

## UNION RAISES ITS \$1500 FOR THE RED CROSS

NEIGHBORING CITY IS BELIEVED FIRST IN STATE TO RAISE ITS QUOTA

ONLY ONE MEETING NEEDED FOR TASK

City of Union Gives \$500—Red Cross Tag Sale Nets \$165—Stock Association, Lodges, Churches, and Patriotic Organizations Give Liberally and Raise the Fund—Rev. C. A. Edwards Makes Stirring Address.

Union, June 18.—(Special)—Union raised its quota of \$1500 in the great Red Cross drive at a Union meeting in the M. E. church last evening. This amount was raised wholly by organizations:

City of Union	\$ 500
Sale of Red Cross tags	165
Masonic Lodge	150
Union Live Stock Show Ass'n.	100
Oddfellow's Lodge	100
Knights of Pythias Lodge	50
Woodmen of the World	50
Royal Arch Masons	50
Mormon Church	50
G. A. R. (with only 9 members)	50
Women's Relief Corps	25
Pythian Sisters	25
Rebekahs	25
W. C. T. U.	25
Women of Waadcraft	25
Order Eastern Star	25
Home Guard	85

Total \$1500  
Rev. Chas. A. Edwards, of La Grande delivered a thrilling address and brought forth repeated and long cheering. He made the situation clear in so masterful a way that there was no doubt left in anyone's mind as to the needs of the country. Towards the end of his talk he displayed the flags of Great Britain and France, the latter of which brought forth loud cheering and many tears.

When S. A. Pursel, adjutant of Preston Post No. 18, G. A. R. reported that the Post would give \$50, the cheering was louder than ever, and when Tony Smith announced that there were only nine members every man, woman and child rose to their feet.

Captain J. T. Hutchinson, of the Home Guards said that the Guards would raise the balance. Rev. Edwards asked him to repeat it and then asked for a glass of water. The meeting adjourned by singing "America".

## WRESTLING EVENT IS TOMORROW

O'NEILL IS THE FAVORITE WITH LOCAL FANS—CHRISTENSEN HAS FINE RECORD.

Tomorrow evening at the Arcade Jack O'Neill and Harold Christensen will meet in a finish contest which will decide the mat supremacy of these two famous wrestlers.

No sporting event in the past year has attracted the attention or has been looked forward to with as much interest as the meeting of O'Neill and Christensen.

The local man is popular with everyone, especially the wrestling fans to whom he has long since proven that he can be depended upon and that he will give a good account of himself whenever he goes on the mat.

Mr. Christensen has an enviable record as a wrestler and although he has only appeared in public here on one occasion his ability has been recognized and he has many friends in this locality. The favorable mention the press has given him in the many cities in which he has wrestled is proof of his work always pleases.

A good preliminary program has been arranged by the management in connection with the big bout.

Kid Swat, the ruby-top freckle-faced fly-weight boxer, and Kid Biff, who boxed the "red-head" to a finish at the Soldiers' show recently, will be the curtain raisers. These miniatures have trained faithfully for this con-

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## Miss May O'Brien Wins Breach Of Promise Suit

New York, June 18.—(United Press)—Miss Honora May O'Brien was granted two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars damages in a breach of promise suit today against the aged John Manning, millionaire. A sealed verdict was opened before Judge Crosey.

## FIRE DESTROYS BUILDINGS ON ADAMS AVENUE

Fire, starting in the rooming house on Adams avenue adjoining the Peoples' Meat Market completely destroyed both buildings early Sunday morning. When the alarm was turned into the fire department at 2:15 a. m. the rooming house was completely beyond control and the fire soon spread to the adjoining building, occupied by the Peoples' Meat Market. R. Ludwig, proprietor.

Mr. Ludwig narrowly escaped with his life. He states that shortly before he discovered there was a fire in the building the dog woke him up by barking. Not paying any attention to it he dozed off and was soon awakened by the strong smell of gasoline and smoke coming into his bedroom over his shop from the adjoining building. Upon attempting to get out of his room he found that the stairway was afire so he finally made his escape through a small doorway. The alarm was turned in, and the fire department was on the scene immediately. Three streams were used before the fire could be controlled. At times it threatened to wipe out the entire block. No serious accidents resulted although Fire Chief Mackey met with a painful injury by running a nail into his foot.

The total damage of the fire has been estimated at \$2800. The Zuber building carried a small insurance.

The firemen did fine work in preventing the spread of the fire. The city water pressure showed up in fine shape and the powerful streams of water pouring in from all sides drowned out the flames.

The flames lighted up the entire city as they shot sky high and attracted a large crowd of spectators.

## 30,000 AIR-CRAFT TO BE BUILT BY U.S.

Washington, June 18.—(United Press)—An American air navy of thirty thousand machines is the government's aeroplane program for the first year, was officially learned today. The air craft production board told the United Press how they proposed to secure that number of aircrafts. Last year the eight small American factories were unable to fill the government's orders.

