

La Grande Evening Observer

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER -- PRINTS THE NEWS THE DAY IT HAPPENS

VOLUME XVI

LA GRANDE, OREGON, TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1917.

NUMBER 166.

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

WILSON TO ASK CONGRESS TO ENDORSE NOTE

PRESIDENT HOLDS CONFERENCE WITH SENATOR STONE TO SOUND SENTIMENT.

SENATE TODAY DECIDES NOT TO VOTE AT PRESENT

Wilson's Note to Belligerents With Implied Threat Against Germany if Unbridled Submarine Warfare Is Resumed by Germany Is to Be Topic of Congressional Discussion.

BY J. P. YODER.
Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—(United Press)—Congress may soon vote an endorsement of President Wilson's note to belligerents, with its implied threat of a diplomatic break which many believe would mean war, should Germany resume her unbridled submarine warfare of vessels on the event peace maneuvers fail.
This interpretation was placed on President Wilson's conference with Senator Stone last night.
It is said Senator Stone was commissioned to sound congress for endorsement inasmuch as the note carries a warning and such endorsement would necessarily mean American approval of President Wilson's step.

Senate Refuses Endorsement.
Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—(United Press)—The senate refused a vote endorsement. Senator Lodge thought a longer consideration was needed.

O. A. C. Band Concert Tomorrow Night

Cadets Will Put on a High Class Entertainment Which Will Be Followed by a Public Dance at Rex Hall.

The O. A. C. Cadet band will play at Elgin tonight and tomorrow night at La Grande. There are thirty-five boys in the party and they put on a fine entertainment. The concert will be given tomorrow night at the high school auditorium and will be followed by a dance at Rex Hall about 9:45 p. m., to which the patrons of the concert and the public are invited. O. A. C. friends and alumni are helping to make the concert a success and to show the boys a good time.

Methodists Will Not Unite.
Baltimore, Jan. 2.—(United Press)—After a lengthy session the joint committee on the unification of the Methodist Episcopal and the Methodist South church failed to agree to unite the two branches and adjourned.

