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SEVERAL ROADS FILE SUITS TO STOP NEW LAW

HALF DOZEN LINES JOIN IN
MOVEMENT TO HAVE EIGHT-
HOUR LAW NULLIFIED

NATION CENTERS UPON
INJUNCTION'S OUTCOME

N. P., G. N., Pennsylvania and Other
Big Lines Have Joined in the Na-
tion-wide Scheme to Have Eight
Hour Law Declared Unconstitu-
tional by Courts.

Chicago, Nov. 15.—(United Press)
—As the crisis in the Adamson law
fight between the four brotherhoods
and the railroads comes nearer, new
suits are being filed. Railroads in all
parts of the country today initiated
injunction proceedings. With the
fighting lines gradually tightening,
and the brotherhoods holding to the
conclusion that the strike vote is not
dead and that a walkout will result if
the eight-hour law is not put into
operation January first, intense interest
centers upon the outcome of the test
case to be made in the highest courts
of the land.

Numerous Roads File Suits.
Minneapolis, Nov. 15.—(United
Press)—The Northern Pacific, the
Great Northern and the Minneapolis
& Saint Louis lines today filed federal
court injunction suits against the
Adamson law. The alleged it is un-
constitutional.

Philadelphia, Nov. 15.—(United
Press)—The Pennsylvania Railroad
has filed a federal court suit demand-
ing an injunction against the govern-
ment enforcing the Adamson law.

Hospital Patients Improve.
Mrs. Bessie Garrett, a resident of
Condon, is convalescent at the Grande
Ronde hospital after an operation un-
dergone a few days ago.

Whitfield Langford, of Union, seems
to be progressing satisfactorily after
undergoing an operation at the hos-
pital.

Alfred Group, a La Grande boy now
in the hospital recovering from very
serious injuries received while em-
ployed on a bridge gang, is planning
on speedy return to the home of his
mother.

Opera Season Opened Last Night

New York, Nov. 13.—(United Press)
—New York's season of grand opera
which opened last night at the Metro-
politan Opera House is replete with
novelties and will give the Greater
City's music lovers opportunity to
hear several new songbirds. Among
the operas to be sung for the first
time is Reginald de Koven's "Canter-
bury Pilgrims" with book by Percy
MacKaye. The presentation will be
the opera's world premiere. Other
operas to be sung here for the first
time are "Iphigenia in Tauris," by
Gluck to be sung in German; "Fran-
cesca de Rimini," music by R.
Zandonai book by Gabriele d'Annunzio
to be sung in Italian and "Les
Pêcheurs des Perles," by Bizet to be
sung in French. The new artists are
Alice Eversman, Odette Le Fontenay,
Marie Sundelius, Kathleen Howard,
Paul Eisler and Gennaro Papi. Papi
is to be second conductor of Italian
opera. Arthur Bodansky and Giorgio
Polacco have been reengaged as con-
ductors.

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MINNESOTA MARGIN GROWING

St. Paul, Nov. 15.—(United Press)
—With 10 civilian vote precincts and
15 soldier vote counties missing,
Hughes' Minnesota lead was 223 at
noon.

Returns will be indefinite until the
official recount in Minneapolis tomor-
row is complete.

San Francisco, Nov. 15.—Democ-
ratic and Republican leaders an-
nounced at the end of the second day
of the official count of votes that noth-
ing was found indicating any material
change in the presidential vote. Rum-
ors of gross irregularities in the
conduct of the election and unofficial
count are discredited by both Republi-
cans and Democrats as not based on
facts.

No split in California's electoral
vote is indicated, but the Republicans
made no official statement to this ef-
fect. The official count will be com-
pleted early next week.

Weather Forecast.
Tonight and Thursday, fair; slight
temperature changes, easterly winds.
Moderate on coast.

MEXICANS NOW OBSTRUCTIVE
Peace Commission Still Retains Hope
of Ultimate Agreement.

