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## WIDE-SPREAD CONSPIRACIES UNDERTAKEN

UNCLE SAM'S OFFICIALS INDUSTRIOUSLY SEEK TO PREVENT BALLOT FRAUD

MANY BIG CITIES IN SEVERAL STATES INVOLVED

Colonization, False Registrations, Importations and Other Fraudulent Acts Charged—Hope to Uncover Investigators Before the Coming Elections.

Washington, Oct. 13.—(United Press)—The department of justice is investigating charges of widespread election fraud conspiracies at Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Detroit, Indianapolis, Terra Haute, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and in Colorado. The department hopes to dispose of the cases before election time.

Bribery, illegal registrations and colonization, and proposed illegal voting are included in the charges. The department has learned that conspirators planned to import voters. Government officials are making every effort to prosecute the contemplated frauds.

### PERSONAL MENTION

City Commissioner S. R. Haworth is a Pendleton visitor today.

Mrs. L. H. Bramwell has gone to Grants Pass to visit with friends and relatives.

Ray Barkhurst, a prominent Portland business man, was in La Grande yesterday.

L. A. McAllister went to Walla Walla today to attend the merchants' meeting.

Mrs. Hattie Ralston left this morning for Portland where she will visit her daughter Gertrude Ralston Shelley.

The fire department was called to the North side last evening on a false alarm chase. It is believed some mischievous boys pulled the box.

John E. Crymes, Sunday School union field missionary, left last night for Albany where he attends a conference of all Sunday School workers in that section of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Burns, of Brooklyn, and J. W. Simmons of Portland, who have been in La Grande on Modern Woodmen inspection, left today for Walla Walla to continue their trip over the coast states.

Joe Kelley has returned from Waterloo, Iowa, where he visited his mother and other relatives. Mr. Kelley reports living fully as high in the middlewest as it is out here, but that Iowa is prosperous and her towns growing.

Mr. Gilkison, of the Clover creek district out from North Powder, came down last evening to hear National lecturer Burns, and returned home today noon. He is clerk of the newly-established camp of Modern Woodmen on Clover creek.

Attorney J. H. Nichols of Baker and William Horton, also of Baker, passed through La Grande by train this morning en route to Mr. Nichols' lodge on the shores of Wallowa lake. Dr. Patterson and Mr. Horton will join them by auto later and participate in a hunt.

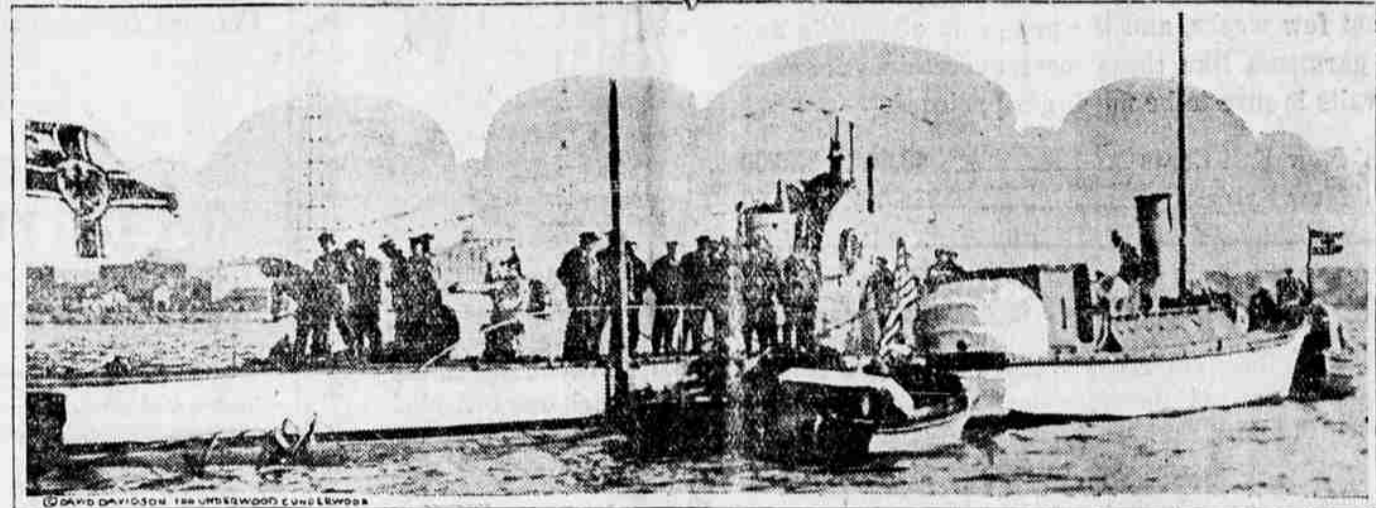
Hughes Is In Missouri. St. Louis, Oct. 13.—(United Press)—Mr. Hughes has invaded Democratic Missouri with speeches at Springfield and Joplin. He plans to discuss "What I'd Do If President," especially regarding submarine matters.

