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## Wildest Chaos, Anarchy and Riots Run Riot In Roumania

### DEAD BABES STREW ROADS

RIOTERS BURN FURNITURE AND  
HOMES VACATED BY THE  
ROUMANIANS

DEPRIVATION LEADS TO  
UTTER CHAOS, ANARCHY

Human Tide of Refugees Flooding to  
No One Knows Where but in Front  
of Invading Armies—Household  
Goods Litter Village Streets—  
Whole Nation Is Terror Mad.

(By Karl Ackerman)  
Falkenhayn's Headquarters, Dec. 7.—(Wireless)—Roumania is mad with terror. Dead and dying lie every 100 yards, and chaos reigns. Misery is most terrible. To aid to the frightful condition, the Roumanian government has ordered her civilians to abandon their homes before the swift German advance. Refugees crowd the roads everywhere. The wildest anarchy prevails. Village streets are littered with household goods, papers, window curtains, dead horses and dogs. Gypsies have smashed windows, plundered houses and looted everything while refugees are stealing cattle wherever found.

Deprivation and long marches over muddy roads have caused many children to die. Rioters have fired numerous buildings and furniture on the roadside.

Starving dogs devour half-dead horses and crows pick-out their eyes.

VILLISTAS TORTURE, HANG  
Foreman of American Mine at Parral Reported Killed—Others Safe

El Paso, Dec. 7.—(United Press)—Two miners have reported Villistas tortured and hanged Howard Grey, an employe of the A-varado Mining company, upon entering Parral a month ago. A native foreman at the Alvarado mines telegraphed: "Every one safe except Grey. He's dead." It is believed the report is authentic. Grey was acting Foreman of the American-owned mine.

UNSKILLED LABOR IS  
FLOODING SHIP YARDS

Salem, Dec. 7.—(United Press)—Labor Commissioner Hoff has declared exaggerated accounts of Portland's shipbuilding industry has attracted many workers and glutted the labor market. The situation is serious. Many of the unemployed are unskilled and unable to fill the ship-yard jobs.

WASHINGTON HORSE WINNER  
Carleton, Oregon, Cow Brings Over \$300 at Portland Stock Show.

Portland, Dec. 7.—(Special)—G. M. Welsh, of Washington won first prize with his Percheron stallion at the Portland Stock Show. Jas. Edson of Carleton Oregon won second prize. E. F. Anderson of Albany, today purchased Golden Duchess, a cow, from Frank Brown, of Carleton and paid \$320.00 for her.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Payton, formerly of Mattoon, Illinois, are guests at the home of Mr. Payton's brother Ed. of the postoffice staff. Mr. Payton has come to Oregon with the idea of locating here permanently and may make La Grande his home.

### Agriculturalists To Meet In Council Here

Union County Organization Will Have  
Important Session Monday Dec. 11  
—Domestic Science Class to Serve  
Luncheon.

The first annual meeting of the Union County Agricultural Council will be held in the County Agriculturalist's office on Monday, Dec. 11 at 10 a. m., announces Paul Spillman, county agent.

At this meeting permanent officers for the coming year will be elected and the work for the coming season will be outlined for the county agent. Various problems of an agricultural nature of interest to the farmers will be brought up and action taken to try and help solve them during the coming season.

The Domestic Science department of the high school will serve lunch at noon and the high school and its various departments will be shown to this body of representative Union county farmers.

### Germany's Answer Deemed To Be Weak

Arabia's Sinking Focussed by Two  
Governments—Germans Hold Ship  
Was Troop Transport, Not a Liner.

Washington, Dec. 7.—(United Press)—The State department made public Germany's answer to American inquiries regarding the steamer Arabia which was sunk. She contended the vessel was a troop transport and agreed to "promptly draw appropriate consequences, if the United States proved the ship was an ordinary passenger liner."

The United Press has learned from official sources the Government regards the explanation as weak. It has no facts to disprove the German claim. It is said the situation "is not essentially delicate."

Officials refused to indicate whether a break in diplomatic relations would result if Germany's case was proved too weak.

### PERSONAL MENTION

E. H. Seelig, of Baker, was a visitor in Baker yesterday.

C. B. Bonner, of Joseph, was in Baker yesterday on business.

John P. Hannon, of La Grande, was a Pendleton visitor Monday.

