

## AERIAL RAID INTO ENGLAND IS EXPECTED

LONDON PREPARES TO WARD OFF SUCH ATTACK BY PRECAUTION.

## NINE O'CLOCK LIGHTS OUT ORDER STRINGENT

Indications Point to Raid on England's Base or Even London, by German Airships—Scouts Have Been Seen Over Straights of Dover—Ships Armed—Other War News of Interest.

Copenhagen, Jan. 7.—The Danish steamship Shinghoff was sunk in the North Sea by a mine. The crew of 70 perished.

Scarborough, Jan. 7.—British steamship Alfredia was sunk off Scarborough today. The crew got off in boats and nine members have reached here. The captain and 12 others are missing but search is in progress.

London, Jan. 7.—Added precautions by the authorities are taken to believe an important German aerial raid on London is expected in the near future. Additional men have been sent to the coast guard stations, and crews in charge of aerial-guns, have been strengthened.

Darkness Diligently Demanded. The police have instructions to enforce the 9 o'clock lighting regulations.

These precautions follow the discovery that zeppelins have been cruising the Straits of Dover, escorted by armed aeroplanes. It is believed they were sent up to determine the air currents.

Similar preparations were plainly seen prior to the attack on Dunkirk, and it is likely that had the defense guns not found the range, the preliminary flights at Dunkirk would have done more damage. Both the zeppelins and aeroplanes carried light machine guns. It is believed that if the raid materializes it will be directed at the naval bases as a retaliatory attempt for the Cuxhaven affair.

The British aerial squadron has been armed with machine guns and bombs to fight off the expected attack on England's base, or even London itself.

## Berlin Discusses War Status.

Berlin, Jan. 7.—Hard fighting in the Eastern war zone is reported with no particular gains on either side, except that the Germans have made substantial progress in the Argonne region. North of Arras the French are trying to recapture trenches the Germans took earlier in the week. In the Oregon section proper it is stated Germans have gained still more. In Alsace and West Sonneheim the conflict rages still, the French attempting to retake positions lost to the Germans.

## Continued Success Claimed.

Paris, Jan. 7.—Uninterrupted success by the Allies every where they come in contact with the Germans is claimed by both official and unofficial advices from the Western war zone.

Floods and bad weather have persistently retarded infantry firing.

## Turks Are Routed.

Petrograd, Jan. 7.—According to Russian advices, a Turkish army, well organized previously, has been transformed into a disorganized mob and beaten back in Trans-Caucasia. They are reported to be fleeing before the Russians. It is said the Mohammedans were trapped and routed with enormous losses. Fighting in Southern Poland is almost halted by violent rains. In the North it is stated the Russians have assumed a vigorous offensive movement in the Mlawa region.

## 20-POUND LIMIT ON BELGIAN DONATIONS

LA GRANDE'S GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION PREVENTS SHIPMENT OF 50 POUNDS.

## MANY FROM HERE ARE ANXIOUS TO SEND AID

Until Department Changes Rule, 20 Pounds Will Be Limit.

When the American commission for relief in Belgium, sent an appeal to La Grande through the Observer a few days ago, it misconnected La Grande's distance from Portland. The amount of flour or other articles of foodstuff which Uncle Sam agrees to carry free of cost, varies according to the distance, as the Oregon postmasters have not received word that the post office department has made a special ruling. Had La Grande been located in the second or first zone from Portland, the 50-pound packages could have been sent parcels post. However La Grande's distance from Portland places her in the third zone, and until the department changes its rules, 20 pounds is the limit that can be sent. A score of people have expressed desires to send relief from La Grande since the appeal was published, others inquiring at the post office for further particulars.

As stated, until there is a special dispensation, La Grande people can avail themselves of this opportunity only by sending 20 pounds or less.

## IDAHO SOLON WANTS PEACE

INTRODUCES JOINT MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS.

Urges Wilson to Keep Armaments Down—Committees Named.

Boise, Jan. 7.—Senator Bowman, the only socialist in the legislature, today introduced in the senate a joint memorial to congress protesting against undue increase in the nation's armament, and calling on the president to use his influence to bring about a cessation in the European war.

The house and senate are appointing committees this afternoon preparatory to a 60-day session.

## IRRIGATIONISTS MEET.

Best Interests of the State Being Discussed Today.

Portland, Jan. 7.—The Oregon Irrigation congress convened here today. There was no fixed program, but speakers will not be permitted to talk until they become wearisome.

