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MAMMOTH WEB PRESS IS INSTALLED BY THE OBSERVER

THE OBSERVER TAKES ANOTHER STEP AHEAD

MASSIVE NEW MACHINE CUTS, PRINTS AND FOLDS A PAPER EVERY SECOND.

FEW LIKE IT IN THE STATE

New Piece of Printing Machinery Prints From Rolls Containing Four Miles of Paper—Has 5,000 Parts.

This issue of The Observer which you now hold in your hand, was printed, cut and folded in one second. In a minute 60 just like it were run off, and while you are reading this article several hundred more could be prepared.

The Observer has just installed as a part of its permanent equipment a mammoth new Duplex Perfecting Web press which is by far the largest in use in the county or in this section of the state. It is the last word in efficiency in the newspaper press line, and its installation by The Observer marks a new era in the newspaper business in Union County. It was on this new press that this evening's edition was run off and it will be in use every day from now on.

The new Duplex Press works on an entirely different principle from any other press. It is a modern piece of newspaper machinery suited to modern needs and capable of meeting modern requirements. The Observer is pleased to announce its acquisition to its patrons. The Observer believes in the future of La Grande and surrounding country, and has installed the press in order to give our readers the best possible service.

The Observer has two linotype machines. These machines enable the Observer to set up the news quickly. The addition of the new press marks another step in advance in speed of newspaper making.

The gigantic rollers, beds and cogs of this new press weigh 12 tons, and when crated for shipment to La Grande required the use of a specially chartered freight car. Massive construction.

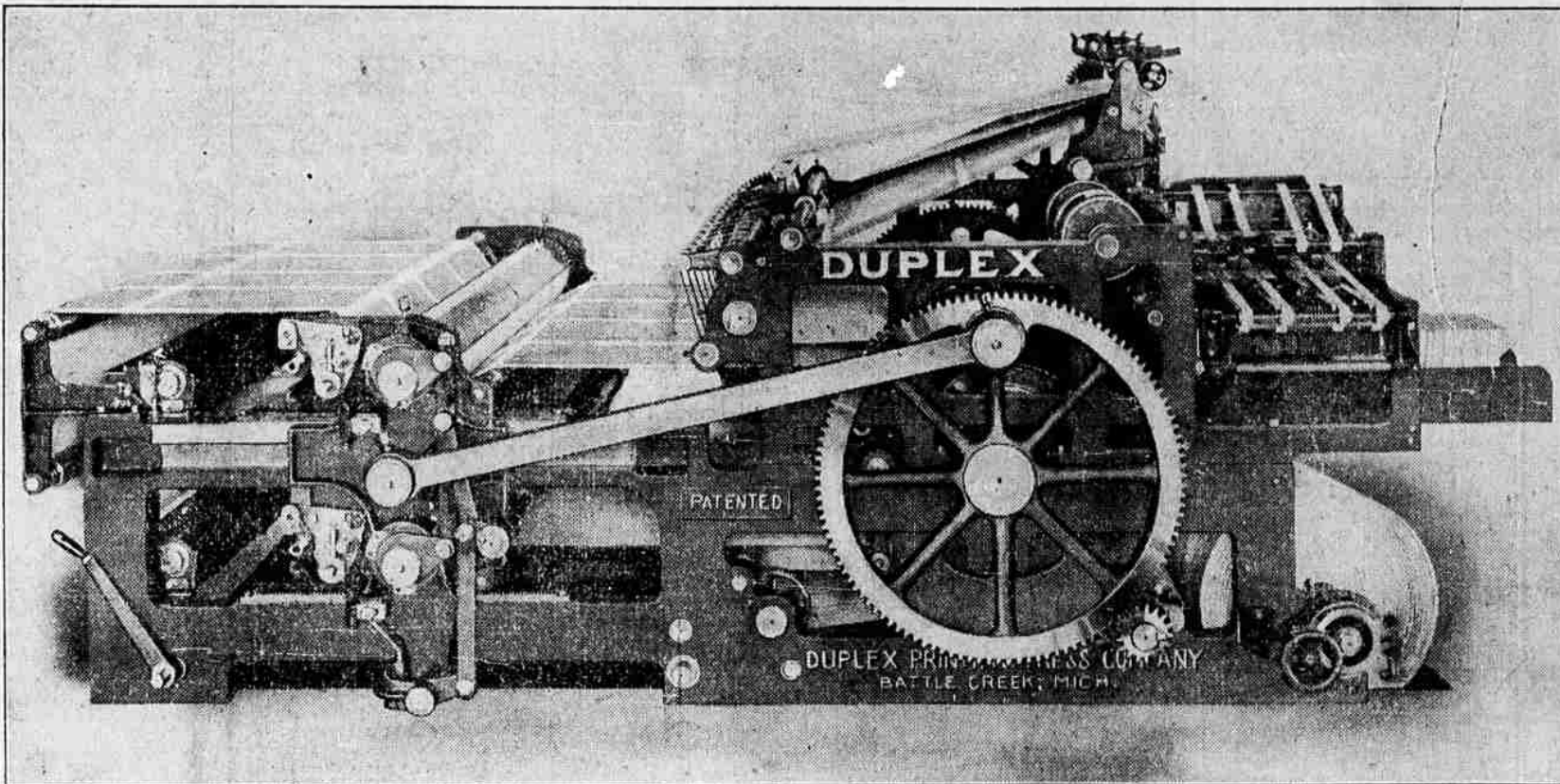
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A. Newlin is Found Not Guilty by Jury

