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LET'S MAKE 1917 LA GRANDE'S BEST, HAPPIEST AND MOST PROSPEROUS YEAR

ALLIES ARE TO WRITE A NOTE TO MR. WILSON

GENERAL TONE OF GERMAN NOTE IS EXPECTED TO BE FOLLOWED

MAYBE MORE DEFINITE ANSWER IN REGARD TO TERMS

Press of Great Britain Generally Approves the Answer to Germany and the Decision to Continue the War—But Some Concern Is Felt Lest War Be Held One of Retaliation.

BY ED. L. KEEN.

London, Jan. 1.—(United Press)—With every word of the Allies reply to Germany being approved by the press, public attention centered today on just how much further the entente would go in specifying its stand in reply to President Wilson's note.

The general belief was that the Allies, having outlined in a broad general way in the German note the position they must adopt regarding Germany's peace proposals, would make their reply to America a sort of supplement which would go more exhaustively into the terms and purposes animating the Allies in their determination to continue the war. In some quarters it was held that the reply to Germany was a full and sufficient answer to America.

Most officials, however, expressed the belief that England and the Allies should set their position before the neutral world even more explicitly by amplification in the note to America.

There are only a few notes of criticism in the general chorus of approval in the Allies' answer. One was comment in the Daily News, which feared faulty translation into English of the French word "sanctions" in the note's text might lay the Allies open to charge of vindictiveness. The News pointed out some newspapers translated the word as "penalties", some "retribution", others "reparation". French word "sanctions", the News asserted, is rather a synonym for "guarantee" rather than blunt threat of punishment, which probably would stimulate Germans to fight to the last rather than submit.

The Manchester Guardian approved the substance of the note, but severely criticized the language as "undignified", almost "abusive", and asserted such expressions in the note as "insincere proposals" were humiliating blemishes weakening the general effect of the note.

Thermometer 18 Above. The air was full of light snow this morning driven by a heavy wind. The thermometer last night registered 18 above. The coldest day of the cold spell so far has been December 29, when it registered 4 above.

Chief of Police Has Resigned His Office

J. C. Ardery Turns in His Resignation to Take Effect Tomorrow Night—Lou Rayburn May Succeed Him.

Chief of Police J. C. Ardery has tendered his resignation as Chief of Police, the same to take effect tomorrow night.

It is expected that he will be succeeded by Lou Rayburn formerly of La Grande, and now night police officer of Pendleton.

Mr. Ardery has been in ill health for some time, and he proposes to spend the next thirty days taking the milk cure, which consists of living entirely upon a milk diet, under a physician's supervision.

Ratproofing All Buildings Suggested.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—(United Press)—It costs the United States \$65,000,000 a year to feed the rats in this country, according to Health Commissioner Robertson today. This is for food consumed by the rodents and does not include general destructiveness which mounts into big figures. Dr. Robertson urged a city ordinance requiring ratproofing of all buildings.

Lansing's New Chief Justice.

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 1.—(By United Press)—Justice Franz Kuhn today automatically became chief justice of the state supreme court, under the seniority rule. Kuhn is the youngest man to act as chief justice of the Michigan court in the history of the state. He is 64.

Seek New Cross-Country Run Record.

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—(United Press)—With as fast a field of long distance runners as has ever been assembled here prepared to start in the modified marathon race here today, many sport fans expected to see the new year's birthday celebrated by a new record for 7 1/2 miles, cross-country.

Geo. M. Wyckoff, Chicago distance runner, and the two California champions—Oliver Millard and Bobby Vlught, are picked for possible record performances. The race starts at the Ferry Building, takes a course through the city, cuts through Golden Gate park, and ends near the Seal Rocks.

Personal Mention

Mrs. John Shea, wife of John Shea the airplane instructor of the O-W system, formerly of La Grande, is here on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Knight and Miss F. T. Taylor, of La Grande, registered at the Cornelius hotel in Portland Saturday.

Thomas F. Coward, of La Grande, was registered at the Imperial hotel, Portland, Saturday.

P. O. Shirley, of Enterprise, was a Salem visitor Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Struve have returned from a visit with friends in La Grande.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

E. A. Horstman is a business visitor from La Grande.—Pendleton Tribune.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Rumble, of Portland, formerly of Elgin and Joseph, passed through the city Saturday evening from Joseph, where they spent the holidays with Mr. Rumble's parents.

F. D. McCully and wife of Joseph were in this city yesterday, en route from Portland where they spent the holidays.

Dr. J. H. Thompson, of Enterprise, was here Saturday evening on professional business.

Ex-District Attorney Eberhard, wife and family came in Saturday evening from Joseph where they spent the holidays with relatives.

Representative Fred Ashley, of Enterprise, accompanied by his wife and child went to Portland Sunday enroute to Salem to establish quarters for the coming session of the legislature, which convenes next Monday.

Mrs. L. A. McAllister and family came in Saturday evening from Joseph where they had visited at the home of Mrs. J. A. Horan, formerly of La Grande.

Mrs. Herbert Browning and son returned from a holiday visit at Enterprise with her parents Saturday evening.

