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Asquith Regime is Toppling

LLYOD GEORGE LIKELY TO BE NEXT PREMIER

CONSCRIPTIONISTS DEMAND
THAT ASQUITH ISSUE THE
ORDER AT ONCE.

LABOR UNION RULES
HINDER NATION'S PART

Vital Issues Pending in England with
Reorganization of the Cabinet Soon
to Follow Unless Compulsory Service
in Army Is Ordered at Once by
Asquith.

London, Dec. 27.—Using Lloyd George's slogan "Loots" many influential newspapers have demanded reorganization of the cabinet. Lloyd George will probably head the government if Premier Asquith quits. Prompt decision and action in enforcing conscription can save Asquith, his colleagues have hinted.

Despite optimism it is hinted Lord Derby, who tried to avert conscription, failed in his campaign. Conscription advocates have demanded that the issue be decided and do not favor submission to an election. Unless the issue is met tonight, conscription advocates expect to renew the fight on Asquith.

The whole nation is stirred by the speech of Lloyd George Christmas before the Glasgow unionists. He frankly said relaxation of the rules is necessary if England is to succeed.

ANNUAL ROLL CALL TONIGHT.

Knights of Pythias Have Big Program in Readiness.

Tonight the annual roll call conducted by Red Cross Lodge No. 27, Knights of Pythias, will begin at 7:30 o'clock. The first hour and a half will be given over to exemplification of the third rank, which begins promptly at 8 o'clock, and this in turn will be followed by a clam-bake. When clams have been stewed away, the roll call will begin. Postmaster E. E. Bragg is toastmaster for the evening, and there will be three or four short speeches, with salutations of a very brief sort from all present as the roll is called. Many letters from afar have arrived, the writers being unable to be present in person but "at home" in spirit. All visiting Knights in the city are extended a cordial welcome.

Land Grant Stay Issued.

Portland, Dec. 27.—A stay of execution until February 7th was granted in the railroad land grant case this morning at the request of the Southern Pacific. Attorney Reames urged immediate execution so congress can legislate to dispose of the two million acres.

Bark and Crew Lost.

Seattle, Dec. 27.—Fear is felt for the Peruvian bark Callao, with a crew of fifteen, lost off Vancouver Island. No word has come since Saturday when she was reported in distress off Cape Beale, unable to make shore 12 miles away.

Farmers Raise Dispute.

Washington, Dec. 27.—House Democrats have decided to abandon President Wilson's suggestion of taxing internal combustion engines. No sooner had the President's message been printed than loud protest came from farmers throughout the country. Every farmer owning gasoline for fodder cutting, churning and pump vigorously objected. The proposed gasoline tax is still an issue.

British Liner Sunk.

New York, Dec. 27.—The fifteen thousand ton British liner Arlanza, believed commandeered at the outbreak of war, was sunk off Archangel, Dec. 1st. It is said news was suppressed for fear neutral shippers would become alarmed. It is believed she struck a mine.

Turks Meet Reversals.

London, Dec. 27.—Turks have been heavily defeated in an attack on Kutel Amara, it is officially announced. Constantinople reported the Turks were attempting to surround Kutel Amara, the British base since failure of the Bagdad expedition.

Odd Fellows Roll Call.

The date for the roll call for the La Grande Lodge of Odd Fellows is Saturday, January 8, 1916, and not on the 28th as heretofore announced.

LEE WARNICK IS AN ASPIRANT

WILL SEEK NOMINATION
AMONG DEMOCRATS.

Former Deputy Sheriff and Present
City Recorder Announces Candidacy for Office.

Lee Warnick, present city recorder of La Grande, announced this morning that he would be a candidate for the Democratic nomination to the office of sheriff at the coming primaries.

"I have been requested at different times to run for the sheriff's office," said Mr. Warnick, "but never until now have I felt that I wanted to enter the race. However, I am positive that I will be a candidate and wish to state to all my friends that I will appreciate their support."

