

## FRENCH STRIKE SHARP BLOW ON VERDUN FRONT

ATTACK SUDDENLY WHILE GER-  
MANS TRY TO STOP BRITISH  
CAMBRAI DRIVE.

## BRITISH SUCCESSES STILL CONTINUING

Cambray and Quant are Near Sur-  
render, Front Dispatches Report;  
Fighting is Fierce at All Points.

LONDON, Nov. 26.—While Ger-  
many was desperately attempting to  
stop the British Cambrai drive the  
French struck a sharp, sudden blow  
over a two mile front from Verdun.  
The first and second trench lines  
were captured. Eight hundred Ger-  
mans were made prisoners. Strong  
fighting is continuing today.

The British are still victorious.  
Haig reported that since the utter  
failure of the German attacks around  
Bourlon yesterday noon the enemy's  
activities there had quieted.

During fierce fighting early yes-  
terday many positions were taken,  
lost and retaken half a dozen times.  
Front dispatches declare that Cam-  
brai and Quant are near surrender.  
Quant is almost surrounded.

## Highway Work In Union Is Under Way

D. G. Glass, locating engineer for  
the State Highway Commission, was  
in La Grande this morning. Mr.  
Glass and his crew are camped at  
Union and are locating the old Ore-  
gon Trail Highway—one of the trunk  
lines of the State Highway System—  
from La Grande east and will con-  
tinue at work as long as the weather  
will permit.

The highway from La Grande to  
Hot Lake is under construction and  
ten teams and a grading crew are  
rushing the work as fast as possible  
to get as much of this road graded  
before winter stops them.

The new road will be of untold  
value to the county as it will not  
only shorten the distance to Hot Lake  
three miles, but it will eliminate  
every grade and every grade cross-  
ing and all turns; when the present  
plans are fully worked out there will  
not be a grade crossing on the trunk  
roads in Union county. The maxi-  
mum grade on the new road will be  
five per cent and there will be no  
blind turns or dangerous corners.

This summer Engineer Glass  
and his crew located the La Grande-Joi-  
celyn road from La Grande to the  
county line at Minam and it is plan-  
ned to commence construction work  
next spring.

The present road to and over the  
Wallowa hills to Minam is full of  
switchbacks, dangerous turns and  
corners and has a grade of from 7  
to 15 per cent in the climb of 4.2  
miles from Minam to the top of the  
hill. There is one particularly dan-  
gerous turn with a drop of a sheer  
five or six hundred feet.

The road drops down 1100 feet in  
a distance of five miles. The new  
road as located makes the climb of  
4.2 miles from the bridge to the top  
of the hill on a maximum grade of  
five per cent and a minimum curva-  
ture of 200 feet radius. The road  
is 16 feet wide in the solid rock cuts  
and 18 feet on all sidehill  
work. On all curves the grade has  
been compensated, that is, has been  
reduced to a 3 or 3.1-3 per cent  
grade.

## Elks Memorial To Be Held On Dec. 2

An elaborate memorial program is  
being prepared by the Elks lodge  
committee, of which J. H. Pearce is  
chairman, for the Elks' annual mem-  
orial, December 2. The Elks feel  
that they have secured two of the  
best speakers in the country in  
Walter M. Pierce and Henry E. Mc-  
Ginn, of Portland, who will both be  
on the program.

## BERLIN AND PETROGRAD DISCUSSING PEACE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Ambas-  
sador Francis cabled the state depart-  
ment that Berlin and Petrograd are  
in wireless communication. Presum-  
ably the Russian peace offer is being  
discussed. Russia's northern armies  
are running short of food. It is feared  
that they will quit the trenches and  
start pillaging.

## VILLA AND CARRANZA TROOPS IN BATTLE

EL PASO, Nov. 26.—Villa is fight-  
ing Carranza troops at the gates of  
Chihuahua City. Details are lacking.

## FIRST NEWS FROM FRANCE RECEIVED

T. J. SCROGGIN HEARS FROM  
ROBERT PATTISON.

La Grande Boy Says Trip Was Fine  
But Once More Would  
Be Enough.

The following letter the first word  
received in La Grande from the boys  
in France, was received by T. J.  
Scroggin from Robert Pattison who  
is with the Hospital Corps:

France, Nov. 2, 1917.

