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## YOUNGSTOWN RIOTS PROBE INDICTS GARY

FAMOUS STEEL TRUST OFFICIAL AND 113 LESSER LIGHTS ACCUSED

### NO FOREIGN HAND HAD PART IN THE TROUBLE

Grand Jury Examined Over 500 People Before Returning Indictments Alleging General Disregard of Rights of Either Employees or the Public in General—Six Concerns Included.

### JUDGE GARY INDICTED

Youngstown, March 8.—A Mahoning county grand jury today indicted Judge Elbert Gary, one of the officers of six large steel companies, on a charge of violating the state anti-trust law. Charges of conspiring to keep down wages of common laborers are also made.

Youngstown, March 8.—The indictments returned today are the outcome of the recent strike and bloody riots in East Youngstown recently, and contain two counts. No foreign government was responsible for the trouble the grand jury found. It is alleged that guards at the Youngstown Sheet & Tube company precipitated the riots. The indictments, it is said, report the evidence from 562 witnesses taken during the month showing "a lawless condition indicating disregard of either the rights or justice to laboring classes or public generally by the indicted officials and individuals of the corporation."

A total of 114 persons connected as officers of the corporations were indicted.

### CANADA IS PROSPEROUS.

F. A. Harmon, Electric Company Manager Reports Favorably.

With times easy in Canada, no adverse economic influence on the United States is to be expected because of the war, according to F. A. Harmon, general manager of the Eastern Oregon Light & Power Co., just returned from a combined business and pleasure trip through the middle western states and Canada, reports the Baker Herald. "The big crop of last year has made it possible for the Canadians to talk war and prosperity at the same time," Mr. Harmon said.

During his absence from Baker he visited Chicago, Milwaukee, Nashville, Fremont and Omaha. He stated that there would be no change in the politics would be no change in the politics as the result of his trip.

### TAX MONEY COMING IN.

Receipts Are Now Averaging About Five Thousand Dollars a Week.

The sheriff's office is now kept reasonably busy issuing receipts for the taxes charged for the year 1916. The receipts from this source have lately been averaging around \$5000 per week, and it is the natural expectation that this rate will be increased with the approach of the month of April, as there are many who evidently decide to have the obligation discharged and out of the way as it is a debt that must be paid, anyway. Many who are making payments now, in fact the most of them, are paying their taxes in full, although they are not required to pay more than half the tax charged against them at this time.

The latest rules concerning taxes are these: The sheriff again becomes the collector of taxes. One-half the tax for the past year may be paid by the 5th day of April and the other half may be paid in October. If the one-half is not paid on April 5, there is one percent per month interest charged on the whole amount up to the time it is paid.

## FIFTH GRADERS DISCUSS EUGENICS

LEARNEDLY THE SUBJECT IS HANDLED BY PUPILS.

"Child's Greatest Need is 'Healthy Parents' Begins One Tot in Her Essay.

Monday Brothers and Sisters day was observed in the city schools, and in Greenwood, on the Northside, some especially splendid results were obtained in the way of compositions on "Baby Week." Some half dozen of these productions were especially good. Humorous, yet logically arranged and thought out, the compositions reflect deep insight into child nature by child life.

Little Tots Write. "The first things a baby needs are healthy parents" wrote Mildred Lovett, a Fifth grader (B) in the Greenwood school. In this child struck the keynote as eugenics students know. Listen to her complete composition, keeping in mind the age of the writer:

Your Baby. "I think it is of great importance that babyhood should be studied more. Some mothers do not think so. I will

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## SOLDIER WIFE DOUBTS MIND

HORRORS OF IT ALL STRAINS FACULTIES.

Intensely Interesting Letter Comes From Home of English Soldier.

