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CONGRESS SUPPORTS THE PRESIDENT

"TIME HAS COME TO VINDICATE HONOR AND RIGHTS"---CONGRESS

HOUSE RESOLUTION WILL SAY WAR EXISTS BY GERMAN'S ACTIONS.

WILL REVIEW U. S.

PATIENCE DURING WAR

Anticipating Trend of President's Message the Resolution Will Use Vigorous Language--It Will Be Reminded That This Country Has Been Patiently Trying for Months to Handle German Problems Fairly but That There Have Been Repeated German Breaches of Faith.

BY ROBERT J. BENDER.

Washington, D. C., March 27.—(United Press)—A resolution, declaring that the time has come when the United States must decisively vindicate its honor and rights; that war exists by reason of Germany's acts; that Congress place at the disposition of the President means for the vigorous prosecution of the war, thereby hastening the restoration of peace--will be introduced before Congress April 3, immediately following President Wilson's message.

Anticipating the trend of the President's message the House foreign affairs committee will draw a resolution along the following lines: Wanton violation of American rights; repeated acts of bad faith, utter disregard of treaties. These, the resolution will declare, have created ample cause for war.

"With anxious desire to avoid rupture," the resolution will continue, "we forebode for months to assert our rights by force; we continued negotiations seeking to the redress of wrongs in the hope that the United States would not be disappointed."

"The time has now come when the United States must vindicate its rights, honor an interests.

"Solely by acts of Germany, a state of war now exists between the United States and Germany. The Congress of the United States hereby places at the disposition of the President all means for prosecuting the war vigorously in the hope of hastening the restoration of peace."

Young Women Form Honor Guard Chapter

Any Patriotic Young Woman May Become Member--Half Time of Monday and Thursday Night Meetings Spent in Gymnasium Work, and Half in Lecture and Study--Women's Work in War Will Be Taught.

Thirty-seven La Grande young women formed a local chapter of the Girls' National Honor Guard at a meeting in the Y. M. C. A. building last night. Miss Gean Smith was chosen as president; Olive Spencer, vice-president, and Lorna Coolidge, secretary. Meetings will be held every Monday and Thursday evenings. Half of the time will be spent in hearing lectures and at study, and half in gymnasium work. La Grande physicians, surgeons and business men will lecture before the girls.

Everything that a woman might do in time of war--from driving an automobile and telegraphing, to Red Cross nursing, will be taught.

Any young woman who is sufficiently interested in her country is eligible to membership in the Guard.

Rejected British To Be Re-Examined

London, March 27.—(United Press)—Immediate re-examination of all men heretofore rejected is the announced urgent step decided upon.

German Gas Attacks Effective. Petrograd, Mar. 27.—(United Press)—German gas attacks on the western bank of the Chara compelled a Russian retirement in an easterly direction, it was officially stated today.

RICE SAYS HE IS MISTAKEN

Sergeant Rice of the local recruiting office of the United States Marine Corps, desires to tell La Grande people that he is mistaken in his estimate of the patriotism of the community. In the face of the present international crisis Sergeant Rice has received five applications for enlistment today. The Sergeant says: "I believe that the young men realize that they are totally unprepared and are now ready to act. Every minute counts in a crisis, and we need more men immediately to fill our increased quota. Every young man who is patriotic at all should respond to the call of our President for recruits to fill up the navy, whether it be the Marine Corps, which is the military branch, or the seaman or fire-room branch."

Cattle and Sheep Of Inland Empire Dying

Central Oregon Cattle Put on Snow Covered Ranges Because of Lack of Feed.

Portland, Ore., March 27.—(United Press)—Several thousand head of cattle in the Inland Empire are dead as the result of the unseasonable cold and the inability of stockmen to secure feed.

In some sections of central Oregon thousands of cattle were put out on the snow covered ranges because of the feed famine. Exact losses cannot be determined for some time. Heavy losses to sheep and lambs are also reported.

WHEAT IS GOLD TO PORTLAND MEN.

Portland, Ore., March 27.—(United Press)—With an enormous foreign wheat demand millers here are bidding strongly. All previous high price records of the Portland merchants' exchange are shattered. Bluestem reached \$1.75.