Dear Mr. Scroggin:—  
Guess you think we are a long time  
in letting you know we arrived O. K.  
This is a regular French town we  
are in. Haven't been allowed off  
the boat yet but what I can see  
it sure answers the description.  
How is everything in the bank  
now? Wish I was there working  
on the books.

Had some trip across. Wasn't  
sick at all, but Charles sure was.  
He's feeling fine now. I think my  
trip back will do me for over-sea  
travel for awhile.

Must close now as we are only al-  
lowed short letters. Hoping you  
are all well and doing fine. I remain,  
Very sincerely yours,

ROBERT PATTISON.

## Former La Grande Official Is Dead

ED. WALSH, FORMER CITY  
TREASURER PASSES AWAY.

Left This City Six or Seven Years  
Ago to Reside in Portland—  
Many Railroad Men Will  
Attend Funeral.

His many friends in La Grande  
will regret to hear of the death of  
Ed. Walsh who died yesterday morn-  
ing at St. Vincent's Hospital in Port-  
land.

Mr. Walsh was an old-time resi-  
dent of La Grande. He was an em-  
ployee of the O.-W.-R. & N. and was a  
dispatcher at the same time as Tom  
Walsh who also died recently. They  
were close friends but were not rela-  
tives. Mr. Walsh was active in local  
affairs and was city treasurer for  
several terms. He left here six or  
seven years ago to reside in Portland.  
He was about 70 years old.

His wife and mother are buried  
here and three of his sons. He has  
three sons; only one of whom will  
be able to attend the funeral.

The remains arrived here this  
morning on No. 6 and were taken to  
the W. H. Bohenkamp chapel. The  
funeral will be held tomorrow morn-  
ing. At 9:30 the body will be taken  
from the chapel to the Catholic  
church where requiem high mass  
will be held at 9:45 A. M.

As a tribute of the high esteem in  
which Mr. Walsh was held many out-  
of-town railroad men will come to La  
Grande to attend the funeral.

Among those who have already ar-  
rived from out of town are the fol-  
lowing: Mrs. Mary Murphy, of Port-  
land; Mrs. Thomas Walsh, daughter,  
Anna, and son, Tom, of Spokane; and  
Mrs. Ed. Walsh and son, Ed. Jr., of  
Portland.

## McAdoo Liquidates German Companies

ALL GERMAN INSURANCE COM-  
PANIES EXCEPT LIFE  
AFFECTED

Liquidated Concerns Are Placed Un-  
der Control of Alien Cust-  
odian

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Secre-  
tary McAdoo ordered the liquidation  
of all German insurance companies,  
excepting life. Life insurance com-  
panies are confined to existing con-  
tracts. The liquidated concerns are  
placed under the alien-property cus-  
todian, A. Mitchell Palmer's, control.

## VESSEL BELIEVED LOST RETURNS UNHARMED

PORTLAND, Nov. 26.—The small  
schooner Joseph Pulitzer, missing for  
51 days and believed lost, reached the  
mouth of the Columbia this morning.  
The Pulitzer, bound for Alaska, was  
hit by a North Pacific storm. It lost  
its deck load, but otherwise was un-  
hurt.

## 125 Turkeys Shot Off At Connordale

One hundred and twenty-five tur-  
keys and ducks were shot off at the  
turkey shoot held at Connordale yes-  
terday. Many took part and great  
interest was shown among the local  
sportsmen.

B. W. Hughes was high man for  
the day, defeating J. B. Smith by one  
bird in shooting off a tie.

Among those who took birds were  
Rayburn, Foley, Rollins, Conrad,  
Penneywell, Crawley, L. S. Frizwold,  
Wells, Irwin, Adams, Smith, Crowe,  
Becker, Hilton, Bag, Garrity and  
Monkhouse.

## RUSSIAN STATE DOCUMENTS ARE MADE PUBLIC

SECRET AGREEMENT WITH  
FRANCE CONCERNING DICTA-  
TION OF FRONTIERS.

