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## CROWN PRINCE RUMORED BACK TO BE REGENT

### SWISS REPORTS TELL OF RECALLED DUE TO ILLNESS OF KAISER.

### TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND KILLED IN ONE DAY

### German Losses Terrific.

### Paris, Jan. 12.—With reckless disregard of life, Germans sacrificed 25,000 Sunday in the offensive at Champagne. Châlons dispatches described it as the bloodiest fighting since September. German wounded prisoners have confirmed the report that Von Einem planned to bend the allied front at Rheims and Verdun. They complained that the artillery failed, and instead of silencing French batteries, merely wrecked portions of the advanced trenches and gave the French time to get reserves.

### Explosion Kills Many.

### Berlin, Jan. 12.—Seventy were killed and fifty injured in an explosion of an ammunition depot at Lille.

### Evacuating Cetinje.

### Vienna, Jan. 12.—Captures of Mount Lowien is detailed in an official report. Three days of fierce fighting by infantry, heavy artillery and the navy, overpowered a bitter resistance. Difficulties in the wintry mountains were great.

### Cetinje, which Mount Lowien dominates, is being evacuated.

### "RAGGING" IS TABOO.

### Pendleton Mayor Wants Practice Stopped—Curfew in Force.

### Pendleton, Jan. 12.—The best regime is to see a number of changes in city ordinances and other new ordinances tending toward the reform of the city. The first to come under the axe is the so-called "dirty ragging" at the dance halls. "No more dirty ragging at the dance halls in Pendleton. All this callithentic dancing must be cut off," said Dr. Best this morning in speaking of the dance reform measure.

### It is believed that Dr. Best is not against the recent one-step, the beautiful hesitation waltz or the "dainty fox-trot" but it is that dance in which the girl and man are closely locked in each others arms while she gently nestles her head on her manly partner's shoulder to which he objects. The Mayor is to appoint a committee and ask that such a measure be prepared.

### The curfew law which in most cities is almost a dead law is to be strictly enforced here according to the Mayor. Dr. Best is desirous that the age limit be reduced from 18 to 16 years and the law providing that all boys and girls under that age be off the streets by 9 o'clock be enforced.

### "Above all a close watch is to be kept on hop heads, blind pigs and bootleggers," said Dr. Best. "You can say for me that although my eyesight is not yet in good working order the chart is made out and a straight reform movement right down the line is to be pursued."

### OREGONIANS GO SOUTH.

### Penny Interests and Woolgrowers Have Special Cars Out of State.

### Two groups of men are being carried out of Oregon today in special pullmans for Salt Lake. The first to leave the state was a group of woolgrowers going to Salt Lake for the national convention. The other was a number of J. C. Penny & Co. managers from the Northwest going to the 14th annual convention of the Penny company managers.

### C. E. Short, manager of the United Store in this city, will join the pullman party here on No. 18 tonight. Manager Saule of Baker will be another Eastern Oregon manager to attend the big meeting whereat the various branch managers are to meet to discuss the business of the concern.

### At noon today, Eastern Oregon woolgrowers went through La Grande on No. 6 bound for Salt Lake. Hon. Jay Dobbins of Wallowa county was in the city last evening bound for the same place but went on ahead to attend a meeting in Boise and will pick up the main group tomorrow morning. Dan Clark, manager of the stock department for the O. W. was in La Grande this morning and joined the party out of her at noon.

## Washington Aroused Over Butchery of 15 Yankees

Washington, Jan. 12.—Indignation has swept official circles today with the word that Mexicans slaughtered a group of Americans. Prompt action of redress to prevent repetition of the incident has been started by President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing. Northern Mexican consuls are reporting the details. It seems the government will hold Carranza responsible.

### El Paso, Jan. 12.—Official messages this morning tell of how 16 Americans and two Englishmen were dragged from a Mexico-Northwestern train, robbed of \$25,000, stripped of their clothes and shot in cold blood.

### Advices show that direct orders from Villa to kill every American and other foreigners, as the cause of the slaughter.