Willamina Farmer Electrocuted. Willamina, Ore., March 27.—(United Press)—Joseph Timedrege, a farmer, was killed instantly today when he grabbed an electric wire lying in a field.

Mission Sermons Attract. Despite the stormy weather the Catholic church was filled last night to hear the mission sermon of Father E. J. Powers of Portland. The pastor was unable to get fuel until late yesterday afternoon and the church was not as comfortable last night as it might have been.

ELKS NOW HAVE PANAMA PARROT

The Elks club is the proud possessor of a real Panama parrot, bought in Portland by Charles Eames.

THE WEATHER

Portland, Ore., March 27.—(United Press)—The weather forecast is: Rain with southwesterly winds.

Cyclone Wipes Out Petrey, Ala., Today

Birmingham, Ala., Mar. 27.—(United Press)—The town of Petrey, Alabama, was wiped out by a cyclone this morning. It is thought 14 were killed and 20 injured though confirmation of the number of dead as yet is impossible. The extent of the cyclone is undetermined.

Miss Eva Harris left Sunday for Portland to visit her sister.

CHATAUQUA DATES: JUNE 27 TO JULY 3, 1917

JULY 4 MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM.

1916 OFFICERS ARE RE-ELECTED FOR 1917

La Grande's Chatauqua Is One of the Four Chatauquas in Oregon Four Years Ago--Riverside Park Is Ideal Place for Festival--Campers Find It Agreeable There.

At a meeting of the directors of the Grand Ronde chatauqua held last evening in the office of Director Bragg, plans were outlined for the 1917 chatauqua and officers were elected for the ensuing year. The dates of the chatauqua will in all probability be from June 27 to and including July 3. It is probable that some effort will be made to continue over the Fourth of July although nothing definite as to that end was concluded last evening.

The officers for this year are: Mrs. E. Polack, president; E. E. Bragg, vice president; Geo. T. Cochran, treasurer; and Dr. W. D. McMillan, secretary, all of whom were re-elected.

The following are the leading attractions for the coming session, and more detailed announcement of each attraction will be made from time to time.

The Grande Ronde chatauqua has come to be one of the permanent institutions of Union county. It has passed the stage where a few days of bad weather can ruin its success and the patrons of chatauqua count the days from the close of one year until the beginning of the next.

Four years ago there were but four chatauquas in Oregon, the two pioneer assemblies at Gladstone and Ashland, and at Albany and La Grande. This year in eastern Oregon there will be more than 20 chatauquas in session, none of which however will be of the permanent type as our own. The permanency of Union county's chatauqua was made possible by the action of a body of devoted women who instituted Riverside park and who were far sighted enough to provide a permanent home for such an institution. The other chatauquas are of the street fair and tent carnival type, and while the attractions are in many of them the identical people that will appear in La Grande, the absence of the chatauqua spirit so abundantly shown by the loyal campers from year to year, is markedly lacking. It is the camping that makes for the permanency of this or any other chatauqua, and Union county has proved that it will remain a staunch supporter of chatauqua by the loyal support that it has rendered during the past seven years. Many discouraging obstacles have been met and overcome. Bad roads, and bad weather have tended to dampen the enthusiasm of the directors who have never lost hope and the future of the chatauqua seems assured. The membership of the board of directors includes the officers and the following: City Manager F. B. Curry, Mrs. Chet. Bidwell and Ed Jasper, Island City, Mrs. Vincent Palmer, C. J. Black, F. L. Meyers, City, Miss Dora Hutchinson, of Union, and M. L. Carter, of Cove.

The attendance this year promises to eclipse all previous years.

John Daniels left here Saturday for Portland on business. He was accompanied by his wife.

Chicago, March 27.—(United Press)—A sensational cross-continent secret service chase was disclosed today when two Germans, Kurt Einacks and Paul Gall were taken from the San Francisco-Chicago train. The greatest precaution was taken to prevent their escape. The men were taken before the Clabaugh relief bureau for investigation.

Chester Hough is in Portland.

