

AMERICAN DESTROYERS SINK A SUBMARINE RUSSIANS WITHDRAW TROOPS FROM FRONT

FIRE CHIEF HAS RESIGNED TO BE RURAL CARRIER

CLAUDE MACKAY ACCEPTS AP-
POINTMENT ON ROUTE 2

FOR EIGHT YEARS A MEMBER DEPARTMENT

Took Civil Service Examination a
Year Ago—Received Notice of His
Appointment Yesterday.

Claude Mackay, for two years chief
of the La Grande fire department, has
resigned his position to accept an ap-
pointment as rural mail carrier on
Route 3. Mr. Mackay took the civil
service examination about a year ago
and received notice of his appointment
yesterday.

Chief Mackay has for eight years
been a member of the volunteer fire
department. Two years ago he was
made chief of the department, which
position he has held since. His term
of service has been marked by effi-
cient execution of his duties, and his
going will leave a big gap in the
ranks of the firefighters.

City Manager Currey has not yet
announced his successor.

U.S. May Not Recognize New Gov't

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—The
Russian embassy here broke all al-
liance to the Bolshevik government.

Ambassador Bakhmeteff told Sec-
retary Lansing he would remain at
his post.

Other members of the embassy are
leaving.

Bakhmeteff will look after the in-
terests of Russian citizens in the
United States.

Several attaches resigned.

Jean Sookine, first secretary, is
seeking admission into the American
army.

Other Russian officials are offer-
ing their services to the United
States.

The state department announced
the United States will deal carefully
with the Bolshevik situation.

Officials declared the Russian sit-
uation very confusing and serious.

Bakhmeteff predicted the sound,
constructive elements in Russia will
rise against the Bolsheviks.

The Bolshevik government is de-
clared factional and not representing
the Russian people.

THREE HUNDRED BUTCHERS STRIKE AT TACOMA

TACOMA, Nov. 24.—Demanding an
eight-hour day and union recognition
three hundred butchers and meat
cutters struck this morning.

Gigantic Pool Formed By Railroads

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—To re-
lieve war transportation congestion,
railway interests and equipment are
being pooled to a more revolu-
tionary extent than ever dreamed of.
It is officially stated.

Further curtailment of the number
and luxury of passenger trains is
planned.

Details of railway's voluntary reg-
ulations were withheld while the
railroad was being met.

It is officially stated the plans in-
clude vast pooling of trackage, equip-
ment, terminals and service for the
common good of the government,
whether it's for the good of the indi-
vidual lines or not.

OFFICIALS STATE WATER IS PURE

SAY EXAMINATIONS PROVED
NO TYPHOID GERMS EXIST.

City Water Is Taken Above Packing
Plant and Is Free From Con-
tamination, Is Stated.

"Of all the cases of typhoid fever
which have occurred recently in La
Grande, not a one can be traced to
the use of city water," said Dr. M.
K. Hall, county health officer, in a
statement today. "Practically every
case so far reported has come as the
result of the use of well water. I
believe the city water to be abso-
lutely free from contamination."

"The Perry menace does not exist
as water purifies itself in a distance
less than the distance to Perry. Sov-
eral years ago there were a number
of cases of typhoid at Perry. La
Grande was using river water but
not a case of the disease occurred in
this city."

The recent necessity of using river
water, Mayor Superintendent Hoyt
states, has arisen from the fact that
obstructions found in the Beaver
pipe line have made necessary the
taking up of the line at one spot for
repairs. While this was being
done, in order that the city be pro-
tected from fire risk, a certain
amount of river water was added to
the diminished flow from Beaver
creek. However, Mr. Hoyt states,
the greater portion of the water
taken from the river comes through
the flume which connects with the
river at a point some one hundred
yards above the packing plant. The
percentage of river water used is
very slight.

"The city faces a serious problem
if water shortage which, if not rem-
edied, would mean great danger in
case of fire," said City Manager Cur-
rey. "The water in the Beaver
creek reservoir having become unfit
for domestic use through stagnation
caused by the extremely dry season,
we were forced to turn it loose. This
left us only the direct flow of Beaver
creek and the river to draw from."

"We were getting along with the
water from Beaver creek with oc-
casional assistance from the river,
until the present emergency arose
and on short notice we were forced
to resort to river water."

"The city is now negotiating with
an expert for the installation of a
chlorinator which will make the wa-
ter absolutely free from any imperi-
ous should they exist. The matter
of installing such a purifying plant
has been under consideration for sev-
eral weeks, and will be concluded
within the next few days."