Atlantic City, Nov. 15.—(United
Press)—Mexican members of the
Peace commission have manifested
obstruction tactics. Americans, nev-
ertheless, believed there still is a
chance of reaching a border agreement
involving Pershing's withdrawal.
Americans hope to get the Mexicans
to promise favorable action toward big
American mining interests in Mexico.
Mexicans are mailing a tentative
agreement to Carranza for ratifica-
tion.

OREGON'S POPULATION BIGGER
Increase of Over Three Per Cent
Since 1914 Estimated at Salem.

Salem, Nov. 15.—(United Press)—
Labor Commissioner Hoff, has esti-
mated Oregon's population at 834,
515, an increase of 3.9 per cent since
1914, when the population was 795,
987. Hoff's estimate is based on
school reports. Multnomah county's
population is 294,284.

Two Nieces Dead.
Mrs. B. B. Nutter yesterday re-
ceived the sad news of the death of
two nieces, aged 10 days, in Trenton,
Mo. The children were the daughters
of Mrs. Legg, a sister of Mrs. Nut-
ter's.

Oregon Delegates On Way To Convention

E. S. Norris, President of Oregon
Farmers' Union, to Attend Two
Conclaves Ere He Returns to Home
City.

E. S. Norris, president of the Ore-
gon Co-operative association left this
morning for Palatka, Florida, as Ore-
gon's delegate to the National conven-
tion of the F. E. C. U. which meets
Nov. 21-23 inclusive. The chief busi-
ness to come up at that time is the
election of a national president, a vice
president, a secretary and two mem-
bers of the executive board, and to
transact such other business as may
be brought before the convention.

Mr. Norris has been one of the wheel
horses of the Farmers' union since
its organization in this state. He
says several of the progressive laws
have been born in these conventions
and it would not be surprising if
there would be several changes asked
in the present laws, as well as en-
dorsement given new ones yet to be
enacted.

After attending the convention Mr.
Norris will visit Stockton and Oak-
land, where he has property interests,
and then go to McMinnville to the
state convention of the Farmers'
Union the 5-7th of December, thence
to Portland and home.

Storms Demoralize Overland Traffic

Storms in Wyoming and Ne-
braska, said to be moving West-
ward, so disorganized overland
traffic this week that Nov. 5 and
19 due here at 9:40 p. m. and mid-
night yesterday, didn't arrive un-
til 5 and 7 a. m. today. No. 17
was several hours late too.
The stub which was sent from
O. S. L. points yesterday to Pen-
dleton passed through La Grande
last midnight.

NO DELIVERY THANKSGIVING
Year's Practice in Postoffices of
Small Towns Changed.

Having put through for a year the
practice of sending out city carriers
at least once on holidays, the post-
master general has notified the post-
masters of smaller towns, including
La Grande, that the practice is not
feasible. As a consequence there will
be no deliveries on holidays, including
Thanksgiving day, hereafter. The
general and carrier windows will be
open an hour or two in the morning,
but that is all, Postmaster E. E.
Bragg announces.

Lair Thompson Defeated.
Prineville, Ore., Nov. 15.—(Special)
—According to latest figures W. Lair
Thompson has been defeated for state
senator by George Baldwin by 1 vote.

Danger Of Crippled Water System Seen

Continued Frost Now Before Snow
Likely to Bring About Dilemma—
Colds, Grippe and Sneezing Pre-
valent.

Severe colds, grippe and other ill-
effects of sudden change in tempera-
ture have been left in the wake of the
unprecedented cold wave which struck
La Grande and the west generally
early in the week.

Stores, banks, public offices—all
present the same outward signs of the
sudden change in temperature; cop-
ious handkerchiefs, general coughing
and sneezing.

Even a worse after-effect threatens.
Should the severe frost continue the
whole water system of the city is in
danger. A few years ago a similar
condition arose when the ground
froze up early in the winter before
snow fell. The frost sank to the un-
usual level of the average water pipe
before the snow blanket came to pro-
tect the ground. It will be recalled
that the city and individuals gener-
ally spent hundreds of dollars thawing
out the water system only to have it
freeze up again because the ground
around the pipes was frozen. Electric
thawing mediums that year saved the
city from dire calamity, and unless the
frost ceases soon or snow falls to pro-
tect the ground, the same dilemma is
threatened this winter.

