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GERMAN AGENTS CAUSE STRIFE IN RUSSIA

RUSSIA ARRESTS ALL THE MUTINEERS

Nicholai Lenine, an Agitator, is Charged With Being a German Spy---Cabinet Considers Moving the Government to Moscow.

Petrograd, July 19.—(United Press)—Shooting here ended today when the government arrested all mutineers. Nicholai Lenine, an agitator, was charged with being a German spy and fugitive.

An extraordinary session of the cabinet and council considered transferring the government to Moscow.

The army chief of staff announced evidence had been obtained showing Lenine was a regular accredited German agent sent by the German staff to the sixth army on the front to discredit the provisional government.

Lenine was supplied with German money from the German legation at Stockholm.

Three serious outbreaks against the provisional government were reported this week. German money and agents are largely blamed.

Russians Capture the Town of Novican.

Petrograd, July 19.—(United Press)—The Russians captured Novican last night. Few losses were inflicted on the Russians. Desperate fighting occurred in the eastern end of the village where two enemy attacks were repulsed. It is officially stated that Tuesday night the Russians captured three machine guns and two hundred and twenty-eight prisoners.

Attempt Made To Kill American Ambassador.

London, July 19.—(United Press)—Blowing up the bridge over the River Vyatka in what was believed to be an attempt to kill the American Ambassador to Russia, David Francis, was reported in a dispatch from Haparanda. The Ambassador was at home at the time, it is believed.

Ben C. Crow Will Give Recital Tonight

Tonight at the Christian church at 8:30 o'clock Ben Claire Crow, American Baritone of Chicago, will appear in a classic song recital accompanied by Mrs. Winter of this city at the piano. Mr. Crow is on a transcontinental tour and is appearing in all the important cities in the west; this evening's concert here should not be overlooked by local music lovers nor by the public at large. He comes most highly recommended and on this present trip has been asked to return to every place where he has sung. At Boise Tuesday evening he was compared, in more ways than one, with James Goddard. The program follows and is of standard opera numbers, Italian and French school of song and English numbers of strong musical appeal:

- "Vision Fugitive" (herodiade) Massenet
- "The Last Hour" Kramer
- "Day Is Gone" Lang
- "Will the Red Sun?" Finden
- "The Temple Bells" Finden
- "Elegie" Massenet
- "Caro Mio Ben" Giodani
- "Jai Pleurai" Hue
- "Ben Jour Suson" Pessard
- "Sweetest Flower That Grows" Hatley
- "Daddy" Behrand
- "Give Me Your Hands" Clarke
- "Sleep Little Baby of Mine" Dennee
- "A Red, Red Rose" Hastings
- "When Song Is Sweet" San Souci

Admission free, silver offering.

La Grande Young Men Enlist In Artillery

Two La Grande young men have enlisted in Battery B, Field Artillery. They are Bud Garity and William Donald Sargent. Both are well known railroad men here. They have been in Portland for a few days and passed the necessary physical examinations and returned to La Grande last night. They will join their battery on July 25.

Warning to the Public.

Mrs. Dora B. Schilke, vice president of the Oregon Congress of Mothers, has received two letters from officers of the National and State Congress of Mothers warning the public against book agents who are going about the country claiming to have the endorsement of the National Congress of Mothers. The letters from Mrs. Schoof, of Philadelphia, President of the National Congress of Mothers says: "The National Congress of Mothers has employed no one or authorized anyone to sell anything whatsoever or to organize Child Welfare Circles." Mrs. Geo. W. McMath, of Portland, President of the Oregon Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher associations writes: "To the Public: The Oregon Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher associations never endorse anything that is for commercial purposes nor does it authorize book agents to organize Child Welfare Circles or sell books in its name."

Grand Jury Meets Tomorrow.

The grand jury will meet tomorrow morning. It will be a short session as Circuit Judge Knowles will leave soon to hold court in Wallawa county. For this reason also he postponed the remaining Chinese cases. The state was anxious to proceed with the trial of the cases but when Judge Knowles announced that it was necessary for him to convene court in Wallawa, withdrew its opposition.

SPEED EM UP IS RAPIDLY DRAWING NEAR

GRAND PRIX AND NORTHWEST CHAMPIONSHIPS SET FOR JULY 21-22.

LONG RACES CUT OFF 19 17 RACING FESTIVAL

Well Rounded Out Program Provided—Concrete Facts Support Claim That La Grande Has One of Fastest Dirt Tracks in the Country—Autos Get Accommodation.

The "Speed 'Em Up" will soon be here. Saturday and Sunday are the days.

"Speed 'Em Up" is indelibly established the length and breadth of the land—up and down the Pacific coast, across the Mississippi water shed and even as far away as gay Gotham and staid old Boston—but up to this year the slogan has been purely symbolic of motorcycle racing. In the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventeen, it typifies the spirit of this gasoline age in that automobile racing as well as motorcycle speedfests are booked.

Auto Racers Called In.