Mr. Warnick is a native son of Union county. He has spent most of his life in La Grande and is well known. As a deputy in the sheriff's office when Frank Childers was sheriff he became familiar with the office. Several years ago he worked in the county clerk's office when Union was the seat of government, thus giving him court house experience. In 1913 he was elected recorder of the city of La Grande and has been appointed for two successive years since that time.

Mr. Warnick is a Democrat and will seek the nomination on the Democratic ticket.

Christmas Sidelights

Happiness factories ran over time in La Grande Christmas day and it is safe to say that La Grande's boast, "More Christmas in 1915 than any Christmas before" was fully carried out. In the homes there was joy in abundance—elsewhere likewise.

The Elks' Christmas tree party Saturday distributed candy and toys to 750 children. The crowd assembled in front of the door an hour earlier than the opening.

Saturday noon an even 100 children were given green candy at the Foley hotel by P. A. Foley and "Ole" Rogers, proprietors of the Foley & Rogers taxi. The line was decorous but long. The candy was green with letters stamped inside it. A quarter of a ton of candy was thus given away and none was refused.

Saturday evening the Elks' auditorium was practically filled for the Salvation Army Christmas tree program.

Saturday the Eagles' lodge was host to families, old and young, in great numbers. The tree was a delightful affair, and the visitors made merry until a late hour in the evening. The Eagles proved themselves genial hosts, and generous ones.

A Portland victrola was brought to La Grande as a Christmas present. Fred Wilson, a Portland attorney, came here to visit his parents at May Park and brought a "talking machine" with him as a Christmas gift.

This morning the big exodus of lumbermen took place. The city was the gathering place for timbermen from all parts of this and Wallawa county. On the whole the men were orderly and the oldtime Christmas lumberjacks were missing. Notwithstanding this however there was a very liberal run on saloons by all classes of men.

One of the most pleasant homecomings in the city was enjoyed by the Pike and Hannan families Christmas. Fourteen of them were present for the Christmas dinner. These included Mr. and Mrs. Joe Diggs and two children, formerly of Alaska now residents here; Jim Miller, traveling passenger agent for the O.-W., and wife, of Portland; J. P. Hannan, O.-W. detective, and family; Eddie Hannan, city marshal at Huntington; John Hannan, an O.-W. attorney at Portland; "Grandpa" Mike Tierney, Master Joe Hannan and Engineer and Mrs. Frank Pike. Mrs. Diggs enjoys the distinction of being the first white child born in Cordova, Alaska, and Cordova is her given name.

At the close of the Salvation Army entertainment in Elks hall the Presbyterian church repeated their tableaux of the preceding evening in which Mrs. Upton marshalled all her forces for the effort; Mrs. Mossman, who had recalled the beautiful works of the old masters, posed the artists; Hattie Short did the draping and arranging. The hush of Holy Light fell over the large audience when Isabel Miller, as the angel presented her lilies and message to Mary in the Annunciation. Again in the Nativity seemed to appear the simple scene in Bethlehem when the poised angel delivered her glorious song. The Adoration of the Magi and

WHEAT SOARS OVER A DOLLAR AT TIDEWATER

INTERIOR SALES REACH HIGH
WATER MARK IN WHEAT
MARKET.

DOLLAR FIVE REPORTED
PRICE PAID BY BUYERS

Buying Is Confined to Eastern Business However.—Not Known If
Spurt Is Flash in the Pan or Means
Continued High Prices—Sales Anticipated.

Portland, Dec. 27.—Wheat prices have struck a new high mark. Interior sales of Bluestem, and turkey red at \$1.05 are reported on a basis of tidewater delivery.

Buying is confined to eastern business.

Western prices were forced in Chicago.

Just what the record sales at Portland today mean has not been analyzed by La Grande wheat buyers. Some think it is a flash in the pan and will sputter out soon. If persistent and steady, the farmers who are holding for close to a dollar wheat, will likely let go.

