

La Grande Evening Observer

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER -- PRINTS THE NEWS THE DAY IT HAPPENS

VOLUME XIV.

LA GRANDE, OREGON, THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1915.

NUMBER 232

PEACE PROPOSAL HINT REACHES PAGE AT ROME

TIME RIPE TO AGAIN PRESENT FORMAL PRAYER

SUGGESTION COMES FROM
SOURCE OF UTMOST RE-
LIABILITY.

OVERTURES MADE TO AMBASSADOR AT ROME

International Politicians Think Time
Is Ripe for Government at Wash-
ington to Make a Formal Presenta-
tion of a Peace Prayer—Names of
Diplomats Kept Secret.

By ALICE ROHE.
Rome, April 1.—Overtures have
been made to Ambassador Page that
he initiate another movement toward
peace. A number of prominent in-
ternational politicians have urged him
to inform his government at Wash-
ington that the time is ripe for a
formal suggestion from the United
States for cessation of hostilities.
I learned this from a source of un-
questioned reliability. The names of
the diplomats cannot be revealed,
there is no doubt but that the sug-
gestions for a peace proposal have
been made to Ambassador Page.
What there may come of it I do
not know, but nevertheless, the sug-
gestion has been made.

CARSON POSTOFFICE BURNED Telephone Office and Store in Same Building

Halfway March 31.—Fire starting
early this morning at Carson totally
destroyed the postoffice, general
store and telephone office at that
place. While the loss is known to be
considerable, Currey and Carnahan,
the proprietors of the store have not
estimated the amount. It will be at
least \$5,000. Only a small part of
this is covered by insurance.
The only things saved were two of
the post office records, postoffice,
store and telephone office all being
in the same building. The home of
Mr. and Mrs. I. Currey was also lo-
cated there.
The fire was first seen from Half-
way at about 6 o'clock this morning.
Autos were at once rushed to the fire
but the interior of the building was
already a mass of flames and nothing
could be done. The cause has
not been ascertained.

WOODMEN TO CELEBRATE April Fool Function to be Arranged at Camp Gathering.

Provided rains don't mud up the
roads too severely, Modern Woodmen
from various sections of the county
will attend an April Fool session to-
night of the Modern Woodman camp
in this city. J. W. Simmons, deputy
head consul, is in the city and will
attend, and after the closed meeting
a general jollification will be enjoyed
followed by a buffet luncheon.

EXPLOSION KILLS FIVE Sixth Missing as Result of Alton, Ill., Dynamite Blowup.

Alton, Ill., April 1.—Five men were
killed and a sixth is missing as the
result of an explosion which wrecked
the wheel house of the Equitable
Power company.

Flatiron Starts Fire

Haines, April 1.—Heat from an
electric flatiron, the current for
which is thought to have been left on,
is believed to have started the fire
which Tuesday night destroyed the
Radium Springs sanitarium. The
blaze was first discovered about 10
o'clock, but the situation of the san-
itarium is such that assistance from
the Haines fire department was im-
possible.

Goes to Ontario.

O. R. Stageberg, formerly in busi-
ness in La Grande, came in from En-
terprise last night where he has been
conducting one of the Hub stores.
He will visit here a few days and
then go to Ontario where the Hub
company has decided to place him in
charge of one of their institutions.

APRIL FOOL DAY DEPARTMENT JINX

MISCOUNTED RING SENDS
FIGHTERS WRONG WAY

Sale Awaiting Last Signature Spoil-
ed By Fire that Guts McMillan
Cash Store

April fools galore went hand in
hand at fire in South La Grande at
1:30 a. m. today—just at the begin-
ning of April Fool day. The fire de-
partment tumbled out of bed to an-
swer a box call and mistook the num-
ber 44 for 33 and went to the North
side, then scooted back again to the
station and on to the South Third
street grocery store. Having lost
five or six minutes in the trip across
the track the department extinguish-
ed the blaze with chemicals, but had
to chop a hole through the roof to
get at it. The stock of grocers was
destroyed.

Then, to add to the discomforts, a
piece of mechanism on the truck went
wrong when the corner of Elm and
Washington was reached and the crew
had to push the car into quarters by
hand and spend the rest of the night
unloading hose and repairing the
break and putting the hose back again.
There has been no sleep at fire head-
quarters since 1 o'clock or there-
abouts this morning.