### Villa Commanded Squad.

### It is reported that Villa personally commanded the firing squad. Villistas first began to shoot them down one at a time, but seeing death was inevitable, several attempted to run, and were shot down.

### Refugee Depicts Details.

### Thomas Holmes, an American who escaped by hiding aboard the train, heard shrieks of the victims as they were murdered. Holmes brought the first word to El Paso. The bodies are expected to arrive here today.

### Border in Fever Heat.

### The border has been aroused to fever heat. Slowness of Carranzista officials to take any action has resulted in mass meetings of mine owners and others. Delegates denounced the Washington administration with its Mexican policy.

### Passports Were Given.

### The men were lured back to Mexico by passports issued at Washington with Carranza's guarantee of protection. The Americans were refused escort of Carranza soldiers, though if this had been given, they would have been saved.

### The British consul, Scobel, at Chihuahua, has confirmed details of the massacre. Fifteen bandits stopped the train at Santa Ayzabel. Most of the party aboard the train were officials and employees of the Cusi Mining company, going to reopen rich silver mines.

### Clothes Taken From Men.

### Attiring themselves in the victims' clothing, the bandits marched down a ravine and slaughtered them.

### FEDERAL WITNESS WANTED.

### Deputy Marshal From Portland Goes to Elgin.

### Deputy United States Marshal Fuller is up from Portland and left immediately for Elgin where, it is understood, he is after a number of witnesses in that locality who are wanted to appear before the United States court.

### The exact mission of the federal officer is unknown but it is surmised that there is to be a re-opening of the charges of fraud in connection with land deals of several months ago. The only certainty is that quite a number of witnesses are sought in the vicinity of Elgin.

### Today's Oddest Story.

### Cleveland, Jan. 12.—Although clad only in one-piece jumper suits, and without shoes, hats, coats or stockings, ten gypsy children spending the winter with their parents, James Western and his wife, in the suburbs, are healthy and enjoying life. The children play in the snow and do not mind the freezing weather. The family lives in two big tents and a wagon. There are stoves in the tents and the floor is covered with straw. George, one of the boys, was asked if he was cold.

### "Cold?" he repeated, watching his toes stamp the snow. "Naw!" And he wiggled 'em to prove it.

## WILSON IS OPPOSED TO COMPULSION

### Washington, Jan. 12.—President Wilson opposes the compulsory militia service. Chairman Hay told the house committee this. Assistant Secretary Breckinridge told the committee the war department preferred compulsory and not voluntary service for a continental army but admitted Wilson dissents from this viewpoint.

### Six Thousand Acres Put on Market.

### Pendleton, Jan. 12.—Six thousand acres of land in Umatilla county, heretofore leased by sheepmen, has been placed upon the market by the Northern Pacific R. R. Co. Out of the western land office of the company at Spokane have been mailed lists of these lands, the acreage prices and terms.

### Leasees of these lands in the past will be given the preference in the purchase, according to E. L. Hoppel, traveling freight agent. Until February 1 they will have an option to buy but after that date the lands will be open to all.

### The company requires only one-sixth of the total price down and the balance in five annual payments with six per cent interest. The lands are limited from \$1.25 to \$15 an acre. Most of the land thus offered lies in the country tributary to Pilot Rock and Echo. Other N. P. lands in Morrow county are also placed on the market and the company is retaining still other.

### The giving of first preference to the leasees is in conformance with requests made by the sheepmen of Oregon at the annual convention of this city.

## BANK OWNERS ARE ENTHUSED

### Encouragement and reflection of generally improved financial conditions so far as local fields are concerned, were shown to stockholders in both La Grande's banking institutions at the annual meetings of stockholders held yesterday afternoon. Directors were elected for the ensuing year in both banks, but only one institution found time last evening to perfect its organization in detail. The La Grande National directors, all of whom were re-elected, will meet next Tuesday to organize the directorate.

### The United States National directors were re-elected, and the old officers also re-elected. The officers in that institution include William Miller, president; J. C. Henry, vice president; T. J. Scroggin, cashier; Chas. Harding, assistant cashier; directors, George T. Cochran, C. T. Bacon, U. G. Couch, A. L. Richardson, J. F. Conley and J. L. Caviness.

