. Rev. E. P. Lawrence will make an address, and there will be a short program by the children. If the weather is unfavorable to hold the exercises out of doors, they will be held in the Mt. Lake church.

STUDENTS TAKE POSITIONS

Graduating high school students, responding to the need of the industries, are showing a commendable disposition to get into the world's activities, and a number have already secured lucrative employment. Carl Newbury and George Riggs are at Pelican Bay mill yard; John McAndrews at the Standard Oil company; Herman Foster at the freight depot; Tom Delsell with the Reclamation Service; Glenn Parker in the country on a ranch.

CHICAGO LUMBERMAN VISITS

Jacob Mortenson, a prominent Middle West lumberman, is here from Chicago for a few days, visiting at the home of his son, H. D. Mortenson of the Pelican Bay Lumber company. Mr. Mortenson will look after lumbering interests in the northern part of the state before his return.

DOWN FROM THE AGENCY

Miss Dorothy Weeks, stenographer at Klamath Agency, is in town for a day or so.

GETS GOVERNMENT POSITION

George E. Bradnack has been appointed naturalization commissioner, according to the Dorris Times, and left Sunday to take up his duties in San Francisco, where he will take the civil service examination.

PRESIDENT WANTS TAX BILL THRU THIS YEAR

APPEARS BEFORE ASSEMBLED CONGRESS THIS MORNING TELLING OF PRESSING NEEDS OF THIS LEGISLATION

POLITICS IS "ADJOURNED" FOR PRESENT—ALL PRESIDENTS BROKEN BY IMPROVISED GREEN AFTER PREPARED ADDRESS

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 27.—

Just as the German cannon thundered the herald of the resumed offensive in Europe, the president appeared before congress today and demanded that it lay aside political considerations and remain in session until the new tax laws had been enacted. He said that politics is "adjourned" for the present.

It was affirmed that the principal increases in the taxes should be made on incomes, war profits and luxuries. It is believed by the president to be manifestly unfair to wait until 1919 to get action on the new tax bill. He indicated that there is indisputable evidence of profiteering now going on which should be reached by the new legislation, and can be got at by taxation.

At the conclusion of his prepared address the president added another precedent breaker to his list in dealing with congress.

He laid aside his manuscript, and spoke extemporaneously for a few moments. He said:

"Just as I was leaving the White House, I was told that the expected drive had apparently begun. You can realize how that sobered my feelings and strengthened the purpose I have tried to express."

Mr. Wilson praised congress for the co-operation it had extended him in the past, and said he had appeared not to suggest a duty neglected, but to ask that body to continue the work of a common cause.

The address consumed but fifteen minutes.

ERROR CORRECTED

That the name of Ivan Pankey was put on the Yellow List thru an error of his own is announced by Lindsay Sisemore, who is in the city today from Fort Klamath. Sisemore declares that he solicited Mr. Pankey, who applied for a bond, and that his name was in some manner omitted when the former sent in his report to the county chairman.

Alleged Post Office Robber Bound Over

Charged with breaking into and robbing the postoffice at Dairy on May 23, Frank Rodriguez, a Filipino, was given a hearing before U. S. Commissioner B. C. Thomas, late Saturday afternoon, and bound over to the federal grand jury.

Following the robbery several attempts to apprehend Rodriguez, who was suspected of the offense, were made without result. He was finally brought in by Superintendent J. M. Johnson of the Klamath Indian reservation.

Uncle Sam Forestalls I. W. W. In Alaska

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 27.—A naval patrol off the Alaskan coast has been established to forestall attempts by the leaders of the I. W. W.