Another April fool phase in con-
nection with the blaze was that the
store had been sold to Mrs. Eliza-
beth Ryder, of North La Grande, but
all the papers had not been signed
up. Mr. McMillan, owner of the
store was to sign and deliver the pa-
pers this morning; now the sale is off.
The building itself is owned by W.
Monroe who moved to Southern
Oregon and it is presumed the build-
ing carried some insurance. A. F.
McMillan, owner of the grocery
store, has operated the business,
which is situated at 504 Third, for
some little time. The stock was in-
sured.

A Golden Rule Farm
Franklin, N. H. April 1.—A "Gold-
en Rule" farm home for neglected
children was opened today. A 300
acre tract north of this city is the
site.

New York Legislature Adjourns
Albany, April 1.—Skids towards
adjournment of the state legislature
are being greased. It was originally
planned to adjourn tomorrow, Good
Friday, in readiness for the forth-
coming constitutional convention.

EXPERT DIVER TO SEEK F-4

Washington, April 1.—Gunner Still-
son, champion diver of the navy, has
been ordered to Honolulu to aid in the
work of raising the F-4. In addition
to Stillson, Past Assistant Surgeon
French and five helpers will leave
Brooklyn immediately. The party
will take a complete deep-sea diving
apparatus with them which will be
used by Stillson. The cruiser Mary-
land now at Mare Island, is in readi-
ness to take the party to Honolulu
on the arrival of the party from the
East.

Americans to Fight Plague in Serbia.

New York, April 1.—To conquer
typhoid and cholera in Serbia and
possibly "clean up" the entire
country, an American sanitary com-
mission under auspices of the Red
Cross and Rockefeller Foundation
sails from here today. Surgeon Gen-
eral Gorgas pronounces it to be the
"most remarkable" commission which
ever tried to aid in foreign plague
suppression.

Reports that Serbia is overwhelm-
ed with typhoid and cholera which
may sweep Europe caused launching
of the sanitary commission. The
Rockefeller foundation and Red Cross
each subscribed \$200,000 for the cam-
paign. Miss Mabel Boardman of the
Red Cross says the entire nation of
Serbia will be disinfected, at cost
of hundreds of thousands of dollars.
Dr. Richard P. Strong, Professor
of tropical diseases at Harvard and
formost plague expert, sailed from
here two weeks ago to prepare the
campaign, which will be centered at
Bucharest.

Cantata Sunday Night.

The Presbyterian church-choir will
give a cantata Sunday evening, and
some splendid music is promised for
the occasion.

STATE SUPPORT FOR DRAMA IS PLEA OF PLAYWRIGHT.



Lady Gregory

A chain of state theaters, in-
stead of one central national thea-
ter, is the suggestion Lady
Gregory, noted playwright and
poet, offers to Americans as a
means of developing a national
drama.
"I believe that if each state had
its own theater," says Lady
Gregory, "where native drama
could be produced by native play-
wrights the national American drama
would soon be a flourishing insti-
tution."

RELIGIOUS SLIDES AND SONGS TO BE PART OF SOLEMN PROGRAM

Probably nowhere else in the
state will Good Friday be observed
with the elaborateness that it will be
in La Grande, where business is go-
ing to shut off power, and business-
men and clerks and the public at
large listen to a musical program,
and witness stereopticon slides ap-
propriate to the day. From 12:30 Fri-
day until 3 o'clock there will be a
free program at Sherry's theatre,
unique in every respect, not enlarged
as the date nears. Several splendid
slides from the Passion Play have
been added to the collection that will
be thrown on the screen.
During the afternoon people can
drop in to hear and see portions of
the program for it is made up of a
series of units. There will be sev-
eral extremely brief addresses, but on
the whole pictures and music will
take up the time. As soon as the
program is over, business will re-
sume its customary pace again at
La Grande will have observed Good
Friday in a most fitting manner.
The public is invited and it is not
necessary to attend the whole pro-
gram, as stated above, for opportu-
nity will be given those who can't
stay for all, to leave quietly at various
intervals. The program prepared for
this unique observation of Good Fri-
day, follows:
Slide—"Entry Into Jerusalem."
Solo—"The Palms," Ellsworth Ellis.
Slides—"Last Supper," "Geth-
semane," "Betrayal," "Judgment
Hall," "Christ Before Pilate,"
"Scourging and Mocking Ecce Homo."
Hymn—"There is a Green Hill Far
Away" Audience.
Slides—"Crucifixion Scenes."
Address—"The First Word," Rev.
R. E. Close.
Hymn—"When I Survey the Won-
drous Cross," Audience.
Solo—"Abide With Me," George
Birnie.
Address—"The Third Word," Rev.
E. B. Fyke.
Hymn—"My Faith Looks Up to
Thee," Audience.
Address—"The Fourth Word," Rev.
L. Myers.
Duet—"In the Cross of Christ I

