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## Brotherhood Chairmen Want An Immediate Strike Order

### TEUTONS HAVE SUCCESSES IN FRENCH FRONT

GERMANS UNSEAT BOTH THE FRENCH AND ENGLISH AT SCATTERING POINTS.

### SEVERAL PLANES FIGHT DECISIVE STRUGGLES

Germans Penetrate the First-Line Trenches South of Estrees and West of Soyocourt—Haig Admits Germans Gain Foothold South of Thierval on Second Attempt.

London, Aug. 23.—Paris has admitted Germans have penetrated first-line trenches at several points south of Estrees and west of Soyocourt. Several hours' bombardment preceded the attack. North of the Somme Germans have steadily shelled the French but there was no infantry fire.

French grenadiers repulsed a surprise attack at Hartmannswillerkopf and a French aviator destroyed his fifth German aeroplane. Northwest of Peronne French aeroplanes carrying machine guns defeated and damaged four German planes.

General Haig reported Germans twice attacked new British positions south of Thierval last night and that one was assault completely defeated but the second attempt gained a temporary foothold.

French Attacks Fail  
Berlin, Aug. 23.—It is announced Germans have recaptured trenches from the French south of the Somme near Estrees. Repeated British attacks were repulsed between Thierval and Pozieres.

### JOINT MEETING NEAR Mexican-American Conference to Take Up First in September

Washington, Aug. 23.—The state department has announced that the Joint American-Mexican commission starts its meetings the first week of September. Secretary of State Lansing, and Consul Arredondo conferred for a half hour. The exact date and location will be decided by the commissioners.

### Watch for Army Worm Is Warning.

Washington, Aug. 22.—Warning to watch for the army worm such as struck Eastern Oregon last year has been issued by the Department of Agriculture to people in the Atlantic states. An unusual abundance of the moth of the true army worm in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia indicated the possibility of an impending outbreak of this harmful pest. The moths, the entomologists of the department report, were laying their eggs during the first week of July. As it takes from three to four weeks for the caterpillars to mature, their presence should begin to be quite apparent this month.

Farmers should be on the alert, the department says, to discover this pest in its younger stages, before it has reached a large size and has committed irreparable damage to growing crops, especially grasses and grains.

### Rockefeller Board Would Tame Savages.

New York, Aug. 22.—Co-operating with the International Health board of the Rockefeller Foundation, the government of the Philippine Islands will send a hospital ship to the Moros and related tribes of the Sulu archipelago, the Rockefeller Foundation announced yesterday. The ship is being equipped, and will be maintained for five years.

The ship will be sent to the Moros in hope that medical treatment will, in the course of five years, lead them toward civilization. They suffer from various infectious, and preventable diseases. Medical dispensaries have been established on the island of Mindanao and Jolo, but the aid they extend reaches only a few of the people on the numerous smaller islands. The hospital ship will go from island to island, meeting the people at established points, taking medical relief to the sick, training midwives, and giving general instruction to the natives.

As the Igorotes and other head-hunting tribes of Northern Luzon were civilized largely by the men who brought them medical relief, it is decided to reach the Moros in the same way. If the experiment succeeds, this civilizing method can be applied widely to other islands people in Eastern seas.

### EDITORS MEET TO EAT AND CONFER

BANQUET TO BE SERVED AT 7:30.

President and Secretary of State Association Come to Meet Up-State Editors.

Most of the Union county editors and many of the same fraternity in Wallowa county, will break bread tonight at 7:30 at the Foley grill with President E. E. Brodie of Oregon City and Secretary Phillip S. Bates, of the State Editorial association. The country editors are gathering to meet the state association chieftains socially and "shoply" as it were, and during the meeting matters pertaining to newspapers in general will come up for discussion.

Mr. Brodie and Mr. Bates were in Baker yesterday meeting interior editors in that vicinity and after their conference here will go on to Pendleton tonight to confer with the Umatilla county scribes. While several editors are already in La Grande, a bigger portion will arrive on tonight's train from Wallowa county.

### SCOTCHMAN AND SWISS ARRESTED

AUTHORITIES CHARGE THEM AS SPIES.

England and America Urged to Begin Immediate Relief.

Eagle Pass, Aug. 23.—The British consul has telegraphed Ambassador Spring-Rice asking him to demand immediate release of Malcolm Muir, a Scotchman, arrested as an American spy by Piedras Negras authorities. The consul also wired to Carranza.

