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## ALLIES DETERMINED TO CRUSH GERMANY

### SECOND STREET VIADUCT NOW TO GO AHEAD

GRADUALLY TECHNICAL AND LEGAL DIFFICULTIES ARE BEING CLEARED AWAY

### RAILROAD ASKS FOR FEW MINOR CHANGES

Engineer Taylor Reports Building of Structural Steel Parts of \$30,000 Bridge Has Been Started—Firemen Refused Increase in Wages—City Manager Makes Report.

Clearing of the difficulties which have delayed action on the second street viaduct project was started at last night's meeting of the city commission. Explanation of the delay on the part of the O-W. R. R. and N. company in signing the original contract was made by W. C. Taylor, a company engineer. Supplementary articles, asking for permission to change the position of the concrete piers of the proposed viaduct were submitted by the railroad company and agreed to by the commission, provided the legal form of the article is approved by City Attorney Slater.

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### INVESTIGATION OF LEAK OF PEACE NOTE ENDS ABRUPTLY

House Rules Committee Refuses to Investigate Lawson and Also Demand Further Investigation by a Select Committee.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 11.—(United Press)—The house rules committee is investigating the peace note leak ended abruptly. The committee defeated the second Wood resolution providing for investigation of Lawson. It defeated Campbell resolution demanding further leak investigation by a select committee.

### Sportsmen Will Meet at Banquet Tonight

Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot Club Will Gather and Discuss Legislation of Interest to Eastern Oregon.

It will be a "clam" banquet for sure at the Foley tonight, at 7:30 sharp, when members of the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club gather, but the clams will be on the table, not around it. From the 240 members it is hoped to arrive at the composite feeling of the club in regard to legislation which eastern Oregon sportsmen wish accomplished by the present legislature. Resolutions embodying the club's ideas will probably be passed and mailed to eastern Oregon representatives and senators now in Salem. L. M. Hoyt, president of the club, will act as toastmaster.

### La Grande High School Girls' Basketball Team Will Play Pendleton Tomorrow Night



The girls' basketball team of the La Grande high school, play the girls' team of the Pendleton high school in the La Grande high school gymnasium tomorrow night. The game is called for 7:30. Pendleton defeated the La Grande girls in a game at Pendleton this season and the local feminine basket shooters are anxious to retrieve their fortunes. The girls in the picture are: front row, left to right: Alice Spencer, guard; Marie Love, captain and forward; Edna Jones, forward. Second row, left to right: Neza Miller, guard; Thelma Oestering, side center; Fern McCulloch, substitute; Gene Smith, manager and center. Back row: Miss Jewell Tozier, coach.

### W. W. Cotton Lectures Plans Are Made Here on January 18 For the Inaugural

Chief Counsel of O-W. R. R. & N. Co. Will Deliver His Lecture on "Egypt" Illustrated With Beautiful Pictures.

The fourth and last number of the Y. M. C. A. High School lyceum course will be held at the High School, Thursday evening January 18th. The number will be especially interesting to the La Grande people, because the lecturer, Mr. W. W. Cotton, the chief counsel of the O-W. R. R. & N. Co. is well known to a large number of the citizens of La Grande. Mr. Cotton will deliver his lecture on "Egypt" and will illustrate the lecture with the beautiful pictures that he took while on his travels.

### Volley Ball at Y. M. C. A Tomorrow Afternoon

Tomorrow afternoon the second series of volleyball games will be played by the Y. M. C. A. businessmen. No charge is made at these games and everyone is invited to attend. The games start at 5:20 and each team plays two games. The schedule for tomorrow is: Pecans vs. Walnuts; and Almonds vs. Hickory.

### Prominent Young Couple Married

Grover Grimmert of La Grande and Miss Stella Conley of Alico are United in Marriage, Rev. G. L. Clark Officiating.

Grover Grimmert of this city and Miss Stella Conley, daughter of Ed Conley of Alico, were married at 7:30 last night at the Presbyterian manse by Rev. G. L. Clark. Mr. and Mrs. Burl Conley attended the young couple. Mr. and Mrs. Grimmert left on the westbound 9:40 train last night and on their return will make their home in Alico. Mrs. Grimmert is the granddaughter of A. B. Conley, pioneer of this section and owner of large tracts of land here. Grover Grimmert is the son of Mrs. Fred J. Holmes of this city and has been engaged in farming.

### HARRY THAW ATTEMPTS TO END HIS LIFE

CUTS HIS THROAT AND WRIST IN PHILADELPHIA APARTMENT HOUSE.