## FRANCE AND ENGLAND MAY OPPOSE WAR AIMS

U. S. Is Not Discouraged in Its De-  
mand for a Show Down—Reports  
of Treaties are Unsatisfactory.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Official  
quarters hinted that England and  
France are opposing the revision of  
the war aims statement made known  
by the publication of the secret war  
agreements. The United States is  
not discouraged in its demands for a  
show down. The publication of  
Russian state documents showed that  
Russia was to dictate the alignment  
on the eastern frontier and France on  
the western front. Reports of these  
treaties received here are incomplete  
and unsatisfactory.

It is expected that the German  
wireless stations will scatter the se-  
cret of the diplomatic papers released  
by the Russian Bolsheviks broadcast  
as peace propaganda. The United  
States contends that one nation  
should not have the right to dictate  
boundary lines. The United States  
holds that the war should be con-  
tinued only long enough to make  
democracy safe.

## Flume Will Be Built At Beaver Creek

City Manager Fred Curry, Water  
Superintendent L. M. Hoyt, City En-  
gineer Neal and Don Tanner went  
up to the Beaver Creek reservoir  
yesterday on an inspection trip. They  
found the water very low due to the  
dry season. As a result of the visit  
a flume will be built which will tap  
Beaver Creek below the intake and  
pick up considerable water and carry  
it to the pipe line, into which a cur-  
rent will be built so that the flow  
will be dropped into the pipe line.  
This, the water authorities  
hope, will give about one  
third more water than is going into  
the pipe line and help avert the  
water shortage. The flume will be  
finished by Wednesday night.

## Congressman Sinnott Is On His Way East

Congressman N. J. Sinnott passed  
through La Grande last night on his  
way East to attend the next session  
of Congress. Congressman Sinnott  
has just recently been attending the  
trial of Herick vs. Barzoo in Port-  
land, in which Judge Gatens gave a  
non-suit for the defendant. The  
trial was the outgrowth of the fight  
Congressman Sinnott made for the  
Sherman county settlers, securing  
them an appropriation of \$24,000 as  
relief for their being dispossessed  
by the U. S. government after they  
had filed in good faith on their homesteads and improved them. Herick  
claimed a fee as a lobbyist at Wash-  
ington, D. C.

## ATTENTION OLD FELLOWS.

Special meeting Wednesday even-  
ing at eight o'clock of La Grande  
Lodge No. 16, for work in the second  
and third degrees. All members  
of the lodge are requested to be pres-  
ent.

W. A. WORSTELL, Sec.

## LATEST PICTURE OF NEW FRENCH PREMIER



GEORGES CLEMENCEAU.

In France they call Georges  
Clemenceau "The Tiger." He was  
underlined before. Now he has  
been called again to form the  
French cabinet. Anyone can tell  
his steady, stocky figure that  
he doesn't need the cane he pre-  
fers to be leaning on, but that  
he can lean on him with his  
whole weight and not fall.

## Lawyers Appointed To Help In The Draft

Adjutant General Williams has  
forwarded to Washington the list of  
nominees for the personnel of legal  
advisory boards to assist the drafted  
men of the new national army. The  
men nominated for this section are:  
Union county—John P. Russ,  
Robert S. Eakin, C. R. Eberhard, La  
Grande.

Wallowa county—D. W. Sheehan,  
J. A. Burleigh, Daniel Boyd, Enter-  
prise.

Umatilla county—James A. Fee,  
James R. Haley, W. M. Peterson,  
Pendleton.

Baker county—C. H. McCulloch,  
William Smith, A. A. Smith, Baker.

## School Children Make Fine Record At Fire Drill

To empty the Central school con-  
taining 450 pupils in 41 seconds was  
the feat accomplished here under test  
fire alarms conducted by State In-  
surance Commissioner Harvey Wells  
when here last week. Records al-  
most equally as good were made in  
all buildings, tests coming without  
the knowledge of even the principals  
to direct.

The test was one of the last acts  
of Fire Chief Mackey, who has  
resigned to take up mail carrying.  
Mr. Wells in his talk at the Arcade  
Theatre also complimented the school  
children on their excellent behavior  
during the test.

More than \$52,000,000 worth of  
electrical goods were expected during  
the year ending June 30, the largest  
amount in the history of the industry.

