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SOMME SIEGE. TRADEGY SAY WAR CRITICS

CLIMAX REPORTED NEAR AT
HAND—LOSS BY ALLIES
FRIGHTFUL, SAY REPORTS

HINDENBURG AIMS TO CRUSH AND ROUMANIANS

Austro-German Forces Have Started
Wedding Moment to Burst Russian
and Roumanian Armies—Allies Can
Now Widen Front After Thiepval's
Capture.

Berlin, Oct. 1.—(Via Sayville)—
(United Press)—Semi-official state-
ments have described frightful French
and British losses in recent unsuccess-
ful attempts to break the German
lines north of the Somme:
"The tragedy on the Somme seems
near a climax. Detailed accounts
show attacks between October ninth
and 13 were the heaviest actions of
the whole battle. Allies attempted to
reach Bapaume and Peronne."
German infantry machine-gunned
British mass attacks aimed at Guede-
court. The crowded columns were lit-
terally mowed.

Allies Extend Lines.
London, Oct. 17.—(United Press)—
Gen. Haig has reported British ex-
tended the Somme offensive north of
Ancre Brook and entered German
trenches West of Serre. Thiepval's
capture has rendered a wider front
possible. Paris reported officially
French have captured several houses
in Sully-Salisel, south of Combles.
They repulsed counters.

Petrograd dispatches said Austro-
Germans have started a new offensive
north of the western Roumanian front-
line, aiming to wedge the Russian and
Roumanian armies. Strong Teutonic
forces are attacking Russians south
of Bukovina.

Berlin has reported Roumanians are
fleeing across the frontier.
Everything indicates Hindenburg is
starting a campaign to crush Rouma-
nia.

PERSONAL MENTION

E. H. Storie of Walla Walla was a
Foley guest last night.

Mrs. Nellie E. Bowett, a resident of
Forest Grove, was registered at the
Foley last night.

Mrs. Chas. Payne leaves tonight for
Portland and Silverton to be gone
about 10 days.

Mrs. Joseph Sitko of Sandpoint was a
guest in the city last evening, stay-
ing at the Foley.

H. D. Haisten, well known mer-
chant of Wallowa, was a guest with
his brother F. D. Haisten last night.

Miss Lillian Evans, a La Grande pi-
anist, has returned from a visit to
Dubois, Idaho.

Mrs. Judson, the La Grande woman
hurt in Portland last week, is expect-
ed home tomorrow.

J. A. Russell of the Grande Ronde
Meat company went to Enterprise this
morning to transact business for two
days.

J. S. White, a resident of Wallowa,
transacted business in the city last
evening. He was a guest at the
Foley.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller of La
Grande and Miss Bessie Kelly and
Miss Dora Yates of Cove, visited yester-
day in Baker at the home of Mr.
and Mrs. Dudley Wright, returning to
their homes after attending the wed-
ding of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Powers at
Medical Springs—Baker Herald.

Mr. and Mrs. Darius Howe, of
Portland, who since last Spring have
been visiting in Minnesota and the
Dakotas, but for the past few days
were guests with Mr. and Mrs. Ros-
coe West, continued their journey
homeward today. Mr. West is a
nephew of the Portland couple.

Rev. C. E. Deal, several years ago
occupying the Methodist church pul-
pit in La Grande and now located at
Rupert, was in La Grande last night
on his way to Imbler on business mat-
ters. Mr. Deal declares the Twin
Falls line is very prosperous. Farm-
ers are getting rich off potatoes, beets
and hay.

Kicked by a horse, and sustaining
very painful injuries, Mr. Stulz, a
pioneer of La Grande is in much pain
this afternoon. The animal's kick
struck the old gentleman on the ankle.

Republicans Draft A Lively Campaign

ADDRESS BY MRS. HANLEY IS
POSTPONED—STREET MEET-
INGS AND COUNTY TOURS
OUTLINED—WINSTOCK IS TO
SPEAK TONIGHT.

Tonight at 8 o'clock at the City Hall
Commission chambers Hon. Melvin G.
Winstock, of Seattle, speaker sent out
by the Republican National commit-
tee, will speak on the issues of the
campaign.

Mr. Winstock is an interesting and
entertaining speaker and those at-
tending will be well repaid.

The meeting announced for Wed-
nesday night to be addressed by Mrs.
E. B. Hanley has been postponed un-
til Monday night, Oct. 23.

At a meeting of the Hughes Al-
liance last night it was decided to ar-
range a series of street meetings for
the rest of the campaign and also
a tour of the county by various local
speakers.

HUGHES' TIDE UNMISTAKABLE

MELVIN WINSTOCK DISCUSSES
POLITICAL QUESTIONS OF THE
DAY

Fears Posterity Will Pay Penalty for
Evil Wrought by Mad Scramble for
Gold During the War.