### The La Grande National directors who were all re-elected are Fred J. Holmes, C. C. Pennington, H. E. Coolidge, F. L. Meyers, A. T. Hill, Andrew Blockland, J. G. Snodgrass, H. S. Brown and J. F. Conley.

### LUMBER HELPS RAILROADS.

### Tremendous Increase in Business Reported from Freight Offices.

### The lumber trade has, like other industries in the Pacific Northwest, been passing through a period of depression. There is every indication that this condition is rapidly passing.

### H. P. Oliver, traveling freight agent for the O. W. was in the city today. In proof of the foregoing statement he produces a statement from H. E. Lousenbury, general freight agent for the company, which goes on to say:

### A survey and analysis of the situation throughout the country brings forth the following report from a reliable source:

### "Despite the recent great advance in price, we urgently advise clients to continue to lay in substantial supplies of lumber. In fact, this is one of the few times when we consider it safe for clients to borrow money with which to purchase large quantities of this commodity. Many grades of lumber have already shown an advance; but in our opinion this is only a forerunner of what is to happen before next summer. Although our export trade with Europe is still seriously curtailed, it is much larger than at any time since the war broke out, with every prospect of expanding further. On the domestic side, the railroads are again in the market for large quantities; a second successive year of bountiful crops will almost unquestionably cause the farmers to make substantial purchases, and the building outlook is very bright. In our opinion, the lumber industry is in a stronger position today than at any time since 1905. As in the past, there may be a slight seasonal dullness this winter, but we look for no serious setback in prices. Clients whose yards are not stocked up to the limit should feel safe in filling them at once. Delay is dangerous, because before many months prices will probably be a great deal higher."

### In view of the rapidly increasing demand for lumber, some consideration must be given to the question of car supply and the loading conditions. Mill men can conserve equipment by loading to the maximum and serve their own ends by shipping to their customers and thus show not only willingness but a desire to do this thing.

### AUSTRIA IN IGNORANCE.

### Can Find No Clue to Method of Sinking the Persia.

### Washington, Jan. 14.—Austria has notified Secretary Lansing that after full investigation she is unable to determine how the Persia sank.

## NORTHWEST'S STOCK FACING GRAVE CRISIS

### HAY SHORTAGE AND INADEQUATE RANGES PUT CATTLE TO GRIEF.

### LOCALLY HAY ATTAINS REMARKABLY HIGH TIDE

### Reports Show That Excessive Cold Weather and Abundance of Snow Has Worked Havoc Elsewhere—Curtailed in Local Production Now Being Felt.

### Portland, Jan. 12.—Fears for livestock are felt throughout the northwest. Weather conditions are extremely severe. The ground is frozen hard and there is no range. Hay supplies are the shortest in years.

### Eight inches of snow covered the ground at noon and is still falling this afternoon. It began early last night. It was the coldest in seven years this morning, at thirteen above. Ice is delaying traffic in the Columbia.

### Union county is not without its menace in the stock business. Hay is almost up to unheard of prices, and hard to get at any figure. While the mercury has not been low any long stretch at a time, stockmen nevertheless have felt the burden.

### Excessive rain and other agencies, damaged the wheat crop last summer so far as local production is concerned, and seemingly the entire northwest needs more hay than usual whereas there is less than usual.

### WIND PILES SNOW.

### Mercury Does Not Sink to Expected Point During Night.

### Today's heavy blow had a tendency of delaying east bound traffic, No. 6 being about two hours late. The mercury did not reach any critical stage last evening in spite of the severe cold during the day previous.

### Word from Portland this morning says snow was six inches deep there this morning and that the mercury stood at 15 above, which is extremely cold weather for that district.

### SAFETY FIRST MEETS.

### Attendance Larger Than Usual for These Meetings.

### The "Safety First" meeting of the O. W. R. & N. employees and officials for the month of January is being held in the Employees' club rooms in La Grande today. The morning session opened at nine o'clock and the meeting will continue throughout the day. The object as indicated by the title is to discuss plans and means of reducing the elements of danger in railroad operation.