Showing something of the intensity of anguish and heart aches in the homes of soldiers, the mental depression, and the constant strain upon the mother and wife within upon the mother and wife within and husband are off at the European front, comes a letter from an English home to La Grande relatives, Andy McKinnis, known to many La Grander and a brother to William and Irvin McKenzie and Mrs. H. J. Elam of this city has been at the front. His wife writing from 91 Front street, High Moorsley, Hetton le Hole, Durham England, to her sister and brother-in-law here, pours out the horrors of war as seen from the woman's side. Ordinarily war letters come from the trenches—here is one from the home of a soldier who is off fighting for his country. Aside from personalities in the epistle, the letter goes on to say:

I now take the pleasure of answering your most welcome letter. As this letter leaves all are in the best of health. Brother Andy is still in Ireland; he is not fit for service yet and is in a cook house. There are five soldiers cooking for 300, so you see they have to be going to feed all those. It is awful living over here a time like this. We are never sure of the Zeps coming over. It would be a God's blessing if it was ended. Really it makes one feel bad to think about the young lives going down. Really, I think if it does not end soon I will go wrong in my mind. I many a time sit and think this is the end of the world. I wish I had been over where you are; we would have been safe. My sister is expecting her husband this day week from France. He has been in the trenches nine months and a fortnight. He joined with Andy, they both went out to France together. He has had the best of luck, poor soul, but poor Andy had bad luck. I don't think they will ever send him back. His heart has been overturned with the shock of the Jack Johnson's. I don't think he will ever work again if he comes back. It is awful when you think about it. The family has been parted from their dear ones. There has been quite a gloom cast over everybody this Christmas and New Year's. I wish we were living in peace again. I many a time when I go to bed at night fancy when I wake up I will hear the news that peace has been declared. But no signs of it yet.

### 73,900 Voters Listed In Oregon

Salem, Or., March 7.—The total registration is now 73,900, according to figures prepared by Secretary of State Olcott. Of this number 48,892 are Republicans, 18,803 Democrats, 487 Progressives, 1650 Prohibitionists, 1859 Socialists and 2209 miscellaneous. Following is the percentage of registration for the several parties: Republicans, 66.16; Democrats, 25.44; Progressives, .66; Prohibitionists, 2.23; Socialists, 2.52; miscellaneous, 2.90.

## NUTCRACKER SQUEEZED TIGHTER ON VERDUN BY MONSTER GERMAN SMASH

Regneville is Taken by Hand to Hand Fight---Teutons Advance on Woivreplain Ferociously

London, March 8.—Capturing Regneville, and advancing on Woivreplain, the jaws of the giant German nutcracker closed more tightly on Verdun today. Berlin claimed the capture of Regneville in hand to hand fighting from wrecked houses. It is announced that the capture of Forges, hinted at yesterday, is correct and 12 miles southwest of Verdun. Femes is reported entirely in German possession.

Berlin, March 8.—A statement this evening said that 10 cannon, 277 men and 58 officers were captured last night in gains made which were the largest since the war began. West of Regneville the Germans stormed a front three and a half miles for gains of nearly two miles of the distance.

Pars, March 8.—Heavy artillery duelling continued last night on both banks of the Meuse; a communique said the situation north of Verdun is unchanged. Cannonading is heaviest northwest of Verdun.

Germans are believed to be preparing to attack the two hills. Infantrymen have remained in the trenches northwest of Verdun while Germans shelled the French positions.

"East of Mason de Champagne, we recaptured trenches which the enemy took Monday, and took 50 prisoners," the French claim. Along the Manheulles railway several German attacks broke down under artillery fire.

Berlin, March 8.—Austrians have captured 1000 yards of Russian trenches northwest of Tarnopol, an official Vienna dispatch states.

### EYE ESCAPES KNIFE

Chief of Police Has Unpleasant Experience Cutting Rope

That Chief of Police J. C. Ardrey has both eyes today is due entirely

to good fortune. Last night he was cutting a rope on a suit case, and in so doing pulled harder on the knife than was really necessary—instead of meeting heavy resistance, the knife cut the rope easily and the difference in judgment and fact plunged the knife toward his face. The sharp point struck the left side of the nose, cutting deeply into the flesh and the upward dash was stopped only at the very eyelid. Another 16th of an inch would have punctured the eyeball.