W. C. Hanson, a contractor, is confined to his home with quinsy.

Rev. Thomas Brady, of Enterprise, was a visitor in Baker Tuesday.

F. J. Holmes, of the Island City M. & M. company, is transacting business in Wallawa this afternoon.

A. Stewart, formerly in the dray and produce business here, went to Baker yesterday on business matters.

Floyd Maxwell, manager of the Union basketball team, was a business visitor in the city this morning.

Jess Crum, for several terms city recorder at Elgin, was a business visitor in La Grande this morning, returning on the morning train.

F. W. Kehrl, connected with O. A. C. and government fairy promotion left his headquarters here today to visit the dairymen of Wallawa.

E. H. Schaefer, manager of the Oregon-Washington Lumber and Manufacturing company of Seattle, was in the city this morning on his way to Wallawa on company business.

J. T. Wickens, now of Elgin but 41 years ago, a newcomer in La Grande, was over on business last night returning home this morning. Mr. Wickens remarked there is a sharp contrast between La Grande of today and of 41 years ago.

A. C. Hampton, principal of the high school, left this morning for Pendleton where he this afternoon attended the funeral of a favorite uncle, S. A. Hampton, a wealthy rancher who died yesterday. The deceased is the father of a well known duo of Hamptons who graduated, one from Oregon and one from O. A. C. last year.

**BOLD ROBBERY SUCCESSFUL**  
Los Angeles, Dec. 7.—(United Press)—Two daylight bandits threw red pepper in a Wells Fargo messenger's eyes at the corner of Sixth and Los Angeles streets, the busiest intersection and escaped with two bags of gold containing \$5000. Many witnessed it.

### LLOYD GEORGE SILENT ABOUT NEW MINISTRY

COMMONS IN SESSION TWO  
MINUTES, THEN ADJOURNS  
UNTIL TUESDAY NEXT

LABOR PROMISED MUCH  
BY THE NEW PREMIER

While Much Speculation Is Rife, as  
to Complexion of New Coalition  
Ministry Papers Declare Lloyd  
George Will Give Prominent Places  
to War Party Which Controls  
Status.

London, Dec. 7.—(United Press)—The Commons met for two minutes and adjourned until Tuesday—without making an announcement concerning Lloyd George's new ministry. The Evening News charged powerful German propaganda is operating against Lloyd George. Lloyd George conferred with Bonar Law, Carson and Henderson today.

An official press bureau has announced the Labor party has agreed to participate in Lloyd George's new government. The Central News said Lloyd George had offered the Labor party two cabinet places, one member of the war council and three under-secretaryships.

Lloyd George will become premier himself. The new government, like the old, will be coalition, but probably without the same measure of harmonious support which attended the first formation of the coalition government, because its birth has created factional differences.

The official announcement last night was that George had undertaken the task with the co-operation of Law, and notification was given that the new government would be coalition. Any party government would be impossible because neither Unionists nor Liberals have a majority in the house of commons.

Those mentioned as most likely to be included in the cabinet were directorate in George's government are Law, Earl Derby and Sir Edward Carson. George's policy is subject to speculation. He objected to Asquith being a member of the directorate, saying the former premier was too busy with other matters.

**BOY MURDERERS INCORRIGIBLE**  
Harold and Lynn Lovelace Will Be  
Sent to the Reform School.

Twin Falls, Idaho, Dec. 7.—(Special)—Harold and Lynn Lovelace, aged 12 and 11, formerly of La Grande, who were acquitted in November for killing Prof. L. Hamill, were today found guilty of incorrigibility and sent to the state industrial home until they are 21. They entered a public school after their acquittal and teachers and school officers testified they had to dismiss the boys because the other children were frightened at them and displayed too much interest in their past record.