"A sample of the river water at
the point where the flume intake is
situated was taken before the flume
was installed," said Dr. A. L. Rich-
ardson, city health officer. "This
sample was sent to the secretary of
the State Board of Health and was
examined by the State Bacteriologist.
It was found to be absolutely free
from typhoid germs."

"I am familiar with typhoid con-
ditions in this town and while we
have a number of cases in the hos-
pital, they all brought the disease
here from other points foreign to
La Grande, such as Palmer Junction,
Cove, Casey's Mill, Meacham, Rock
Creek and other points."

"Cases that have occurred in La
Grande without exception can be
traced to users of well water. People
who have abandoned the use of city
water for the use of well water have
in several instances developed ty-
phoid fever. It is much more ad-
visable to boil well water than to
boil city water."

Red Cross Bazaar Receives Donations

Donations to the Red Cross bazaar
or chinarita, to be held November 27
and 28, next Tuesday and Wednesday,
in Eagles' hall, are coming in rapidly.
The management has the promise of a
pig from Walter M. Pierce, and today
received a donation of a beautiful wool
comforter, worth \$18, from the J. C.
Penney company, over which the ladies
are very much delighted.

The soliciting committees cannot call
on everyone, so they hereby extend a
general invitation to all in city or
country to donate articles, livestock or
produce, etc., to be auctioned off at
the Red Cross bazaar. Donations may
be left at headquarters in the New
Foley building.

Attention W. O. W.

Owing to a misunderstanding in
the engaging of the hall there will
be no meeting Monday, November 26.
C. C. FISK.

GENERAL HAIG REPORTS GAINS NEAR CAMBRAI

BRITISH CAPTURE IMPORTANT
GROUND IN THE VICINITY
OF THE CITY

MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED GUNS ARE CAPTURED

Germans Continue to Gather Big
Guns and Marshal Reserves—Su-
preme Effort to Regain Lost Ground
Threatened.

LONDON, Nov. 24.—General Haig
reported further gains around Cam-
brai.

The British captured important and
dominating ground around Bourlon
Wood.

Important positions were taken
elsewhere.

More than one hundred German
guns, including heavy field pieces,
were captured.

The Germans are continuing to
gather big guns and reserves around
Cambrai.

A supreme effort to regain the lost
ground is expected.

GERMANS CLAIM THEY DESTROYED TANKS

BERLIN, Nov. 24.—Thirty British
tanks were destroyed in the British
assault, it is officially stated. The
British were able to advance slowly
around Bourlon. Fighting was
desperate.

The British captured Bourlon
wood, including numerous valuable
observation posts.

The British turned the captured
German field guns on the retreating
enemy at Moeuvres, firing almost
point blank at some places.

Close hand to hand fighting
marked the British advance at sev-
eral points.

Generals Are Named.

LONDON, Nov. 24.—General Plumer
was named commander of the
British forces in Italy. Lieutenant
General Sir W. Marshall was named
successor to the late General Maude,
commander of the Mesopotamian
forces.

Rain Is Forecasted

PORTLAND, Nov. 24.—The U. S.
weather forecast: "Rain."

DELBER SNIDER WRITES OF NAVY

LA GRANDE BOY SENDS LETTER
TO HIS MOTHER

Lots of Fun on Board the South Da-
kota—Duties Are Connected with
Radio Work.

The following letter was received
by Mrs. Flora Snider of 391 Fourth
street from her son, Delber, who is
on the U. S. S. South Dakota:
U. S. S. South Dakota,
Sept. 29, 1917.

Dearest Mother—
I have been on this ship just a
week today and I'm having a
great time. We sleep
together at night and are together
all day and always talking with each
other. We have been ashore twice
together and had more fun.

I am sending you a post card that
I had taken the other day. Do you
think it looks like me? I am not
staying in the service. I have writ-
ten you and daddy at every chance
but Johnnie says that you sent word
by his mother to tell me to write.
I have not received a letter from you
for a long time and can hardly wait
until I get one.

In all probability I will stay on
this ship and if so my ship address
will be changed and if so I will write
and tell you by the next mail. My
duties are still radio work in which
I am interested from bottom to top.
I hope to make another progressive
step in the next three months and I
can do it only with hard practice and
study. However the hardest things
are worth more to us after we get
them, don't you think so? Well, she
is still at home. She must study
while she can. Write me as soon
as you can after you get notice of my
change in address. Remember me
as your loving and obedient son.