Willamette "Prexy" Installed. Salem, Oct. 13.—(United Press)—Dr. Carl Gregg Doney of Buckanno, West Virginia, was inaugurated as the seventeenth president of Willamette University today. A distinguished assemblage of educators witnessed it.

Jobs for Packers. Further proof that no one need go hungry in this vicinity if he will work is seen in the fact that more applications for fruit pickers and packers come into the free employment bureau at the Y. M. C. A. than can be filled.

## FIRST PHOTO OF GERMAN RAIDER U-53 WHICH UPSET COMMERCE AND MAP OF HER COURSE.

The first photo of the German U-boat 53, the first armed German submersible to reach the United States. The U-boat was photographed in the harbor at Newport, R. I., where it bobbed up Saturday unexpected and unheralded. After staying long enough to deliver a package of mail for the German embassy the U-boat shipped out of the harbor. A short time later, reports of attacks on allies' shipping off the coast began to arrive, heralding what is thought to be the beginning of the most destructive submarine campaign of the war. Below the map shows where the U-53 and perhaps other German submarines are sinking merchant vessels off the American coast.



THE GERMAN U-BOAT 53 IN NEWPORT HARBOR, R. I., OCTOBER 11, 1916.

## MORE DEATHS AT BAYONNE

Bayonne, Oct. 13.—(United Press)—The strike situation here is growing constantly worse. Last night's riots resulted in one killed and at least a score hurt. New Jersey militiamen back from the border helped disperse the crowds. Today the police advanced into the Hook and Gridiron districts and cowed the Standard Oil strikers. Many have been arrested for sniping.

A man's corpse was found today with a bullet hole in his head making the third death since fighting began.

### MISS BATES WINS GOLD MEDAL

High Honors Won by Elgin Contestant at M. E. Church.

Miss Anna Bates, competing against seven other aspirants for the honor, won the grand gold medal contest at the Methodist church last evening. She will, because of her signal honors, be eligible to compete in the diamond medal contest at Pendleton next week. The contestants, each and all, made splendid showings and it was difficult to pick a winner.

### Hughes' Special at Seattle.

Seattle, Oct. 13.—(United Press)—Scores of honking automobiles greeted the Women's Hughes' special this afternoon. A band led the delegates from the depot to the theater. German-American Women's club members greeted the delegates here.

### Sign At Welcome Gate.

A handsome sign, welcoming strangers to the Y. M. C. A. for baths, plunges and recreation, has been hung up on the welcome arch at the depot by Secretary King. The frame is neat, large and catchy, and will be a guiding hand to Y. M. C. A. patronizers.

### Trial Nearing the End.

The case of Morgan vs. Johns went to the jury this afternoon and court will next take up the litigation of Caster and Forstrom vs. J. E. Hall. The Grover alias Hasland sentence was postponed this morning until tomorrow at 9 a. m. when Judge Knowles will pronounce the punishment for conviction of polygamy.

## MELVILLE BID LOWEST BY \$14

J. Melville's bid on the city heating plant job was found to be \$14.00 lower than others, by a committee appointed by the City Commission, and yesterday evening closed up a deal with the low bidder. As soon as the bonds are properly executed the work of building the heating plant will begin.

Mr. Melville's bid was \$2,383.00.

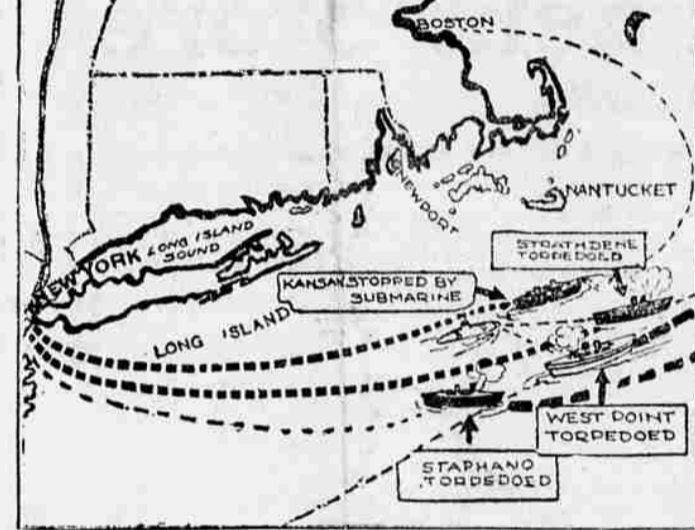
### Public Docks Engineer Here.