Capture Germans In Cross Continent Chase

Washington, D. C., March 27.—(United Press)—The Federal reserve board today ordered the reserve banks to cash all United States army quartermasters' vouchers pending congressional appropriations covering same.

This action was taken when the war department faced the problem of the inability to obtain further supplies on credit. The action enables the government to carry out defense work unembarrassed by lack of funds.

PREPAREDNESS OF NATION IS DINNER THEME

MID WEEK LUNCHEON ONE OF PATRIOTIC NATURE AND MUCH VALUE

MILITARY ATMOSPHERE IS PREDOMINATE AT LUNCH

Army Officers and Citizens Weigh the Future and Lay Plans For Manifest Preparedness--Work of High School Boys Applauded--The Colors Reversed.

Practical means of doing one's bit for his country in time of crisis without shouldering a musket and stalking trenches, valuable information concerning a unique branch of national defense, namely the U. S. marines, generous approval of the bit of patriotism being demonstrated by 88 La Grande high school boys, and, further, a pretty burst of spontaneous patriotism, were some of the outstanding features of today's businessmen's luncheon. It was held at the Sommer, Prof. Linden McCullough was the presiding officer.

Captain L. P. Pinkston, generalissimo of marine recruiting in the Northwest with headquarters in Portland, brought that remarkable branch of military service into the atmosphere of the occasion, but it was Sergeant Rice, local recruiter and now familiar to many La Grander, who "rang the bell" with a terse, concise and clearly put dissertation on what the army in its various branches holds out as inducements for enlistment. One point he emphasized was the fact that an education of technical, historical and classic nature is the portion of an enlisted man, and that in four or six years he obtains what the grade schools and colleges can give in nothing short of 16 years. He forecasted the early coming of compulsory military training and asked that soldiers be not spurred. The spirit of patriotism manifest punctuated his address at frequent intervals in the form of spirited applause. He told in five minutes of the great field covered by marines.

Captain L. P. Pinkston was unable to speak, due to a severe cold, but his face beamed approval of all his subalterns.

Ed. Coolidge, one from among us, and one of those men who invaded the mosquito infested district of the Orient to establish law and order and vindicate right in 1898, reviewed in an address that sparkled with fluent oratory, what is and may be done with the high school drill corps, and pladed for that splendid endeavor the moral support of the parents and taxpayers--likewise he pleaded for united shoulders behind the President in these trying times.

"American men have never failed in time of crisis, and they won't fail now," he said, "but it isn't fair, it isn't right, that we send our young men out to defend their homes and our homes without preparation and some knowledge of the game they are going to play." Mr. Coolidge surcharged red blood in the audience and patriotic outbursts greeted his remarks.

George T. Cochran recited how the older men, the younger men unable to shoulder muskets, and the rank and file of citizenship could do service to our country in the channels of clerical and other departments--departments fully as essential as the trenches. He

Though "No Funds" Vouchers Will Be Paid

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PEACE WITH BULGARIA AND FREE CONSTANTINOPLE IS PLAN

TO SING OPERETTA TONIGHT

The operetta, "The Wild Rose", will be sung tonight by La Grande people in the high school auditorium. The proceeds will be devoted to the La Grande library to be used in buying books.

O-W. Places Extra Guards on This Division

To protect bridges and other valuable property along the O-W. right of way in this division the railroad is employing extra watchmen. Men were obtained Sunday night and more have been employed since. About 25 extra men are now on duty.

Kanultz Fined \$2.50.

Paul Kanultz was fined \$2.50 yesterday by Police Judge Eakin for permitting his car to stand in the middle of the street with the engine running.

D. O. O. K. GO TO BAKER.

La Grande lodge, D. O. O. K., will send a team of 25 to Baker tomorrow night to inaugurate a D. O. O. K. lodge. About 40 are expected to become charter members of the Baker lodge.

Fined for Not Keeping Record.

M. Turshinsky was fined \$5 yesterday by Police Judge Eakin for neglecting to keep a register of purchased goods. Police Chief Rayburn arrested Turshinsky.

Patriotic Meeting Friday Night.

The La Grande W. R. C. will hold a patriotic meeting Friday night in the K. of P. hall.