DELBER T. SNIDER.

GIRLS TAKE UP KNITTING

U. of O. Girls Discard Books and
Take to Periodicals.

EUGENE, Ore., Nov. 24.—War
knitting has supplanted reading to a
considerable extent among the Uni-
versity of Oregon girls, Mrs. M. F.
McClain, head of the library loan
desk, said today.

Requests for books from women
are now much less than from men,
Mrs. McClain points out, owing to
the decrease in the women's calls for
volumes.

"It takes a skilled knitter to read
Galeworthy and make a sock at the
same time," she declared. "For
that reason, the girls are reading
periodicals almost entirely."

Books dealing with war are grow-
ing in popularity.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR ARMISTICE ON EAST FRONT

COPENHAGEN DISPATCHES TELL
OF TRUCE BETWEEN GER-
MANS AND RUSSIANS

RUSSIANS ARE LEAVING THEIR ADVANCED POSITIONS

Evacuation of Cities Is Planned—Ger-
mans, Austrian and Russian Soldier
Have Stopped Fighting and Ar-
ranging.

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 24.—Ru-
sians and Germans on the eastern
front opened formal negotiations for
an armistice, a news dispatch as-
serted.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 24.—The
Frankfurter Zeitung asserted the Ru-
sians were abandoning advanced posi-
tions on various parts of the eastern
front.

Tarnopol dispatches stated the Ru-
sians were preparing a complete eva-
cuation of Graymalow and Skallath.

Denmark dispatches asserted Ru-
sians, Germans and Austrians were
fraternizing everywhere.

All fighting has ceased.

It is believed the Russians will with-
draw all their soldiers from the battle
areas.

CIRCUIT COURT TURNS TO CRIMINAL DOCKET

X. Michellod Found Guilty Before
Justice, Appeals to Circuit Bench.

JOSEPH, Nov. 23. (Special.)—
Circuit court started yesterday on the
criminal docket, taking up first the
case against X. Michellod, found guilty
in the justice court, of violation
of the state liquor laws. The first
time he was found guilty, Justice A.
B. Conaway made the penalty a fine
of \$500. On the second case the
maximum was imposed a fine of \$500
and a six months term in jail.

Michellod appealed to the Circuit
court, and is fighting his battle with
the aid of special lawyers from out-
side. The two convictions arose out
of Michellod's management of his
pool room in Joseph. Large quan-
ties of liquor were found on the
premises and in a cellar nearby.

LA GRANDE BOY WRITES OF CAMP

WARREN E. WRIGHT TELLS OF
LIFE AT CAMP LEWIS.

Fifty Thousand Sammies Will Be
There in a Few Days—Every
Day a Busy One for
the Soldier Boys.

The following letter was received
by Mrs. Lee Wright of La Grande
from her son, W. E. Wright at Camp
Lewis:
Co. H, 362d Infantry,
Camp Lewis, American Lake, Wash.,
November 3, 1917.

Dear Parents—
As I have a little time I will drop
you a line and let you know that I
am still able to eat my three squares
and look for more.

Well mother there will be about
50,000 Sammies here in about five
days now, a pretty good-sized burg,
don't you think. I will give you an
outline of what we do and the kind
of an outline we have to follow every
day.

To begin with we get up at 5:15
A. M. every morning and form out
on the line so they can see if we are
all here. Then we wash up for
breakfast which is served at 6 A. M.
When that is over we have to clean
up our building for the day and be
out on the line at 6:45 A. M. and
leave at 7:00 A. M. for the drill
grounds where they give us one mile
of double time (on the run). Then
they line us up for physical drill
which I think cannot be beat as they
develop muscles here that a man
never would in private life. Then
they give us rifle drill, bayonet drill,
school of the squad and soldier which
lasts until 11:30 A. M. By that
time we all think that we can beat
Uncle Sam up in business when it
comes to eats and we get a chance
to prove it at 12 sharp. At 1 P. M.

we go out again and get the same
thing as the forenoon exercises, only
we have a half hour physical drill.
From four to five P. M. is used for
all kinds of sport and the 362nd sure
has a crack football team.

We have supper at 5:30 P. M. and
have the liberty to go anywhere
about the camp we want to until 11
P. M. By that time we all have to
be in bed, or have several days kitchen
police to serve. The lights are
out in the buildings where we stay
by 9 P. M.