The jury this morning in the case of the City against Adolph Newlin which was appealed from the Municipal Court, returned a verdict in favor of Mr. Newlin. The charge was selling liquor unlawfully. The same facts are alleged against Mr. Newlin in a state case which is on trial today.

Tacoma restaurant men are ignoring the meatless day.

Duplex Web Perfecting Press, on Which This Issue of the Observer Was Printed and Folded at Rate of Sixty a Minute, 3600 an Hour



O'NEILL LOSES TO SANTEL IN CLEVER MATCH

BIG CROWD SEES CHAMPION DOWN LOCAL MAT ARTIST.

EXHIBITION CLEAN AND HARD FOUGHT

Both Men Use Many Holds; Santel Wins Both Falls With the Scissor Hold.

A match that will go down in the sport history of La Grande as the fastest and cleanest event ever staged here was pulled off at the Arcade Theatre last night when Jack O'Neill, local champion, met Ad Santel, world's 175-pound champion, in a finish bout. Before a crowd that packed the theatre until even standing room was at a premium the two men put on an exhibition of wrestling that puts in the shade anything that local fans have ever witnessed. Both men proved themselves masters of the game and practically every known hold was employed by the two during the contest.

O'Neill's pet hold, the toe hold, proved less effectual against the champion's leather-shod foot than it would have if Santel had worn cloth shoes, but as is his custom, O'Neill refused to protest anything.

Santel's favorite, the scissors hold of which he used every known variety, was much in evidence and his reputation of "Scissors Ad" was upheld efficiently, in fact both falls were accomplished through the use of this hold.

The men made their appearance shortly after 9 o'clock. Santel's wonderful development aroused the admiration of the audience. He was in perfect condition despite the fact that he had wrestled three times since October 20. O'Neill was in the best condition he has ever been for any match. He showed the effect of careful training. Both men were roundly applauded by the crowd. Santel went on the mat at 181, O'Neill at 173.

The men spent several minutes feeling out then O'Neill got a toe-hold on the champion that bothered the big fellow before he could worm out of it. After 12 minutes of unsuccessful grappling Jack put a double wristlock on his opponent which almost landed him but the champion again broke loose. The match was used again later by Santel. Santel demonstrated the use of the scissors hold in a variety of ways and finally got the hold in 40 minutes and 58 seconds. The double arm scissors. This hold has never been seen on a mat before and occurred when Santel was endeavoring to release himself.

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BRITISH GAIN ON FLANDERS FRONT

RENEWED DRIVE TAKES TROOPS ONE MILE FORWARD.

Occupy Dozen Strongly Fortified Towns; Vigorous Fighting Is Reported.

(United Press.)

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS, Nov. 10.—The British drove nearly a mile forward from Passchendaele in the renewed Flanders offensive.

The British occupied a dozen, strongly fortified towns. Vigorous fighting everywhere is reported. General Haig is successfully shoving the Bastardians off all the high ground before Roulers. The enemy is fighting violently.