Miss Gertrude E. Halley, who has been spending a three weeks vacation with the home folks has returned to Portland to finish her third year as a student in training at the Good Samaritan hospital.

advocated a survey of La Grande that information could be turned over to the government containing useful data as to our citizenship, and as to what each citizen was especially fitted to do. To do this work Prof. McCullough volunteered the services of the high school boys.

H. J. Ritter, Ralph Huron and George Gilbert, each of whom have been in actual warfare or closely associated with it, spoke briefly.

The host of the day, L. L. Snodgrass, had provided patriotic specialties. Placards bearing the "Allegiance to the Flag" surmounted with tiny flags, and a large "Old Glory" on the wall at the head of the table, lent a touch of patriotism to the event. Instead of the proverbial roll-call, the 75 men stood and in ringing voice gave their individual allegiance to the colors. It was a stirring session, in which the ominous times of the hour were accentuated and forcefully brought home to the men present; men who in sober thought weighed the crisis of the day without overheard blood. In many ways the meeting stands out as characteristic over any of the many similar gatherings.

Willamette Glee Club Here Tomorrow Night

Willamette university's mens' glee club will sing in the high school auditorium tomorrow night. The concert starts at eight. The admission prices are 25 cents and 50 cents. This year's club is said to be one of the best ever turned out by the Salem institution. Admirers say it is a better aggregation than the University of Oregon club.

Clarke Leiter is in Portland.

SUCH ACTION WOULD CLEAR BALKANS IS BELIEF

WAR COUNCIL IS REORGANIZING ARMY AND NAVY

Separate Peace With Bulgaria Is Perhaps Ominous Character of Reply To Germany's Hope of a Separate Peace With Russia--Possibility of Russo-Bulgarian Negotiations Hinted--"Internationalism of Constantinople" Is Minister of Justice Kerensky's Plan.

Petrograd, Mar. 27.—(United Press)—The new Russia may break the Central Empires' grip in the Balkans and may cause the withdrawal of Turkey and Bulgaria from the war, according to developments. Two moves of the new government cited as having far reaching effect:

First--Minister Justice Kerensky's plan "Internationalism Constantinople."

Second--"A series of possible negotiations with Bulgaria."

The war council is reorganizing the army and navy.

Reported Germans In Holland.

The Hague, March 27.—(United Press)—Four thousand German soldiers have crossed the Holland line seeking food, according to a frontier report. They were interned at Zwolle, the report said.

French Forces Occupy Village.

Paris, March 27.—(United Press)—The official statement says the French forces occupy the village of Coucy Lecoutou and are progressing against the German positions in the Coucy forests.

Allied Pursuit Continues.

Paris, March 27.—(United Press)—The Allied pursuit continues hotly, and is marked by violent fighting of both open and massed character at half a dozen points along a 50-mile front.

RAIN ALONG FRONT HAMPERING FIGHTING

Berlin March 27.—(United Press)—"On account of rain along the whole front, there has been little fighting activity," says the official statement. Engagements between outpost lines at Noreuil, Lagincourt, near Equancourt, and North Peronne, are reported. Roisel has been occupied by the enemy after repeated unsuccessful advances.

In the forests between Oise, Coucy and Lechateau stronger French forces were encountered protecting troops. Heavy losses were inflicted which then gave way before threatening outflanking movement.

Girdler Decree Modified.

Circuit Judge Knowles today modified the decree of divorce of John Girdler vs. Nellie L. Girdler by giving the mother sole custody of the two children. The former decree permitted the father possession of the son three months of the year.

To Show Pictures in Elgin.

State Game Warden Carl D. Shoemaker will show the pictures, "Bird and Animal Life in Oregon," to Elgin people, Friday, March 30. Two performances will be given: one beginning at 6 p. m. for the school children and the other, for adults, starting immediately afterwards.

Will Increase Expenses Sixty Millions

Adamson Law Will Do This Say Western Railroads in Petition to I. C. C.

Washington, D. C., March 27.—(United Press)—The operation of the Adamson law will increase the expenses of the railroads sixty millions annually, according to a petition presented to the Interstate Commerce Commission by western roads, asking a general fifteen per cent increase in rates.