

## THEY MET THE FISH AND THEY WERE THEIR'S

WING FIN AND FLEETFOOT CLUB MAKE CHARGE ON FINNY TRIBE

PRIZES ARE AWARDED FOR THE BIGGEST FISH

If You Believe the Stories Told At the Banquet Last Night, There Are Mighty Few Left in the Streams—At Any Rate the Gamest Fighters Have All Been Caught.

### THE PRIZE WINNERS.

Biggest Rainbow—First prize, W. C. Kelley, 15-1-4 in.; rod case presented by Bert W. Hughes.

Rainbow—Second prize R. Zweifel, 14-1-2 in.; bamboo pole presented by Adolph Newlin.

Rainbow—Third prize, Chase Bohnenkamp, 14 inches; musselback reel presented by F. L. Lilly.

Rainbow—Fourth prize, Ed. Coolidge, 13-1-2 in.; silk line presented by the Golden Rule Co.

Easternbrook—First prize, L. M. Hoyt, 13-1-8 in.; Martin reel presented by W. H. Bohnenkamp Co.

Easternbrook—Second prize, C. N. Palmer, 12-1-2 in.; No. 3 basket presented by Putman Drug Store.

Bull trout—First prize, William Fleaser, 13-1-4 in.; fish basket presented by T. M. Shannon Store.

White fish—First prize, Frank Culton, 18-1-2 in.; fly book presented by Jay Van Buren.

The annual fish feed of the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot Club was held last night at the Foley Hotel, and the tales that the fishermen told were like those of the Ancient Mariner.

From the time they rose in the morning and brushed the sleep from their eyes to the time they unslung their trusty rods and got their 42-centimeter flies into action, they told last night how they lured the trout from the deep holes, dallied with the Eastern brook trout, angled for the foxy Bull trout and cast for the suspicious white fish.

The club had gone out to their favorite streams on the fifth and sixth. They met the fish in mortal combat, captured them, and the spoils were served last night in delicious style at the banquet. It was an event long to be remembered, and the fishermen proved that they were good trenchermen as well.

President L. M. Hoyt presided and proved an able toastmaster, calling upon the prize-winners to tell the stories of how they lured the fish from the waters. Among the speakers were Bert Hughes, Rube Zweifel, W. A. Zweifel, H. E. Coolidge, S. D. Crowe, Pat Foley, Clarke Leiter, Chase Bohnenkamp, L. M. Hoyt, C. N. Palmer, Frank Culton, John Thiesen and James Johns of Pendleton.

A telegram was read from Frank Bramwell, of Grants Pass, who sent Mr. Coolidge three fine steel heads for the banquet and congratulated the club upon being the best bunch in the state.

Those present at the banquet were: A. W. Nelson, A. T. Hill, B. W. Hughes, A. J. Allstott, Alfe Carlson, H. E. Roskamp, J. E. Hilary, Eugene Newlin, J. G. Holm, C. D. Emahiser, Frank Bay, H. L. Browning, F. E. Oxner, W. A. Zweifel, Oscar Berger, H. E. Coolidge, S. D. Crowe, R. M. Baker, Pat Foley, George Gilbert, Clarke Leiter, Chase Bohnenkamp, C. N. Palmer, G. W. Hillman, H. L. Lyon, Dr. W. D. McMillan, E. D. Selder, James A. Hugg, E. H. Boylen, Clarence Becker, C. L. Graham, Harry L.

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## SERBIA FREE IS ENGLAND'S DEMAND

BEFORE PEACE IS POSSIBLE SERBIA'S INDEPENDENCE MUST BE GUARANTEED

London, Aug. 8.—(United Press)—The independence of Serbia will be one of England's demands before peace is possible, Lloyd George declared, addressing a luncheon in honor of Premier Pashitch, of Serbia. Lord Cecil echoed the British premier's declaration.

## Innoculated Candy May Cause Epidemic

Lordsburg, New Mex., Aug. 8.—(United Press)—Three children are dead and a dozen others ill as the result of an epidemic of diphtheria, believed caused by the distribution of innoculated candy.

Several children who contracted diphtheria told the health officers a stranger gave them candy ten days before they were taken ill. Descriptions of the stranger tallied.

## CONVICTS SAW HOLE IN ROOF AND ESCAPE

LOWER THEMSELVES IN FRONT OF PENITENTIARY; WALK OUT FRONT GATE

Salem, Aug. 8.—(United Press)—Two convicts daringly escaped from the penitentiary this morning.

