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## GERMANS ATTEMPT TO LAND TROOPS AT RIGA

## BOTH NATIONS LOSE VESSELS IN ENCOUNTER

### RUSSIANS DENY GENERAL ENGAGEMENT RESULTED FROM THE LANDING ATTEMPT.

## BALTIC SUBMARINE HAS SUNK GERMAN VESSEL

### Fighting Occurs Off Riga Gulf in Baltic Sea When Germans Attempt to Land Troops on Russian Soil—Petrograd Says Effort Has Been Repulsed with Losses to All.

London, June 7.—Several German transports were sunk by Russian submarines and destroyers off the Gulf of Riga, located in the Eastern border of the Baltic, due east of Stockholm, Sweden, about 225 miles distant. An attempt was made to land German troops at Courland near Riga, at the head of the gulf, unofficial dispatches say. Russians lost one auxiliary ship in the engagement.

### Encounter Is Denied.

Petrograd, June 7.—Denial is made that the main Russian and German Baltic fleets are engaged, in a semi-official statement, but there are three enemy vessels included in those sunk or damaged off Riga when an attempt was made to land troops from transports.

### Berlin Statement Made.

Berlin, June 7.—A German submarine torpedoed and sank a Russian second-class cruiser, the Amur, in the Baltic Friday, it is officially announced.

There is no Russian cruiser by the name of Amur. It is a minelayer similar to the Yenisee the loss of which is admitted in official statements from Petrograd, and to which the Berlin statement undoubtedly refers. The Yenisee carried a crew of 320.

### Servians Invade Albania.

Rome, June 7.—Servians have invaded Central Albania and have occupied several towns in the lower Dibra region. Four Italian regiments have occupied the region of Hissi and Summara, it is announced. Around lower Dibra the Servians entered the villages of Stereva and Cologardo without opposition.

### French Capture Positions.

Paris, June 7.—Having wrecked the German fortifications by artillery fire, the French have captured additional positions of the enemy in the labyrinth region southeast of Neuville, it is officially announced. Practically all this region is now in the hands of the French. German counter attacks were repulsed with heavy losses, Germans leaving dead and wounded in the field. The heaviest fighting is in progress again about Souchez.

## BAKER CHOIR HERE

### Forty Members Perform—Organist of 12 Years Pleases.

The Baker choir came over Sunday, 50 strong, to take part in the L. D. S. Conference held in this city yesterday. The singing under the direction of Professor Edwards, was especially good. Another important event was the rendering of a pipe organ solo by a boy of 12 years. Dinner and supper were served in the Amusement hall by the members of the La Grande choir. The Baker choir furnished the music for the morning and afternoon services but the La Grande choir took charge in the evening.

### Foundation In For Home.

Robert Eakin, of the law firm of Crawford & Eakin, has in the foundation for his new cottage at the corner of Walnut and Washington avenues. The home is to be one of the modern, up-to-date dwellings of the city.

## WIDOWS' PENSIONS DEMANDS LESSENER

### NEW AND MORE DRASTIC REQUIREMENTS CAUSE.

### Some Drawing Pensions Found to Have Money in the Banks and Other Property as Well.

Widows' pensions, which were growing by leaps and bounds in Union county, have now been put under the new law which was passed by the legislature. The statute surrounds the pensions with more satisfactory safeguards than heretofore existed, and while the intent and spirit of the act to pension dependent mothers is not nullified it is generally admitted that in order to partake of the funds provided by tax payers these cases must undergo more rigid examination, answer more graphic questions and make a better showing regarding their possible means of support, ability to work, etc.

When the new law was put in force and all pensioners asked to appear and make new applications, strange to relate, four or five who had been beneficiaries under the old statute refused to put in appearance. It was also found that some had considerable property, while in a case or two bank deposits amounting to several thousand dollars showed up.

The county court has acted with extreme fairness in all cases and there has been no heart of stone turned on the needy, although the new statute makes it optional with the county judge just how far he shall go in the premises.

The sum total paid out in pensions has been materially reduced, but in no case has the mother with needy children without means of support been refused proper recognition.

If this expenditure had continued to grow as it had started the first year it would have taken a wheat ranch each season to pay the expense, but as things now are it is believed it will be kept in proper bounds.

## ELECTION ON TONIGHT

### Election of Officers and Initiation at K. of P. Hall.

This evening, work in the rank of page and election of officers constitutes a portion of the work outlined for the Knights of Pythias. A big attendance is desired and lodge opens promptly at 8 o'clock.