### RUSHED TO HOSPITAL WHEN DEED IS DISCOVERED

Although He Was Still Alive at Two O'clock This Afternoon Physicians Say He Has Only the Slightest Chance for Recovery.

Oliver Brower Indicted. New York, Jan. 11.—(United Press)—The grand jury indicted Oliver Brower for conspiracy in connection with the Thaw case.

Philadelphia, Jan. 11.—(United Press)—Harry Thaw cut his throat and wrists in a West Philadelphia Apartment House. He was rushed to the Saint Marys Hospital immediately on discovery of his deed. He was still alive at two-ten o'clock. Physicians said he had only the slightest chance for recovery.

Thaw attempted suicide while five detectives were entering his apartment.

Lieutenant Wood found Thaw sitting in a chair horribly mutilated with a razor. He was calmly watching the blood spurting. The police hastily bound his wounds. Thaw fainted. He whispered "St Marys" as he fell to the floor.

He was much weaker when he arrived at the hospital. He probably opened his veins several minutes before the police entered. Detectives placed a strong guard by his bedside. They will take Thaw to New York if he recovers.

### Rev. G. L. Clark Will Address H. S. Boys

On Sunday afternoon, the Y. M. C. A. high school members will hold a discussion meeting, the boys will be addressed by Rev. G. L. Clark. It is hoped that all high school boys who are members of the Y. M. C. A. will be present at this meeting, the real purpose of the gathering will be to arrange a definite program for the boys in the Y. M. C. A. The meeting will start at 2 o'clock and will be held in the north lobby before the fireplace.

### Air Boy Tells Tale Of Killing Germans

Murray Galbraith, Age 26, Learned to Fly in Dayton, Ohio, Victim of Battle in the Heavens.

Ottawa, Jan. 11.—(United Press)—Just a year ago, Murray Galbraith, 26, an Ottawa Valley boy studying

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### LLOYD GEORGE DECLARES FOR A FIGHT TO A FINISH

### Y. M. C. A. FORMS BASKET BALL LEAGUE TO PLAY

Judge T. H. Crawford Is Elected Chairman and Welard Carpy as Secretary of the League—High School, O-W. R. & N., Y. M. C. A. Comets and Meteors Are Members.

The Y. M. C. A. basketball league to play for "The Observer" cup was organized last evening with a large number of the players in attendance. The nature of the league was outlined by General Secretary King and from indications it looks as if the league will be quite a success. After a short discussion the president and secretary of the league were selected. For president, the leading clean sport fan in the city was selected, Judge T. H. Crawford, and Welard Carpy was selected as secretary of the league and the commission. Each team will have a representative on the commission; all disputes will be settled by the commission with Judge Crawford presiding.

Four teams will compose the league and will be known as the High School, O-W. R. & N., Y. M. C. A. Meteors and Y. M. C. A. Comets. Nine games will be played, each team will play the other three games and the winning team will be given a beautiful trophy by "The Observer" and will be known as "The Observer Cup."

The following members compose the teams:

High School—McDonald, Larsen, Rollo Lyman, Reynolds, Johnson and Collier.

O-W. R. & N.—Barton, Horstman, Ralph Winters, Ray Winters, Palmer, Lee Bradway and W. A. Bradway.

Y. M. C. A. Meteors—Larson, Lottis, King, Roberts, H. Stoddard, E. Lyman and Cooper.

Y. M. C. A. Comets—Brownell, Niles, Bohnenkamp, Rosenbaum, Murphy, Ash and Young.

On next Wednesday evening the following games will be played: High School vs. O-W. R. & N., and the Meteors vs. Comets.

There will be no idle moments in this league, it will be one continuous round of playing. No time will be taken for the other teams will play their half; it means lots of interesting and exciting basketball. The boys are out to win the trophy for their respective team and every game will be a battle royal.

Charles Reynolds will be the official referee for all games.

### LEGISLATURE WANTS STATE TROOPS RETURNED

Memorial Asks President Wilson to Act—Senate Passes Representative Eddy's Bill Calling For National Prohibition.

Salem, Or., Jan. 11.—(United Press)—Senator Lewis presented a memorial asking President Wilson to recall Oregon border troops.

Fifteen senate bills were introduced. The senate passed Eddy's memorial asking for a federal prohibition amendment and asking for a law barring mails to liquor advertising.

Senator Huston introduced a bill making women eligible for grand jury duty.