G. B. Heggardt, engineer of and secretary for the Commission of Public Docks at Portland, and G. L. Hurd of O. A. C., are at the Foley to remain over tomorrow and will be glad to discuss bulk handling of wheat with anyone interested.

### U. S. Ship Halts English Vessel.

New York, Oct. 13.—(Special)—The American destroyer Sterret overhauled the British steamship City of Madras off the Ambrose channel lightship and brought the vessel back to Staten Island last night after it had ignored the war vessel's signal to stop when leaving quarantine.

It was said at quarantine late last night that the City of Madras would be permitted to sail today. She was forced to turn back because she failed to obey the destroyer's orders.



## Atlantic Coast Raked For Possible U-Boat Stations

### U-53 LINGERS NEAR

Newport, Oct. 13.—(United Press)—The radio station here has received a report that an unidentified steamer sighted the German submarine U-53, which is supposed to have created so much havoc to shipping, off Nantucket shoals at 7 this morning.

### Washington, Oct. 13.—(United Press)—Secretary of the Navy Daniels has announced that an American

destroyer flotilla is scouring the Atlantic coast, hunting suspected naval bases said to be maintained by belligerent nations.

Admiral Mayo, commanding the Atlantic fleet, ordered the destroyers from Newport yesterday to search the coast north to East Port, Maine, near the Canadian border. Mr. Daniels said: "There is no reason to believe any belligerent is maintaining a base on this shore. During last year whenever such a base was suspected we always ordered destroyers to hunt it." Officials believe Canadian, American and Spanish shipmasters may be supplying belligerent vessels at sea. It is reported the justice and treasury department agents are co-operating in the search.

## DR. WIRT AT THE "Y SUNDAY

The first meeting for men to be held this year at the Y. M. C. A. will be next Sunday. A very interesting and profitable program has been arranged. The meeting will be in charge of the Religious Work committee and will represent the start of their efforts for the coming year. It is the intention of the committee to only hold meetings when it is possible to get a speaker of the same renown as the speaker for next Sunday. The committee expects to conduct its Gospel Team work to some extent as was done last year.

The speaker for Sunday, Dr. Lincoln Wirt, of Boston, Mass., is without a doubt one of the greatest speakers on the lecture platform today. He is without a peer, many of the critics say, and the fact that he has consented to speak at the Y. M. C. A. without charge, makes this opportunity one that the men of La Grande cannot afford to miss. Dr. Wirt was permitted to pass freely through the jealously guarded military zones, receiving many courtesies from both civil and military authorities in five of the countries at war. He spent three years in the Arctic region and has delivered his lecture on The Conquest of the Arctic over a 1000 times.

C. P. Ferrin will be the soloist of the meeting and an effort is being made to have the Y. M. C. A. choral society give a number.

## FRIDAY, THE THIRTEENTH

Only Occasion of Its Kind This Year Occurs This Date.

If things went wrong today, and the jinx was persistent, blame it to the fact that this is Friday the 13th of October. Upon no other occasion this year does Friday fall on a 13th day.

## AUTO CRASH KILLS WOMAN

Salem, Oct. 13.—(United Press)—Mrs. C. M. Matlock of Salem, was instantly killed while riding in an automobile driven by Mrs. L. E. Weeks. They collided with a machine driven by Christian Alm of Silverton, in a dense fog on the Silverton road. Mrs. A. M. Matlock and daughter Ellen, aged two, of Dallas, sustained cuts and bruises.

Josephine Matlock witnessed her mother's death.

### MRS. JUDSON IS BADLY HURT

Exact Details of Portland Accident Haven't Reached City

Except that Mrs. Victoria Judson, mother of Dr. Dora Underwood, was run over by a Portland auto driver yesterday noon on a Portland street, no definite word has reached here of the extent of the injuries. Mrs. Underwood left last evening for Portland not knowing when she went how bad her mother was hurt. The automobile passed completely over Mrs. Judson, who was visiting her brother, Robert E. Menefee of Portland, according to information received here.

### Mr. Pomeroy Out Again.

With his head very carefully bandaged up, Milton Pomeroy, who was struck by an automobile recently, is so far improved that he can leave the hospital.

### W. C. T. U. ELECTS OFFICERS

Mrs. Thornton Re-Elected County President of the Union.

Mrs. Para Thornton of La Grande was re-elected president of the Union county W. C. T. U. last evening at the conclusion of the county convention. Other officers chosen include:

Mrs. S. D. Weatherspoon, Elgin, vice president; Mrs. Alice McMillan, Union, recording secretary; Mrs. L. E. White, La Grande, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Belle M. Wright, Union, treasurer.