REBEKAHS HAVE BUSY WEEK
State President to Come Friday and
Tuesday Lodge Visits Elgin.

Chrystal Rebekah lodge of this city
has an important week before it.
Next Friday evening the president of
the state assembly, Mrs. Nellie Wat-
tenburg of Klamath Falls, will pay an
official visit to the lodge. All Re-
bekahs local and visiting are urged
to come out on that occasion.

Next Tuesday the district conven-
tion of that order, with delegates pres-
ent from all points in Union county,
will meet in Elgin and the La Grande
lodge will send down at least 16 to
exemplify a portion of the initiatory
work.

INEZ MILHOLLAND BOSSEVAIN IN EXTREMELY CRITICAL CONDITION

Los Angeles, Nov. 15.—(United
Press)—Mrs. Inez Milholland Boisse-
vain, the noted suffragist, has suffered
a relapse following a blood transfu-
sion operation. Her condition is
most critical.

When Mrs. Milholland Boissevain
was in La Grande a few weeks ago
she bore no outward evidence of ill-
ness. In fact she stormed vigorously
because women of La Grande didn't
turn out to welcome her, and listen to
her attacks on President Wilson and
the Democratic party for not endors-
ing woman suffrage. Her rage de-
veloped here grew at Pendleton where
she was really booked for a speech
but where no one appeared to hear
her.

Notwithstanding what she
termed Oregon inhospitality and her
subsequent "peeve" Mrs. Boissevain
was entertained in Oregon during the
campaign lavishly and because of her
position and rank was given columns
of newspaper space. She is noted for
her beauty. Just recently she married
a Belgian count, although theretofore
classified as a man hater.

Slight Lull in Applications.
Today's grist of land office applica-
tions was a trifle below normal. Ar-

15-MILL LEVY LIKELY; IS CUT OF 3-2 MILLS

SEPTIC TANK AND VIADUCT
PREVENT A LEVY UNDER 15
MILLS AS HOPED FOR

1917 BUDGET ORDINANCE
MUST PASS THIS EVENING

Unusual Requirements Taken Care of
and Special Provisions Made—Sep-
tic Tank Needs Repair and Funds
Set Aside for That Purpose—Via-
duct Costs \$1500.

When the City commission meets
tonight it will establish the levy for
the City of La Grande for the en-
suing year, and the "dope sheet" as it
now stands indicates the 18 1-2 mill
now prevailing will be sliced to 15.
In fact City Manager Foley and the
commissioners were hopeful of going
even farther than that but discovered
the pressing necessity of enlarging
and repairing the septic disposal tank
in 1917. To do this required at least
\$7000 and the 15-mill levy provides
that amount. The viaduct expense
calls for \$1500 in new funds and that
is cared for too.

While existing estimates in the
budget ordinance may change tonight,
whatever rearrangement is made must
be forthcoming at this session to meet
charter requirements.

BLACKMAIL CASE DELAYED

Incident Involving Wife of Ambassa-
dor Bernstorff Not Tried Now.
Washington, Nov. 15.—(United
Press)—Federal Commissioner Taylor
has postponed until December sixth
the government's case against Dr.
Armstrong Graves, alleged blackmailer
of Countess Bernstorff, wife of the
German ambassador to Washington.

LURKING U-BOAT DISCOVERED

Enemy on Lookout for Craft Off
Southern English Coast.

Providence, Nov. 15.—(United
Press)—Captain Ryan, of the liner
Howard, declared today a British war-
ship wireless him, warning him that
a German submarine is lurking off
the coast of southern England. Ryan
received the message off Block Island.

Telephone Offices Moved.