Whether the congress will recommend that future irrigation projects be handled exclusively by the state, by the state and government jointly, by the state through the various irrigation district organization or by private enterprises financed with state credit is a question that was being discussed today.

A large number of delegates were present at the opening session. The congress will continue until Saturday night.

## BANKS SHOW GAIN IN DEPOSITS

Institutions of Wardner-Kellogg Hold Record Amount.

Kellogg, Idaho, Jan. 6.—The banks of Wardner and Kellogg have more money on deposit, \$610,722, than ever before in their history, according to responses to a call from the comptroller of the treasury showing the condition of business December 31. The Kellogg banks made marked gains, the First State deposits increasing from \$190,949 to \$216,055 and the First National from \$268,956 to \$289,048. The Weber bank of Wardner dropped off a little in deposits, reporting \$105,618, as against \$111,168 on October 31.

## MIAMI RISING AND DAYTON IS MUCH ALARMED

DYNAMITERS SENT OUT TO DISLodge GORGES THAT JAM STREAMS.

## NEARBY CITIES LIKEWISE CONCERNED AT FLOOD SIGN

Dangers of Another Dayton Flood Have Become Serious—Extreme Precaution Taken to Dislodge Ice That the Rivers May Not Be Dammed More Than Necessary—Gorges Chief Danger.

Dayton, Ohio, Jan. 7.—Dayton is facing another possibility of a flood, though it is not deemed possible that it may attain such proportions as laid waste the beautiful city a few years ago.

The Miami river is rising rapidly. Seventy men were today dispatched to dynamite the ice gorges and the city manager is taking the extreme precautions to keep the junction of the Stillwell and Miami rivers cleared of ice.

Ice gorges are the chief trouble, and because of this, it is believed the dynamiting will reduce the dangers materially. However, the rivers are rising rapidly regardless of the gorges that dam the flow.

The Muskingum and Licking rivers are threatening the bridges at Zanesville, gorges having formed at that vicinity.

## NEW OFFICIALS INSTALLED

Odd Fellows Order Headed by M. Elledge as Noble Grand.

New officers have been installed in La Grande Lodge No. 16, I. O. O. F. J. A. Arbuckle, district deputy, was the installing officer and sat the following: M. Elledge, N. G.; R. S. Clapp, V. G.; W. A. Worstell, secretary; T. J. Scroggins, Treas.; C. F. Merrill, warden; S. R. Haworth, R. S. N. G.; George Robertson, L. S. N. G.; W. E. Herr, R. S. V. G.; J. Moss, L. S. V. G.; W. L. Edwards, O. G.; F. E. Macy, I. G.; George Ball, chaplain.

## Equity Case Heard.

A case in equity, to declare a right of way by necessity on account of the plaintiff being completely surrounded by land owned by the man from whom he bought his property, is being tried before Judge Knowles today. A. W. Hepner is the plaintiff and J. W. Patterson the defendant.

## Divorce Case Ended.

All testimony has been taken in the Hess divorce case wherein two North Powder people were interested. The arguments by opposing attorneys has yet to be made.

## Some Embargos Lifted.

Washington, Jan. 7.—England has notified the state department that it has lifted the embargo on wool, hides and skins shipped to the United States on condition they be carried

## Pretty Washington Society Belle Will Marry Southern Publisher



The Speaker's Daughter.

Miss Genevieve Clark, daughter of Speaker Champ Clark of the house of representatives, who is the best known young woman in Washington, has announced her engagement. She will wed James M. Thompson, publisher of the New Orleans Item. The ceremony will take place some time in the spring or early summer at her father's home at Bowling Green, Mo. Though she is only nineteen now, she

came into national notice at the Baltimore convention in 1912, when she led the cheering for her father when he was named in the convention. Miss Clark takes considerable interest in politics, and has become acquainted with most of the leaders in Washington. Some of them talk politics with her, and her knowledge of the game has been commented on very often.

## WILSON URGED TO COME WEST

NORTHWEST DELEGATIONS WAIT UPON EXECUTIVE.

Little Encouragement Given in Movement to Bring Wilson Here.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Oregon, Washington and Idaho senators and congressmen have joined in a campaign to urge President Wilson to include these states in his speaking tour after he makes his visit to the Panama exposition in San Francisco next spring. The president gave but little satisfaction, saying if it was within the realms of possibility he would include the Northwest in his itinerary. Senator Chamberlain of Oregon is leading in the movement.

in British bottoms. England will require shippers to guard against re-exportation as raw or manufactured products.

