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## ONE BILLION DOLLARS LOAN TO THE ALLIES PLAN REVOLT IN MEXICO REPORTED. PLANNED TO OVERTHROW CARRANZA UNITED STATES NAVY IS ON THE LOOKOUT FOR GERMAN RAIDERS

### REVOLT IN MEXICO IS REPORTED, U. S. WORRIED

Rumor of General Obregon With Aid of German Money Overthrowing Carranza--President of Costa Rica Also Getting Ugly.

Washington, April 7.—(United Press)—Because of official reports of fighting in Mexico City, a rumor has arisen that General Obregon has overthrown Carranza. The United States is worried over the Mexican situation.

It is feared German money is behind General Obregon's reported revolt. Washington lacks authentic news.

The attitude of Costa Rica toward the United States is causing concern. President Tinoco hinted unless the United States recognizes him he will grant Germans a submarine base.

The United States is expecting Germans to stage something spectacular soon. The navy is on the lookout.

### Y. M. C. A. WILL BE HOST TO SOLDIER BOYS

BOYS ARE LOUD IN THEIR PRAISES OF HOSPITALITY.

It Will Be Headquarters for Writing Letters—Swimming, Playing Games Etc.—Over 50 Swims Taken Last Night.

The Y. M. C. A. will be the headquarters for the soldier boys while they are in town, the boys are loud in their praise over the excellent equipment of the local Y. M. C. A. The management of the association is rearranging the lobby to meet the needs of the boys in the matter of writing letters, the Grande Ronde Lumber Co. supplies the writing materials with the Y. M. C. A. letter heads, the association will have stamps for sale and other conveniences will be made. When the secretary extended the use of the building before the company last evening the boys showed their appreciation in many ways. Last evening after their details were attended to, the boys went to the Y. M. C. A. building and over fifty baths were taken after the regular closing hour, this morning the boys have made the building a regular home, using the piano, the phonograph, writing letters and reading.

George Putnam Convalescing.

Salem, April 7.—(Special)—George Palmer Putnam, the governor's private secretary who was operated on for appendicitis, has been removed to his home and is convalescing rapidly.

### AUSTRIA HUNGARY REPORTED TO HAVE BROKEN WITH AMERICA

London, April 7.—(United Press)—Austria-Hungary has apparently broken off relations with the United States. Two sources reported that Foreign Minister Czernin had instructed Ambassador Tarnoski to demand his passports.

Paris received the report that Austria made a formal announcement of alignment with her ally, Germany, against America.

It is reported Holland will represent the United States in Austria.

Washington, April 7.—(United Press)—The Austrian embassy denied knowledge of a break with America.

### Training Camp Plan Abolished.

Washington, April 7.—(United Press)—The civilian training camps' plan has been cancelled, so the war department announced.

### Fritz Bopp, German Consul General Surrenders.

San Francisco, April 7.—(United Press)—Franz Bopp, the German Consul General, will arrive in San Francisco to surrender before night. He telephoned the United States District Attorney this morning when he learned he was wanted.

Boston, April 7.—(United Press)—The Charleston navy yard has been notified that there is a German raider off the New England coast.

Coast guard cutters are seeking further information.

### Ambulance Camp At Fort Bliss Burned.

El Paso, April 7.—(United Press)—The entire camp of the United States Field Ambulance Company at Fort Bliss was burned. The fire is believed to be incendiary. Telephone communication is badly crippled. Many wires are cut. Sentries north of the city fired on two men tampering with wires. Both escaped.

### BIG WELCOME BY LA GRANDE TO COMPANY M.

SALEM BOYS' ARRIVAL IS MADE THE OCCASION OF A PARADE AND PATRIOTIC DEMONSTRATION.

All La Grande turned out last night to welcome Company M, Third Oregon Regiment, of Salem, at the depot.

The troops had been announced as arriving at 6:30 p. m., and by 6 p. m. a steady stream of people from every part of the city was moving toward the station. Shortly before 6:30 the parade moved through town, composed of the Elks' band, the Spanish American War and G. A. R. veterans, the High School cadets, led by Sergeant Rice, the Boy Scouts, the Elks' lodge, the Girls' Honor Guard, and other citizens who wished to pay their respects to the visitors.

By 6:30 p. m. the station grounds were filled with a crowd of anxious waiters. Many of them carried American flags. Young America was out in force and eager eyes were pointed up the track. The band entertained the crowd with patriotic airs snappily played.

Sergeant Rice also put the High School cadets through their paces, giving an exhibition drill in which they stepped like regulars. It was a great sight.

The troops arrived at 8:30 p. m. and the crowd was still there patiently waiting, and when the train slowly moved through the depot grounds, enthusiasm—long pent up—broke loose. The elders cheered and applauded, the youngsters screamed in shrill notes, the band played.

The man detained and then formed under the direction of Captain Roy Neer, and escorted by the parade, marched to the Methodist church, in the basement of which they were comfortably quartered last night.

The Elks' lodge extended a welcome to the troops; the Y. M. C. A. threw open its club rooms to the boys, and within an hour after their arrival they had been made to feel the heartiness of La Grande's welcome; the key to the city was theirs.