H. McGoldrick and wife, of Imbler, spent Saturday evening in the city shopping and visiting.

Charles E. Cochran and family, of Portland, spent the week-end here with relatives. Mr. Cochran was formerly head of the firm of Cochran & Cochran, now Cochran & Eberhard, and is now prominently connected with the legal department of the O-W, R & N. Co., and a leading attorney of the state.

LATE NEWS BY WIRE

Son of Harry Lauder Is Killed at the Front in Europe.
London, Jan. 1.—(United Press)—Captain John Lauder, son Harry Lauder, the famous Scotch comedian, has been killed at the front, it is announced.

Cutter Protector Is Blown Up, Loss of Life Unknown.
London, Jan. 1.—(United Press)—The cutter Protector has been blown up, a Lloyd's dispatch declared. The number of lives lost is unknown.

Villa Decisively Defeats Carranza Forces at La Cruz.
El Paso, Jan. 1.—(United Press)—In the biggest battle in point of number of men engaged since Villa regained power in northern Mexico, the Villistas decisively defeated a column of government troops sent by General Murguia to halt the northward progress of the bandit forces. The battle occurred at La Cruz, the first station on the railway north of Santa Rosalia, according to reports obtained by United States authorities here.

Near Riot Follows Arrest of Waiter

Police Officer and Arrested Man Fall Down Stairs—Another Police Officer Uses Billy and Crowd Is Against the Policemen.

D. K. Ford was arrested Saturday night charged with disorderly conduct for fighting with Charles De Pugh at Rex Hall during the dance.

De Pugh was later arrested and charged with resisting an officer. It required both Officers Christiansen and McLaughlin to arrest Pugh.

Christiansen and De Pugh clinched and fell down the stairs, when Officer McLaughlin ended the mixup by hitting De Pugh over the head with a billy.

The sympathy of the crowd was with De Pugh and the officers narrowly escaped being mobbed.

R. S. Eakin Retires as Supreme Judge

Supreme Justice Robert S. Eakin, of La Grande, has tendered his resignation on account of ill health. Governor Withycombe has tendered the appointment to Wallace McCamant, a prominent attorney and Republican of Portland. Judge Eakin would have been chief justice had he served this next term.

CONGRESS ON LAST LAP OF ITS RACE

Army and Navy Bills Passed Appropriating Huge Sum, Federal Reserve Banks Founded, Danish West Indies Purchased for \$25,000,000, Federal Farm Loan Act Passed, Railway Legislation Unfinished

Washington, D. C., Jan. 1.—(United Press)—The short session of the sixty-fourth congress is on the last lap of a whirlwind race. Following is a review on what has been accomplished and something of what remains to be done.

These, measured by public interest, are the most important legislative tasks accomplished by the sixty-fourth congress:

The army and navy bills carrying appropriations of gigantic sums, a long step toward preparedness.

Establishment of Federal Reserve banks to eliminate danger of financial panics.

Purchase of Danish West Indies at a cost of \$25,000,000, another stride towards preparedness.

Federal farm loan act, of great interest to farmers and intended to aid them in securing necessary capital at a fair rate of interest.

\$75,000,000 for Roads. Federal good roads law, provides \$75,000,000 to be used in improving national highways.

Federal Trade commission, a "go-between" in matters between the public and corporations.

Workmen's compensation; ship purchase act, a movement toward a real merchant marine. Child labor law.

Railway legislation looms up as the biggest piece of unfinished business. Strenuous efforts are being made to rush the railway program through. The corrupt practices bill, providing for publicity of campaign funds, is another important bill up for a speedy

News and Personals From City of Joseph

Holiday Season Is Marked by Much Gayety. Partis and Visits of Out-of-Town People—William Scott Injured—Snow Falls on Friday.

Joseph, Jan. 1.—(Special)—Ben Meek returned home on the 21st to help Walter Yandell in his barber shop. Mr. Meek has been attending the Molor Barber College in Portland.

William Scott suffered a painful accident Wednesday, when, while pounding he drove a nail into his knee. Although still very sore the injured member is getting along nicely.

Mrs. H. F. Tyler expects to reopen her boarding house about the first. Mrs. Tyler is noted for her fine cooking.

Mrs. Ethel Naramore, of Geneva, Oregon, arrived Wednesday from that city to visit her sister Mrs. Shanrafelt.

Ben Moon, our progressive Chinese restaurant man, came back recently from a ten-month trip in China.

The cold snap which we experienced on Wednesday and Thursday, was followed by more snow on Friday. The snow is now about a foot deep, making lumbering profitable and sleigh-riding enjoyable.

New Officials on Duty First Time Tomorrow

Legislative, Judicial and County Officers Will Begin Terms for Which They Were Elected.

Tomorrow will see some new officials at the court house.

The newly elected officials including the legislative officers are as follows:

Senator, 21st district—Walter M. Pierce.
Representative, 24th district—Fred S. Ashley.
Representative, 25th district—Chas. Albert Small.

District attorney—John S. Hodgins.
County Commissioner—W. J. Townley.
Sheriff—Lee Warnick.

County clerk—Kenneth McCormick.
County treasurer—John Frawley.
County assessor—U. G. Couch.
County school superintendent—Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe.