The American consul has urged the state department to act immediately. Dr. Walter Staub, a Swiss, has been arrested on the same charge and was jailed on a bread and water diet.

### LA GRANDE ON THE SCREEN

Motion Pictures of "Prosperity" Will Be Shown at Arcade.

There will be at least two days of intense local interest in a portion of the program at the Arcade. To see ourselves as others see us will be exemplified in every detail in the reproduction of the Speed 'Em Up ceremonies which have been filmed, and according to reports the pictures are faithfully correct in every particular. There is to be seen the arrival of Miss Prosperity; the civic industrial parade and the final assembling at one of the spacious lawns in the residence district, where the children were given profuse reminders of the arrival of the bountiful goddess.

The portraits of all the local people are wonderfully accurate in the moving pictures including Miss Leona Newlin and her assistants; so, also, are the different floats and other parts of the parade. The most striking feature of all is probably the final wind-up at the home of Mr. Dennis where the youth of La Grande ran riot in completing the picturization of "Prosperity."

The "Prosperity" film will especially interest every resident of La Grande and will be at the Arcade today and tomorrow.

### Chicago Will Eat, Drink, Sleep, Work.

Chicago, Aug. 23.—Life here is just one foxtrot after another. It got that way at an early hour and will continue so until September 2. The reason being that 450 members of the American National association of Masters of Dancing—including Louis Fretlow, 75 years young—are one-stepping around the Blackstone hotel getting ready for their 33rd annual convention. Don't forget Fretlow. When it comes to the conception and execution of steps that stagger, he's very heavy in the head and light as a feather in the feet. He has done wonders, they say, taking the heaviness out of aspiring feet and putting it in the very light heads that accompanied them. The masters used to meet about the time the first robin was poking his nose over the Mason-Dixon line, but their pupils objected; said they must have the very latest steps well in foot before the very earliest weeks of the winter dancing season. About the only step these 450 debonair gentlemen didn't invent is the lockstep. But nobody cares because that's going out.

### GOTHAM BUILDINGS FALL.

Colossus Catches Workmen Killing Two and Injuring Many Others.

New York, Aug. 23.—Two partially completed Bronx tenements collapsed today and two workmen were buried under the debris. Three are dying and police reserves are digging the ruins for more buried men.

### PROLONGED DELAY CHAFES EMPLOYEES--LEADERS CALM THOSE DEMANDING STRIKE

President Wilson Calls Congressional Aides And Wants Greater I. C. C. Membership

Washington, Aug. 23.—President Wilson today summoned Chairman Newlands and Senator Adams of the Joint Inter-state Commerce committee to the White House for a conference. They discussed possible legislation in connection with strike negotiations. This is the first time President Wilson has conferred with congressional leaders. Newlands may press a bill directing the Interstate Commerce commission to investigate railroad wages and hours. This the law-makers have thus far refused to do, railroads petitioning them previously to keep off.

Senatorial Action Urged.  
After the conference with Newlands and President Wilson it was announced the chief executive had urged immediate senate action on the House bill increasing the Interstate Commerce commission's membership. It is believed Mr. Wilson wants facilities for hastening the rate hearings on the railroad's new demands for a strike settlement.

Brotherhoods Chafe.  
Brotherhood chairmen held a meeting again this morning. Thomas Donovan proposed the chairmen return to their homes leaving four brotherhood presidents here to arrange for an immediate strike. Many speeches were made. Brotherhood heads spoke against such drastic action and the leaders finally succeeded in killing the plan.

Two More Days the Limit.  
One leader feared it would be impossible to control the men over two days longer.

All railroad presidents met this morning to hear a submitted report on last night's conference with President Wilson. No acceptable plan was proposed at this meeting.

The railroad presidents are believed willing to yield if they can preserve their arbitration right. They call arbitration the only remaining barrier against labor and asked Mr. Wilson to devise an acceptable substitute.

### WHEAT CLIMBS AGAIN.

Dollar Twelve Is General Price in Grande Ronde Today.

As the week progresses wheat continues to crawl. In the Grande Ronde valley \$1.12 may be given as the prevailing price today, a raise over yesterday's figures.

Portland, Aug. 23.—A local miller has sold 5000 bushels of September Bluestem wheat to a Los Angeles dealer for \$1.30 a bushel. This smashes the record as the highest previous price for this option was \$1.26.

### RELIGIOUS FREEDOM SOUGHT.

German Catholics Expect State Department to Guarantee It.