GERMAN PLANES BOMB HOSPITAL.

(By United Press.)

PARIS, Nov. 10.—The Germans dropped incendiary bombs on the Zuyveschoote hospital, killing seven and wounding nine, during the Dunkirk air raid. It is stated.

ITALIANS NOW SAFE BEHIND PIAVO RIVER

ENTRENCHED BEHIND STRONG DEFENSES—ENEMY ATTACKS REFUSED.

(United Press.)

Rome, Nov. 10.—Our rear guards have escaped the enemy from Sasegana to the sea, burning bridges behind them, is officially stated. Strong enemy attacks in Ledo Valley were repulsed despite the artillery preparation.

Italy's retreat behind the Piavo river line is practically completed. Front dispatches declare the withdrawal was highly successful.

The Piavo defenses are exceptionally strong and it is believed the troops will be able to withstand the invaders' attacks. It is estimated that a million homeless from the invaded district have reached Rome. Military exigency has forced the complete civil and military evacuation of all territory between the Livorno and Piavo rivers. The retreating Italians destroyed Belluno, Vittorio, Conegliano, Pordenone, Sallie and Ortergo.

(United Press.)

BERLIN, Nov. 10.—Austro-German forces have recaptured the Piavo river line from Sasegana to the sea, is stated. Anglo has been captured.

WILL MEET IN SAN FRANCISCO.

Investigation Will Be Held There and Not in Seattle.

(United Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 10.—Secretary of Labor Wilson announced the investigation of the Coast telephone strike will be held in San Francisco, not Seattle as the Northwest union requested. The presidential mediation commission will open the hearing Monday morning. It is understood that the Northwest telephone employees will not be represented.

DISOBEDIENCE CAUSES DEATHS.

Unauthorized Lowering of Boats Causes Loss of Life.

(United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—Admiral Sims reported that the unauthorized lowering of boats when the American transport Finland was torpedoed caused several deaths. The dispatch indicates that panic prevailed aboard the ship.

REPORT CONFIRMED BY U.S. AMBASSADOR

OVERTHROW OF KERENSKY IS ACCOMPLISHED SAYS EMBASSY.

Hope of Reestablishing Old Provisional Government is Almost Shattered.

(United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—The American ambassador Francis, in Petrograd, cabled the state department confirmation of the overthrow of the cabinet members and the bombardment of the winter palace. Reports of the peace radicals' control of Moscow almost ended the official hope that Kerensky could reestablish the old provisional government. The Russian embassy refused to believe that the radical government will succeed. The Embassy predicts that Lenin will announce himself Premier or dictator. The exact whereabouts of Kerensky are unknown.

(United Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 10.—State Department cables asserted the Maximilists seized Moscow November 8, closing all the conservative newspapers and placing guards on all railroads and telegraphs.

Russian Ambassador Bakmatieff announced this afternoon that the Russian embassy here would refuse to recognize the Maximilists' government. He declared the Maximilists don't represent Russia and cannot express the people's will.

American Ambassador Francis, at Petrograd, cabled everything a. k. indicating that the Maximilists were not yet forcibly opposed.

GERMAN TROOPS IN FINLAND.

Attacking Helsingford, Finish Capital Is Report.

(United Press.)

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 10.—The Germans landed on the Aland Islands, at the entrance of the Bothnie Gulf near Stockholm last night. The islands will probably be their naval base.

BRITISH CAPTURE ASKALAN.

10,000 Turks Killed and Wounded—Many Prisoners Taken.

(United Press.)

LONDON, Nov. 10.—The British have captured Askalan ten miles beyond Gaza and thirty miles from Jerusalem, is stated. The British killed and wounded ten thousand Turks, excluding a large number of prisoners, it is stated.

Y. M. CAMPAIGN FOR WAR FUND ON TOMORROW

CONGREGATIONS WILL LISTEN TO APPEALS IN CHURCH TOMORROW.

Union County's Quota is \$5,000—Baker County Has Already Raised Its Quota.