**The Weather.**  
Fair in Eastern Oregon, rain southwest, rain and snow northwest. South winds.

### Civic Christmas Tree On The Streets Christmas Eve Singing, Speaking Too

Plans for a monster Civic Christmas tree service to be conducted Christmas Eve, have been formulated by the various churches of the city affiliated with the La Grande Ministerial association. A monster tree, surmounted by an enormous star, illuminated brilliantly, will stand at the fountain square, Fourth and Depot. At 7:30 Sunday evening, a picked choir of 50 voices will sing Christmas carols; there will be a formal illumination of the tree, and one or two short addresses will be heard. After the tree is once lighted, it will be illuminated nightly for one week, and its location will be such that it

### CHILDREN SEE COLORS HAULED UP CITY STAFF

W. R. C.'S DONATION TO THE  
CITY MARKED WITH PATRI-  
OTIC PROGRAM AT 3:30  
TODAY.

HUNDREDS GATHER WHILE  
FLAG IS PRESENTED CITY

Program Calls for "Star Spangled  
Banner" During the Time Colors  
Will Be Raised—Present Flag 5x7  
Inches—George T. Cochran to Ad-  
dress Populace Assembled.

More than a thousand children and their teachers, and a big attendance of adults, are congregating at 3:30 this afternoon for one of the most impressive services of a public nature held in La Grande in some time. The populace is assembled to bestow upon the city hall flag staff a suited emblem of the United States to replace the one which in mockery has flattered from the staff for months.

School let out a few minutes early and the entire school population marched in a body from four directions to the city hall.

The W. R. C. is the donor of the flag, and the G. A. R. assisting, presided at the presentation. I. W. Faulk, commander of the G. A. R. Post, himself climbed to the roof of the city building, and while the Elks' band will play the Star Spangled banner, and like unto the hour of "Retreat" at dress parade, and heads beared and eyes turned to the city hall, Mr. Faulk will haul the new flag to its permanent niche. Attorney George T. Cochran will address the populace, revering the flag and there will be other set speeches before the ceremonial is ended.

**Other Presentations Later.**  
Tomorrow at 1 o'clock the W. R. C. and G. A. R. will march in a body to the Riveria school where Mrs. Violet Morgan, department inspector will present a flag to that school. During the course of the year each building is to be likewise presented with the national emblem.

**Children to Give Salute.**  
As if in rebuke for allowing a flag five by seven inches to grace the city hall for the major part of a year, the school children will give the flag salute and recite the "allegiance to the flag." They will say: "I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the republic for which it stands; one nation indivisible—with liberty and justice for all."

**BARN FIRE AT EARLY HOUR**  
Department Compelled to Run 1000  
Feet of Hose to Save Structure.

At 6 o'clock this morning the fire department was called out by a blaze in a barn filled with lumber, near the La Grande Iron Works. It was necessary to string 1000 feet of hose to get at the fire. A well digger standing near was scorched a little and the lumber in the barn was harmed some; a nearby house was unpleasantly near the little conflagration.

### Cove Election Quiet: F. Galloway is Mayor

Tie in Councilman Race Decided by  
Lot and M. J. Duffy Is Winner—  
Weimer Re-elected Recorder of  
Cove.

Cove, Dec. 7.—(Special)—Frank Galloway was elected mayor here yesterday in a rather quiet election, in which no serious competition developed for the principal offices. Royal Allen, Emil Blavins and M. J. Duffy are the new councilmen. Dr. Duffy tied with R. Z. Baxter, but in drawing lots Mr. Duffy won. Will Breshears was elected marshal and Harry Weimer re-elected recorder.

**BIG FLEET COMING TO  
CARRY AWAY WHEAT**

Portland, Dec. 7.—(United Press)—Private dealers' advices have indicated British government will soon send a fleet of merchantships to Portland to carry away all available northwestern wheat. British agents are empowered to draw on the Bank of England for all sales but have been awaiting lower grain prices.

Conductor Frank W. Parsons and Mrs. Parsons, leave tonight for Denver where they have been called by the critical illness of Mr. Parsons' mother.

### Arc Light Petitions Adjustment Now Up

City Manager Ascertaining Best  
Locations for Lights Already Peti-  
tioned for—Monthly Reports Read.

With two members present the city commission met last night to listen to monthly reports from the heads of all departments, pass on bills and transact other important business.

The North Second street foreclosures for delinquent assessments were turned over to the city manager for adjustment.

The city manager was instructed to investigate the exact location of arc lights and report a week hence at which time a final distribution of applications for new arcs will be made.