### At the meeting today a larger number than usual of officers and employees are in attendance.

### The regular Safety committee for the meeting today includes the following: J. A. Carlson, engineer; B. B. Gibbs, fireman; Earl Whitney, car foreman; C. E. Gump, brakeman; B. Baird, shopman; all of La Grande. The additional members of this committee are F. Woods, agent at Durkee; J. Crosby, section foreman of Huntington; Ernest Olson and H. A. Blair, bridgemen of La Grande.

### In addition to the above the following officials and employees are scheduled to take part in the deliberations of the meeting:

### W. Bollons, A. Buckley, J. F. Corbett, Ed Thomas, H. L. Lyon, L. A. McAllister, J. W. Egan, S. C. Smith, F. G. Schilke, A. L. Olson, E. Wetzell, C. B. Johnson.

### SENATOR BRADY WEAK.

### Idaho Solon Unable to Be Present at Senate Deliberations.

### Washington, Jan. 12.—Because of serious illness from heart trouble, Senator Brady has abandoned hope of joining senate deliberations. He will take the oath of office and then go south.

### LOVE PROMPTS KILLING.

### California Youth Kills Several and Then Ends Own Life.

### San Francisco, Jan. 12.—Lloyd Peyer today shot and killed Mrs. Margaret Ray who refused to marry him, and killed her mother and fatally wounded a sister and then suicided.

### McAdoo Wants Earth Measurement.

### Washington, Jan. 12.—The United States broke relations of world wide scope with Germany two years ago. Secretary McAdoo has asked Congress to resume them. Germany in 1889 invited the United States to aid it in securing scientific measurements of the earth.

## SENATE UP IN ARMS AT MASSACRES

### ARMED INTERVENTION AIM OF RESOLUTION IN THE SENATE TODAY.

### WATCHFUL WAITING IS CRITICIZED, RIDICULED

### Secretary of State Lansing Inclined to Blame Americans for not Keeping Out of Mexico in Spite of Warning Given—Several Senators Attack Wilson Policies.

### Washington, Jan. 12.—Armed intervention, establishment of a representative government in Mexico was demanded in a resolution introduced by Senator Sherman, of Illinois today. Dyer, of Missouri, introduced a resolution asking the President to advise congress if "watchful waiting" ought not to cease. Secretary Lansing has wired Carranza regarding the massacre but it is said wasn't a demand for action.

### It is unnecessary to make demands unless Carranza is unwilling to seek redress. Secretary Lansing is inclined to blame the Americans for remaining in Mexico despite warnings. He called attention to the fact that Mexican passports are consistently refused.

### Senator Borah, of Idaho, called the Wilson policy compromising, sidestepping, procrastinating, as well as un-American. He demanded intervention unless Carranza gives assurance of power to protect Americans.

### Crew Has Hopes.

### Palo Alto, Cal., Jan. 12.—Brim full of confidence inspired by their showing at Poughkeepsie last season, the Stanford university eight, the California Giants, are hard at work preparing for the big event next June. Western rowing experts entertain the opinion that the Cardinal crew, with the experience gained last season, will be more formidable next year. The ship's company which left Cornell only by an eyelash, will be practically intact. Bill Blosser, a victim of the five-year rule, will be the only absentee.

### The second varsity and freshman galleys contain the most promising rowing material that ever tugged an oar at Stanford, and "Husky" Quere, head of the rowing faculty, expects to find a promising substitute for Blosser among the lower crewmen. Maurer, who was unanimously picked as the All-American stroke, will again fill that position. Captain Orme, McEwen Rogers, Jacomini, Green, Worth and two substitutes, Rehn and Hulsman, will compete for the other thwarts.

### A coaching launch capable of making seventeen miles an hour has been installed for the use of Guereña, and will facilitate his work in polishing up the Cardinal oarsmen. As Stanford has been invited to participate again in the eastern regatta, whether it wins the coast title, a strenuous effort will be made to include the coast title in the Stanford crew's luggage when it goes east. The entire university has been aroused to enthusiasm and determination over Stanford's showing on its first trip into foreign territory.