### JOHN ALLEN, AGED 81, DEAD

Funeral Will Be Deferred Awaiting Arrival of Brother.

John Allen, aged 81 years, died at 5 o'clock this morning. He has a number of relatives in Utah and his nearest relative in this country is a brother, Peter Allen, the well known farmer of Mt. Glenn. The brother is on a visit in California. He has been advised of the death and is on his way home to arrange for the funeral, pending which the remains are at the Bohnenkamp chapel.

Mrs. Dahlstrom, of this city, is a niece of the deceased.

### Trial not Ended.

There seems little likelihood that the O-W-Mt. Emily Timber case will be ended before late tomorrow night. Progress is frequently halted by prolonged debate over lawpoints.

## S.-P. OFFERS TO SELL ITS C.-O. RIGHTS FOR 10 MILLION

Washington, March 8.—For a consideration of \$10,000,000 the Southern Pacific today offered to relinquish all claim to the Oregon-California grant lands.

J. H. Blair, general counsel for the railroad, made an offer to the House

public lands committee. He pointed out the railroad now claims the right to remove all timber, worth from \$30,000,000 to \$40,000,000 but is willing to compromise to avoid further litigation.

## FEDERAL AGENTS ARE ON SEARCH

Federal revenue officials have been in La Grande several days delving into many tangles of the opium and liquor laws. The investigation which has been going for three or four days, has reached into remote corners of the city, including Chinese stores last evening. What the government agents have found, they haven't made public. The investigation has been conducted quietly and what the fruits will be, remains for the future to tell. It is understood that in one instance at least, they investigated the private residence of a business man. Results of that too are secret.

### 8 AT STATE U. GET "MRS."

Husbands of Two Are Also Registered; Several Carry Full Work.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Mar. 6.—Marriage is commonly believed to end the aspirations of young women to a university education but it has not determined eight persons entitled to the prefix of Mrs. from registering this year in the University of Oregon. In two cases the husbands are also in attendance.

The eight are Mrs. Helen Wilson, Mirmichi, Nova Scotia; Mrs. Ann Huntress, Boston, Mass.; Mrs. Alice J. Bohr, Williamina, Ore.; Mrs. Della T. Kenney, Eugene; Mrs. Stella Pengra, Eugene; Mrs. Kattie E. Johnson, Portland; Mrs. Catherine Thorne,

### ALIMONY A RELIC OF DARK AGES.



Mrs. Crystal Eastman Benedict.

Mrs. Crystal Eastman Benedict, sister of Max Eastman, editor of The Masses, who has begun suit for divorce in Chicago, scorns to ask for alimony. She thinks she is able to care for herself. "Alimony belongs to the dark ages," said she.

## VOTE FAVORS ROAD STRIKE

FOUR BROTHERHOOD COMMITTEES MAKE GUESS

Indications Are That Overwhelming Majority Want Increase

Chicago, March 8.—Heads of four trainmen's brotherhoods who are canvassing the recent nation-wide vote regarding increased wages and eight hours, intimated this afternoon that the men are overwhelmingly in favor of the demand that all American railroads increase wages with the alternative of a strike May 1st.

### FEBRUARY BABIES.

List as Shown by Report for Dr. Richardson's District.

Following is the list of babies born in the month of February within the district of which Dr. A. L. Richardson is the registrar:  
Feb. 1, 1916, Mr. and Mrs. Martin R. Sheasley a daughter.  
Feb. 2—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Luton a daughter.  
Feb. 3—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur May a daughter.  
Feb. 4—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Smith a daughter.  
Feb. 6—Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Standley a son.  
Feb. 7—Mr. and Mrs. John Wilwers a son.  
Feb. 8—Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hanson a son.  
Feb. 9—Mr. and Mrs. Camille Calchino a daughter.  
Feb. 12—Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Millering a son.  
Feb. 13—Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Mires a son.  
Feb. 13—Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Robb a daughter.  
Feb. 14—Mr. and Mrs. James McDonald a son.  
Feb. 14—Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Powell a son.  
Feb. 19—Mr. and Mrs. Cory J. Waldroff a daughter.  
Feb. 22—Mr. and Mrs. William C. Hansen a son.  
Feb. 23—Mr. and Mrs. John Girdler a son.  
Feb. 26—Mr. and Mrs. William A. Dunn a son.  
Feb. 27—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smith a daughter.  
Feb. 28—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Volswinkler a daughter.