Melvin G. Winstock, well known
throughout the Northwest, and who
has made over fifty speeches in the
present campaign under the direction
of the Republican National committee
is in the city and is confident of the
victory of Hughes in November. Of
the campaign he said:

"The tide has set so unmistakably
for Hughes that nothing can now
stem it. At first the people were in-
clined to object to the open criticism
of the present administration but as
time rolled on and false pretence was
exposed the nation saw that we could
not do our duty by the people and re-
main silent. The Democrats claimed
that the high tariff law was responsi-
ble for the then alleged high cost of
living. They reduced the tariff on
some things. For instance they took
it off of lumber and shingles, and
what became of the prosperity of
Oregon and Washington? They re-
tained a small tariff stay on sugar
and was going to make that free May
1st, 1916, but when that date came
they extended the time. But the mere
threat ruined property in Louisiana
worth many millions and even that
Southern state is howling its head off
at Wilson. But the real pledge, that
of a reduction of the high cost of liv-
ing, how was that kept? Why every
housekeeper in the land knows that
the purchasing power of the dollar
has decreased until it is shameful.
Sugar was four cents a pound, it is
now nine; bacon was 12 cents, it is
now 30; flour was \$1.00 a sack, it is
now over \$2.00 a sack; clothing, shoes,
farming implements, building mate-
rial, except lumber, and almost every-
thing has soared up almost beyond the
reach of common folks. Bread, the
staff of the poor, has gone up until
some of the poor of the slums are
starving to death.

"But they cry prosperity. What
kind of prosperity? An enrichment
of the few, the people who make bul-
lets and guns and other things needed
to supply the battling nations of Eu-
rope, a business that has made a few
men, already rich, coin added wealth
at the expense of the millions of
fighting demons who are making na-
tions across the sea run red with
blood. Who knows how many of our
own sons and daughters in the years
to come will pay the penalty for all
the evil wrought in this greedy desire
for gold. No prosperity is permanent
that is built on the tears and sobs of
many.

"To meet the newer conditions that
will arise with the coming peace we
must have at the head of the nation
one fitted by vast executive ability,
permeated by rare patriotism; filled
to the quick with mighty sympathy
for the common people to lead us.
We must have one who did not seek
the office; one who was never the
creature of the political boss; one who
will never guide his conduct by the
fear of its effect upon a second term;
one who would scorn to be a partizan
once in the Presidential chair; one
whose whole life shows that service
to the nation and not personal ambition
is his inspiration. Such a man is
Charles Evan Hughes and when the
votes are counted in November it will
give evidence that America is through
with rhetorical rhapsody, hysterical
puffery and wants to get down to the
brass tacks of business preparedness
to fit herself for the larger duties
which will come when the soldier of
Europe turns his vitality to the marts
of competitive trade and this nation
will have to strive anew to hold
and extend her influence among the fam-
ily of nations."

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET SOARS IN WAKE OF BAD CROP REPORT FROM THE RUSSIAN GRAIN BELT

BIG EXPORT BUSINESS ALSO TENDS TO BOLSTER PRICES—LIBERAL
SELLING IN GRANDE RONDE VALLEY TODAY AT TWO-CENT
INCREASE OVER YESTERDAY'S QUOTATIONS. LOCAL WHEAT
75 PER CENT SOLD.

Chicago, Oct. 17.—(United Press)—A big export business and bad Rus-
sian crop news, today caused the wheat market to soar in the Chicago grain
pit.

December wheat closed higher by five and a quarter points at \$1.63½.
May wheat advanced six and a quarter points at \$1.64½.

Liberal selling governed conditions in the Grande Ronde this morning.
Closing prices yesterday were around \$1.23 and today some choice lots of
wheat went at \$1.25. Buyers report that about 75 per cent of the local wheat
has been sold, which is a big item this time of the year. Several big yields
remain untouched, but as a general thing farmers have sold some, and part
all of their yields.

Portland, Oct. 17.—(United Press)—Wheat jumped two to five cents
in the Portland market. A Bluestem bid of \$1.41 is the season's record.
Another flour increase is momentarily expected.

IMBLER HARVEST BRINGING WEALTH TO MANY FARMERS

Imbler, Oct. 17.—(Special)—
Threshing crews—practically all of
them have finished their routes and
are now home and ready to participate
in the apple picking which started this
week. More than the usual acreage
of potatoes was planted this year and
a good yield of spuds are being loaded
on the cars here at 90 cents to \$1.00.
Wheat in the warehouses has been
moving rapidly. Altogether the ship-
ping of grain, potatoes and livestock
has caused the unusual sight of as
high as 15 cars being loaded at one
time. Help is at a premium but
transient labor will probably relieve
the situation during apple picking and
packing.