MONROE DOCTRINE SACRED

Washington, Dec. 27.—The Monroe Doctrine is as sacred in principle as when it was first proclaimed, declared Secretary of State Lansing before the Pan-American Scientific congress. Warm acceptance of the doctrine by Pan-Americanism featured the address of Chairman Suarez. "The Monroe Doctrine is a national policy of the United States," Lansing said, "Feeling that American republics

the Enthroned Madonna each heightened the effect.

The Salvation Army won for itself great praise. In addition to sending complete equipment for Christmas to over 50 homes, over 250 were dined Saturday noon at the barracks. Tramps, homeless, down-and-outs were brought in by men committees from saloons, pool halls and "jungs." While these were being filled—and there was a great number to fill—the children were seated at a different table. Thus about 30 people, workers from various churches, waited on the hungry. It was a great day, great indeed. Olive Childers and her workers are popular idols of the city and she has no peer as a Santa Claus.

Cupid was just as busy as Olive Childers and the other happiness manufacturers during Christmas. Not only that but he aimed his darts at the bachelor lists with startling effect.—H. E. Dixon and James O. Neal were two well known Knights of Bachelorhood. Mr. Dixon was married Christmas eve at 8 o'clock in the Methodist parsonage by Rev. Chas. A. Edwards to Miss Lucile Switzer. The wedding hour was kept a close secret, except to the bridal party and while the city was making merry with Christmas trees, the solemn words were being spoken in the parsonage. Mr. and Mrs. Dixon will be at home February 1st, at 1909 Oak, to their many friends. Virgil Bolton and Miss Ruth Ghormley were the only attendants at the ceremony which was very informal. The bride has been an efficient school teacher in La Grande for several terms, coming here from Pembina, North Dakota, where her relatives reside. She has a large circle of friends in the city who are delighted that she will "remain with us." The groom has been a practicing attorney in the city for some time, being prominent in social and fraternal affairs. He is now a candidate for district attorney.

James O'Neal, long-time resident of La Grande, and Miss Lydia Turner also a La Grande product, were quietly married at high noon Saturday. The wedding was pronounced by Rev. Clark and was solemnized at the home of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Turner on T. avenue. Mrs. Oscar Garner, a sister of the bride, was the officiating company.

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CHINESE IN AMERICA MAY FOMENT WAR

ASSASSINATION OF PROMINENT
CHINESE IN SAN FRANCISCO
A CRISIS

THOUSANDS ON COAST
READY TO FIGHT YUAN

Critical Moment Prevails in China
Where Provinces Apparently
Strong for Yuan, Are Wobbling and
Become Uncertain—Murdered Chinese was Yuan's Clan.

Portland, Dec. 27.—Chinese of the entire northwest are stirred over the assassination in San Francisco of Wong Yuen Yung, a cousin of Yuan Shi Kai. Two thousand Portland, and an equal number of Seattle orients have declared they are ready to enlist in services to support the republic, and overthrow Emperor Yuan Shi Kai. Chinese in a Turmoil.

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—Police are trailing every possible clew. It is believed Wong was slain by monarchists because he recently deserted the emperor's cause.

In the meantime affairs in China are wavering on the brink of revolution, advances indicate. Three provinces supposedly Yuan's bulwark of strength, containing many troops, are reported wavering.

Chinese, when questioned closely, shrugged their shoulders with, "No Sabe talk."

BIG DAMAGE CASE IS FILED

MT. EMILY COMPANY SUES THE
O.-W.

Forest Fire in 1914 Is Issue at Stake in
Litigation.

A suit for \$10,000 has been brought by Attorney Jno. S. Hodgkin for the Mt. Emily Timber company against the O.-W. The amount is for damages alleged in the complaint to have been sustained in August of 1914 when a fire, which the complaint says, originated from an O.-W. locomotive sparks, burned over 2200 acres of Mt. Emily Timber company land.

For some time the matter was negotiated back and forth between the two concerns, and it was only recently that the company took steps to bring legal action.