Approximately a million men—not ministers, but laymen—will tomorrow morning step into the pulpits of these United States to plead with the church-going public to awake to the importance of the Army Y. M. C. A. drive for \$35,000,000 which begins tomorrow morning and continues until the 18th. La Grande and Union county will be no exception to the rule. So far as speakers and publicity committee chairmen in charge of the work can ascertain, there will not be a pulpit in this county tomorrow without a great deal of special attention being paid to the drive. In some instances the local divines will attend to it and in others laymen will speak.

The plan is to round up the campaign of education that has been going on the past few days to enthrone the public—there is yet much to be done, leaders feel, but all are confident after yesterday evening's banquet at the Foley hotel. The gathering there was extremely representative. Team Captain Frank Smith brought down several live wires from Elgin and W. T. Wright came over from Union with a group of men who each and all became incensed. Likewise Floyd McKennon brought his Aileen people in and Sherwood Williams was there from Imbler to hit the ball. Thus it was from everywhere. The awakening throughout the county has been most noticeable the past 36 hours. After tomorrow it is thought that not only leaders but the public will arise and do for the cause.

Much to Be Done. Frank Smith, of Elgin General Manager E. E. Kiddie and others who heard returned soldiers from the front speak at Portland recently know exactly what there is to be done and why it should be done.

In epitome, it may be said that this \$35,000,000 fund will do a good unestimable. It will be used to provide moral and physical surroundings befitting a clean American soldier; it will be used to buy stationery, to buy coffee and cocoa, to maintain warmth for the soldiers back from the rain-soaked trenches. Time and

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FORMER MAYOR OF LA GRANDE DIES

THOMAS WALSH, OLD TIME RAILROAD MAN PASSES AWAY.

Resided in La Grande for Twenty-five Years—Had Many Friends.

Thomas Walsh, one of La Grande's old time railroad men and ex-mayor, died of blood poisoning in Spokane last night at the age of 62. The body will be brought to La Grande Monday morning and the funeral will be held Tuesday. Definite arrangements have not been made.

Mr. Walsh is well known in La Grande having lived here twenty-five years. He came here as a dispatcher for the O. W. R. & N. Co. and rose successively to chief dispatcher and superintendent. He is the father of 12 children, ten of whom were born in La Grande. He was born in Ireland and came to this country at the age of ten.

He came to La Grande in 1892. In 1894 he was elected mayor but resigned before his term was completed. He was connected with the first commercial club and was

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SAMMIES LIKE THE SENTIMENTAL MUSIC

CIRCLE ABOUT COOK'S FIRE IN EVENING

By J. W. PEGLER

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

AMERICAN FIELD HEADQUARTERS, FRANCE, Oct. 11. (By Mail.)—A dark, moonless sky, stippled with pinpoints of silver light, the sound of restless hoofs stamping in the mud-barn—ad that gone, homesick feeling. It was natural that the Sammies should gather round the darkening embers in the cook-shack tonight and sing till they had to go to bed.

Sentiment seemed to fall over the camp all of a sudden. Perhaps it was the slight tinge of autumn in the air or the sight of brown, stubbled harvest fields where gnarled old peasant women went up and down the rows cleaning stray wisps of wheat.

Anyway, as soon as the vesper chow had been tucked away the fellows began to drift down the battalion street, singularly silent for Sammies. French housewives, tanned about the face and wide about the middle, sat in their door-ways, knitting or crooning to cranky, tired children.

From the edge of a wood, a hundred yards up the hill, came the sad, sad discord of a single flute. The top sergeant said it was "that crazy

Anderson guy, practising progressive exercise number one." With the ambition of some day getting a place in the band.

Shadows rushed down from the hills and darkness turned the groups of khaki into mere blots moving about in the gloom. Then someone with a tenor voice began the sob-stuff while someone else accompanied him on a mouth-organ. "Ain't that great?" said the top sergeant. "Takes me back to Chicago and the summer nights on the lake, when we'd paddle our canoes about a mile out and sing just like that."

The song came from the little circle around the cook's fire. The cook-shack really isn't a shack at all—just a canvas roof, with a stove-pipe running through it and leafy branches spread on top to fool the German aeroplanes. So the song was unconfined by walls, but free to overwhelm the sobbing of Anderson's flute.

"Just a song at twilight—light. 'When the lights a-are-lo-ow'—Everyone sang, some worse than others, and a raw kid from Memphis threw a rock at a French hound because the dog threw in his own

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