The 1916 apple crop is above the
average in yield and quality. The only
objectionable feature of the situa-
tion is the necessity for so many stu-
dents to be out of school for two or
three weeks.

Many expert apple packers are com-
ing in from around Walla Walla for
the local packing season which begins
this week.

LAND SETTLER'S CASE CONSIDERED

El Paso, Tex., Oct. 17.—(United
Press)—The question of financing set-
tlers on irrigated lands under reclamation
projects, whether public or
private, was one of the most important
topics discussed by the "Rural
Credits and Land Settlement" section
of the International Irrigation con-
gress at today's session. Elmer
Mead, head of the department of rural
institutions in the University of Cali-
fornia and an eminent authority on
the subject of rural credits is in
charge of this section of the congress.
Prof. Mead and other authorities on
the subject of credits, present at the
session, formulated plans whereby the
settler with small capital will be en-
abled to become a successful farmer
of irrigated lands.

POLISH RELIEF SCHEME FAILS

Shadow Lawn, Oct. 17.—(United
Press)—President Wilson has an-
nounced foreign rulers have failed to
agree on the American proposition for
Polish relief. He has made a state-
ment admitting his efforts were vain.
He was unable to entice the powers
to conclude a definite settlement.

NEGRO CONVICT RETURNED

Guard From Walla Walla Peniten-
tiary Takes Charge of Prisoner.

Herb Brown, alias Pettingal, a ne-
gro barber sent to the Walla Walla
penitentiary for two to 15 years for
burglary in an interior Washington
town, and who escaped from the
trusty squad at the prison quarry, on-
ly to be arrested here, was this morn-
ing taken back to his cell by a prison
guard.

Brown arrived in town about a week
ago, and was spotted by Policeman
Christensen, but, though under close
surveillance, no arrest was made until
Saturday night when county and city
authorities rounded him up after mak-
ing sure of their man's identity.

VILLA LOCATED ONCE MORE

Has Following of Armed, Partly
Armed and Other Hangers On.

El Paso, Oct. 17.—(United Press)
—Carranzistas have officially an-
nounced that Villa with 800 well-
armed men and over 1000 recruits
partly armed, are near Tamosichic,
150 miles southeast of El Valle. Gen-
eral Pershing's southernmost outpost.
Villa is reported to be sending de-
tachments into the Sierra hills after
machine guns hidden several months
ago.

Armenian Relief is Well Provided For

MANY UNITS OF LA GRANDE TO
WORK TOWARD A COMMON
END—SALVATION ARMY KET-
TLES TO BE SWUNG OUT.

Commencing Friday of this week,
concerted effort to raise money for
starving Armenians, will be conduct-
ed in this city. The Salvation Army
kettles will be out at the business cor-
ners, and the desire to give will be
promoted by school children, by the
Neighborhood club, the Protestant
church, Ministerial association, the
Catholic Relief society, the Com-
mercial club, the Salvation Army, and
other organizations. Dr. Underwood
will be local custodian of funds col-
lected and will turn them over to the
national committee which has insti-
tuted a nation-wide movement for
that purpose. Dr. Underwood will ad-
dress the high school students and the
Central grade students Friday on this
subject. Dr. Underwood and School
Superintendent McCullough have been
largely instrumental in cementing
many units to work toward a com-
mon end.

WALLOWA IS A BUSY TOWN

SHIPPING, SCHOOL SOCIAL AND
BUSINESS AFFAIRS OCCUPY
ATTENTION OF THRIVING
TOWN'S INHABITANTS.

Wallowa, Oregon, Oct. 17.—(Spec-
ial)—Miss Frances Meyers of Albany
came in on Thursday's train to take
charge of the school in district No. 59
near Troy. Leaving on Friday's
stage. While in Wallowa she was the
guest of Mrs. L. M. Fuller. Miss
Meyers is a graduate of the teachers'
training course of the Albany high
school.

Mr. Bodmer and Mrs. Effie Hannah
of Joseph spent Sunday in Wallowa
visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs.
Bruce Cox.

Word has been received from Mr.
R. McCrae that she and her daughter
Grace are comfortably located at
Whittier, California, a few miles ride
from Los Angeles, where they will
stay during the winter in hopes of
Miss Grace recovering her health.

Lee Bell, a local grain and stock
buyer, reports having just closed a
deal for 3 car loads of potatoes.

L. F. Allen, Joe McClaran, Guy and
Glenn Tulley, who motored to Pull-
man, Washington, in the Tulley Bros.
car, returned today. They witnessed
the football game between the Wash-
ington State Agricultural college and
the Oregon Agricultural college. Mr.
Allen and Mr. McClaran are both
former O. A. C. students.

