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## ITALIANS RETREAT BEFORE GERMANS

### ITALIANS ARE RETREATING TO A NEW LINE

FIRST STAND WILL BE MADE ALONG TAGLIAMENTO RIVER.

### STRIP OF TERRITORY IS SURRENDERED

Ammunition and Stores Will Be Lost—Retreating Italians Destroy Supplies—Weak Spot of Italian Line Learned.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—The Italians will make their first determined stand against the invading Austro-Germans, along the Tagliamento River, official Italian cables declared.

The Italians are surrendering a strip of territory along a hundred and twenty mile front, sixty miles wide at widest point.

The strip includes Udine, Tarcento and Cividale, where Italian stores and ammunition are stored.

The retreating Italians destroyed large quantities of supplies.

The Italian officials here are confident the Tagliamento line will hold.

It is believed German spies learned the weak spot in the Italian line, enabling them to break through.

(United Press.) LONDON, Oct. 29.—A decided decline in the stock market reflected the great public uneasiness over the successful German drive against Italy.

Enemy Is Checked. ROME, Oct. 29.—The retreating Italians are following general staff plans.

An official statement says the Italians are keeping check on the enemy advance.

CAPTURE 100,000 ITALIANS.

(United Press.) BERLIN, Oct. 29.—(Special.)—The general headquarters claims the capture of 100,000 Italians, and more than 700 guns.

### Pacific Coast Hello Girls May Strike

(United Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 29.—Government aid is sought to prevent the threatened strike of the Pacific Coast telephone operators. The matter has been placed before Secretary of Labor Wilson, now at Clifton, Ariz.

### GERMANS MAKE GAINS IN THE MEUSE SECTOR.

(United Press.) PARIS, Oct. 29.—The official statement reported violent fighting in the Meuse sector. After a heavy bombardment, the Germans attacked and gained temporarily advanced French positions north of the Caurrie Res wood. A counter attack retook the greater portion of the ground.

### TEN MILLIONS BUY LIBERTY LOAN BONDS

(United Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 29.—Ten million persons subscribed to the Liberty Loan. Early Treasury Department returns, although indefinite, indicate the loan is well past the \$5,000,000,000 mark. Complete, definite figures are expected Thursday. The next loan will be floated in February.



MAJ. C. S. RIDLEY, who has been appointed by the president as engineer officer in charge of public buildings and grounds in Washington, and military aid to the president. Major Ridley is the youngest officer ever chosen to serve in this capacity, being only thirty-four years old and but 12 years out of West Point. He will be responsible for the expenditure of millions of dollars in public buildings and park improvements.

### KAISER HAS NOW OUSTED MICHAELIS

(United Press.) ZURICH, Oct. 29.—The newspaper Neue-Zeitung declared the Kaiser accepted Chancellor Michaelis' resignation.

### WILL NATIONALIZE HOTELS IN FRANCE

(United Press.) PARIS, Oct. 2.—(By Mail.)—A movement is on foot to nationalize the hotel industry in France. German hotel proprietors and waiters proved a menace to France during the early stages of the war. Parliament will be urged to vote a law reserving the hotel industry in France for French citizens or citizens of allied countries.

The Weather. PORTLAND, Oct. 29.—The U. S. Weather Forecast: Warmer, probably rain.

### Obituary Of William Leonard McClure.

William Leonard McClure was born June 5, 1851, at Cincinnati, O., and departed this life October 9, 1917, at the home of his daughter Mrs. Ralph Cochran. He was united in marriage to Mary Isabelle Ford on November 16, 1873, at Point Isabelle, O., to this union were born four children, three sons and one daughter: Charles L., of Covington, Ky.; William E., of La Grande, Ore.; George H., of Leesville, La.; Miss Addie Cochran, of La Grande.

WHAT THE OBSERVER'S TOBACCO FUND DOES Here's 45 cents worth of tobacco which is sent for your quarter to the soldiers at the front: A package of tobacco and four books of cigarette papers. Three pouches of smoking tobacco and three books of papers. Two packages of cigarettes, 20 cigarettes in each package. A return postal card addressed to the contributor on which the soldier will pen his appreciation and gratitude for the gift. All you do is send a quarter to The Observer.

### UNION COUNTY EXCEEDS QUOTA; 2ND IN STATE

ONE OF THREE COUNTIES IN STATE TO PASS MAXIMUM.

### LA GRANDE REACHES 172 PERCENT OF QUOTA

Maximum Quota Passed By 3 Per Cent; \$449,400 is City's Contribution to Liberty Loan.