WAR-GOD CLAIMS PRINCES; MANY WAR-SPINSTERS IN ROYAL FAMILY



PRINCESS MAUD PRINCESS MARY
These two English princesses, Princess Mary, daughter of King George, and Princess Maud of Wite, are not "war-brides," but they may be "war-spinsters," as the war-god is claiming so many men of the royal families there will be nothing left for Cupid to do when the war is over.

GERMANS PLAN BIG RAID DUTCH BOAT UNDER CLOUD OF SUSPICION

Berlin, April 1.—Germany is building Zeppelins faster than England is building warships, and there is reason to believe that massed aerial attacks upon fortified cities of the enemy will be made before long. While England is jealously guarding her title "Mistress of the Seas," Germany is preparing a fleet of mighty Zeppelin cruisers designed to bring to the Fatherland undisputed claim of mastery of the air.

NEW CRUISER TO VERA CRUZ

NO REASON GIVEN FOR SEND-
ING MORE SHIPS.

Conditions in Mexico to be Far from
Satisfactory.
Washington, April 1.—The navy
department has ordered the cruiser
Olympia to reinforce Admiral Caperton's
squadron at Vera Cruz. No reason
is given but it is understood that
the situation in the Mexican coast is
far from satisfactory.

CAR OF NEW PIANOS.

Richey Piano House Unloading Fine
Instruments.

Mack Richey, of the Richey Piano
House, is busy today unloading a car-
load of new pianos. The car contains
some of the finest instruments ever
brought to the city as well as a num-
ber of medium priced pianos.

THREE SENT TO STATE PRISON

WILLIAMS GIVEN FROM ONE TO
TEN YEARS

Chinese File Demurrer and Pleas are
Held up Meanwhile.
Three sentences were imposed to-
day upon as many men who had
pleaded guilty to various crimes, since
their indictment by the recent grand
jury. Judge Knowles sentenced Fred
Williams, accused of larceny to one
to 10 years, Christopher Sears,
larceny from a dwelling, one to seven
years, Captain Burton, obtaining
money under false pretenses, one to
five years. It is expected these will
all be sent to the Salem prison within
a day or two.

Demurrer Halts Plea.

William Eng and Chas. Fong,
Chinese indicted by the grand jury
and who were to plead today to the
charge of assault with intent to kill,
have filed a demurrer to the indict-
ment and until this new phase is dis-
posed of, they will not have to file
their pleas.

Glory" Messrs. Bernie and Ellis.
Address—"The Fifth Word," Rev.
J. H. Lumper.
Hymn—"Nearer My God to Thee,"
Audience.
Address—"The Sixth Word," Rev.
J. L. Clark.
Hymn—"Rock of Ages," Audience.
Address—"The Seventh Word," Rev.
W. C. Drahn.
Solo—"Calvary"
Closing Service.
Cred, Lord's Prayer.
Benediction.
"The Holy City," Mr. Ferrin.
The program is subject to slight
changes. Slides from "The Passion
Play," will be used. Admittance free.

Praise California Poppies.

San Jose, Cal. April 1.—Thousands
of poppies, California's state flower,
were exhibited today at the opening
of the three day poppy show of the
California Poppy League.

BOGUS MONEY ORDERS EXTANT

All merchants are warned against
cashing money orders offered by
strangers. From time to time the
postmaster is notified of money or-
der forms being stolen, one of the
most recent being those stolen from
Station A at Portland, Oregon.
Merchants should at once notify
the local postmaster should any
stranger offer to pass a money order,
at the same time making a note of
the place of issue of the money order.
To follow such a course is a protection
not only to the merchant but also
to the government, which is only too
anxious to apprehend any one sus-
pected of having stolen money orders
in their possession.

Duping Land Hungry, is Charged.

Portland, Ore., April 1.—Charged
with defrauding several thousand
eastern people on a scheme to secure
homesteads under the federal laws
in Oregon, John Keefe, alias York
B. Conway, alias J. C. Dearway, was
scheduled to go on trial in the U. S.
district court here today.
It is alleged that Keefe advertised
extensively in eastern papers, repre-
senting himself to be a former govern-
ment surveyor and saying there were
200,000 acres of land about to be
thrown open to entry and that for a
fee of \$3.40 he would mail a map and
instructions telling how one might se-
cure a homestead in Oregon.