## FIRST AID NOW WITH FIRE TRUCK

A very complete kit of first-aid material such as especially prepared bandages, treatment for burns, scratches, and cuts, has been received by the La Grande fire department from the American Red Cross society. The kit will be carried on the fire truck so that if any one is hurt at a fire, first aid will always be available. The department has received three copies of Red Cross instruction books, which the members will study and be conversant with first-aid details.

### Red Containers Required.

Housewives frequently forget that red containers or labeled bottles are required by law for handling gasoline. Grocers and others who handle gasoline, not as a regular line but occasionally as accommodation to their patrons, must use red containers, or be subjected to heavy fines. Consequently if customers will send the required sort of container, trouble will be avoided.

### Underwood Funeral Postponed.

Because a son couldn't reach here from the east in time for the funeral to be held today, the body of the late N. J. Underwood will not be buried until tomorrow at 2:30 o'clock. The son is on the way to La Grande.

## NEBRASKAN'S SPEECH HEARD BY BIG CROWD

PROGRESSIVE SOLON IS SURROUNDED BY UNION COUNTY MEN ONCE BULL MOOSERS.

BURNING ISSUES OF THE CAMPAIGN HANDLED WELL

Mexican Policy, Broken Pledges, Foreign Policy, and their Issues Discussed by Nebraska Progressive Before Biggest Audience of Its Kind in Years.

Before the biggest audience that has been out to a political speech in La Grande since the days of Colonel Roosevelt and Bob La Follette's appearance here, United States Senator George W. Norris, Nebraska Progressive, last night supported ex-Judge Charles Evans Hughes for President in a concise line of argument and statements. The setting of the speech was distinctly an amalgamation of old-time Progressive leaders of this county with Republican generals. Mr. Norris was introduced by A. S. Geddes, one of the foremost progressive workers this county has; R. J. Green, who like Mr. Geddes once was Progressive committee chairman, Hugh McCall, Progressive state committeeman, Bruce Dennis, Wallace Trill, Progressive leader of Wallowa county and other well known Bull Moose who bolted Republican ranks during the grand split in 1912, either sat on the platform with the speaker or were interested listeners from the audience.

Mr. Norris had to take an early train out and therefore began his speech early and quit early. He found time, however, to touch upon several of the important issues of the campaign.

The Democratic secret Senatorial and House caucus was bitterly flayed by the speaker. He said: "The caucus is the greatest known instrumentality for party control and the Democrats have employed it most vigorously. In secret, without record, the members are bound hand and foot. It is minority rule. Twenty-nine men and sometimes fifteen control the liberty and happiness of one hundred million people."

Broken pledges occupied a considerable portion of the speech. "The Democrats violated all their pledges save one—the enactment of the Underwood tariff—the country suffered because they didn't violate that. They violated the pledge to let the Interstate Commerce commission regulate the sale of stocks and bonds by the railroads—one of the greatest evils in railroading today. They violated their trust pledges; they violated their pledge to get rid of useless offices and, instead, created new ones and filled them with 'Deserving Democrats' as Bryan would say, without attention to civil service rules; there are more offices now than any time in 25 years; they violated canal toll pledges; they violated the two-term pledge; they violated, every day, their pledge to protect American citizens abroad."

### Mexican Policy Attacked.

"As for the Mexican policy, it has been one entirely of letter writing. Every bandit in Mexico has no respect for Americans, and kills Americans without fear—and Carranza's men have killed more than any of them. Women were outraged and men slain and absolutely not a Mexican punished. They killed our soldiers but Wilson obeyed Carranza and after sending troops to Mexico agreed, at Carranza's command, not to send them anywhere but north. Bandits are running at large and the punitive expedition has accomplished nothing."

"The guard on the border is being changed in a way no army critic has dreamed of. New men are sent down to relieve those who have become somewhat accustomed and efficient, and the only gain is that profited by the railroads for raw guardsmen only are allowed on the border. When the troops become acclimated and learn something about their duties they are sent home. This fiasco on the border will cost \$100,000,000—and no good accomplished—Villa uncaught and bandits unpunished."

### Underwood Tariff Raked.

"Had Democrats violated their pledge for a Democratic tariff how much better it would have been! During the first ten months of that tariff we bought abroad, instead of at home, \$101,000,000 worth of goods and our exports decreased \$153,000,000 which means a loss to trade and commerce of \$360,000,000. When the Underwood tariff had run 10 months, mills were idle, a half million people were jobless—but then the war broke out."

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