## MILK TESTERS GIVEN QUIZZES

### EASTERN OREGON CREAMERY-MEN MEET HERE.

### New Creamery Law Effective Throughout the State Now.

Commencing today and lasting through tomorrow every creamery or shipping station that buys milk or cream on a butter-fat basis, must have a representative of such station in La Grande to undergo a test of his fitness to properly test for butter-fat and comply with the new creamery law now in effect. Claude C. Cate, county farm expert, is conducting the tests. In Western Oregon examinations are given at O. A. C. but in this region all eastern Oregon creameries must take the test in La Grande. Five are being quizzed in the federal building today.

There are many important features pertaining to the new law, shaped to prevent discrimination and monopoly. Chief among these are the following, quoting from the law:

### Discrimination Unlawful.

Section 1.—Any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of buying milk, cream or butter fat for the purpose of manufacture, either by himself or another, who shall, with the intention of creating a monopoly, destroying the business of a competitor or restraining in any manner an open competition in said business, discriminate between the different sections, localities, com-

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## Keefe Puts Up a Valiant Fight Against Grim Death

Surrounded by his father, mother and two brothers, John Keefe, the young man shot at Union Junction Friday night by Sheriff Hug, under circumstances at the time indicating Keefe might have been committing some unlawful act, but which later developed to be only a frank desire to ride the brakebeams to Baker, where his sweetheart lived, is this afternoon making a valiant fight for his life.

Frank Keefe, a brother of the victim, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Keefe, parents, and the young man's sweetheart, of Baker, were at the bedside all day yesterday, when Keefe's condition took a turn for the worse. Today noon C. W. Keefe a Great Northern conductor running out of Spokane, arrived in the city and all are now constantly at the bedside this afternoon.

Hope for his recovery began to glimmer yesterday.

Speaking for the family, C. W. Keefe this afternoon preferred not to

make any statement for publication in the case, being too oppressed with grief to give a logical deduction of their viewpoint of the matter. It is now an established fact that the family is well to do. Alfred Christensen, an abstracter of this city is well acquainted with the family, more especially the parents and Frank Keefe, near who he resided for a time at Moscow, Idaho.

The attending physicians this afternoon will give no ray of hope for his recovery. It is understood that the last chance is practically gone and recovery is but an extremely remote likelihood.

### Outside Attorneys Here.

Among the outside attorneys who are in La Grande to attend this session of circuit court are Judge B. F. Wilson and R. J. Kitchen of Union; L. Denham, of Elgin, and O. B. Mount, of Baker.

## ROSE SHOW IS DRAWING WELL

### EXCELLENT PROGRAM PREPARED BY MANAGERS.

### Rose Show Week Dawns with Splendid Prospect for Good Weather.

Portland, Ore., June 7.—Portland was in gala attire today in anticipation of thousands of visitors who will come to attend the Rose Festival, an annual occasion when homage is paid to the beautiful flower that has made the metropolis of Oregon famed the world over.

This year the festival will be crowded into three days so that there will be something doing every minute. Wednesday 10,000 school children will march in a great pageant and Queen Rose will be crowned. Thursday the decorated automobile and vehicle parade will traverse the streets, the equipage bedecked with more than a million roses. Friday, the fraternal, military and industrial pride will be held, and at night the electrical pageant, in which 20 floats showing the agricultural greatness of Oregon will pass in review.

## PRAIRIE HERE TOMORROW.

### Tour Will Likely End in La Grande Tomorrow Afternoon.

The Commercial club-backed tour of the Prairie City ball team will likely end in La Grande tomorrow night when the tourists play La Grande. They are at Elgin today and come here tomorrow afternoon the game being set for 3 o'clock. That La Grande will have a hard nut to crack must be admitted. Foster shut Baker out a few days ago indicating that when he is right he is awful right. Melnis has added strength to his team at all possible points and is in shape to give the John Dayists a run for their money.

## FOREIGNERS HURRY OFF

### Large Numbers Leave Mexico City for Vera Cruz and Safety.

Washington, June 7.—More than 300 foreigners have left Mexico City today, the Brazilian minister has reported to the state department. Among them were 90 Americans. They have gone to Vera Cruz fearing trouble is about to break out.

## TRIBUTE PAID TO LODGE MEN

### SOLEMN SERVICES CARRIED OUT BY LODGES.

### True Friendship Described by Speaker of the Day.

Three lodges of La Grande and as many auxiliaries yesterday paid tribute to their members dead in an impressive memorial service held at the Methodist church. About 200 men and women marched to the church and there listened to a program of unusual merit. Various lodges present, which included the Modern Woodmen, the Woodmen of the World, the Rebekahs, the Circle and the Royal Neighbors, each by representative called the roll of members dead the past year. Brief words of tribute were spoken by S. R. Hawthorn and H. E. Dixon for the entire congregation.