War Bulletins

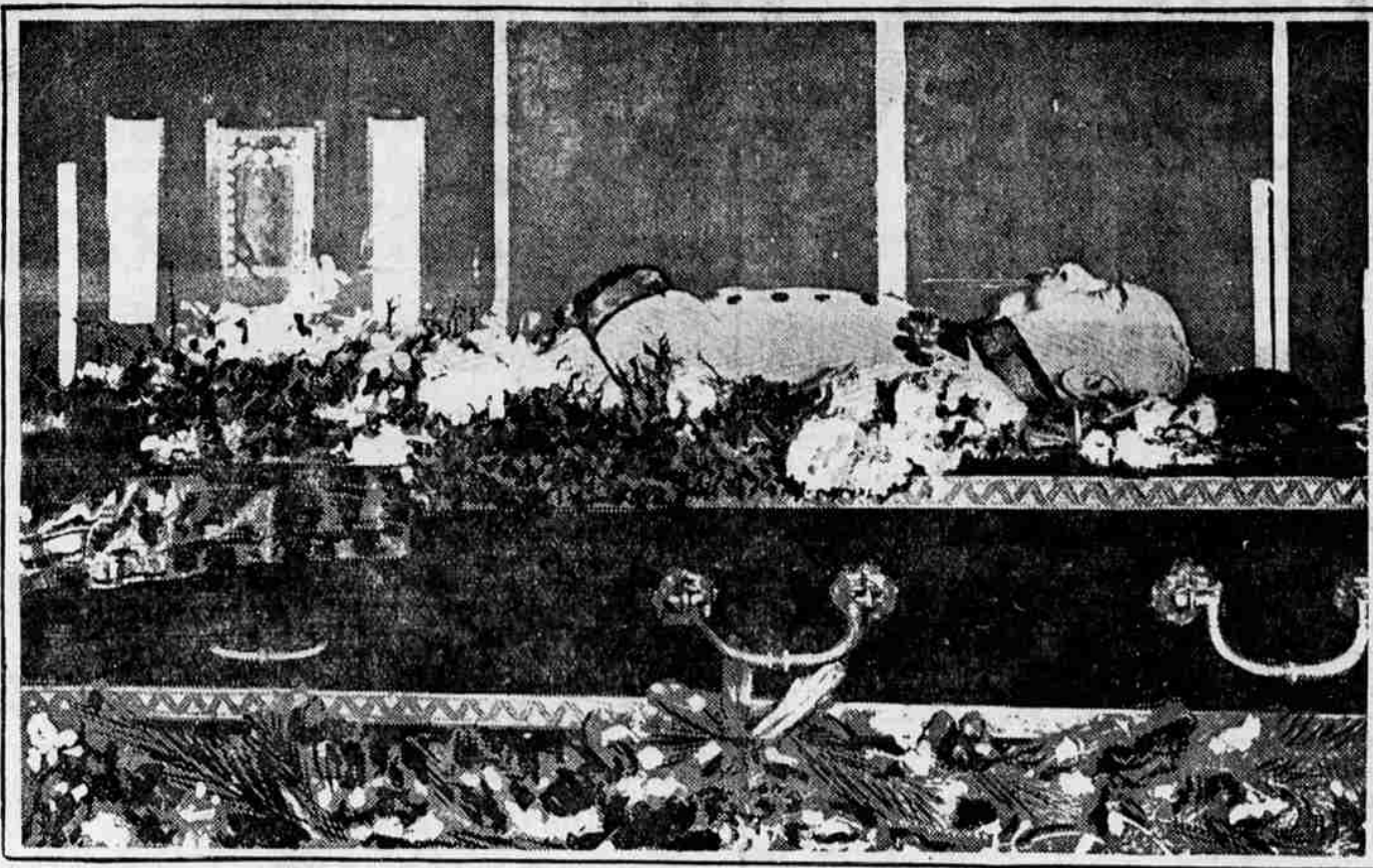
Western Front Is Calm.
Paris, Jan. 2.—(United Press)—Skirmishing around small posts in the woods around Lapreter, Jary and northwest Hiry were only features of the fighting on the western front, was reported in the official bulletins. The night was generally calm.

Senator Stone Makes The Retort Courteous

Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—(United Press)—Senator Stone in a speech in the senate denied the charges that he profited by the leak to Wall street of President Wilson's peace note. He branded Lawson as a disgusting ass.

Oregon Beats Pennsy.
Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 2.—The west triumphed over the east for the second time in the second annual post-season football game when the University of Oregon defeated the University of Pennsylvania here yesterday 14 to 0. Washington State college defeated Brown university last year by a similar score.

FIRST PICTURE OF RULER'S BODY LYING IN STATE!



This picture is the first to arrive in this country showing the body of Franz Joseph, emperor of Austria-Hungary, lying in state in Schoenbrunn Castle, Vienna. The castle was thrown open to the public and thousands of the subjects over which the dead emperor ruled so many years paid their last respects to Europe's "Man of Sorrows."

La Grande Defeats Athletes of Baker

Local Business Men Take Two Out of Three Fast Games—La Grande Intermediates Defeat Baker Intermediates 30 to 10.

The Y. M. C. A. athletes of the La Grande association proved themselves to be superior to the Baker Y. M. C. A. athletes as far as the games played yesterday were concerned.

On account of the trains being behind schedule time, the businessmen's game was postponed until the afternoon and was played at 2 o'clock. There was a very large crowd in attendance and all were pleased with the afternoon's program.

The volley ball game between the businessmen's teams were the fastest ever played on the local floor and it was any team's game until the last game was played. The local businessmen took the first game with the score of 21 to 17 points, the Baker businessmen came back in the second game and cleaned the local team by a score of 21 to 9. By this time both teams were on a high mettle and the third game was a battle royal for some time, but the endurance of the local team was the better and they won the third and deciding game by the score of 21 to 13. The Baker team is a revelation over last year and they certainly played a wonderful game. The local team will have to do some team practicing for the game at Baker on the 9th. For the local men Elmer Stoddard and Dr. Graham played a great game, the other players upheld the playing reputation and the entire team was in great shape.