Pottery Plant Reopens.

Pittsburg, Kans., April 1.—Fifty
men returned to work here today
when the Pittsburg Pottery company
resumed operations after a year idle-
ness.

Rifle Club Meeting.

All members of the Rifle club, and
all interested, are called to meet to-
morrow evening at 7:30 in the Y. M.
C. A. class rooms.

DUTCH BOAT UNDER CLOUD OF SUSPICION

ACCUSED OF BEING SUPPLY
SHIP TO GERMAN SUBMAR-
INE FLOTILLA.

WITHDRAWAL FROM THE BOSPHORUS VERIFIED

Contended that Conditions Won't Per-
mit Russians to Work Way Through
Channel—More Craft Sunk by Sub-
marine During the Day, and One
Sunk Yesterday, Bay Survivors.

New Haven, England, April 1.—
Suspected of being a supply ship for
German submarines, the Dutch cargo
boat Lodsquijk van Nassau was cap-
tured by two British torpedo boats.
The vessel ignored repeated signals to
halt. A shot was finally fired across
the bow and the British vessel took
charge. A part of the crew was dis-
covered to be Germans and it is stated
the captain was unable to produce
clearance papers from any port. The
cargo the vessel carried was largely
oil. Rigid investigation is being
made of the status of the ship.
Daily Toll Grow.

Dover, April 1.—Torpedoed by a
German submarine, the French
steamer Enna was sunk in the Eng-
lish channel yesterday with a possible
loss of life by 19 members of the
crew. The Enna was en route to
Bordeaux from Ireland. Two sur-
vivors were picked up by a British
destroyer and were brought here.
They declare the Enna was torpedoed
without warning. For two hours the
crew floundered in the water, clinging
to the wreckage before a destroyer
appeared. After sending the Enna
to the bottom the submarine aban-
doned the crew to their fate.

London, April 1.—Confirmation of
the report that the Russian fleet has
abandoned bombardment of the Bos-
phorus fortifications, came from
Petrograd and Constantinople. Evidently
convinced that forcing the Bos-
phorus is impossible without terrific
sacrifices to the fleet, the Russians
withdrew to the Black sea and bom-
barded other Turkish forts. From
Constantinople it is officially stated
ports Zungulak, Eregli and Kozlu
were shelled but the damage was un-
important. Petrograd claims the
bombardment was terrible.

Paris, April 1.—Belgian aviators
delivered a concerted attack upon the
German aviation camp at Handzane,
dropping numerous bombs on the
hangars and supply stations. Dis-
patches to the war office announce
this. It is believed considerable
damage was done. After bombarding
the camp the airmen attacked and
destroyed the railway building at Corte-
marck.

No Fighting in Poland.

Berlin, April 1.—No important en-
gagements have occurred North of
the Vistula in Poland, the past 24
hours, the war office declares. South
of the river the Russians have deliv-
ered a series of attacks, all of
which were repulsed. The Germans
have taken the offensive along the
sea coast in Flanders. Belgians were
driven from hamlets at Dappni.

BAKER KNIGHTS OBSERVING.

Elaborate Program to be Carried Out
Easter Afternoon.

Baker, April 1.—In celebration of
Easter, Baker Commandery of
Knights Templar will assemble Sun-
day afternoon at 3 o'clock at St.
Stephen's church for special devo-
tional services to be conducted by
Rev. Owen F. Jones. The service will
be for the general public as well as
the lodge. The order of the services
will be as follows:
Processional hymn, "Onward Chris-
tian Soldiers," by the choir.
The Lord's Prayer.
Psalms for Easter Day, by the
choir.
Gloria Patria, by the choir.
The First Lesson, Exodus, Chapter
XII.
Anthem, "Te Deum," by the choir.
The Second Lesson, Matthew, Chap-
ter XXVIII.
Easter Anthem, "Christ Our Pass-
over," by the choir.
The Apostles' Creed.
Collection and Prayers.
Hymn, "Christ the Lord is Risen
Today."
Sermon by Eminent Sir Owen F.
Jones, D. D., Rector of St. Stephen's
Episcopal Church, "The Ideal
Knight."
Offertory, "The Ascension" (from
the Redemption) Gounod.
Benediction, by the Rector.
Recessional, "The Thousand Times
Ten Thousand."