The United States will make three main classes of aeroplanes, known as training planes, bombing machines and observation air crafts.

## WASHINGTON ASKS ITALY FOR MURDERER

Washington, June 18.—(United Press)—The state department today cabled the Italian government asking the arrest of Alfred Cocchi, the alleged slayer of Ruth Cruger.

Additional evidence which has been obtained was also sent the authorities. The department assumes request for extradition papers will be granted, although a preliminary hearing may be necessary.

Address O. W. Shopmen.

Dr. M. K. Hall, president La Grande Chapter Red Cross and Fred J. Holmes, chairman of the Red Cross Drive, accompanied by Superintendent W. Bolons, spoke at noon today at the O. W. shops. They were given an enthusiastic reception and gave interesting talks.

Captain Richardson's Team.

Captain A. L. Richardson, one of the ten captains of the Red Cross drive, has appointed his team as follows: Dr. Graham, Clarke Leiter, T. J. Ormond, J. H. Peare, W. F. Parker, B. A. Benham, H. E. Dixon and George H. Curry.

## MONUMENTAL TASK BEGINS TOMORROW WITH A RUSH

Banquet Tonight Will Be, 'Night Before The Battle' Council--Pulpits Resound With Patriotic Addresses--Union's Share Already Subscribed.

\* \* \* \* \* DID YOU EVER THINK OF THESE FACTS? \* \* \* \* \*

That in Europe for want of bandages, they are using newspapers to stuff wounds and wrap maimed limbs, and that a La Grande boy may some day be suffering likewise for want of bandages which Red Cross donations will buy?

That La Grande must be singled out and branded with stigma of failure and a shirking community if \$15,000 are not subscribed by a week from today?

Do you realize that if every man woman and child in La Grande gives \$2.35 each the battle is won?

Salvos of pep, the last word of instruction, the last ounce of spizerineum (a word made popular in connection with the Red Cross drive which begins to day throughout the United States to continue until July 25) will be pumped into the officers and workers in charge of the Red Cross drive when the "drive" banquet is served at 6:30 tonight. The meal will be served at the Sommer house and all those who in any way participate in the drive which blossoms out tomorrow morning bright and early, will be present. The leaders will outline in the fullest detail just what is to be done to raise \$15,000 for Red Cross purposes the coming week, and to emphasize upon them the great urgency of staying with the task until it is creditably done.

When this information is diffused among the workers, the campaign will be ready to "shoot." From then on until next Monday the battle will be fought to a finish.

Business houses will not be the first or the principal places of solicitation. The task is primarily one for every citizen of La Grande to take an active part in.

It has often been said, and will bear repetition, that if every man, woman and child in La Grande does not sacrifice him or herself to the monumental task, then the job will fail. The reason for this drive, the purpose for which the money is to be put, is, or should be, sufficiently

## MINISTER OF WAR KERENSKY ADOPTS IRON HAND MEASURES

Petrograd, June 18.—(United Press)—Minister of War Kerensky adopted iron-hand discipline measures to force the Russian troops to fight. He issued orders depriving deserters from the army the right to vote and from participation in the distribution of Russian land. The overruled subsidiary branch of the Workmen's and Soldiers' Council is not permitting any

## U.S. Says Russia Must Fight For Democracy

Washington, June 18.—(United Press)—Russia, as a devotee of democracy and individual liberty, must continue to fight German autocracy, the United States declared in her notes to the Russian government. The arrival of the United States commission was made public today. The note declared that the commission is empowered to confer with Russia with the view of bringing about an effective cooperation between the governments

## German Submarines Average Big For Past Week

Washington, June 18.—(United Press)—The German submarines during the past week have sunk an average total of nine million tons annually, William Denman, chairman of the American troops. Sinkings are increasing.

## France Continues To Make Planes

Britain, June 18.—(United Press)—France will continue to manufacture the speedier of the battle planes. The American automobile plants will be utilized to make standardized engines. The furniture factories, typewriter plants and other mills will manufacture wings and other parts. These arrangements, already made and perfected await only for the appropriation of six hundred million dollars.

## GERMANS WIN BACK BRITISH LATEST GAINS

BRITISH RETAIN INFANTRY HILL MONCHY LE PROUX FIVE MILES FROM ARRAS

London, June 18.—(United Press)—A tremendous German attack against the newly won British positions east of Monchy Le Proux forced the British to release certain advanced positions, General Haig reported.

The British retained infantry Hill, Manchy Le Proux, five miles southeast of Arras, turning General Hindenburg's line.

## School Election, Polls Open To 7 p.m.

The school election is being held this afternoon.

Polls are open until 7 o'clock tonight at the Central School building. All legal voters—men and women over 21 years of age—are entitled to vote whether taxpayers and property owners or not.