Chairman Belland, of house fisheries commission, said he believed fish and game commission was a money waster. He wants full report of receipts and disbursements, since the last legislative session.

Speaker Stanfield, of the house of representatives, has appointed Fred S. Ashley of Enterprise, representative from Union and Wallowa counties, to the committee on enrolled bills, game, livestock and ways and means.

Representative Chas. Albert Small has been placed by Speaker Stanfield, of the house of representatives, upon the committee on public lands.

Any person can half sole his own shoes with recently invented soles that are attached by clamps around the edges.

### BRITISH PREMIER SAYS WORLD MUST BE RID OF UNSPEAKABLE DESPOTISM.

### PRESIDENT WILSON'S PEACE NOTE IS ANSWERED

United States Is Informed That Allies Want Peace But That War Is Preferred—British Are Called Upon to Subscribe to "Victory Loan."

London, Jan. 11.—(United Press)—It is understood the Allies' note demands evacuation of all invaded territory, Turkish retirement from Europe, reparation for all damage, full liberty for all Nations.

BY ED. L. KEENE

London, Jan. 11.—(United Press)—David Lloyd George addressed cheering thousands at Guild Hall today. He declared the Allies had reached the grim determination to rid the world of an "unspeakable despotism."

"With proper support our gallant armies will cleave the road to victory in nineteen seventeen." He said the Allies informed President Wilson that all wanted peace but that war was preferable to Prussian domination of Europe.

"The best security for future peace comes when nations are banded together to punish the first peacemaker," said he. "We didn't reject peace terms. None were offered. We were only offered a trap, baited with fine words."

The meeting was called for the purpose of energizing the "victory loan." He said with reference to the Allies, having just returned from the conference at Rome, that all felt if victory were difficult defeat was impossible. They made arrangements to deal with the whole situation.

"A successful loan will shorten the war, save lives for the British empire, and save Europe's civilization."

Bonarlaw outlined the loan terms: Five per cent interest, issued at ninety-five, term thirty years. Bonds are optionally redeemable in twelve years.

Paris, Jan. 11.—(United Press)—It is announced that a German attack was repulsed at Courrieres Woods on the Verdun front. President Deschanel declared the Allies were determined to recapture Belgium and Alsace Lorraine.

### Allies' Note Arrives.

Washington, Jan. 11.—(United Press)—The Allies' reply to President Wilson's note has arrived. Officials hinted that the language was clear, strong and unmistakably defining the Allies' aims.

### New City Editor on Evening Observer

Lawrence Dimme Takes Charge of Local News Today—Formerly Member of Journal and Dallas Observer Staffs.

Beginning with this issue of the Observer, Mr. Lawrence Dimme, takes charge as city editor, succeeding Mr. A. W. Nelson, who has taken up the work of managing the Pure Milk & Cream company. Mr. Dimme is a graduate of the University of Oregon, from the department of journalism. He received his first newspaper training on the Portland Journal, and has recently been reporter and city editor on the Dallas Observer.

### Will Ask For Bounty To Be Put on Coyotes

Plans for Uniform Law by Eleven States Will Be Made at National Convention of Wool Growers.

Salt Lake, Utah, Jan. 11.—(United Press)—Plans for the adoption of a uniform bounty law for coyotes were discussed at the national convention of wool growers.

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### TURKS KILLED AND CAPTURED IN EGYPT

Six Hundred Slain and 1000 Captured By the British—Greece Accepts Allies Terms and Blockade Will Be Withdrawn When Greek Troops Cease to Menace Salonika—British Battleship Cornwallis Lost.

It is announced that six hundred Turks were killed and wounded, and a thousand captured when the British seized six trenches northeast of Elash, Egypt, destroyed Shala and are now threatening Rafia.

Athens dispatches say that Greece accepted the ultimatum demanding disarmament and reduction of armed forces. Important concessions were made. Acceptance followed the crown council's decision. This closes long negotiations between King Constantine and the Allies. The blockade will be

withdrawn when Greek troops leave northern Greece and cease menacing Salonika and the Allies operations in that vicinity.

The admiralty admitted that the British battleship Cornwallis of fourteen thousand tons had been torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean, Tuesday.

The seaplane carrier Banoychra sank in Kanastelozzo harbor. Thirteen Cornwallis sailors are missing.

Berlin, via Smyville, Jan. 11.—(United Press)—It is announced that the Germans have captured eight hundred Roumanians and six machine guns. It is admitted that the French seized a Beaumont trench, while a British attack was repulsed north of Ypres.