Mrs. C. B. Walker and children
were passengers to La Grande, where
they go to reside. Mr. Walker has
been employed there for some time.
A dance will be given by the Wal-
lowa band Wednesday evening at
Brund's hall. The music will be fur-
nished by the band.

Earl Sherod has returned from
Portland, where he had been called by
the illness of his father, Wm. Sherod.
Mr. Sherod and wife have taken
apartments in Portland where they
will remain for the greater part of
the winter in hopes of Mr. Sherod re-
gaining his health.

Rev. Ford of the Christian church
of La Grande, held services in the
Christian church at Wallowa both
Sunday morning and evening. Be-
fore returning to La Grande he will
speak at other valley points.

Mr. and Mrs. Hector McDonald en-
tertained informally at their country
home Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs.
J. F. Ravenscroft, Mr. and Mrs. R. J.
Brund, and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cox.
Cards and dancing were indulged in
during the evening.

Prof. E. D. Ressler of the Oregon
Agricultural college, who is touring
Eastern Oregon visiting high schools
spent Friday and Saturday in Wal-
lowa. Friday was sent at the high
school. Prof. Ressler spoke most
favorably of the work the students are
doing. Friday evening he was toast
master at a football rally held on the
high school campus. Saturday he at-
tended the first football game of the
season between the Elgin High School
team and the Wallowa High School
team. Two former students of the
O. A. C., Miss Maida Doolittle and
Miss Zetta Underwood are instructors
in the Wallowa schools.

The football game between the El-
gin High School and the Wallowa
High School resulted in favor of the
Wallowa team. The score was 2-0.

Sell 20 Tracts Oct. 19th.

The land office in this city will sell
at auction 20 isolated tracts Thurs-
day. It is expected bidding will be
brisk and that a large lump of money
is expected in the land office treasury
as a result of the sales.

HUGHES SPECIAL WOMEN "JOKED" IN POLITE WAY

SAN FRANCISCO WILSONITES
TRAIL VISITORS WITH BAN-
NERS BEARING SIGNS.

OAKLAND'S RECEPTION VERY GENTLE AND QUIET

Although Ovation Is Given Delegates
at Oakland No Trouble Ensues—
Police Promise Ban on Riots—
Placards Trail Visitors in San
Francisco Wherever They Go.

San Francisco, Oct. 17.—(United
Press)—Wilsonites in San Francisco
today had a polite josh fixed up for
the Hughes Special delegates arriving
this afternoon. The delegates wrote
to Mrs. Louise Wall, a Wilson leader,
requesting her to prevent any dis-
turbances. She promised the police
no riots would occur.

Wilson supporters chartered a
"Rubberneck" wagon plastered with
signs "Welcome to our city—it's for
Wilson." The plan was to follow the
delegates around town wherever they
went.

Oakland Treats Them Nicely.
At Oakland the delegates were given
an ovation, and they toured the city
and delivered speeches without being
molested.

Mrs. Wall said: "I believe these
women are the city's guests and are
entitled to a respectful hearing. We
won't interfere with their free speech
rights."

C. E. VEST PASSES TODAY

Pioneer Joseph Rancher Victim of
Blood Poisoning.

C. E. Vest, pioneer Joseph farmer,
died at 9 o'clock this morning of
blood poisoning, acquired through a
slight scratch on his hand while har-
nessing a team a few days ago. Word
to that effect was telephoned to At-
torney Jerry P. Rusk by his wife, who
is a daughter of the deceased and
who has been at the bedside during
the brief illness. Beside the widow
and Mrs. Rusk, another daughter and
two sons, residents of Wallowa coun-
ty, survive.

PHYSICIANS TO MEET AT BAKER

La Grande physicians are attempt-
ing to so regulate their affairs that as
many as possible can attend the an-
nual convention of the Eastern Ore-
gon District Medical Association con-
vention in Baker tomorrow. Baker
committees in charge anticipate at
least 50 physicians and surgeons for
the session. The speakers who were
asked to take part have all promised
to attend.

A big banquet tomorrow night will
be the crowning social feature of the
convention whereat the doctors will
exchange new ideas and advanced dis-
coveries in medicine and surgery.

Additional Homestead Sought.

Four today applied for additional
homesteads from the government
through the United States Land of-
fice. Papers filed before Register
Dunn and Receiver Skiff include:
Edward L. Grettton, Baker; Albert
E. Rutter, Galena; Chas. F. Patter-
son, Range; William M. Howard, Al-
bee. All these were additional home-
stead applications.

Firemen to Meet Tonight.

There will be an important meeting
of the Volunteer Fire department
this evening. All members are noti-
fied herewith.

Opportunity Lurks in the Want Ads--

The want ads and locals are
interesting features of The Ob-
server.

If you find them every day,
you will find opportunities to
buy and sell.

They are changing every day.

If you have any wants, let the
people know through the Ob-
server.