County surveyor—Arthur Curtis.
County coroner—J. P. Graham.
Justice of peace, La Grande district—Arthur C. Williams.
Constable, La Grande district—J. W. Faulk.

In the sheriff's office, Lee Warnick's face will be familiar to all those who used to see him at the city recorder's office. Kenneth McCormick will be at home in the county clerk's office where we will all miss Ed Wright. Mrs. Ivanhoe in the county school superintendent's office, Mr. Couch in the county assessor's office, and Mr. Frawley in the county treasurer's office will be at their posts as before. District Attorney Hodgins has returned from his few days' vacation in Portland for the Christmas holidays and will be on duty in the morning. Technically he assumed the reins of his authority today.

W. J. Townley, as county commissioner, needs no introduction to the Union county public. He will be on the job and as capably as in the past.

Arthur Curtis will assume the duties of county surveyor and J. P. Graham will be the county coroner.

Arthur C. Williams, justice of the peace, and Constable I. W. Faulk will look after the business of the La Grande justice of peace district.

Strike at Baker.
Baker, Ore., Jan. 1.—(Special)—What is believed to be a rich copper strike has been reported from the Blue Jacket and Queen mine at Lander, Idaho, just across the Snake river from Baker county, John C. Rogers, of Huntington, who has a lease on the mine, is said to have uncovered a chute of high-grade ore.

Sunlight the Remedy.
Chicago, Jan. 1.—(United Press)—Sunlight, not dazzling electric lights in the loop, is the remedy for Chicago's immorality, offered today by Rev. John P. Brushingham, new head of the moral commission. Sun baths and outdoor music are needed, he said, to renovate the souls of the city's immoral.

O-W, R. & N. Line Open.
No. 17 was two hours late today; other trains on time.

Three inches of new snow fell between Kamela and Umatilla.

It was snowing and drifting also this morning at Telocaset and a heavy wind blowing. The rotary has kept the line open so far.

The Royal Neighbors installation will be held on January 12 and will not be a joint installation Thursday as announced Saturday.

News From Joseph

The \$15,000 dam, which is being built by the Associated Ditch companies, at the foot of Wallowa Lake is progressing nicely and is just beginning to show how large it really is to be. In its length, which is one hundred and ten feet, there will be five head gates. The height is twenty-two feet.

The National Stock company, which has been giving the performances here for several months, announced that the Thursday night show would be the last of their performances for some time, as they had lost two of the members of their company. This was a very high-class company and were usually greeted with a good house.

Three of our local young men, John Desler, Shelby Jennings, and Elwin Kernan, expect to make a trip to Los Angeles, Calif., soon.

Mr. Roy McCully left Saturday for a few days' stay in Portland.

FIGHT FEARED: TWO WANT TO BE GOVERNOR

CAPITAL OF ARIZONA IS SCENE OF THREATENED CLASH BETWEEN ASPIRANTS.

BOTH WILL MAKE INAUGURAL DAY ADDRESSES

Hunt Refuses to Surrender Office to Tom Campbell, Who Holds Certificate of Election and Locks Himself in Capitol Building With Armed Men.

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 1.—(United Press)—With both Governor Hunt and Tom Campbell sworn to perform their duties of the governorship, a serious disturbance is expected when the two clash for possession of the state capitol. Hunt, who claims Campbell's lead over him was due to fraud refuses to surrender office until the account has been completed and he, with armed men, locked himself in the capitol.

Campbell by virtue of the certificate of election intends to make an inaugural address on the capitol balcony and his supporters are preparing to make a strong fight. A party of cowboys arriving to fight for him against Hunt's miners. Hunt hasn't the backing of the Democratic party or the Democratic State Central committee, a hasty conference repudiating his stand.

New Year's Day Quiet.
New Year's Day is passing off quietly in La Grande, the weather keeping many people at home, and most of the business houses closing for the day.

Basketball This Afternoon.
The Baker basketball team did not arrive until 10:30 this morning and the game was postponed until 2 p. m.

Personal Mention

Miss Angie Hoffman, who has spent the past eighteen months at the home of J. M. Burley, will leave tonight for her home in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. A. W. Brunson, sister of Miss Anna Alexander, left today for her home in Starbuck, after spending the holidays with her parents in this city.

V. N. Nason, representative of the Boise-Payette Lumber company, is in the city visiting his sister, Mrs. Stella Ingle. He expects to return to his home at Cascade, Idaho, tomorrow morning.

Rev. J. J. Laherty, S. J., of Gonzaga College, Spokane, Wash., is visiting Father Driscoll and will assist him at services on Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. H. A. Noyes has concluded her visit with Mrs. Upton H. Gibbs and left this morning with her little daughter, Rachel, for Stanfield, where she will make a brief visit before going on to her future home at Heppner.

Miss Pauline Lederle returned recently from Seattle where she visited Mr. and Mrs. George Tucker, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Winans. Mrs. Tucker was formerly Mrs. Ladd of this city. While there she was fortunate in seeing David Griffith's masterpiece, "Intolerance," which was presented at the Metropolitan theater. She states that it was without doubt the most wonderful thing that she has ever witnessed.