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## BUSINESS MEN BACK MC'NARY IN TERMINAL FIGHT

COMMERCIAL CLUB WIRES OREGON SENATORS TO LEND ASSISTANCE.

### CHICAGO MARKET MEANS LOSS TO WESTERN FARMERS

With Portland as Primary Market, Union County Wheat Growers Would Save \$12,000 on Crop.

The La Grande Commercial Club met yesterday at a special session to discuss Senator McNary's plan to make Portland a primary market.

In regard to the matter City Manager Fred Currey said: "Hoover's plan of Government control for wheat makes the price which Oregon farmers will receive for their wheat governed by the Chicago price. This means a direct loss to the Western farmer of 20 cents per bushel."

"To bring the matter nearer home, 60 per cent of the Western wheat is ground for home consumption. Therefore if the wheat is sold on Chicago price, the Western farmer loses the transportation cost."

"The fact that this high percentage of wheat is ground locally, virtually means that the farmer pays 33 cents per bushel freight on grain that is never moved."

The Union County conservative estimates, Mr. Currey states, lead to the conclusion that the difference between Chicago and Portland market amounts to \$120,000 on the best wheat crop. In other words, if Senator McNary succeeds in making Portland a primary market, Union County farmers will be \$120,000 richer.

The Commercial Club wired Oregon Senators, Food Director Hoover and the Chamber of Commerce of Portland urging them to lend all assistance possible to Senator McNary in his fight for the Western wheat grower, believing his cause to be a just one, and his argument based on business logic.

At a meeting this morning the club received an invitation to send delegates to a meeting to be held in Portland at the Multnomah Hotel, Friday, of representative business men at which a representative will be selected to go to Washington to present the matter from an Oregon standpoint. Fred J. Holmes and J. D. McKennon will be the La Grande delegates to the Portland meeting.

## Clark Opens Fire Again on War Profits

DECLARES 80 PER CENT TAX NOT TOO GREAT; HOUSE APPLAUDS.

Washington, Sept. 6.—(United Press.)—Speaker Champ Clark, taking the floor of the House, reopened the wealth subscription battle, demanding that the great war profits be heavily taxed.

The House tremendously applauded Clark. He declared that an 80 per cent war profits tax not too great a tax and this aroused a great demonstration. The Senate conservatives continued the fight to prevent the conscriptionists increasing the income tax.

METHODIST CONFERENCE  
SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 1.

Springfield, Or., Sept. 6.—The annual conference of the Methodist Church in this state will be held in the Springfield church beginning October 1. Preparations for the big meeting are now under way.

## GERMANY WANTS DURABLE PEACE ONLY, SHE SAYS

BY GRANDENS.  
Berlin, Sept. 6.—(United Press.)—Germany will tell the Pope that the people want no gain from the war, only a durable peace guaranteed by international treaties, according to an authoritative forecast that Vorwaerts has published.

### OUSTED AS FOOD DICTATOR

Adolph von Batocki Dropped From German Cabinet.



Von Batocki, who is succeeded as food dictator by Herr von Waldow, said to have been personally selected by the Kaiser, has more than once complained of the position being a most difficult and thankless one. He is reported as not sorrowing much over his loss of the place.

## Stockmen To Meet Sept 23-Oct 1

Meetings of the executive committee, of the Cattle & Horse Raisers' Association of Oregon, will be held in Oregon in the year 1917, as follows:

Canyon City, September 23, 8 P. M.  
Burns, September 24, 3 P. M.  
Lakeview, September 26, 10 A. M.  
Bly, September 28, 10 A. M.  
Fort Klamath, September 29, 10 A. M.

Prineville, October 1, 10 A. M.  
All persons interested in the livestock industry and their friends are earnestly requested to attend each and all of these meetings. A large delegation of cattlemen will leave Baker, Or., by automobiles on the morning of September 23 for this trip, and they are anxious to meet their fellow producers. Will you meet with them at one or more of the places above indicated?

