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AMERICANS ORDERED TO LEAVE GERMANY

MAN ARRESTED CHARGED WITH THREATENING LIFE OF PRESIDENT

GEORGE SCHULTICE, A GERMAN SYMPATHIZER, IS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.

HELD FOR INVESTIGATION AT SIOUX CITY

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Rumors of "Subs" at New York Denied

New York, March 29.—(United Press)—The navy department reports two supposed German submarines off Long Island are only small boats belonging to a Commercial Company.

Civil War Veteran Volunteers. Union, Ore., March 29.—(United Press)—The fire of patriotism is not smothered out by age in the heart of Judge L. P. Derby, aged 73 years. He has written Adjutant-General George A. White offering to do anything for his country at the present crisis. General White replied the greatest service the aged man could do would be to instill some of his own patriotism into the younger generation. Judge Derby is a Civil War veteran.

Two Americans On Sunken British Bark

Washington, March 29.—(United Press)—Consul Frost of Queenstown enabled the state department that the British Bark Neath with two Americans aboard, was torpedoed without warning. The captain was taken hostage, the crew put in boats was picked up by an admiralty vessel. A British ship later captured the submarine rescuing the captain. The Americans were Clarence Bloom of San Francisco, and Peter Webber of Pensacola, Florida.

W. R. C. And G. A. R. Sponsors For Patriotic Entertainment

Money Will Be Used to Bring 1918 Encampment of Veterans, Men and Women's Organizations, to La Grande.

Members of the La Grande W. R. C., assisted by the local G. A. R., have prepared a good program for a patriotic entertainment tomorrow night in the K. of P. hall. An admission will be charged, the money to be used by the men and women in obtaining the 1918 state encampment of the W. R. C. and the G. A. R. for La Grande. George T. Cochran will preside. The program is: Singing of America by audience, remarks by Chairman Cochran, vocal solo by Mrs. T. J. Scroggin, speech by Ed Coolidge, piano solo by Mrs. Lillian Reynolds, recitation by Glen Scott, talk by Sergeant Rice, recitation by Cecil Morgan, piano duet by Misses Mildred and Myrtle Hoyt, song by Charles Harding, piano solo by Miss Mary Fitzgerald, talk by Linden McCullough, "Star Spangled Banner" by Miss Bowman with an accompanying pantomime by young women, and a salute to the flag. Mrs. Lillian Reynolds will be the accompanist for the evening.

Peace Terms Will Not Swerve United States

Washington, Mar. 29.—(United Press)—If the German chancellor presents the new peace terms scheduled today, they will not trick the United States into a change of policy, it was learned this afternoon.

ANIMALS CAUSE WORRY

HUGHES' RANCH ANIMALS BITTEN AND DIE—MAN FOLLOWED BY MAD COYOTE

Rabid dogs and coyotes, or animals thought to have the rabies, the past few days have caused the police and City Manager Curry much worry. A dog on Ed Hughes' place bit a couple of head of cattle which went mad and died and the dog died later in convulsions. On Gekeler's ranch a mad coyote followed a man to the door of a house, trying to attack him. The coyote was killed.

As part of the "drive against dogs" La Grande police have been ordered to watch for any dog which shows the least symptoms of rabies. To protect the city and community against stray and unowned dogs the city officials are insisting upon the compliance of owners with the ordinance requiring dogs to have licenses. Owners of dogs without licenses will be arrested and brought before the police judge.

High School Boys To Take Census of La Grande Men Saturday

Ninety, with Letters of Authority, Will Canvas City for Data To Be Used in Case of National Emergency.

To take a census of La Grande men, between the ages of 16 and 30, in order that the war department will have correct data in case of a national emergency, 90 La Grande high school boys will thoroughly canvas the city Saturday. The boys have letters from the president of the Commercial club and City Manager Curry, giving them the authority to make the survey. Among the questions which will be asked are: name, state of life, birthplace, date of birth, number in family—sons, daughters and ages—mail address, telephone, occupation, height, weight, military training, now enlisted, what hobbies, how much warning necessary before leaving would be required, specialty.

Moose Are To Meet In Elks' Old Hall

At last night's meeting of the Moose lodge, it was decided to move to the Elks' old hall, which has been bought by the Eagles' lodge. The hall has been placed in good repair for lodge purposes. There will be a reading room in conjunction to the lodge room, also a banquet room, and bath rooms. The members will have the benefit of the hall at any time.

At the next meeting of the lodge, will be installation of officers, and a good lively time is expected. There will be forty new members added to the membership roll, and the initiatory work will also be put on, for the new members.

Daddy Burt says that he expects to have the lodge recruited to full war strength within a very short time, that five hundred more must be secured within a month's time, and that he fully expects to have them.

After lodge adjourned a fine lunch was served in the dining room.

Ying Gong, Hip Sing interpreter and representative, of Spokane, who has been here since the killing of Billy Eng, returned to Spokane yesterday.