They were employed in the shoe shop and sawed a hole through the roof, and lowered themselves over the front of the building, and calmly walked out the front gate.

Trusties saw them crossing the brick yard and told the guards.

Ten minutes later bloodhounds were trailing them.

They headed southward and are believed to have only a small chance of escape.

Their names are Robert Burns and J. H. Burg, both serving two to twenty years for forgery.

## Cibeque Indians Go On The War Path

Globe, Ariz., Aug. 8.—(United Press)—Reinforced by the Cibeque tribe of Indians the striking Apaches and Mexicans cut the telephone lines to the Asbestos mine. Lieutenant Sticker reported he expects a pitched battle between the Indians and posses. The Cibeques took the war-path this morning.

## Red Cross Chapter Submits Report

Waffles, golden, crisp and hot, will be served tomorrow, Thursday, morning from 6:30 to 10 o'clock by Auxiliary "A". Orders for tables should be made today as tickets are selling fast.

Shoes—The collecting of discarded shoes has been placed in the hands of the Boy Scouts of the L. D. S. church. Gather all of your old shoes, tie them together in pairs according to the numbers and telephone Black 3031 or Black 1472 and a Scout will call for them. Some have volunteered to tidy up the shoes with new buttons, laces or soles. But whether this is done or not don't fail to collect all that can be spared. All sizes, men's women's and children's are wanted.

The Tuesday class in surgical dressings listened to a very instructive lecture on "Infection", given by Dr. Dora Underwood. The next lecture will be on Tuesday morning.

This morning the young women were instructed in the making of bandages by Dr. A. L. Richardson. The uses of the many kinds of bandages were demonstrated. These lectures are much appreciated by the two classes.

Auxiliaries are sending in well-made supplies. A partial list is given below:

Elgin Auxiliary, 7 dozen handkerchiefs.

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## ISSUE OF TREASURY CERTIFICATES IS LARGELY SUBSCRIBED

Washington, Aug. 8.—(United Press)—Subscriptions for the issue of three hundred million dollars of short time treasury indebtedness certificates totaled three hundred and sixty-one million five hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, the treasury department announced.

## SIXTY-FIVE PERCENT CLAIM EXEMPTIONS

RETURNS FROM FIFTEEN CITIES SHOW MANY MAKE REQUESTS

NEW YORK EXAMINES THIRTY EIGHT THOUSAND

Of These Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-Nine Are Accepted—Chicago Examines Twelve Thousand and Four Hundred and Accepts Thirty-Two Hundred and Seventy-Five.

New York, Aug. 8.—(United Press)—Sixty-five per cent of the men drafted are claiming exemptions, returns from fifteen cities throughout America showed. This improvement over the earlier returns which showed exemption claims averaging seventy-five per cent. New York examined thirty-eight thousand, of whom eight thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine were found eligible.

Chicago examined twelve thousand four hundred and accepted thirty-two hundred and seventy-five.

### Hospital Unit Notes

While Co. M. was here the Hospital Unit used the High School grounds for drill work, but since the Fair Grounds have been vacated by the going of Co. M. troops the boys have been drilling there. In the morning they drill under the non-commissioned officers and in the afternoon under the commissioned officers. It is becoming quite a fad to go out and watch the boys drill and to watch the improvement in their work.

### RED CROSS OFFICER VISITS LA GRANDE

Mr. Harry R. Bogart, Supervising Director family relief of the Red Cross, Pacific Division, is in town today conferring with the Red Cross members. Tonight at seven o'clock he will meet with the Civilian Relief Committee to talk with them and give them pointers and instructions as to what their duties will be and how to perform them. The work of this committee will largely be to uphold the financial, moral and mental standards of the families having men at the front.

### ALLEGED DETECTIVE RAIDS CHINATOWN

J. W. Jeffries, who claimed to be a private detective for the State Board of Pharmacy, made a raid on Chinatown the other day looking for opium. He later arrested Lem Yenn and Lee Chung, on the charge of unlawfully having in their possession a quantity of opium, but which to the present time he has failed to produce. He locked the Chinese in an adjoining room, while he took a cleaver and chopped open the trunks and thoroughly searched them, all without a search warrant. In pushing these Chinese into the room in which he locked them up, he roughly pushed one of the men who is about sixty-five years old against the door jamb making an ugly cut above the eye.