Convinced that autos can utilize the mile and a half motordrome three miles from La Grande for good racing and at a clip equalled or bettered only on the best of tracks, the management of the La Grande Motor club has branched out and the speed program which will take place Saturday and Sunday is so constructed that speed demons of both types will be well repaid for their efforts to win events.

Purses Now \$1500.

Another item indicating the progressiveness and stability of the La Grande Motor Club is the fact the purse has been increased. When the purses annually hung up were \$1000 but one race meet for motorcycles in the United States had a larger plum. That fact alone branded the La Grande Far Western Grand Prix one of the highest in rank in the whole motor speed world. Because of the added attractions it was necessary this year to add \$500 to the purse making a grand reward of \$1500 and that has been split two ways, motorcycle and automobile drivers to share 50-50 on the prize money.

Usual Embellishments Provided.

The directors have chosen a time when it is most convenient for all concerned to attend. The two-day meet will be embellished with parade Saturday morning, a mardi gras Saturday evening and the big race program Sunday, the 22nd. The usual conveniences will be provided—telephone announcements to all parts of the ground, the track will be oiled, and the transportation made as accessible as possible.

On the face of things today, there is every reason to believe that the 1917 classic will far outshine all past endeavors in speeding.

Machinery Is Compact.

Two salient proofs of the guess herein made lie in the fact that all forces locally are solidly behind the movement in one, compact, well-oiled and well-regulated machine, and the further fact that the fame of the illustrious "Speed 'Em Up" races has spread from sea to sea.

Auto Parking Unlimited.

The grandstand built last year at a heavy expense, is, of course, still there and comfortably seats the people. It is before this structure that the automobilists and motorcyclists who flirt with laws of gravitation will flit on the two eventful days. But the grandstand is not the only point of vantage for the races. True, from the grandstand a splendid view of the entire mile and a half course is obtained, but on the broad acres adjoining the track is ample room to park thousands of cars. It was about this course that the automobiles aligned themselves last year and saw and heard fully as well as from the grandstand. Telephone communications to various parts of the track, and ample announcers keep the people in the automobiles well informed on the progress of the races.

The Weather.

Portland, July 19.—(United Press)—The U. S. weather forecast: "fair."

NATION SHOWS IMPATIENCE AT THE DELAY

CONGRESS DEMANDS INFORMATION AS TO GOETHALS-DENMAN ROW.

COUNTRY DEMANDS IMMEDIATE CONSTRUCTION

Germany's Submarine Successes Are Tremendous—Sea and Air Offensive Needed to Check Menace—Million Tons of Shipping Lost a Month—Only One Third of That Amount Built.

Washington, July 19.—(United Press)—National impatience at the delay the Goethals-Denman row has caused broke out in the Senate when a resolution was adopted demanding information on the fight.

Increased irritation has been evident in Congress at the Goethals-Denman affair for several days. This is prompted by the widespread feeling throughout the country that there was need for immediate ship construction, as shown by Germany's tremendous submarine successes against the allied shipping.

America and her allies must make a tremendous sea and air offensive against Germany if they would check the submarine menace, naval authorities warned.

The President is urged to consider the plan. Authorities predicted Germans will win if only the present defensive anti-submarine work is continued.

A million tons of shipping is lost monthly, while only one-third of that amount is built to replace it.

STRIKE TIES UP THE LUMBER INDUSTRY

Seattle, Wash., July 19.—(United Press)—Employers practically conceded and union officials declared a strike has tied up the Washington lumber industry.

J. G. Brown, president of the International Single Weavers Union, declared twenty thousand men were out. The Lumbermen's Defense Committee admitted the tactics of the Unionists are winning.

EX-GOVERNOR GEER VISITS SCENES OF HIS YOUTH

Ex-Governor T. T. Geer arrived in La Grande this morning on his way to attend the Wallawa County pioneers' association meeting tomorrow. He left on the train this morning for Wallawa. Governor Geer spent a part of his youth at Cove and is a pioneer of this country.

He recalls with pleasure many of the early days and recalls many of the pioneers who have passed away. Mr. Geer has a clipping of the county assessment of forty-two years ago, when the total annual expenses of Union County were only \$20,000.

Visit Of Carl Vrooman.

Portland, Ore., July 19.—(United Press)—Carl S. Vrooman, assistant secretary of agriculture, will arrive here today on his tour of the west. He is visiting many sections of the country to show the vital relation between conserving the nation's food supplies and winning the war.

Vrooman will confer with state agriculture leaders this afternoon and tonight he will speak at the Lincoln high school auditorium on "War Time Handling of the Nation's Food Supply."

Vrooman will visit many towns in the Pacific northwest before returning east.

Mrs. Stella Ingle returned this morning from Portland where she has been attending the National Educational association the past two weeks.