With \$449,400 subscribed, La Grande pushed its total nearly \$20,000 beyond its maximum in the final drive for the Liberty Loan ending Saturday night. This puts La Grande well up among the honor cities of the state and made possible the enviable record of Union county in attaining second place in the state.

The minimum quota for La Grande, \$250,000, was attained easily and the efforts of the committee were directed toward passing the maximum with the result that when the banks closed at 9 o'clock Saturday night the minimum had been exceeded by 72 per cent and the maximum by 3 per cent.

Union county succeeded in raising \$565,000, \$5000 more than its maximum quota, which places it second in the state. Benton county being first and Wallowa county third.

### TRIED TO FOMENT REVOLUTION; GO TO JAIL

CHICAGO, Oct. 29.—Gustav Jacobson, Albert Wehde, George Paul Boehm, Germans, were convicted of conspiring to foment a revolution in India and sentenced to three years in Leavenworth prison and fined \$13,000.

Heramba Lal Gupta, a Hindu, convicted with them, was given 18 months imprisonment and a \$200 fine.

### BRITISH AND BELGIANS ARE MAKING RAIDS.

LONDON, Oct. 29.—British and Belgians are actively raiding the Germans on the Flanders front, it is officially announced.

### LAGRANDE WINS ONESIDED GAME FROM ELGIN H. S.

HEAVY LOCALS HAVE NO TROUBLE WADING THROUGH LIGHT OPPONENTS.

### LINE SHOWS UP WELL BACKFIELD PROVES WEAK

Game Played in Snowstorm; Elgin Feels Loss of Veterans Who Are in U. S. Service.

The football team representing the La Grande High School journeyed to Elgin Saturday in a dust and snow storm and in order to keep in harmony with the wether man staged a whirlwind game with the team from the Elgin High School, coming out with the long end of a score of 46 to 0, and in doing this needed all the wind that had been accumulated in that end of the valley during the day since it kept the local back field busy running from one end of the field to the other.

It was not so much the strength of the local team that piled up such a score but rather the weakness of the smaller Elgin boys, who although outweighed 15 pounds to the man and without any substitutes of any calibre put up a marvelous game and were striving as hard when the final whistle blew as they were at the beginning. Elgin misses several of the stars that made their team famous last year and the war has made inroads upon the larger boys who usually attend their school.

At the start of the game, Elgin won the toss and chose to receive the kick, McDonald, of the locals, booting the ball clear to the goal posts, Elgin being downed on the 10-yard line from where they tried a forward pass on the first down which was intercepted by Halfback Gene Moon, of the locals, who ran 20 yards through a scattered field for the first touchdown. From then on the players representing the blue and white made yardage on every play, only losing the ball once during the whole game an account of not making the required 10 yards, and not punting once during the contest. Garrity, playing left half back was the chief point getter scoring three touchdowns.

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JAMES H. COLLINS, for 15 years a widely known writer on business subjects, has charge of the food administration's publicity handled through trade papers.

### GERMANS MAY RETREAT ON WESTERN FRONT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 29.—Secretary Baker's weekly war summary predicted another German strategic retreat on the west front.

The allied superiority on the west front is increasingly apparent. German casualties are steadily increasing. Russia is consolidating her resistance. Important military operations are developing on every front.

### Thirty Five Hundred Lost On Atlantic

LONDON, Oct. 29.—Of 13,000,000 persons crossing the Atlantic ocean only 3500 were lost. Lloyd George told the House of Commons this afternoon in praising the navy's work.

### GANG STRIPS BEATS AND OILS PACIFIST

HERBERT BIGELOW, PASTOR OF CINCINNATI CHURCH, IS PUNISHED.

### BAND OF MEN FOLLOW KUKLUX TACTICS

Men Gather in Automobiles and Kidnap Bigelow—Wear White Aprons—Head of Victim Is Dipped in Petroleum for Opposing Government's War Policy.

(United Press.) CINCINNATI, O., Oct. 29.—Strip-ped and beaten unmercifully, Herbert Bigelow, pacifist leader, pastor of the People's Church here, was found at Lawrence, Kentucky, this morning.

A band of men in 20 automobiles kidnaped Bigelow last night, and freed him after dipping his head in crude petroleum.

Bigelow is supposed to be the victim of an oathbound organization, sworn to wreak vengeance on opponents of the Government's war preparations.

Members of the gang wore white aprons resembling the KKK.

The party was closely organized and were able to return home after punishing Bigelow without being apprehended.