New York, Aug. 23.—The German Roman Catholic Verein has passed a resolution demanding Secretary of State Lansing to force Mexico to guarantee religious liberty and protect Americans. It telegraphed the demand.

passengers between La Grande and Elgin and between Wallowa and Joseph.

Commercial men will take kindly to the temporary arrangements as it will allow them to work Elgin and catch the passenger into the Northend all in the same day. Nothing definite concerning the running schedule or permanency has been determined, the present schedule being largely experimental.

### SENATE REVAMPS ARMY BILL AND PASSES IT

Washington, Aug. 23.—The Senate today passed the revised army appropriation bill after it eliminated Underwood's amendment prohibiting honors from enlisting without their parents' consent. The senate then substituted the senate's original revision of the "articles of war" for Representative Hayes' revision—which passed the house yesterday—which caused President Wilson to veto the bill last week.

### BRANCH FREIGHT DAILY.

During Rush Season New Arrangements Will Be in Order.

Attempting to overcome the handicap of reaching the upper country too late in the day for expeditious work, the O.-W. is sending the branch line freight trains out at an early hour instead of 10:30 a. m. as previously done. Also, while the fall rush is on, the freight will run each day. The aim is to have freight trains reach destination in daylight, instead of working the Wallowa county towns at dusk and in the dark.

The freight will continue to carry

### WILL MARK ROADS.

Pendleton, Aug. 22.—Walter E. Meacham, secretary of the Baker Commercial club, and Frank B. Mitchell, a Baker attorney, were here last night in the interests of good roads and the Baker County fair. They came down to see what Umatilla county had done toward marking the tourist roads and will take up the same plan for Baker county and will try and induce Union county to do the same. Mr. Meacham says that Baker this year is going to have the best fair ever given. The newly formed racing circuit has turned out in fine shape and some fast horses are in the various stables.

### BRAKEMAN FIELDS BADLY INJURED

Baker, Aug. 23.—Walter Fields of La Grande, an O.-W. R. & N. brakeman, lies in St. Elizabeth hospital here at the point of death and with little chance of recovery as the result of an accident near Durkee early last evening. He suffered a fractured skull and his left leg was cut off, indications being that he fell from a train. He was semi-conscious for a time after reaching the hospital, but unable to talk and give details of his mishap. Fields was found along the track by F. C. Smith, an O.-W. employe, who took him to Durkee on his motor car, and if the injured man's life is spared, according to Dr. W. L. Parker, the company surgeon, it will be because Smith used his head and did just the right thing. He made a rope tourniquet, with which the flow of blood was partially stopped and Dr. Parker was profuse in his praise of the young man.

It was stated at the hospital that

### HAT THROWN AT DEER ON ROAD

IMBLERITE HAS ODD EXPERIENCE WITH GAME.

Ranges About Imbler Stamping Ground for Big Game This Week, Say Report.

Imbler, Aug. 22.—(Special)—The faithful bird dog is now enjoying himself chasing feathered game but secure in the law's protection, deer are coming down from the hills to investigate grazing conditions on the ranches, several having been encountered lately—one along a public road.

One "nimrod" being without better means of defense threw his hat at a deer.

### GETS LARGE HAUL OF GOLD DUST.

W. H. Estabrook, well known mining man was held up by a masked robber and relieved of \$2184 in gold dust near Boise. The dust had been taken from one of the dredges and Estabrook was on his way to town with the treasure when he was attacked.

### DEUTSCHLAND STILL AT SEA

FIVE DAYS OVERDUE ADMITS GERMAN.

Director of the Deutschland Company Gives Out Report.

Berlin, Aug. 23.—Alfred Lopman, a director of the Deutschland company, announced today there is no news of the Deutschland yet.

The craft is five days behind her schedule.

### ALIEN INSTRUCTION URGED.

Government Bureau Seeks School for Candidates for Citizenship.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 22.—Greatly increased school facilities are to be provided this fall for the instruction of foreign-born residents of the United States and especially for alien candidates for citizenship. During the last scholastic year the public school authorities of approximately 650 cities and towns in 44 states of the Union were cooperating with the Bureau of Naturalization of the U. S. Department of Labor in this branch of its educational activity.

According to information thus far received by the bureau, nearly 100 others have signified their intention of joining in the movement and all indications now point to a most gratifying record for the 1916-17 school year.

It is the desire of the Bureau of Naturalization that public school night classes be installed wherever the need exists for the education and Americanization of foreigners. This field of operation of the public schools is not limited to those who have applied for naturalization. It is intended to include all foreign-born residents whose instruction in English and civics would, beyond question, result not only in great personal benefit to themselves but also would be of signal advantage to the city in which they reside and, logically, to the nation as well.