SMALL FIRE IS QUICKLY PUT OUT

The fire department responded to a call at 10:25 this morning sent in from Mr. Fuller's rooming house at 1606 Washington avenue, and quickly put out a roof fire with chemicals. There was no damage, except that a hole about eight foot square was burned in the roof. The fire had evidently caught from sparks from the chimney. If there had been more breeze it might have been a more serious fire.

MEN FOR ARMY WILL BE CHOSEN TOMORROW

OVER NINE MILLION NAMES ARE ON THE ROLLS

All Arrangements Are Completed—Time and Place Set—Absolute Quiet Will Prevail During Drawing In Committee Room of Senate Building.

Washington, July 19.—(United Press)—At nine-thirty tomorrow morning, in room two hundred and twenty-six of the Senate building, America's great draft lottery to determine the order in which men will respond to the call of Democracy will be held.

Room two hundred and twenty-six is a large committee room.

With the question of time and place settled, all details of the drawing are complete except the announcement as to who will draw the numbers, who will announce them, and who will constitute officially the tally men.

Adjutant General Crowder and Secretary Baker conferred this afternoon on these questions.

Because the demand of absolute quiet during the drawings, only a limited number will be allowed within the room. Press association wires are connected up outside the chamber.

The lottery will consume about an hour, the entire registration rolls contain the names of nine million six hundred and fifty thousand men. The men drafted for examination will be determined at the drawing.

Germans Penetrate French Lines and Are Hurling Back.

Paris, July 19.—(United Press)—German troops last night attacked the front half mile east of Gauchy and succeeded in penetrating the first line of French trenches. The French hurled the enemy back with a counter attack at daybreak.

THIRD ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION IMBLER DISTRICT WILL BE HELD AT ALICEL SATURDAY

The Third Annual Sunday School Convention of the Imbler District will be held at Alicel Saturday, July 21. Different phases of the Sunday School problem will be discussed by those of experience and success. The program for the day follows:

- 10:00—Opening. Mrs. H. J. Richards
- 10:15—Devotional. Rev. A. J. Armstrong
- 10:30—Vocal Solo. Discussion.
- 10:35—Our Boys. Mrs. C. R. Thornton
- 11:00—Has Temperance Won. Miss Sarah Williamson
- 11:20—Missions.
- 11:35—Business Session.

Afternoon Session

- 1:30—Song and Prayer Service.
- Vocal Solo. Miss Lena Moss
- 1:50—Sunday School Music. Miss Gladys Winters
- 2:05—The Little Folks. Mrs. Wm. Glass
- 2:20—Duet. Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Armstrong
- 2:25—The Power of Christian Faith. Chas. Randall. Co. M
- 2:40—Our Girls. Mrs. W. A. Winters
- Discussion, led by Mrs. Thos. Walsinger and Miss Nita Hunter
- 3:00—Music. Imbler Quartet
- 3:05—The Superintendent's Problems. W. C. Wattenberg
- 3:20—Sunday School Problems. Round Table
- Isaac Bingaman, Thos. Walsinger, F. S. Johnson, Mrs. B. F. Webb, Mrs. C. J. Pratt, J. E. Hall
- 3:40—How to Win. Rev. G. R. Archer
- 4:00—Reports from Sunday Schools.
- 4:30—Business Session.

Lunch will be served at noon. A cordial invitation is extended all.

President Pardons Sixteen of Picketers Will Open Friday Night

Washington, July 19.—(United Press)—The President formally pardoned sixteen of the women's party, serving a sixty day sentence at Occoquan workhouse, for attempting to picket the White House.

The President made no statement in connection with his action, merely filling out a single pardon with the names of the sixteen women.

The sixteen militants at the Occoquan Workhouse refused to leave. The officials are undecided whether to eject the suffragists or to keep them imprisoned.

BOAST THAT LUMBER INDUSTRY IS TIED UP

Portland, July 19.—(United Press)—I. W. W. headquarters posted a bulletin declaring forty thousand men were striking in Washington, Idaho and Montana. The lumber industry throughout the states is tied up they declared.

Sympathetic Strike Fails.

Butte, July 19.—(United Press)—A sympathetic I. W. W. strike, scheduled at noon today, failed completely.

Honor Guard Fete Will Open Friday Night

Headquarters of the big Honor Guard fete for the benefit of the Field Hospital Unit, are rapidly taking carnival color. The many participants in the playlet, Hawaiian village, Japanese tea gardens, punch booths, and sideshows, are drilling themselves for the part with vigor. The big fete opens tomorrow evening and in tomorrow evening's paper a full and complete program of what will take place Friday and Saturday evenings will be outlined.

Children and old folks too are saving up their jitneys so that they can have a goodly number to spend when the big shows come.

The following has been received, via wireless:

James C. Dell, manager Honor Guard Girls' Jitney Carnival, La Grande, Oregon. Jo-Jo, the dog face boy, the Wild Man from Borneo (who eats 'em alive), Dora, who eats mud (real mud), Zaza, the fortune teller direct from Egypt, left here for La Grande today. The above are startling

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