### LUMBER MILL BURNS.

### Vader Plant Owned by Stillwater People, Victim of Flames.

### Centralia, Jan. 12.—The plant of the Stillwater Lumber company at Vader was burned today. The fire started mysteriously at midnight. The loss is a hundred thousand.

### Lads and Lasses Are After Her.

### Chicago, Jan. 12.—Just because Mrs. Josephine Lawrence told a reporter she advocated a state marriage bureau, hundreds of lovelorn youths and maidens are trying to make her a "schatschen." Letters from every state, asking her to find husbands or wives for the writers, have come to the social service bureau of which Mrs. Lawrence is chief.

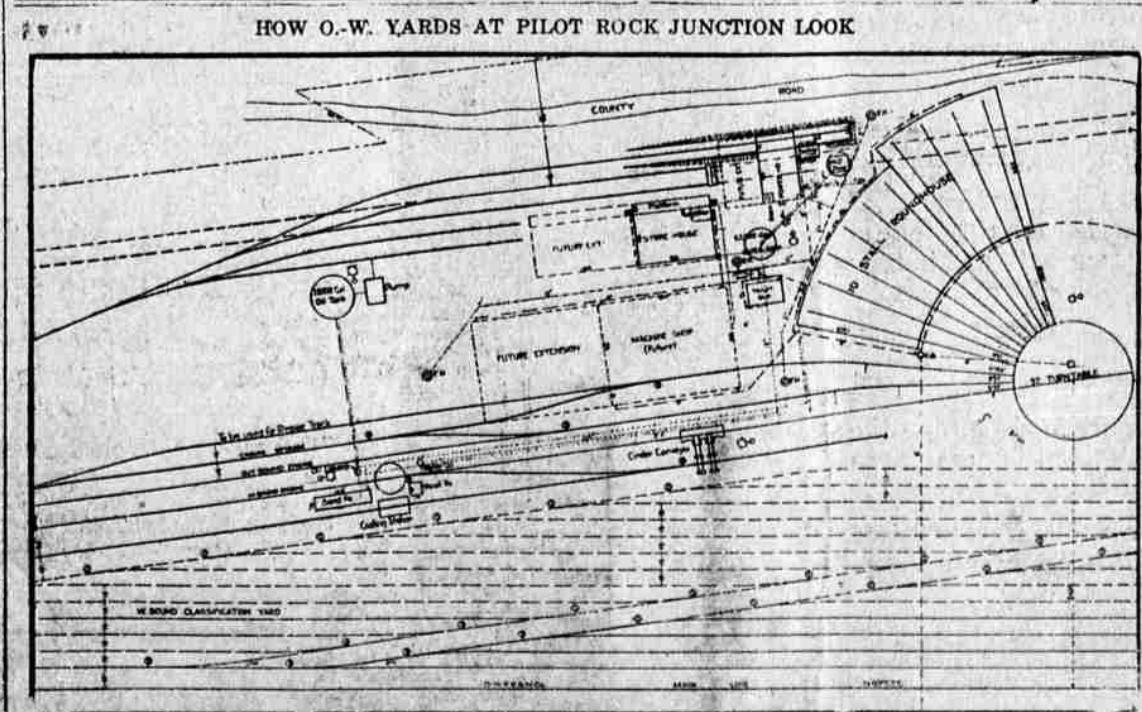
### Come to Attend Wedding.

### Jerome Foley, the Walla Walla hotel man, arrived last night to be present at the Foley-Horan nuptials today.

### NOTICE TO WATER USERS

### The water in the reservoir is getting so low we had to start the pumps. If the people would use care in letting the water run to keep fixtures from freezing this would not be necessary.

### L. M. HOYT, Water Supt.



Courtesy Pendleton East Oregonian. FAC-SIMILE OF O.-W. PROPERTY WHERE PASSENGER ENGINE TERMINAL IS TO BE AFTER SATURDAY OF THIS WEEK. THE SITE IS NEAR PENDLETON.