The basketball game between the Baker Y. M. C. A. intermediates and the La Grande Y. M. C. A. intermediates was won by the La Grande team by the score of 30 to 10. The local team played their best game yesterday, every member of the team seemed to be full of pep and vim. The ball was continually in the La Grande territory and if the forwards made all the baskets that they shot for, the score would have been even more overwhelming than it was.

Howard Stoddard was the star for the local intermediates, scoring 20 points himself, but the assistance rendered to him by Ash, Taylor, Chandler and Vivette helped him materially. Kenneth Kennedy substituting for Chandler won the approval of the crowd by his fast playing. Kennedy will some day be a star in bigger basketball circles.

Elwood Lyman and Axelmer Flayle played part of the game in good style substituting for Kivette and Taylor.

Union High School Defeats Local Team

The Union high school defeated La Grande high school last night at basketball in a fast and furious game by 32 to 30. The local boys made more field baskets but missed 14 out of 20 shots at foul baskets. The visitors put up a good fast game.

LATE NEWS BY WIRE

Hope of Peace Lost, Germany Will Fight to the Last.
Berlin, Jan. 2.—(United Press)—Berlin's peace hopes dispersed, now it is war to the last ounce of blood. The Allies are not undeserving a written rejoinder, that's the opinion of the man on the streets. It is apparently the unanimous decision that Germany's only answer to the Allies' rejection of peace must be by force of arms under General Hindenburg's leadership.

Editors are more bitter in denunciation of the Allies than is shown in their printed editorials. One of those writing for the Lokai Anseiger, when asked what should Germany do, replied: "Hold out. It is insanity for Europe to bleed to death, but the Allies refuse peace. Only one reply can come and that from our armies. Let Hindenburg answer."

War Department Getting Ready For Evacuation Mexico.
El Paso, Jan. 2.—(United Press)—That preparations are already under way for withdrawal of Pershing's expeditionaries from Mexico was the statement of officers. All property clerks at every point on the border have been ordered to proceed to Columbus. It is the duty of the clerks to check and make a record of all equipment starting into and returning from Mexico.

Comptroller of Currency Issues Call, Report From Banks
Washington, Jan. 2.—(United Press)—The Comptroller of the Currency has issued a call for a report on the conditions of all National Banks at the close of business December 27.

Allies Will Try to Put Germany to Disadvantage in Note.

BY ED. L. KEEN.
London, Jan. 2.—(United Press)—Increasing belief that in the reply to Wilson's note the Allies have an opportunity after Germany's indefinite proffer and reply to America, to put Potsdam and the Kaiser to a disadvantage. The Allies answer, probably the same as that of Germany, will be issued from Paris. England and France are said to have agreed to a joint draft, which is now before the other entente nations. After their approval the note will be handed to Ambassador Sharp.

NATION'S PROSPERITY DEPENDS ON FARMER

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Vrooman Says That Business World Should Act So As To Promote His Success—"Leave the Farmer a Margin of Profit" Should Be Its Motto.

BY CARL VROOMAN.
(Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, Written for the United Press.)
Washington, Jan. 1.—A popular magazine some months ago sent a letter to all our senators and congressmen asking them what, in their opinion, would help most to keep the boys on the farm. A certain senator, noted for terseness of speech and horse sense, wrote, at the bottom of the page an answer of five words, which I commend to all American citizens as being adapted to solve more agricultural problems than this one. The senator's reply was: "Make farming

Arizona Now Has Two Governors

Two Executive Officers and Two Staffs Are Prospect Until Thursday When Writ to Oust Governor Hunt Will Be Filed.

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 2.—(United Press)—Arizona will have two governors, two executive offices and will soon have two staffs of officials if this situation continues past Thursday. Attorneys of Governor-elect Campbell and Hunt reached an agreement that application to the supreme court preparatory to writ to oust Hunt will not be made before Thursday.

Villa's Army Is Near City of Chihuahua

Army of Five Thousand Is Within Striking Distance and General Murguia Is Preparing to Evacuate.