Two directors are to be selected.

The candidates are J. E. Reynolds, the present chairman; Charles E. Henderson, who represents the Greenwood district, and E. W. Eastman, a local lawyer.

## CONGRESS CONCENTRATES ON FOOD CONTROL

SENATE THWARTED ALL ATTEMPTS TO REPORT BILL BACK TO COMMITTEE AND KILL IT

Washington, D. C., June 18.—(United Press)—The legislative and executive branches of the government are concentrating their attention on the Leverford food control bill.

The Senate made the bill an order of regular business and thwarted all attempts to report it back to the committee. The administration, the President, Commissioner Hoover, and the congressional leaders are demanding that Congress speed the food legislation. President Wilson announced today in a letter to Representative Borland, explaining that the Leverford bill, which while giving Hoover control of the food situation, is not intended to control food, but to release it from the grip of speculators.

## BRITISH TRANSPORT SUBMARINED--SIXTY THREE MISSING

London, June 18.—(United Press)—The British transport, Cameronian was torpedoed in the Mediterranean. Sixty-three were missing.

## DEDMAN-GOETHALS EMBROGLIO CRITICAL

Washington, D. C., June 18.—(United Press)—The Dedman-Goethals steamship embroglio neared a critical stage today. President Wilson considered the situation sufficiently serious to call Chairman Dedman to the White House for a personal conference. General Goethals tried to secure a hearing from the President, but previous engagements filled the President's schedule.

## NEW STAKE PRES. PETER G. JOHNSTON

WELL KNOWN AND INFLUENTIAL CITIZEN CHOSEN TO SUCCEED GEORGE STODDARD.

APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCED AT L.D.S. CONFERENCE

New President Resides at Blackfoot, Idaho, Where He Served Four Years as Bishop of Blackfoot Ward—Served in Idaho Legislature—Has Banking, Mercantile and Livestock Interests.

The outstanding feature of general interest and importance of the L. D. S. quarterly conference which concluded its sessions yesterday afternoon at the Tabernacle was the selection and appointment of a successor to the late Stake President George Stoddard.

The man selected for this responsibility, the highest church authority to reside in this section and preside over the spiritual affairs of his people, was the honorable Peter G. Johnston a well-respected and influential citizen of Blackfoot, Idaho. The selection of Mr. Johnston was unanimously approved by the large membership of the church which was present from all the various branches of the church in this locality. He chose as his counsellors or immediate assistants William D. Hanks, of Union, and Lewis M. Jensen, of this city, with Jacob H. Trayner as clerk.

Bishop Nibley Interviewed.

In speaking of the new appointee Bishop C. W. Nibley said: "The people of your city and valley will find in Mr. Johnston a man of unassuming ways, steadfast, forceful and withal a valuable man for the community. At the call of his church Mr. Johnston will likely dispose of many of his interests and holdings in Idaho and become a permanent resident of your city."

Peter G. Johnston was born in the Orkney Islands of Scotland in 1864 and having been converted to the principles of the Mormon faith at the age of 16 years, although his father had joined the church in 1851, he decided to emigrate to the center of Mormonism which he did in 1883. He resided in Salt Lake City for 15 years when he moved to Blackfoot, Idaho. In an ecclesiastical way he has served his church as a foreign missionary spending over two years in his native land and in Ireland. He has served four years as Bishop of Blackfoot Ward, for the past 10 years a member of the High Council of that Stake and at the last General Conference of the church in Salt Lake during April was appointed as one of the members of the General Church Auditing committee.

Livestock and farming has engaged his attention in a business way with interests in mercantile and banking establishments. He is director of the First National Bank of Pocatello, Rexburg State Bank, and only recently been engaged in helping with the organization of the Blackfoot City Bank which will open its doors for business on July 1st, next. He is a director of the Blackfoot Mercantile company.

President Johnston's Career. Politically Mr. Johnston is a Republican having served for five consecutive terms in the Idaho Legislature and is now a member of that body. For four sessions he served as floor leader of the House and at the last election was one of the very few Republicans from his section to be returned to the Legislature.

He is the father of three sons by his first wife who died seven years ago. About three years ago he married again. Mr. Johnston left for Blackfoot on the last evening train where he will begin to arrange his business, in response to this unexpected call, so he can bring his family and move into our city as a permanent resident. In a financial way the new call to Mr. Johnston will bring him no reward from the Church as he is common with all other officers serve without salary.

DR. M'MILLAN APPOINTED ON DENTAL BOARD

Governor Withycombe today appointed Dr. William D. McMillan of this city as a member of the State Board of Dental Examiners, succeeding W. S. Kennedy, of The Dalles, whose term expired April 1st. Dr. McMillan is well known in business and social life of the city, being one of our most prominent dentists. He is noted for his active work and interest taken in the Chautauque, being secretary of the association.