That the cost of the establishment and maintenance of such schools is relatively small as compared with the great good accomplished, is convincingly shown by reports received from the public school authorities who cooperated with the Bureau of Naturalization last year. With this in view, the Bureau is urging the Superintendents of Schools all over the country to insert in their municipal budget for next year an item providing funds to cover the expense of carrying on this public night school work.

### ESCAPE WAS CLOSE.

Auto Party Struck by Fast Train Near Weatherby Crossing.

One of the death trap crossings between Baker and Huntington nearly claimed three more victims today, says yesterday's Baker Herald and goes on to say:

The rear of their auto struck by No. 4 east bound, at the crossing just east of Weatherby tunnel, at 10:30 o'clock this morning. Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Baldwin and Robert Ross of Port Orchard, escaped without injury aside from nervous shock, while the machine, although badly dented, was able to complete the journey to Baker on its own power. The party arrived in the city this afternoon, having left Weatherby this morning.

Mr. Baldwin said that the train whistle sounded just as they were on the track and that before the machine could clear the steel, the crash came. Ross, only 19 years of age, jumped. The crossing is higher than the grade of the railroad track is down grade.

### CITY MANAGER MAY RETIRE AT A NEARBY DATE

NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN UNTIL PRESIDENT PALMER RETURNS HOME.

### J. E. FOLEY SUGGESTED AS PROBABLE SUCCESSOR

Retirement of City Manager Lafky Neither Denied Nor Confirmed by Mr. Lafky Himself—Mr. Foley Would Accept Position Only as a Temporary Proposition.

No official action has been taken, and the city manager himself hasn't expressed himself finally in the matter, but it is understood F. J. Lafky will file his resignation as manager of La Grande a week from tonight. City President Vincent Palmer is out of town and until his return it is not expected the pending resignation will come to a focus.

While it seems likely the present manager will retire after having had the governmental reins in hand since the establishment of the Commissioner-Manager form of government in La Grande, rumors as to his successor have also been current, of late, focusing upon J. E. Foley, prominent taxpayer. No official tender of the office has, of course, been made him, but it is understood some of the city commission members have interrogated him and sounded him out on the prospect of acceptance should such an offer come officially.

To the Observer today Mr. Foley said that if the job was offered him, which had been hinted would be the case in due time, he would take it only on one consideration, viz., that it may be for temporary purposes only. "If I am wanted for the position until a suitable man is found I would accept it on that understanding," said Mr. Foley today.

While no specific item can be cited as the cause of Mr. Lafky's retirement, it has been pretty generally known that Commissioner J. D. McKennon has been after Lafky's scalp ever since he went into office this year. Mr. McKennon announced at the time he took office that he believed a man could be obtained to do the work for less money than was paid Mr. Lafky. However, Mr. Lafky was retained by the commission and several months, seven to be exact, have elapsed since the present commission was organized. It was generally predicted that Mr. McKennon's presence on the commission would eventually wedge between the present manager and the commission, and it now seems that prediction is to be fulfilled.

### SPECIALS LEAVES TONIGHT.

Portland Press and Chamber of Commerce Trains Steaming Up.

Portland, Aug. 23.—The Chamber of Commerce-Railroad jubilee special starts for Coos Bay at 11:15 tonight and the press special starts at 11. Rehearsals of Coos Bay songs for both trains are set for 9 tonight and all will go to the official opening of the Coos Bay railroad.

### ENEMY NOT LOCATED.

Atlantic Seaboard Approached by Enemy Fleet in War Game.

Washington, Aug. 23.—The navy department has announced defending fleets scouts have failed to locate "hostile" battleship squadron approaching the Atlantic Coast in the navy's greatest war game. Seventeen destroyers and seven cruisers are hunting the "enemy."

The navy strategy board intercepted several "enemy" code radiographs but were unable to decipher them. Sixteen submarines are ready to meet the hostile fleet.

### No Real Relationship.

Misleading statements were made last evening in the Observer concerning relatives of Mr. Penewell, stepfather of the two Lovelace boys who committed murder in Idaho recently. Mrs. Clyde Palmer and Mrs. John Alkens are not related in any way to the Idaho man but Mrs. L. A. Penewell of this city is a great niece of the two ladies mentioned. Hence there is no blood or marriage relation with the Idaho man on the part of these two ladies.