ARCADE CHANGES HANDS.

Salem and Portland People Come
Here to Own and Operate It.

J. D. Meyers, of Salem and H. B. Leiter of Portland now own and operate the Arcade theatre, having purchased the plant from the People's Amusement company of Portland. Mr. Meyers and Mrs. Leiter are now here and Mrs. Leiter will be the active manager of the theatre henceforth. In announcing the purchase Mrs. Leiter said "We shall continue to conduct a place of high class amusement and follow out the policy practiced by Mr. Gardinier of booking the best to be had. In addition we plan to put in road shows from time to time. Furthermore, as soon as the weather permits, we shall redecorate the interior, along a broad policy of improvements. We have brought our piano player, C. C. Niles, with us and a trap drum will arrive about January 1st. My mother, Mrs. S. L. Ford, will arrive soon and we shall live here and make this our home. Mr. Meyers is a young man, just out of college, and he too will make La Grande his home."

Mrs. Leiter paid Mr. Gardinier's managing ability a high tribute, affirming that he is rated high among the heads of the Peoples' Amusement company.

HAL REES IS NOW A CANDIDATE

PRESENT SHERIFF DEPUTY
SEEKS OFFICE.

Citizen of Cove Becomes Candidate
for Republican Nomination Next
Primary Election.

Hal Rees, present deputy sheriff under August Hug, in an interview with the Evening Observer said: "I am a candidate for the Republican nomination to the office of sheriff for Union county. This conclusion is arrived at after talking with Republicans from different parts of Union county, many of whom have requested me to run in the past. I shall base my campaign on the efficiency I can give the office for as a deputy under Sheriff Hug I have become thoroughly familiar with the work."

Mr. Rees is a Union county man, having been born and raised in Cove. His father, Mack Rees, lately deceased, was one of the early settlers of the valley and was one of the strongest characters the state of Oregon has ever had. His knowledge of affairs and his stand on public questions was sought by all, and his boys are "chips from the old block."

The Rees homestead was for years "Republican headquarters" for the eastside of the valley and the regularity of the politics of the entire household has never been questioned. Hal is one of the younger boys and has a wide acquaintance over the valley and in fact Eastern Oregon. He has been engaged in farming and stock raising, been connected with the flouring mills at Cove and in a number of ways done business with the public, leaving a clean record in every instance.

Sheriff Hug will not be a candidate for re-election.

ALBANIANS SUFFER.

Crops Fail Twice and Refugees from
Elsewhere Add to Grief.

Rome, Dec. 27.—At least 150,000 Albanians have starved this year, and a similar fate waits an equal number next year, said W. W. Howard, arriving here after distributing 200 tons of flour among the sufferers. "Crops have been a failure for two years. Moreover the normal population of one million has increased by 200,000 Serbian refugees and 20,000 Austrian prisoners."

SUBMARINE IS CHASED.

Seven Perish However, After U-boat
Sends Her Shot.

Paris, Dec. 27.—Six passengers and one seaman perished when the Italian liner Port Said was submarine, Milan has reported. Italian destroyers answered her S. O. S. call, and pursued the submarine, which dived and escaped. A Greek steamer, standing by, was seized. It is believed she shelled the submarine.

FAMILY DOG SLAIN.

Second Attempt to Slay Canine Meets
With Success.

A pet dog belonging to the Toy Young family was shot last night and a reward has been offered for the arrest and conviction of the party which did the work. Some time ago the animal was wounded in a like manner but recovered.

Women on Police Force.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Hundreds of women were among the first 2000 of Chicago's proposed 20,000 citizen police force, which went on duty today. They took up their patrol in the police, as well as the toughest districts in the city. Millionaires' row along Lake Shore drive and Little Italy a short distance away, were the districts chosen. That women were to be allowed on the force was not known until Louis Damon, Secretary of the Civic Co-operators, sponsor for the movement, made the announcement today. "They'll be better than men," said Damon. "They notice things quicker than men. The force will be comprised mostly of women." When complete, every block in the city will have a citizen policeman or policewoman.