**The Manager's Weekly Report.**  
General manager's report for the week ending December 2, 1916:

The fire chief's report for the week is as follows: number of fire calls, two; November 29th at 6:50 p. m., had a call from box No. 55 corner Jefferson avenue and Second street to residence of Dan Tanner, to a chimney fire. Nothing used. No damage done. November 30, at 10:45 a. m., had a call to A. E. Geddes' barn on N avenue, found fire out on arrival. Some damage. Nothing used.

The chief of police's report for the week is as follows: Number of arrests, two; both were drunk, served 27 meals. Had one sleeper.

The street superintendent's report for the week is as follows: Spent \$25.75 for team and driver; \$15.45 for extra team and driver; \$37.50 for extra men; \$12.50 for white wing; 192 feet of cross walk lumber \$3.20; repair of picks and dump wagon \$1.70; 75 cents for padlocks; hauled gravel on Island avenue and dirt on N avenue and graded Island avenue. Cleaned gutters and catch basins.

The city treasurer's report for the week is as follows: Receipts \$333.25 water rents; \$158.18 interest on assessments; \$1026.18 installments on assessments; 50.00 licenses and \$1055.87 on Recorder's turnover for November. Disbursements, \$5.88 in General Fund warrants purchased for B. C. P. L. Sinking Fund; \$4324.88 General Fund warrants paid with \$480.86 interest on same; \$49.38 Contingent Warrant paid; \$4.10 Water warrant paid, and \$125.85 Library warrant paid.

The water superintendent's report for the week is as follows: Spent \$12.00 on repair work; \$5.87 reading meters; \$2.75 for tap on E. Pine avenue; \$2.88 on connecting court house with sewer, and \$2.87 work on 12 inch sewer Second street crossing.

The city recorder's report for the week is as follows: Receipts amount collected from sewer 3, section 5, \$370.65; \$38.06 on sewer 1, section 6; \$2.25 sale of old tire and battery. Issued warrants as follows: \$49.38 on the contingent fund for paid outs allowed; \$4.10 for paid outs allowed on the water fund and \$125.85 on the library fund per vouchers Nos. 414 to 418.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. E. FOLEY, Manager.

### ROUMANIAN ARMY SAVED

PARIS DECLARED RETREAT WAS  
MADE IN GOOD ORDER AND  
WITHOUT BIG LOSS.

GERMANS CLAIM 9200  
PRISONERS CAPTURED

Allies Admit Evacuation of Bucharest  
But Say the Army is Still Intact—  
Further Victories Made and Other  
Points Taken Beyond the Capital—  
Russians Protected Rear.

Paris, Dec. 7.—(United Press)—It is authoritatively stated Roumanians have evacuated Bucharest in good order and saved their army. The rear guard fought strenuously, covering the retreat. (Note—This is the first official allied admission of Bucharest's fall.)

Petrograd, Dec. 7.—(United Press)—The war office declared Russians covered the Roumanian left flank during the Bucharest retreat and Russians then also retired. The evacuation occurred Wednesday noon.

Berlin, Dec. 7.—(United Press, via Sayville)—It is officially announced Germans captured Campina and Seneca beyond Bucharest. They defeated the enemy, retreating on a whole front.

The ninth Germany army reported 9200 prisoners taken. The statement praised the bravery of Austrian, Hungarian, German and Turk troops who are sweeping Roumania.

**Perry Man Leaves Hospital.**  
Having been in the hospital here since he lost the fingers of one hand in a Perry mill saw, Lawrence Hull is pronounced able to return home. Both he and his friends are elated over the fact that the hand will be saved.

**Union Woman Recovering.**  
Mrs. Laura Anderson, of Union, who has been at the hospital for some time, is recovered so far that she is able to prepare for her return to Union.

**FARM BANKS TALK BONDS**  
Gigantic Issue in Small Denominations Expected by February.

Washington, Dec. 7.—(United Press)—The United Press has learned the Federal farm banks will make a \$100,000,000 bond issue, probably in February. The issue will be in bonds of \$25 to \$100 denominations and will bear four and five per cent interest.

### This Paper Has Today's News Today

Did you notice that The Observer had the news last night of the fall of Bucharest and forecasted the appointment of David Lloyd George as premier?

The readers of The Observer are just 18 to 24 hours ahead of the readers of other papers in getting the real, live, important news of the day.

And today The Observer prints a graphic story by an eye witness of the plight of Roumania.