## WAR AN AID TO CALIFORNIANS

FIGURES SHOW INCREASE IN SHIPPING.

Big Advance Made in Commerce Since The War Began.

San Francisco, Jan. 7.—The European war has brought more trade to California from England. This conclusion was reached by San Francisco exports after a careful examination of the figures showing the exports from San Francisco to England since August 1, and comparing the statement with the exports for the same month of last year. The figures follow:

	1914	1913
August	\$1,012,744	\$ 758,565
September	1,754,688	973,027
October	3,874,426	2,074,722
November	1,822,184	1,559,844

## RUCKMAN FUNERAL SET.

Remains of Alicel Farmer Who Died Suddenly to be Buried Friday.

Friday at 11:30 o'clock is the date for the funeral services of the late Gorge Ruckman who died at the steering wheel of his automobile Tuesday night while returning to his home. The services will be held at the M. E. Church at Imbler, and the interment will take place in the Summer-ville cemetery. The services at the house begin at 11:30 and the church services at 12.

## Pennsylvania Has Its Last Hanging.

Uniontown, Pa., Jan. 7.—The last legal hanging in the state of Pennsylvania took place at the Fayette county courthouse today when Isaiah Croson, a negro, was executed for the murder of Henry Brooks, on January 3, 1913.

Electrocution has supplanted the gallows.

## LAFKY NAMED CITY MANAGER OF LA GRANDE

COMMISSION ALSO NAMES MUNICIPAL JUDGE—EAKIN CHOSEN.

## BALANCE OF CITY'S APPOINTEES UNNAMED

Commission Meets and Selects Previous City Manager to Succeed Himself—Manager Has Not Named New City Attorney and Keen Contests Are Being Waged for the Office.

F. J. Lafky, city manager since the city adopted that form of government was last evening reappointed. At the same time the city commission exercised its other appointive power and named Attorney Robert Eakin, junior member of the law firm Crawford & Eakin, to succeed himself as municipal judge. Appointments such as are to be made by the city manager, have not been made, but the only position, it is believed, in which a new man will appear, is for the office of city attorney. Several petitions are being circulated, and signed, but as yet there has been no appointment. Mr. Lafky today didn't know just when the appointment would be made. However, the race is keen among several attorneys of the city. The other city officials have not been named, either, but it is hinted that there will be comparatively little shaking up anywhere.

The commission had a busy session. Reports of officers were filed and read, a request for a 20-year franchise to the Klees Electric company for street and house lighting rights was received and laid over, and various bonding ordinances were passed. The pawn-shop ordinance was passed practically as introduced originally.

Various other minor matters came up for consideration. President Russell presided. General manager's report for the week ending January 2, 1915.

The police arrested six, paroled one worked one on the street and had two men in jail. Fines \$35.00. Five lights were out December 30th.

No fires last week. The fire chief acted as wireman and electrician for thawing out water pipes for two weeks ending last Saturday evening.

The street superintendent spent \$81.60. Of this \$49.80 was labor and \$3.00 prison labor; \$16.20 prisoners meal tickets and \$15.00 sidewalk lumber.

The water superintendent thawed out 91 frozen sewer pipes at a cost of \$121.50. A total of 150 pipes were reported to this week. Quite a few froze a second or third time but were not again counted.

The treasurer collected \$188.95 water rent; \$961.40 installments on street assessments; \$403.90 improvement interest; \$5.00 for one cray license, \$1.50 for three electrical permits and \$35.00 for three billiard tables. The treasurer received from the recorder for December 1914, \$43.55 general fund; \$256.50 contingent fund; \$2.20 improvement warrant interest; \$10.00 improvement district No. 1-A; \$527.74 improvement district No. 90; \$124.98 improvement district No. 95; \$245.52 improvement district No. 96 and \$28.15 sewer district No. one, section No. five. He paid \$18.07 contingent warrants and \$2.39 water warrants; also \$789.43 improvement district interest. The treasurer finished transcribing the water users' names to the 1915 water ledger. He called all general fund warrants issued from Jan. 1, 1913 to May 1, 1913, also all road warrants outstanding to Jan. 2, 1915.

The recorder during the last two weeks collected \$84.00 fines and forfeitures, \$28.15 on sewer No. 1 section No. 5, \$23.93 improvement district.