The Eastern Oregon Telephone com-
pany offices in this city have been
moved from their former quarters on
the second floor of the La Grande Na-
tional bank building to the ground
floor adjoining the Security Land and
Savings company. The business of-
fice and switch boards are separated
by newly-constructed walls.

PENDLETON BOY CRIMINAL

Charles Cross Robbs Box Cars, Holds
Up People and Burglarizes.

Portland, Nov. 15.—(United Press)—
Charles Cross, 18, of Pendleton, has
admitted five holdups in the last ten
days. He also robbed a drug store
and branch postoffice, getting a small
amount of stamp money. The govern-
ment will prosecute.

Cross was sent to the reform school
from Pendleton in August, 1915, for
robbing box cars.

Miss Childers Improves.

Word from the sick-bed of Grace
Childers today is to the effect that she
is slightly improved. Physicians be-
lieve they have the blood poison in
her arm under control now and bar-
ring unforeseen developments will be
able to pronounce the patient cured
within a reasonable length of time.

Wedding License Is Stolen: Cupid Wins

L. A. Prescott and Miss Simms Mar-
ried in Their Own Cottage Last
Evening—Second Certificate Needed

L. A. Prescott, O. A. C. alum-
nus and now druggist at the Red
Cross Drug store, took unto himself
a wife last night but not without
trials and tribulations. Last evening
about the time cupid leaves the court
house every evening Mr. Prescott ob-
tained a license to marry Miss Mar-
jorie Simms, daughter of May Hoff-
man. While dressing for the wedding
Mr. Prescott was careless enough to
leave the precious document where
some of his chums could reach it, and
it disappeared. Just before the event-
ful moment the theft was discovered
and the bride waited patiently while
the groom with frantic haste enticed
County Clerk Ed Wright to the court
house after hours to issue a duplicate
certificate. Hurrying home to the
scene of the ceremonial Mr. Prescott
found the original document just
where he had laid it first. After these
worrysome hours Rev. Mr. Clark of the
Presbyterian church could proceed
with the solemn rites which were per-
formed in the home of the bride and
groom, 605 M avenue. Carnations,
roses and chrysanthemums were used
in great profusion to decorate the
home. Within a week or so Mr. and
Mrs. Prescott will take a wedding tour
and then will be at home in their cot-
tage, wherein they were married. Both
the bride and groom are popular mem-
bers of La Grande's younger set.

Carpenter Work On Warehouse Near End

Painters and Plumbers Have Some
Work to Do, Then La Grande Gro-
cery Company Can Move Offices to
New Quarters.

Within the present week Contractor
W. C. Hansen will have completed all
the woodwork on the new La Grande
Grocery company warehouse, located
at the head of Elm street on Jefferson,
and which is a structure that com-
pares favorably in size and conven-
ience with any in the state. As soon
as Mr. Hansen calls off his carpenters
painters will go to work, and the
plumbers, Bay & Zweifel, will round
up their part of the work. Then, with
the painters out of the way the office
will be moved from the present whole-
sale district. Much of the stock has
already been transferred to the new
warehouse from the old one.

Woman Elected From The Dalles.

The Dalles, Nov. 14.—(Special)—
Mrs. Alexander Thompson of The
Dalles, who was elected as a member
of the state legislature from Wasco
and Hood River counties, is already
widely known in Oregon because of
the part she played in the campaign
for the re-election of President Wil-
son. She was elected by a majority
of 214 votes in a district which is
normally Republican about three and
a half to one. She defeated J. L.
Kelly, who was a member of the house
of representatives at the 1915 session.
Dr. J. E. Anderson, mayor of The
Dalles, was the other representative
elected.

DAMAGE SUIT VERDICT IN
Servian Given No Damage Balm—
Jurors Find for Defendant.

Efforts of a Servian named Mirich
to obtain \$10,000 damage money from
the George Palmer Lumber company in
settlement for injuries sustained
when the Servian was prying rock
loose from the company's road-bed to
the company camp at Vincent, at
which time a rock fell from an em-
bankment above and did some injury
to the man's elbow, were in vain for
the jury which heard the case during
the first two days of this week and
part of last, returned a verdict for
the defendant.