CITY NOTIFIES CITIZENS TO CLEAR REFUSE

PEOPLE BETWEEN JEFFERSON AND GRANDY STREETS WANT SEWER.

NO MORE GAS TANKS ALLOWED ON ADAMS

Hitching Post on Madison Avenue Stalks From Grave to Harass City Officials—Septic Tank Cleaning Continues—Pier Placement for Second Street Viaduct Started.

City Manager Curry last-night was ordered by the city commission to notify citizens that the refuse which has accumulated in the alleys and lots throughout the winter will have to be cleared away as soon as the snow has disappeared. The city will have the annual clean-up next month but the commissioners went on record that the refuse strictly attributable to individuals or firms must be cleared by the responsible parties.

Petitions for gas tanks on Adams avenue were denied by the commission, which sets a precedent that no more tanks will be permitted on that street. Tanks may, at the discretion of the city, be permitted on side streets.

City Manager Curry reported to the commission that precautions were being taken to handle the problem of high water.

An application for an eight inch sewer in the alley between Jefferson and Grandy streets was received. A petition was received asking that the hitching racks on Madison avenue be removed. The city manager reported that the railroad contractors had started the placing of piers for the Second street viaduct. The cleaning of the septic tank is progressing.

The city manager's report as follows:

La Grande, Oregon, March 28.—(To the Honorable Commission of the City of La Grande)—I herewith submit my report for the week ending March 24, 1917, as follows:

The fire chief reports responding to one call by telephone and being misdirected thereby to No. 2902 North Birch. Returned without locating fire, but learned later that same was at home of W. H. Hagey with no damage done. Twelve volunteers responded.

The street superintendent reports for the two weeks an expense of \$42.74 for teams and drivers, \$3.90 for blacksmithing, \$64.99 for single hands, and \$5.45 for tools. Cleaned streets by men and teams and by single hands; cleaned gutters, thawed out pipe to catch-basin, hauled two loads to septic tank, plowed out cemetery road, thawed cross pipe on Sixth street, and dammed up channel on river.

The water superintendent reports an expense of \$28.00 pupping at septic tank and \$5.00 work on Second street sewer. Pumping by Palmer Lbr. Co. also O. W. R. & N. Co., stopped on the 20th, and resumed again on the 26th. Saturday

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FRENCH FIGHT ON HINDENBURG BATTLE LINE

FUTURE FIGHTING IS EXPECTED TO BE OF MASSES OF MEN

BY PERRY ARNOLD
New York, March 29.—(United Press)—Official statements from all belligerents indicated the German retreat on the Western front

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BIRD HOUSE CONTEST CAUSES MUCH INTEREST

THREE SPEAKERS VISIT THE SCHOOLS AND EXPLAIN LOCAL CAMPAIGN

SEVERAL HUNDRED CHILDREN ALREADY ENTER

Contest Is For Girls as Well as Boys—Feeding Birds Is Inexpensive Recreation—Several Hundred Children Are Now At Work Making Houses—Birds Should Be Fed Now.

From the interest displayed this morning by hundreds of the public school children relative to the Bird House Contest that is now being conducted, a very conservative estimation of the results, means that the local campaign will be an exceptionally successful one.

Paul H. Spillman, county agriculturalist, Linden McCullough, school superintendent, and J. G. King, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. visited all the schools this morning and spoke to the pupils about the contest.

Benefits All Classes.

Mr. Spillman spoke of the safeguards to use when the bird house was placed for the use of the birds, spoke of the destruction caused by the cats and emphasis the real necessity of more bird houses for the benefit of the farmer, the gardener and the flower fancier. Mr. King spoke of the particulars governing the contest, the date of closing and the final exhibition, the prizes and the necessity of protecting instead of destroying.

Mr. McCullough emphasized that the contest was for the girls as well as the boys and encouraged the girls to enter. He said that feeding birds is a delightful and inexpensive recreation as well as an excellent investment and that children would particularly enjoy and benefit from this form of applied nature study.

It was estimated by the committee that several hundreds are at work making bird houses and it was the committee's privilege to see an exceptionally well made bird house at the Greenwood school that was made by a young girl. Mr. Mason, supervisor of the manual training department of the schools, states that a great number of bird houses are made and that scores are nearing a state of completion.

Feed the Birds Now.

The committee also wishes to state that at this time that much good can be done if the people will feed the birds that are with us now. The weather is still severe and the birds are suffering for want of good food, a little suet, pork rind, bones with shreds of meat, birdseed, buckwheat, crackers, nut meats of all kinds (especially peanuts) raw or boiled rice, etc.

Every local bird you keep from starving will repay you by destroying hundreds of caterpillars, grubs, borers, beetles and insects that would prey on your flowers, vegetables, fruits, foliage or field crops. Birds more than pay for their keep. It is better to feed birds now than to grow crops for insects later.

WISCONSIN MAY VOTE DRY OR WET IN 1918

ASSEMBLY HAS PASSED BILL SUBMITTING PROPOSITION TO THE PEOPLE.