The order of events presided over by John H. Rudd, follows:

Organ prelude, Mrs. W. A. Winters; Hymn, "Coronation" by congregation; Scripture reading by Rev. C. A. Edwards of the Methodist church; Prayer by Rev. R. E. Close of the Baptist church; Music by the Modern Woodmen double quartet; Memorial roll call; Music by double quartet; Address, "True Friendship" by Rev. G. L. Clark of the Presbyterian church; Hymn, "America" by congregation; Benediction by Rev. Leon Myers of the Christian church; Postlude by Mrs. Winters.

True friendship, according to the speaker of the day, has several constituent parts. Rev. Clark classified these, first into promptness. "If you are going to do a good deed, bestow a smile or give a flower, do it today," he declared. "Benevolence is another very necessary requirement in true friendship. The benevolent features of the various lodge homes throughout the country for the infirm, the orphan and the dependent, is a splendid tribute to the benevolence of such orders as are assembled here today.

"Conservation of the home is another essential requirement of true friendship. If the lodge does not make for a better home life of its

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## RESERVED SEAT SALE FOR RACES TO OPEN TUESDAY

Tomorrow morning a limited number of bleacher seats for the motor race go on sale at Van Buren's cigar store, along with sale of reservation of space for automobiles. The first to come get best service, and the reservation costs no more than general admission, but insures the holder of the seat that there will be room to sit down when the time comes. The seats and the automobile space is directly opposite the score board, well back from the race course, and changes at the pit can be witnessed from reserved space for autos and bleachers.

Many automobiles went over the course yesterday, 20 machines being counted at a given spot in 30 minutes. In places the road is as good

as macadam, and the rough spots found yesterday are being dragged down and a steam roller is working today. Every one is cordially invited to ride over the course at any time but it is earnestly requested that the travel be not on a beaten path but over the entire surface of the highway to give much more width to the course.

That there are still people in Union county who understand the annual road races this year are to be to Baker and back, is being impressed upon the Motorace management daily. However it is pretty generally understood it is to be run on a seven-mile rectangular course at Mt. Glen.

## AIR BATTLES USURP FIGHTS ON SEA, LAND

### SEVERAL KILLED ON THE EAST COAST OF LONDON BY NEW RAID.

## ZEPPELIN IN BELGIUM DESTROYED BY ATTACK

### Interest in Great War Centers, Today, More in Aerial Attacks Than Upon the Land and Sea—Hangar in Belgium Burned and Bombs Dropped on Airship of German Type.

London, June 7.—A Zeppelin raid was felt on the east coast of England last night, the crafts dropping incendiary explosive bombs. Five were killed and 40 injured, the official statement announced.

Two fires were caused by bombs from hostile aircraft.

With destruction of a Zeppelin in Belgium by Irish aviators, another raid upon the English coast and other activities, aerial reports all but overshadow engagements between allies and Germans upon land and sea.

Five were killed and 40 injured in the latest raid on the east coast. Two fires were started that did much damage.

The Berlin claims that serious damage was inflicted at Harwich Saturday appear, in the face of reports here, to indicate a balance in favor of the British, following numerous engagements. British aviators dropped bombs on the Evere hangar in North Brussels and it was destroyed by fire.

The most spectacular feat of the British was the destruction of a Zeppelin near Ghent. Six bombs were hurled at the airship from a height of 6000 feet.

### Debris Kills Nuns.

Amsterdam, June 7.—The Zeppelin destroyed by British aviators between Ghent and Bruges crashed through the roof at the convent at Monte Stamin killing two nuns, acknowledges dispatches received from Ghent. The dispatch to the Telegraaf stated the Zeppelin carried a crew of 21 and all perished. The convent was filled with orphans. The Telegraaf's dispatch declared two children were killed but made no mention of the nuns.

## PEACE RUMOR DELAYS NOTE

### REJOINER HELD UP FOR FURTHER NEWS.

### Entangible, Untraceable Rumors Persistently Talk Peace.

Washington, June 7.—President Wilson's rejoinder to Germany won't be forwarded tonight as planned, Counsellor Lansing of the State Department has announced.

It is now believed it will be dispatched to Berlin late tomorrow. Indefinite rumors of the possible ending of the European war continued to circulate in diplomatic circles that diplomacy might soon be expected to gain the ascendancy over military force. They are entangible and unknown.