It is not all work for the boys
as they always have a program down
at the Y. M. C. A., gotten up by the
different companies and some of
them are hard to beat. Then they
nearly always have some kind of
amusement at their own buildings.
Just last night we had a big dance.
One of the fellows hunted up our
musicians which consists of mouth
harp and slide-trombone. Then the
fellows who were supposed to be
girls put on a cape that we have and
around we went. Well we had a
round dance or two, a few Virginia
reels, and finished with a prize
waltz, the prize being a pipe full of
tobacco. You know that a soldier is
always out of tobacco, so it was
quite an inducement to get in and
try for it.

The work here is pretty hard but
I think that it is a mighty good
thing as it will harden a fellow for
what he has to meet across the pond.
Well I will close for now and
drop another just as soon as I get
around to it. Give my best regards
to all La Grande.

With love,
WARREN E.

Dr Edwards Retires From Pharmacy

Dr. L. C. Edwards today made the
following statement regarding his
retirement from the La Grande Phar-
macy:

"On October 18, 1917, I made ar-
rangements for the purchase of the
La Grande Pharmacy at this place
and fully expected to remain here
permanently. But, because of my
wife's ill health and financial dif-
ficulties over which I had no con-
trol I am compelled to give up the
purchase of the La Grande Pharmacy
which I regret greatly. In return-
ing the drug store to the former own-
ers I desire to thank my patrons and
the many friends with whom I have
become acquainted with here, for
their patronage."
(Signed) L. C. EDWARDS

LABOR PRESIDENT

BUFFALO, Nov. 24.—Showing the
complete overthrow of the Pacific
faction, Samuel Gompers was re-
elected president of the American
Federation of Labor. The conven-
tion will probably end early to-
morrow morning.

VICTORY AT SEA ANNOUNCED BY THE NAVY DEPT

ENEMY SHIP IS FIRST SIGHTED
AT DISTANCE OF FOUR
HUNDRED YARDS

SUBMARINE SIGHTED TWO WARSHIPS CHARGE

One Destroyer Drops a Depth Charge.
Both Open Fire When U-Boat Ap-
pears on the Surface.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—An
American destroyer sank a subma-
rine, the navy department announced.

A destroyer sighted a submarine
400 yards distant and immediately
headed across her path, dropping a
depth charge.

The submarine appeared on the sur-
face, and two American destroyers
opened fire.

One destroyer managed to get a
tow line aboard the submarine, when
the U-boat sank.

La Grande Plays Pendleton To Tie

La Grande and Pendleton played to
a 13-13 tie at Pendleton yesterday
afternoon. The tie leaves the cham-
pionship of Eastern Oregon still in
the air, although figuring by com-
parative scores, La Grande has the
title.

Pendleton kicked off, and on the
second play Gent made 50 yards
around end. Here the Pendleton line
held and La Grande lost the ball on
downs. The rest of the first quar-
ter was taken up with see-sawing up
and down the field.

La Grande scored in the second
quarter, McDonnell carrying the ball
over for a touchdown. He failed to
kick the goal.

In the third quarter, Pendleton
punted fifty yards, the ball going over
the goal line. La Grande players did
not pick the ball up and a Pendleton
player fell on it. The referee held
that the ball had been touched by a
La Grande man and allowed Pendleton
the touchdown.

Pendleton again scored in the fourth
quarter after a long forward pass.
La Grande came back and bucked the
ball from their own 20-yard line over
the goal, tying the score.

BRITISH NEARING CAMBRAI

By William Philip Simms.

WITH THE BRITISH AFIELD,
Nov. 24.—The British fought their
way within two miles of Cambrai.

Fountain Notre Dame is burning.

The Germans are retreating to Pro-
ville, a Cambrai suburb.

Fountain Notre Dame is believed
evacuated.

Desperate fighting marked the
British advance.

Ten Day Old Baby Has Tooth.

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 24.—Ten
days old, Baby Wright, son of Mr.
and Mrs. Lynn Wright, has a tooth.

And just to show it off, she smiles
all the time.

Austrians Disguised As Italians

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS, Nov.
24.—Wearing Italian uniforms, Aus-
trian troops precipitated the bloodiest
battle near San Marino Wednesday.

The Austrians launched a terrific
artillery bombardment, continuing for
many hours.

Disguised infantry then launched
an attack.

In the confusion following, the Aus-
trians gained a temporary foothold.

Many Austrians wearing Italian
uniforms were taken prisoners in a
successful counter-attack.

All such prisoners were shot.

Powerful enemy thrusts at Anagni
failed.

The enemy in attempting to cross
the lower Piave in small boats suf-
fered tremendous casualties.