Madison, March 29.—(United Press)—Wisconsin, probably the wettest state in the union, took the first step today toward prohibition. The assembly passed a bill providing for a vote on prohibition in 1918. The senate is expected to approve.

GERMANS ASKED TO SEND AMERICAN CITIZENS HOME

How'd You Like To Own Some Bluestem?

Portland, March 29.—(United Press)—Ten thousand bushels of May bluestem were sold here at \$1.78, a record price. A sale at Pendleton of bluestem is reported at one eighty.

CHILDREN HEAR SERMON

FATHER POWERS CATECHISES GIRLS AND BOYS ON DUTY TO COUNTRY

About 150 children attended the patriotic services in the Roman Catholic church this morning at 8 a. m. Patriotic airs, sung by the children, opened and closed the program. About 100 children received communion and offered their participation in the service to ask divine blessing upon the United States in this time of crisis. Each child was given a flag to wear; the flag draped the altar and the communion rail. Father Powers developed the virtue of charity for the children, telling them that they must hate no one. But one boy balked when the Father asked if there was any country which he hated. He loved, he had already agreed, his father, mother, sister, brothers, the people of the city of La Grande, the state of Oregon, the United States and the world. But he balked at "country." There was a country which he hated, he said. There was no use trying to teach him differently.

Citizens To Have Summer Training Camp

Washington, March 29.—(United Press)—The war department announced a summer civilian training camp at American Lake, Washington, August 11th to September 9th.

Students' Athletic Fete Tomorrow Night

Staid, or supposedly staid, business men will participate in the first annual athletic carnival of the La Grande high school tomorrow night in the high school gymnasium. The program is: Young O'Neill, rope spinning exhibition; sharp shooting, Lynks Larson; boxing match, Linden McCullough vs. C. D. Emahiser; Ricard Robbert, fire eater; bulldogging, for world's championship; boxing bout, Ralph Root vs. Bill Heughen; boxing bout, Mike Murphy vs. Fred L. Meyers; N. K. Watt, strong family; biskuit shooting, Bill Connors; motor-drome, the death whirl, for championship of world on indoor track.

Local Flour Goes Up 60c. a Barrel

La Grande grocers today were notified by the local mills that all home flour had advanced 60 cents a barrel.

Eagles Lodge Buys Old Elks' Building

The Eagles' lodge has purchased the old Elks' club building on Washington street, off of Depot street, and the 50 by 110 foot lot upon which the building stands, for \$7000. Contractor W. C. Hansen and men are at work remodeling the interior of the building. About \$2000 will be spent on interior improvement. The Eagles will move into the new building Monday and with them a number of other lodges, which have been holding meetings in the Eagles' former quarters, will move.

REQUEST IS MADE TO GERMAN GOVERNMENT THROUGH SPAIN

AMBASSADOR PAGE INSTRUCTED TO SEND MESSAGE

London Newspaper Prints Report That Americans Have Been Warned To Leave Germany By April 2—Austin Hoy, Whose Mother Perished on the Laconia, Joins the British Army.

Rome, Mar. 29.—(United Press)—Germany has been asked to send Americans home, it is reported. Ambassador Page was instructed from Washington to request the transmission of the message to Berlin through the Spanish Ambassador.

London, March 29.—(United Press)—"From Spanish diplomatic sources," the Evening Star declared it learned Americans were warned to leave Germany before April 2d.

London, March 28.—(United Press)—Austin Hoy, whose mother and sister were among the Americans who perished on the Laconia, foreswore his allegiance to the United States and joined the British army.

French Capture Important Positions.

Paris, March 29.—(United Press)—It has been officially announced that the French have captured important German munition stores and a material depot. The Germans are bombarding Soissons with heavy guns. There is an intermittent artillery duel from the Somme to the Aisne.

Will Detain Relief Workers Two Weeks

Washington, March 29.—(United Press)—American relief workers ordered by the government to quit Belgium will probably be detained about two weeks by Germany under an agreement between the United States and Germany. Agreement was made so that none of the 40 or 50 workers, many directly on the firing front, could bring fresh military information. Minister Whitlock has been ordered to Havre.

WOMEN WILL SELL FLAGS THIS WEEK

La Grande women will sell flags on the streets and in public buildings tomorrow and Saturday. The money made from the sale will be used by the W. R. C. and G. A. R. in a campaign to bring the state encampment of the two orders to La Grande in 1918.

TURKS MEET A HEAVY DEFEAT IN PALESTINE

FORCE OF TWENTY THOUSAND IS BEATEN AT GAZA, NEAR JERUSALEM

London, March 29.—(United Press)—The defeat of a Turkish force of twenty thousand at South Gaza is officially reported from the Egyptian expeditionary forces.

The enemy losses were heavy. Gaza is a city in Palestine, forty-eight miles southwest of Jerusalem. "We took nine hundred prisoners, including the general and divisional staff of the fifty-third Turkish division," it is officially stated.