El Paso, Jan. 2.—(United Press)—The Villista army of five thousand is within striking distance of Chihuahua City, reported United States authorities today.

Refugees declare the residents of the northern capital anticipate an attack while the movements of General Murguia's force pointed to evacuation.

Villistas Meet With A Defeat; 140 Executed

Reports from Torreons of the Defeat of Six Hundred Villistas Are Officially Confirmed.

El Paso, Jan. 2.—(United Press)—The defeat of six hundred Villistas, who lost 25 dead, and the execution of one hundred and forty prisoners by Carranzistas yesterday, reported from Torreons is correct, announced the Mexican consulate today.

Lodge Social Thursday Night.

Through a misunderstanding on the part of the committees in charge it has been announced that the function arranged for Thursday evening at the K. of P. hall whereat the Modern Woodmen and Royal Neighbors were to meet in social session, had been postponed. The evening is to be a social night purely and has nothing to do with the installation of either order.

All Woodmen and families, Royal Neighbors and families are cordially invited and there will be a brief program and plenty of entertainment. Thursday night is the date, and social affairs only the order of business.

Baby Buggy Found.

A new baby buggy, evidently stolen, was left at the home of John Hannan at 2107 Second street. The owner may obtain the same at this residence.

NEW FACES ARE SEEN AT THE COURTHOUSE

NEW OFFICIALS ASSUME THEIR DUTIES AND FILE THEIR OATHS OF OFFICE.

OLD OFFICIALS ON HAND AND CONTINUE DUTIES

County Clerk Ed Wright Retires—Successor Announces Deputies—District Attorney Hodgkin Makes Statement—Sheriff Warnick Assumes Duties and Announces Deputies.

Attorneys and others who toiled up the hill in the snow to the courthouse today noted a few new faces among the county and district officials and the absence of a few old friends.

The induction of the regular and new county officials was made without any particular fuss or feathers.

County Clerk C. K. McCormick and his deputies had previously filed their oaths of office with retiring Clerk Ed Wright and the rest of the officials merely filed theirs with him and began their duties today just as if they had always been county officials.

Mr. Wright Thanks Public.
In the county clerk's office Ed Wright retired today after twelve years and four months' service in that office. During that time Mr. Wright has made many friends and the courthouse will seem strange to the old timers without him.

Mr. Wright on retiring said: "I merely wish to thank my force and deputies for their loyal help, and the county officials for the co-operation and the public for their kind support during my term of office."

Lee Warnick, of La Grande, assumed the duties as sheriff as gracefully as if heading posses had always been his long suit. His deputies are Dexter McIlroy, a farmer of Union, and Wayne Graham, who formerly ran a meat market at Elgin. The retiring sheriff, August Hug, who served two terms and was not a candidate for reelection, will remove to Grants Pass, Oregon.

(Continued From Page Five)

Dates Are Selected For Elks' Big Show

The Elks committee has selected Tuesday and Wednesday, January 23 and 24 as the dates of the musical comedy "A Night in Bohemia" to be put on by local talent at the Arcade theater.

THE WEATHER

Portland, Ore., Jan. 2.—(United Press)—The United States weather bureau forecast follows: Tonight and Wednesday, rain in the west; rain or snow in the east; gentle southwesterly winds.

Do Germans Plan a Submarine Blockade?

Powerful Fleet of Three Hundred U-Boats to Be Guided by Zeppelins Is Said to Be Forming.

London, Jan. 2.—(United Press)—"Although it may seem the limit of preposterousness," to quote the words of Routhledge Rutherford, who started the rumor in Berlin, a submarine and Zeppelin blockade of England is supposed to be established to offset England's blockade of Germany, some day this week. Quoting Rutherford: "I know a powerful fleet of submarines is being completed for this purpose. It is said the movements of the U-Boats will be guided by high flying Zeppelins, both having extra sensitive wireless. It is reported that the Germans will have 300 submarines in the blockade under command of Walter Forstmann, a German submarine commander who has been decorated with the order Pour le Merite for sinking more than 100 enemy vessels."

(Continued From Page Five)