This association was organized and is being conducted by practical livestock growers for the protection and betterment of the cattle and horse industries. It needs your co-operation. Kindly meet with us and lend your assistance in the solution of the problems that confront us under the present abnormal conditions.

S. O. CORRELL, Sec'y.

## Daniels Asks Congress for \$335,000,000

Washington, Sept. 6.—(United Press.)—Secretary Daniels today asked Congress to appropriate \$335,000,000 for torpedo boat construction.

## EARLY MORNING FIRE DESTROYS DWELLING

The W. T. Grider house, corner of R and Spruce, was completely destroyed by fire at 4 o'clock this morning. The two story frame dwelling, a woodshed and barn were burned to the ground.

The Stepp brothers, who occupied the house, left early this morning for the mountains for a load of wood. It is presumed that they left the fire burning in the stove and that the blaze started from there.

The fire department arrived too late to save the buildings but succeeded in keeping the flames from spreading.

The loss is estimated at \$1200 and is insured at only \$600.

The home of Chas. Hoaks next door was badly scorched but was saved from further damage by the timely arrival of the firemen.

William Bollons of La Grande was registered at the Multnomah Hotel, Portland, Tuesday.

## ALLIES SHELL NAVAL BASE IN ADRIATIC SEA

WESTERN FRONT QUIET; ITALIANS DRIVING TOWARD TRIESTE.

London, Sept. 6.—(United Press.)—British and French warships and Italian monitors are shelling Pola, Austria's great Adriatic naval base.

Rome estimated that since August 19, when the Italian drive began, at least 37,000 Austrians have been made prisoners.

The main fighting on the Italian front today is south of Corog'o in the Bainsizza Plateau. The Italians are driving toward Trieste and Labach. The western front is fairly quiet.

## TREASURY OFFERS THREE HUNDRED MILLION LOAN

The La Grande National Bank and the United States National Bank, of this city, today received the following telegram from the Federal Reserve Bank, of San Francisco:

"The Secretary of the Treasury offers \$300,000,000 certificates of indebtedness, date September 17th, payable December 15th, at 3 1-2 per cent. Subscriptions close at the banks in your city September 11. Payments September 17."

## \$250 VOTED TO SUMPTER FUND BY COMMISSION

At the Commissioners' meeting at the City Hall last night the following business was transacted:

Sum of \$250 voted to Sumpter Relief Fund.

The petition of Jack Childs for a commercial gas station on Jefferson Avenue was granted;

The petition for a sidewalk on N St. between Sixth and Eighth was denied;

The report of water Supt. Hoyt, who has just returned from the Beaver Creek dam and water shed, indicating that danger from fire is past and that the condition of the water supply is being remedied, was read and accepted.

## Chicago Herald is Sued for Libel

Chicago, Sept. 6.—(United Press.)—William Hale Thompson, Chicago's Mayor, has sued the Chicago Herald and James Keely, publisher, for \$250,000 for libel. Simultaneously he issued a statement denying charges of anti-Americanism.

## STUDENT AVIATOR INJURED WHEN HIS MACHINE FALLS

San Mateo, Cal., Sept. 6.—Fred Ochonner, a student aviator, fell when his engine stalled high in the air. He may die.

## MORO AIDS SUMPTER.

Moro, Or., Sept. 6.—(Special.)—The Sherman County Court in session today, voted \$100 for the Sumpter fire relief funds. The resignation of W. D. Wallan as County Treasurer was accepted, and George B. Bourhill, ex-County Judge, appointed. Wallan has also resigned as cashier of the Bank of Moro. He bought land near Lewiston and will go back to farming.

## Way to Round-Up Not Blocked.

Pendleton, Sept. 6.—(Special.)—The blocking of the Columbia Highway between Cascade Locks and Hood River, as contemplated, will not stop tourist traffic nor automobile parties to the Round-Up, it was pointed out here today. It is possible to ferry across the river from the locks and to return to the Oregon side again at Hood River, where the road is open.