The case first came up for hearing in the police court but the city dismissed the case as not having sufficient evidence to hold the Chinese on, and immediately Mr. Jeffries filed complaint against them in the Justice Court and the case has been set for tomorrow morning at ten o'clock. In the meantime the Chinese have filed complaint against Mr. Jeffries for the theft of a gold watch. This disappeared, they say, during the search.

German aliens in Honolulu are forced to work.

## SENATE PASSES BILL FOR FOOD DICTATORSHIP

Washington, Aug. 8.—(United Press)—The Senate passed the food bill at four ten this afternoon, establishing a virtual food dictatorship.

Senators LaFollette, Gronna, France, Hardwick, Hollis, Penrose and Reed were the only senators voting against the food bill. It now goes to the President for his signature.

## FOUR OF CREW LOST ON SHIP ARE AMERICANS

THIRTY-EIGHT PERISH WHEN BELGIAN PRINCE IS SUBMARINED

ONE AMERICAN NEGRO SAILOR IS SAVED

Report Reaches London That When the Steamer Was Submerged, Crew Was Stripped and Put Aboard the Submarine, Which Then Submerged.

London, August 8.—(United Press)—Four Americans were among the thirty-eight members of the crew of the steamer Belgian Prince who perished when the vessel was submerged, it was learned today.

One American negro was saved. The submarine crew stripped the sailors, and put them atop of the submarine and then submerged.

### MISS JOHNSON OF O. A. C. TO LECTURE

Next Monday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. Miss Johnson, of the O. A. C. will lecture on and demonstrate various methods of canning and preserving fruits and vegetables. She will carry on this demonstration work at the Cherry Fair at Cove next week and has been asked by the Committee on vacant lot gardening, of which Mrs. G. M. Curtis is chairman, to address the ladies here in this respect. This Committee is a branch of the general food conservation plan directed by the U. S. Government.

## Senator Lewis Says Troops Go To Russia

Washington, Aug. 8.—(United Press)—The next American troops sent abroad will go to Russia, and others will soon go to Italy, Senator Lewis declared on the floor of the Senate.

### EXHIBITS TO BE GATHERED FOR STATE FAIR

The County Agriculturist, Paul Spillman has already begun to assemble exhibits for the Oregon State Fair to be held in Salem the latter part of October. Last year he won first prize for beauty of arrangement and second prize for merit of exhibit. This year he is out for first prize in both of these features. The State Fair this year will be bigger and better than ever before.

### Visit of H. S. Shangle.

H. S. Shangle, of the Columbia College and Conservatory of Milton, is in La Grande today in the interests of the Conservatory. The college occupies a beautiful building in Milton and has built up a high standard in the musical world.

The United Master Butchers at their convention at Minneapolis suggested two meatless days.

## WHEAT CROP SIX FIFTY THREE MILLION BU.

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT ISSUES FORECAST ON CROPS OF NATION

Washington, Aug. 8.—(United Press)—The Agriculture department forecasts the total wheat production this year at six hundred and fifty-three million bushels, as compared with six hundred and eighty-seven million forecasted a month ago. The average production for five years was eight hundred and six million.

The corn production is forecast at three billion one hundred and ninety-one million bushels, as compared with two billion seven hundred and fifty-four million bushels for the five year average.

Spring wheat production is estimated at two hundred and sixty three million, and winter wheat four hundred and seventeen million bushels.

## Argentine Will Mobilize Its Army

Washington, Aug. 8.—(United Press)—Believing a break with Germany inevitable, Argentine's army of one hundred thousand will be mobilized within a month, the government was reliably informed. Probably sentiment was sharpened through revelations of German espionage plots.

## GERMAN SPY SYSTEM IS UNCOVERED

EXTENSIVE SYSTEM FOUND WHICH REPORTED SHIP SAILINGS

Buenos Aires, Aug. 8.—(United Press)—An extensive German spy plot which revealed ship sailings and other vital information was discovered through the miscarriage of a letter intended for the head of the espionage organization. The Foreign office secured the letter.

No arrests as yet.

Mr. Bergen of the prescription department of Silvertorn's Drug Store was called to Portland this morning on account of the illness of his wife.

### Dry Winds Predicted.

Portland, Aug. 8.—(To the Union-Wallowa County Fire Patrol Association, La Grande)—The weather bureau predicts probable drying north-east winds throughout Oregon.

OREGON FOREST FIRE ASSN.

## Russians Say They Are Fighting Again

Petrograd, Aug. 8.—(United Press)—Russians resumed the offensive at Bessarabia capturing two villages and three hundred prisoners, it is announced.