Bigelow's condition is serious.

### Sixty Thousand Oregonians Buy Liberty Bonds

(United Press.) PORTLAND, O., Oct. 29.—Sixty thousand Oregonians bought Liberty Bonds. Headquarters announced this afternoon that \$25,382,300 worth of bonds were sold. Complete returns are expected to raise this figure \$100,000.

### LONE BANDIT HOLDS UP BANK

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SPRINGFIELD IS ROBBED.

(United Press.) SPRINGFIELD, O., Oct. 29.—A lone, unmasked bandit held up the First National Bank this morning.

He thrust a revolver through the window at President G. L. Scott and demanded money.

Scott told the man to help himself. The robber came inside the cage and took a handful of paper money and left.

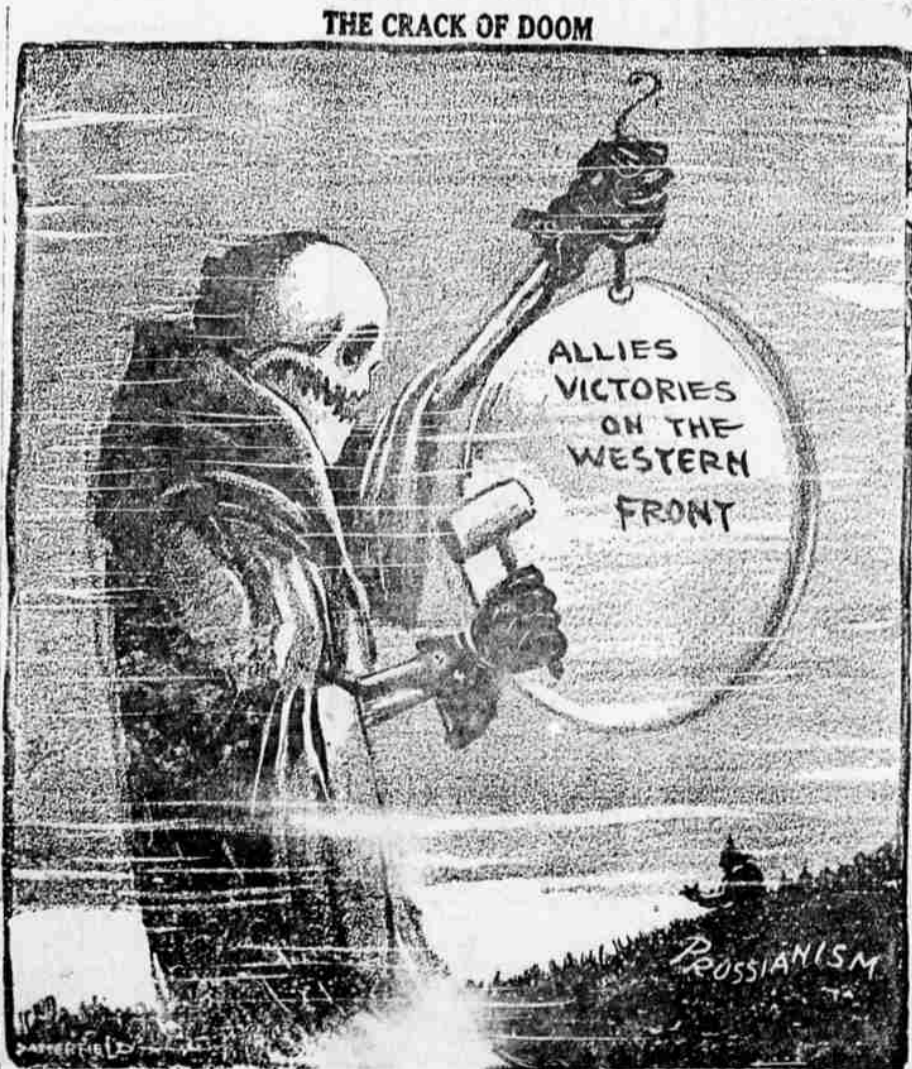
The sheriff and posse are pursuing.

### BRITISH DROP BOMBS ON GERMAN FORTS.

(United Press.) LONDON, Oct. 29.—The British dropped many tons of bombs on German military points Saturday and Sunday, the Admiralty stated. One British airplane is missing.

### Business Man Is To Help Admiral Capps

(United Press.) WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—Charles Piese, of Chicago was chosen vice president of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, assisting Admiral Capps, general manager. Piese will handle the business problems, leaving the ship construction entirely to Capps.



THE CRACK OF DOOM