### New Duty for Sailor.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 8.—"Could you lick a postage stamp?" Sergeant George B. McGee, recruiter for the United States Marine Corps, standing in the lobby of the postoffice watching for "prospects," turned about angrily at this slur on his fighting ability, only to face a heavily veiled woman carrying parcels under each arm. The woman went on to say that she would have to raise her new-fangled veil to do it herself and would the sergeant oblige? So the sergeant gallantly obliged, and licked not only one but several stamps and placed them on the parcels she was carrying.

"The United States Marine Corps is prepared for anything," McGee later explained, "even to licking stamps for fair damsels in distress."

## GERMAN NOTE ON SUBMARINE ISSUES COMES

SIGNIFICANT THAT IT SHOULD FOLLOW VOTE BY THE HOUSE.

### KAISER "PASSES BUCK" UP TO THE BRITISH

If England Will Modify Her Blockade and Disarm Merchantmen, Germany Will Return to International Law Warfare—Cue Presented for Uncle Sam to Continue Issue.

Washington, March 8.—Ambassador von Bernstorff today handed Secretary of State Robert Lansing the memorandum of the armed liner controversy, fully explaining the reasons for the decree ordering submarines to torpedo armed belligerent boats without warning. Allied violations of international law necessitated the decree the memorandum said. England is named as a special offender. The note went on to say that America had acknowledged this violation and asserts Germany is willing to operate submarines under naval warfare rules provided England will make concessions regarding armed merchantmen, and cease her blockade.

Note's Arrival Significant. This purports to be German's last word on the armed liner controversy. It is regarded as significant that the note arrived the day after the congressional vote which left further negotiations to the President and the state department.

The suggestion that allied concessions might modify the decree, is interpreted as showing Germany hopes America will resume an attempt to have allies disarm merchantmen, thereby permitting further discussion. State Department Firm.

That the American government won't warn citizens against traveling on armed liners, regardless of what action is to be taken in the pending controversy, was authoritatively asserted by the state department today.

### Basement Flooded, Goods Damaged.

Lebanon, Ore., March 7.—A large quantity of merchandise belonging to the Reeves-Clark department store was badly damaged by water Saturday night when some one turned water into the flush basin of the city sewer system near the water station. The sewer failed to carry off the water fast enough and it overflowed and flooded the basement of the store to a depth of two or three feet. Flour, groceries and some dry goods were damaged and the loss is placed at \$1400. The motive of the person turning on the water is not known, but it is thought to have been with malicious intent.

### About Well Known People

Albany, N. Y., March 8.—Governor Charles S. Whitman is an eccentric worker. He is as apt to get up and plunge into a pile of executive work at 2 in the morning as at 2 in the afternoon. For this reason his confidential secretary, pretty Miss Margaret Deterling of Brooklyn, lives in the executive mansion under the chaperonage of Mrs. Whitman.

Slide At Wedderburn Stopped. Marshfield, Or., March 7.—A message from Gold Beach says that the slide which threatened to carry the town of Wedderburn into Rogue river, has stopped. Great fissures several yards long were opened at the crest of the hill and considerable damage has been done to buildings already. It is believed that if the heavy rains cease the trouble is over.

Reports today state that the residents are fleeing across the river to Gold Beach for safety, that the big Wedderburn trading store is closed and all business is suspended. If the slide starts again it will mean a heavy loss as the store, warehouses, postoffice and many houses are on the moving ground. The slide was caused by the excessive rains of the last few days. Most of the property belongs to the Macleay estate, managed by Roderick Macleay, of Portland.