## JOYRIDE CHARGED.

### Union Ball Players Said to Have Borrowed Automobile.

Union, Ore., June 7. (Special)—"Speed" Meserve and Clarence Geertson are in jail this morning and Romaine Kimball is wanted by the police as a result of a joy ride last night in a borrowed Ford. Several complaints have come in lately of automobiles being borrowed while the owners were at the theatre and last night Tony D. Smith's new Ford was discovered gone and when he came out of the show he immediately called Marshall Van Houten and gave chase but in the meantime the boys brought the car back to where they had found it. Meserve and Geertson were arrested last night but Kimball could not be found. They will be tried today before Recorder Terrall.

## JUNE TERM OF CIRCUIT COURT PUT IN MOTION

### C. H. ARNOLDUS HEADS GRAND JURY PICKED TO PROBE SUSPECTED PERSONS.

## MANY CASES ARE SET DOWN FOR TRIAL

### Grand Jurors Retire for Deliberation and Circuit Court Proceeds to Hear Case of Lewis Fish vs. Theo. Mays—Chinese Case One Week Hence, According to the Docket.

## NEW GRAND JURY.

C. H. ARNOLDUS, Foreman.  
GEORGE HEMPE.  
WILLIAM HARDY.  
LOTT ELMER.  
R. J. HUDSON.  
CHARLES I. SQUIRES.  
A. P. CONLEY.

This morning at a few minutes past 10 o'clock, Judge John W. Knowles opened the June session of his court. The bar was well represented by not only Union county attorneys, but some from the outside as well, who have business to transact at this term.

By order of the court, County Clerk Wright called the roll of jurors as follows, with the following notations as to absence and excused.

Homer Littleton, George M. Baker, Garret A. Blockland, excused; Ross Badger, excused; E. L. Halley, William Siegrist, excused; George Hempe, M. J. Hughes, Charles I. Squires, M. W. Sandler, absent; H. Rettig, excused; R. P. Parker, William Hardy, J. K. Fitzgerald, William Cockerell, excused; Alex. Shaw, excused; Charles Crandall, excused; J. W. Baxter, excused; C. E. Dudley, excused; F. P. Young, absent; Walter Richards, excused for week; R. J. Hudson, A. P. Conley, C. H. Arnoldus, B. S. Comstock, excused; A. J. Tucker, I. A. Bingamin, excused; George Miller, absent; C. W. Cleaver.

From the above list the county clerk drew the list of grand jurors for this term, which appears above. Jno. Cates was appointed by the court as bailiff for the grand jury.

It was a noticeable fact that when the court was questioning the grand jurors as to their qualifications it proved to be a cosmopolitan jury, the states of Illinois, Utah, Indiana, Kansas, Ohio and Oregon having been the birth place of the jurors, with one member having first seen the light of day in Denmark.

After being sworn and receiving the formal instructions of the court as to their duty the grand jurors retired in charge of their bailiff for the consideration of all questions that will be submitted.

All other jurors were excused until 1:30 this afternoon.

It is not known what cases came before the grand jury this afternoon, but Elgin people were seen called in as witnesses before the secret board.

Judge Knowles then announced his docket, as follows:

Lewis Fish vs. Theo. Mays—R. J. Kitchen, attorney for plaintiff and O. B. Mount, attorney for defendant; case set today at 1:30 o'clock.

Hewitt Bros. vs. A. C. Spain—R. J. Kitchen, attorney for plaintiff, and H. L. Hess and Crawford & Eakin, attorneys for defendant; case set for Tuesday at 9 a. m.

C. R. Hibberd vs. L. A. Stringham—Cochran & Eberhard, attorneys for plaintiff, and C. H. Finn, attorney for defendant; case set for Wednesday at 9 a. m.

Melbert F. Price vs. E. E. Ripley—H. E. Dixon, attorney for plaintiff, and W. G. Trill, attorney for defendant; case set for Thursday at 9 a. m.

Ralph M. Sappington vs. J. C. Craig—W. B. Sargent, attorney for plaintiff, and L. Denham, attorney for defendant; case set for Friday at 9 a. m.

Saturday—No cases set.

State vs. William Eng and Charles Fong, Colon R. Eberhard, attorney for state, and Crawford & Eakin, attorneys for defendant; case set for Monday, June 14, at 10 a. m.

In the case of State vs. Lewis, which is to come up later, the court appointed F. S. Ivanhoe to represent the state because Colon R. Eberhard, the new prosecuting attorney, is a member of the firm that has the defense.

This afternoon the time of the court is being given to the case of Lewis Fish vs. Theo. Mays.