Company M of Salem is composed of high school and college boys. Thirty-seven are from Willamette university; others come from O. A. C. and the University of Oregon. Others are recent graduates or those who would have graduated this fall from the Salem high school. The officers are prominent Salem business men. They are a bright, clever lot of young men and are a credit to their city.

Company M has been sent to help guard the O.-W. R. & N. system.

### NATION MAY TAKE CHARGE OF ALL FOOD

POSSIBILITY THAT THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION MAY BE DESIGNATED TO FIX PRICES.

Washington, April 7.—(United Press)—There is a possibility the Federal Trade Commission will be designated to fix prices of food-stuffs for all kinds of war supplies it developed today. Following the announcement of war the Commission placed its services at the disposal of the National Defense council.

### Two Fires At Joseph

Joseph, April 7.—(Special)—The Joseph hotel burned down to the ground at noon today. This was the oldest hotel in Joseph, having been erected in 1903 by Mary Mitchell and had changed hands several times since. It was a wooden building of 96 rooms and owned by Mr. Howe. The fire department by good work saved the adjoining buildings.

This morning at 5:30 a. m. Dougan's livery barn burned and three horses worth \$700 burned to death.

### Funeral of James Harding.

James Harding, of 1501 V avenue, died at Hot Lake this morning at 6:40. Death was due to appendicitis, the appendix having burst. The body was brought to La Grande today. His brother, Henry Harding of this city, is a member of the La Grande Moose lodge. All members of this fraternity are requested to attend the funeral services to be held at the Harding residence Monday at 2 p. m.

### THE WEATHER

Showers; southerly winds.

Squads have been placed at various points along the line for guard duty. Twenty-six left this morning for guard duty. About half of the company of 130 men will be in La Grande all the time; the men will have three days guard duty and then six days in La Grande for drilling. Rigid discipline prevails and the company is handled like clock work.

The privates have been invited to attend the dance tonight free; they are enthusiastic over their reception last night and good reports of the hospitality of La Grande will certainly go back home from all.

### PRESIDENT MAY ASK FOR BIG LOAN TO ALLIES

Washington, April 7.—(United Press)—An extension of credit to the Allies of over one billion dollars, probably as much as five billion dollars is the first step toward actual participation in the war under the plan to be suggested to Congress by the President, it is learned.

### Fighting On the Western Front.

New York, April 7.—(United Press)—Western front fighting reached the artillery stage today, official statements from the front indicated. Probably allied forces have advanced near the Hindenburg line.

### Germany Reduces Bread Rations.

Berlin, April 7.—(United Press)—The bread ration was reduced beginning the sixteenth. The meat ration was increased.

### Navy Takes Charge of Wireless

Washington, April 7.—(United Press)—The navy department took charge of all commercial wireless stations, dismantling all amateur plants. The government controls completely the wireless system of the nation.

### Engineers And Signal Men To Be Called.

Washington, April 7.—(United Press)—Secretary Baker asked the House military affairs committee to insert in the army bill a clause for conscription of technically trained men for use as engineers and signal men.

### American Trawler Reported Sunk.

Boston, April 7.—(United Press)—Persistent rumors declare that a German raider sunk the steam fishing trawlers Eide and Sweel, a hundred miles off the coast.

Although verification is impossible, the reports are given credence because the trawlers were fishing where the raider was reported sighted earlier. The vessels are valued at a hundred thousand dollars each. Each carries twenty men.

### GERMAN RAIDERS REPORTED OFF NEW ENGLAND COAST.

Newport, April 7.—(United Press)—Persistent reports have been received that German raiders are off the New England coast, near the Virginia capes.

Nantucket Shoals light reported seeing a vessel regarded as suspicious. Collector Walcott heard that the vessel was within the three-mile limit, headed toward New York.

### CUBA WILL DECLARE WAR.

Havana, April 7.—(United Press)—The Cuban Congress is almost certain to pass a resolution declaring war on Germany today. The joint committee decided to report favorably. The measure goes before the lower house this afternoon and the Senate tonight.

### GERMAN CRUISER BLOWN UP BY CREW.

Washington, April 7.—(United Press)—The German cruiser Cormorant, was blown up by her crew at Guam, the department announced. The ship was destroyed as the marines were going to seize the vessel. Two German officers and five sailors were killed. Thirty-two officers and three hundred and twenty-one men were taken prisoners.

Washington, April 7.—(United Press)—The navy department officially said when more complete reports regarding the Cormorant had arrived: "One warrant officer and one enlisted man are dead; one warrant officer and four enlisted men are missing; twenty officers, twelve warrant officers and three hundred and twenty-one enlisted men are prisoners."

### GOVERNMENT AFTER PLOTTERS.

Washington, April 7.—(United Press)—The government is rounding up German plotters. Scores have been arrested. Countless more are to be taken.

LA GRANDE BOYS ENLIST. Five La Grande boys have made application to join the U. S. Marine Corps and have been accepted. Forty-six others have made applications but have been rejected on account of physical deficiencies. Sergeant Rice made a trip to Imber and Summerville Wednesday securing three applications. They are E. H. Oswald, Ralph Sikes and Herbert Conrad. The La Grande boys enlisting are Elmer Bertrand, Clarence J. Lambert, Horace E. Price, Benjamin C. Gekeler and Con Austin.