## GERMANY MUST MEET U.S. PEACE REQUIREMENTS

GOVERNMENT THROUGH TALKING UNTIL THIS IS DONE.

Washington, Sept. 6.—(United Press.)—The State Department declared that the United States was through talking peace until Germany is ready to meet the American peace requirements. The State Department opened the discussion with the Japanese mission concerning greater co-operation between Japan and the United States today.

## FRED L. MEYERS IS ELECTED VICE PRES- IDENT OF BANKERS

Mr. Fred L. Meyers, cashier of the La Grande National Bank, today was advised that he had been elected vice-president for Oregon of the American Bankers' Association, term of office for one year beginning with the forty-third annual convention in Atlantic City, the week of September 24. Mr. Meyers will attend the convention, accompanied by Mrs. Meyers, and will leave for the East in about two weeks. They will also visit in New York City, Montreal, Canada, where Mr. Meyers has relatives, and Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, D. C.

## PREMIER RIBOT GIVES FRENCH ANSWER TO POPE

SAYS ALSACE-LORRAINE NOT SUBJECT TO DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSION.

Pere Cham, France, Sept. 6.—(United Press.)—France insists that Alsace-Lorraine is not subject to diplomatic discussion, declared Premier Ribot, speaking at the celebration of the Marne battle. The only claim of France is concerning the character of reparation, he declared. Ribot's speech is the first official utterance answering the Pope.

He discussed fully the issue of democracy versus autocracy. He declared that unless Germany separates economic and military ambitions she must deal with the league of democratic nations, united to fight economically as well as by arms.

## Next Liberty Loan November 1

Local bankers have received advice that the Treasury Department plans the next Liberty Loan campaign to begin not later than October 1, with subscriptions closing November 1. Details of the loan and amount of bonds cannot be determined until the act now before Congress has been definitely disposed of. Meanwhile the Liberty Loan committee is making preliminary plans for the campaign.

## Bucking Horses Secured.

Pendleton, Sept. 6.—(Special.)—The Round-Up string of bucking horses will be brought here within a day or so from the Summer range and try-outs, to get them in shape for the exhibition, September 20, 21 and 22, will be started as soon as the grounds can be sprinkled and softened. The week will see also the arrival of other horses which have been gathered up over the country as possible first-string buckers. One of these in particular looks good, so far as reports go. He is being shipped here by Smith Strayne, who believes that he will rank with Long Tom, the king of the Round-Up band. The new horse has thrown all who have tried to ride him.

Jenks Taylor, who made a special trip to the border last week to round up a herd of Texas longhorns, has reported that two carloads of them are on the way.

### BRITISH CABINET CRISIS.

Arthur Henderson, Laborite, May Resign to Join Socialists.



Arthur Henderson has been the subject of much criticism in parliament because of his affiliation with British radical Socialists who are working for peace. It was reported that he has tendered his resignation from the Lloyd George cabinet to take part in the Socialist conference at Stockholm.

## Has Four Sons In U. S. Service

Troutdale, Ore., Sept. 6.—A service flag with four stars in its blue field hands in the window of Mrs. L. M. Russell here today.

It signifies that four from her immediate family have gone to war. One son already is in France; another at American Lake; a third is an officer at Fort Snelling, Minn., and her son-in-law, Verne Stater is a member of an aviation corps, stationed in Texas.

## BOMB FOUND IN THE F. W. W. HEADQUARTERS.

Detroit, Sept. 6.—(United Press.)—A bomb was found among the stuff confiscated at the Industrial Workers' headquarters, it has been learned, and the Federal authorities are preparing indictments. Arrests are expected.

## 700 MORE AUSTRIANS CAPTURED BY ITALIANS.

Rome, Sept. 6.—(United Press.)—It has been officially stated that 700 more Austrians have been made prisoners. The enemy's attacks were repulsed. The Italian advance continues.