Joseph Blumauer Dead.

Portland, Nov. 15.—(Special)—
Joseph Blumauer, a pioneer merchant
of Portland, died yesterday. He was
the father of Mrs. Clara Lowe, Mrs.
Celia Goodman Mrs. Maurice Rein-
stein, Isaac Blumauer, Sol M. Blu-
mauer and Ben Blumauer.

December Wheat Sold At a Record

Portland, Nov. 15.—(United
Press)—Five thousand bushels of
December bluestem sold today to
Portland millers at \$1.69 a bushel,
the highest on record. Five thou-
sand additional bushels were sold
at \$1.68 1-2.

FRENCH CHARGE RESULTS IN A NEW FOOTHOLD

EDGE OF SAINT PIERRE VAAS-
WOODS GAINED AND HELD
IN FACE OF "TEARS"

ANCRE STRUGGLE PARTIAL
SUCCESS BERLIN ADMITS

Pitched Battle Yesterday Said to
Have Been the Worst in the Entire
Somme Seige—In the East Rein-
forced Germans Forced Roumanians
Out of Jiu.

London, Nov. 15.—(United Press)
—England is ready to take artificial
means to control the food supply.
Food tickets will be issued but first
the milk supply will be controlled.

Paris, Nov. 15.—(United Press)—
French gained the edge of Saint
Pierre Vaast woods today. The
charge followed intense bombardment
of German positions and the French
maintained all positions taken since
November 7th, despite the fact Ger-
mans are using liquid fire and tear-
producing shells. Allies were able to
obtain a foothold in a group of ruined
houses at Fresnoir.

Pitched Battle Awful One.

Berlin, Nov. 15.—(United Press)—
Fresh allied attacks south of Ancre
between Lesars, Guedecourt and
South Bapaume, were only partially
successful although strong masses of
infantry were used, it is announced.
The statement declares that yester-
day's British-German pitched battle on
both sides of Ancre lasted all day and
was the greatest fight of the Somme
campaign.

Roumanians Give and Take.

Petrograd, Nov. 15.—(United
Press)—It is admitted heavily re-
inforced Germans forced further
Roumanian retirement in Jiu valley and
Vaukan pass district. Roumanians
suffered defeats at Transylvania
fronts but took the offensive north and
south of the Oitu valley, capturing
three machine guns and prisoners.

Haig Begins Flank Attack.

London, Nov. 15.—(United Press)
—Gen. Haig reported today British
consolidated new positions and cap-
tured additional prisoners. He
promised to send a more compre-
hensive report later.
Military experts believe Haig is at-
tempting to turn the German flank to
surround Miraumont, an important
railway center. He is heavily shelling
Miraumont lines. Five thousand pris-
oners have been transported behind
the British lines and more are arriv-
ing.

Allies Capture Danube Town.

Bucharest, Nov. 15.—(United Press)
—Roumanians and Russians have re-
sumed the Dobrudja defensive and
captured Dobroa on the lower Danu-
be bank, nine miles west of Cernavoda

GERMAN U-BOAT DEFENDED

Sinking of Rowanmore Held to Have
Been a Legal Act.

Berlin, Nov. 15.—(United Press)—
The admiralty today gave the foreign
office a report concerning the subma-
rine commander who torpedoed the
British steamer Rowanmore carrying
several Americans, Oct. 26, 125 miles
off Cape Clear. The foreign office
will soon issue an official explanation
to Secretary Grew, of the American
embassy, which will deny the subma-
rine shelled life boats, as has been
charged.

The report will contend the U-boat
was not violating instructions.

BIG SHOW BEGINS TO- NIGHT AT ELKS' HALL

Back to the days of '49 will be
the cry at the Elks' auditorium
tonight when the big Days of
'49 show begins to run four
days.
Dancing, games of chance
with bogus money—of course—
and general frivolity, will be the
order of things. The receipts
go to swell the Elks' Christmas
tree fund. The public is invited.