Today's Oddest Story.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—President Woodrow Wilson, who will be 59 years old tomorrow is, by virtue of the letter W at the beginning of his given name, the very last of the ninety-three Wilsons listed in Who's Who in America. Peculiarly enough also, the recital of Woodrow Wilson's life record takes up only 3 inches of Who's Who space, while the record of James Harrison Wilson, soldier and railroad, is accorded about an inch more.

Portland Attorney Here.

Leroy Lomax, former district attorney but now resident of Portland, arrived this morning to attend to some business before Judge Knowles. He expects to return home this evening.

JOHN B. DEATH WATCH BEGINS IN NORTHWEST

EXTERMINATION CEREMONY
PROMISES TO BE A NOISY
ONE IN LA GRANDE.

STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF
LAW AT MIDNIGHT HOUR

John Barleycorn's Final Execution is
Near at Hand—In the Meantime
Larders are Being Replenished and
Wine Cellars Stocked for Long
Oasis Journey.

One hundred and four hours after the Observer's clientele has read these lines, John Barleycorn will mout the scaffold of public disapprobation and there be hanged even higher than was Haman. John's deathwatch has begun—next Friday evening at the stroke of 12, he will be decapitated, hanged, electrocuted, shot down, and manhandled in copious ways. His extermination in Oregon is foreordained by public voice.

The manner of his demise will vary somewhat according to communities. In La Grande it is also foreordained that his going forth will be marked with noisy acclaim. Saloons, grills and other places where liquor is sold, must not dispense John after the stroke of 12. Liquor already in glasses and paid for prior to the new year, has been ruled in Multnomah to be a lawful drink on such an occasion. No official announcement has been made to date by Union county and La Grande authorities except that the law will be strictly enforced.

Local Stocks Running Low.

Commencing early this morning, all saloons in the city commenced to fill orders for homes. Those who insist on supplying their cellars with liquors, especially the fancier wines, have but few selections left—in fact the general stock of goods is running very low. It is doubtful if all will have enough whiskeys on hand to meet demands. In all instances in La Grande the supplies of brandies, whiskeys and the more common drinks are on their last legs. Fancies are scarcer still. If today's orders continue to be duplicated for the rest of the year, it is doubtful if all saloons will be able to meet demands across the bars Friday night.

PORK THIEVES ABROAD.

Jake Clark Loses a Large Amount of
Salted Meat.

Thieves entered the Jake Clark premises above town one night last week and took away several hundred pounds of pork. Mr. Clark butchered some hogs a couple of weeks ago and salted the pieces down in a room which he left locked and came to town where he has some work which occupied his time. On his return to the farm Friday he discovered the loss. The lock had been broken and according to his inventory he thinks the number of hams, shoulders and pieces of sides which had been stolen would be the equivalent of about two and a half hogs.

Fred Young Returns from Homestead

Fred Young, who last fall took up a homestead in the Catlow valley in Harney county, returned home Saturday to remain for the holidays and also to take charge of refilling his ice houses to be in readiness for next season's ice trade. His homestead adjoins the one selected last year by his sister, Miss Bertha Young. The latter is holding down her claim for the winter and will not return to La Grande until next summer.

WATER FOR NORTH POWDER.

Edwin Isaacs Asks for 25 Year
Franchise.

Mr. Edwin Isaacs, recently of Walla Walla met with the council and asked for a 25 year franchise for a water system of sufficient capacity to furnish water for fire protection, domestic purposes, and for sprinkling lawns. An ordinance was drafted, read and passed to the third reading, says the North Powder News.

In the proposed ordinance the interests of the citizens and tax payers are amply protected.

Club Series Renewed.

The Gaiety Club, which recently finished a successful dancing party series, announces that four more will be given. The first was set for this week but on account of the U of O gleeclub engagement that night the date has been set ahead until January 7th.