## Party Helping Investigation Of Its Affairs

LEADERS WANT TO PROVE THAT SOCIALISTS ARE DOING NOTHING SEDITIOUS.

Chicago, Sept. 6.—(United Press.)—The Socialist party is actively assisting the Government to conduct a thorough investigation of its affairs. The party leaders declared they wanted to show the Government that the Socialists are doing nothing seditious.

The Grand Jury is studying the literature that was seized yesterday. The search in the Socialist and Industrial Workers' headquarters has been resumed.

The Government has ordered that Haywood, James Rogan, Dan Sheridan and other leaders of the Industrialists be prosecuted if the seized documents prove as seditious as the Government believes.

## Germans Capture 7,500 Russians

Berlin, Sept. 6.—(United Press.)—It is officially announced that 120 Russian officers and 7500 men were made prisoners and 180 guns, 300 machine guns and several armed cars were captured at the Riga front. The Germans advanced as far as Friedrichstadt.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill Templeton have moved into the Gilbert Apartments.

## CHARGES THAT U. S. SENATORS CAPTURE RIGA

CHAS. RUSSELL SAYS IT WAS NOT GERMANY CAUSED FALL OF CITY.

### PLAN TO HOLD DEMOCRACY MEETINGS OVER COUNTRY

Effort Being Made to Unite Members of Prohibition, Progressive and Socialist Parties.

Minneapolis, Sept. 6.—(United Press.)—Germany didn't capture Riga. Senators Robert La Follette, W. J. Stone and Gronna did capture Riga.

If Petrograd is captured these men and the pro-German mayors are responsible.

So declared Charles Edward Russell, member of the Root commission to Russia, arriving here to attend the American Alliance of Labor and Democracy convention.

The committee will lay before the convention soon plans of establishing branches of the convention in every American town. Socialists plan a resolution demanding the extension of Government control and Government ownership of basic industries. Efforts are being made to unite the Prohibitionists, the former Progressives, and the patriotic Socialists into a new party. The effort is unconnected with the convention, but many delegates are interested.

## CAPTAIN A. R. MARKER ORDERED TO FORT SILL, OKLAHOMA

Camp Lewis, American Lake, Sept. 5.—(Special.)—Captain A. R. Marker, of La Grande, has been chosen with 36 other captains, and a like number of first and second lieutenants, to go to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to join certain National Guard troops now being mobilized at that point. It is understood that these troops are to be a part of the so-called "Rainbow" division which is soon to be sent to France, so that their selection seems to indicate more immediate service at the front than they could expect by remaining at Camp Lewis.

Camp Lewis is a wonderful camp. It is the largest mobilization and training tract in the United States. It contains 76,000 acres, is 18 miles long and 12 miles wide; 70,000 acres were donated to the Government by the people of Pierce County, for the purchase of which they voted \$2,000,000 in bonds. Something like 46,041 officers and men of the new National Army will be mobilized here in addition to a division of regular Army troops. About \$2,000,000 per month will be distributed in salaries to officers and men. It is estimated that \$3,500,000 has been expended by the Government for supplies and construction firms have been awarded contracts aggregating an additional \$5,000,000. Some idea of the extent of the building operations may be gained from the statement that some 1300 buildings are in process of completion and that 40,000,000 feet of lumber will be used in their construction.

Captain Marker passed through La Grande this morning with the officers referred to on a special train. Although it was not known he was going through, some of his friends,

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## RIGA CITIZENS MADE PRISONERS BY PRUSSIANS

Petrograd, Sept. 6.—(United Press.)—Thousands of Russian civilians were captured in Riga. The Germans surrounded the city before all escaped. It is thought that the Americans escaped. Scores of arrests of royalist plotters were made throughout the nation. The government announced that it had full knowledge of the royalist plot.