## Rev And Mrs Roberts Enjoy A Fine Trip

Washington, D. C. Aug. 4, 1917. To the Editor of the Evening Observer and the people of La Grande, Oregon: It has been one month since we started east on our vacation. We have had a most delightful trip thus far. We are now stopping at the National Hotel, Washington, D. C., located at corner of Sixth and Pennsylvania Ave., 4th floor room two hundred. We had a very fine trip through Canada. Two days the conductor had to turn the heat on in the cars. We have been here three days. We have been through the Congress and Senate Hall or Chamber. Have met and been introduced to a large number of Congressmen. We shall remain here one more day. We stopped off in Winnipeg, Canada, also in Toronto, Niagara Falls, Buffalo, New York City, visited Coney Island, West Point, was in Philadelphia some ten days, visited Atlantic City, N. J. Saw 300,000 people there the day we were there. Visited a number of other nearby cities, stopped two days in Baltimore, Md.

I shall be there to fill my pulpit at Lane's Chapel on August 12. Will give you a full account of our trip when we return.

REV. and MRS. S. M. ROBERTS.

Milton Block returned last night after a two weeks' outing in the Wallowa country.

## German Agent Arrested As Army Deserter

Seattle, Aug. 8.—(United Press)—A nation-wide search for Louis Hollweg von Bettenhausen, a Krupp agent, and deserter from the American army and suspected German spy, ended today when Edward Wright, a government investigator identified him. He is at Fort Lawton technically on a charge of desertion. He will be taken to Aleatraz Island.

## HOME GUARDS TO ORGANIZE TONIGHT

MASS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN CITY HALL TONIGHT

LAGRANDE MEN, YOUNG AND OLD, ARE INVITED

Plan Is To Organize Companies For Military Drill and for Service in Local Defense—Committee Will Report—Officers Will Be Elected—Form of Enlistment.

Tonight a mass meeting will be held in the City Hall at 7:30 p. m. for the purpose of completing the organization of the La Grande Home Guards.

All those interested, young and old, who wish to join, are asked to be present promptly so that the work of organization can proceed with dispatch.

The organization of the Home Guards was determined on at a meeting of the Public Safety Committee, in view of the fact that company M has gone and the Hospital Unit is soon to go.

The purpose is home defense. The members will be given military training and respond to the call of their officers, who will work in conjunction with the sheriff of the county.

At the first meeting a committee consisting of H. E. Coolidge, chairman; Fred L. Meyer, A. W. Nelson and H. E. Dixon, were appointed to prepare the by-laws and enlistment blanks for the enrollment of members of the organization.

This committee will report tonight and will also recommend that the companies elect their own officers.

A company of boys under twenty-one is anxious to work as a branch of the Home Guards, and other companies will be organized as numbers enroll.

It is important that all who were present at the first meeting be present tonight.

The enrollment enlistment is simple and does not bind the signer to excessive service. It follows:

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, do hereby enlist for the period of ONE YEAR in the LA GRANDE HOME GUARDS. We promise full and faithful obedience to all orders from properly constituted authorities and from all duly constituted officers of said organization. The said LA GRANDE HOME GUARDS shall be conducted with military discipline. And we promise to submit thereto. To attend all drills and to answer all calls for service unless properly excused.

THIS ENLISTMENT is entirely voluntary and the purpose of the said LA GRANDE HOME GUARDS shall be for aiding and assisting the local authorities in the maintenance of law and order; and in the protection of the life, liberty and property of our citizens.

All patriotic men in La Grande, young or old, will be welcome tonight.

Mrs. Ray Holland, a competent dressmaker of Spokane, has opened dressmaking parlor in the Fisher Bldg., over Young's Confectionery Store.

The appearance of the O.-W. R. & N. Co. depot here is being greatly improved by the repainting of the same.

## LONDON HEARS THE SOUNDS OF BATTLE

WINDOWS IN SOUTH END OF CITY VIBRATE FROM CONCUSSION OF ARTILLERY

London, Aug. 8.—(United Press)—The roar of the big guns hurling tons of metal against the German lines, was distinctly heard last night within thirty miles of London.

Windows in the south end vibrated from the concussion.

The sound was the most distant heard since the beginning of the war. General Haig announced active artillery near Ypres and raiding on the coast.

Ypres is one hundred miles from London.

The intense bombardment increased the tense feeling of expectancy.