## PLAN TO ELECT NICHOLAS HEAD OF RUSS GOV'T

KERENSKY AND KORNILOFF  
UNITE TO ELECT FIRST  
RUSSIAN PRESIDENT

## GRAND DUCHESS PLANS TO VISIT UNITED STATES

Coming Here to Aid Plot to Restore  
Romanoffs to Power; Russian Em-  
bassy Denies Knowledge of Her In-  
tentions.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—Grand  
Duchess Tatiana is planning to visit  
the United States to aid the plot to  
restore the Romanoffs to power, ac-  
cording to Ivan Marody, head of the  
Russian civilian society. He declares  
that Kerensky, the monarchists and  
Korniloff are planning to unite forces  
and elect Grand Duke Nicholas the  
first president of Russia.

Washington Russian embassy de-  
nied any knowledge of the Grand  
duchess' visit. He said Marody's or-  
ganization lacked official standing be-  
cause the relief society was not fully  
organized.

## Germany Attempts To Detach Japan

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 26.—Germany  
again unsuccessfully attempted to de-  
tach Japan from the allies, was  
learned today. It is reported that  
the Germans offered Japan Kiao Chao  
and announced their willingness to  
discuss the future occupation of the  
German islands in the Pacific as a  
price of Japan's retirement.

## LA FOLLETTE HEARING IS POSTPONED INDEFINITELY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Senator  
Pomeroy postponed indefinitely the  
hearing of the disloyalty charges against  
La Follette because of Senator  
Walsh's illness and the absence  
of ex-Secretary of State Bryan. Walsh  
is a member of the probing commit-  
tee.

## TURKISH FORCES ARE REPULSED, IS REPORT

PETROGRAD, Nov. 26.—Head-  
quarters report detailed full-scale  
and scouting operations on the north-  
western and southwestern Rou-  
manian fronts. Strong Turkish forces  
were repulsed on the Caucasian front  
southwest of Gumlikhama.

Will Visit in Union—Lavon Geert-  
sen went to Union this morning to  
visit friends for a few days.

Will Visit in Baker—Mrs. A.  
Round and Anna Elsieck went to  
Baker this morning to visit relatives  
for a few days.

Visiting Here—Mrs. M. J. Bezat  
of Pullman, Wash., arrived this  
morning on No. 6 to visit for a few  
days with Mrs. Charles Bingham  
of Imbler.

Mrs. Joe Ward of La Grande was  
registered at the Bowman hotel, Pen-  
dleton, Saturday.

J. E. Gordon of North Powder was  
in Baker Saturday.

R. C. Ingram of Cove was a guest  
at the Geiser, Baker, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bell and J. S.  
Houx of Cove were guests at the  
home of Mrs. H. White of Baker,  
Saturday.

## ALL NOW READY FOR RED CROSS BAZAAR

OVER 100 WOMEN WORKING ON  
BIG BENEFIT.

Articles of Every Description Being  
Donated for Good of Cause.

With over 100 women baking pies,  
soliciting donations, selling tickets  
and doing the other 101 things con-  
nected with the putting on of a first-  
class auction and bazaar the Red  
Cross Christmas bazaar to be held Tues-  
day and Wednesday nights is rapidly  
becoming a reality and all will be in  
readiness when the doors are thrown  
open tomorrow evening.

The big Hoover dinner which is  
scheduled for 6:15 tomorrow night  
will be a regular dinner. Mrs. Ros-  
coe Neal, general chairman states  
"Tickets are only 50 cents and we  
expect a big crowd," said Mrs. Neal.  
Donations are coming in rapidly  
visit to the headquarters shows an  
abundance of articles to be sold,  
auctioned or raffled off. Potatoes,  
ack upon sack piled on the floor,  
many boxes of apples, jam, jelly and  
canned fruit cake; vegetables of all  
kinds, live ducks, geese, turkeys,  
hickens, pigs and sheep; clothing;  
beautiful Pendleton blanket; a  
downy comforter, cooking utensils;  
groceries of every description; in fact  
everything a person can imagine in  
either there piled on the floor or  
promised. A large grab bag, the  
contents of which have been donated  
by Christie and Amundsen, proprietors  
of the Variety store will be one of  
the features.

"We wish especially to emphasize  
the fact that everything donated to  
the bazaar and every cent taken in  
by the Red Cross goes toward the  
great work of helping the soldiers,"  
said Mrs. Neal. "We are giving  
everyone a chance to help and will  
see that each one gets his money's  
worth. The Christmas is but a tribute  
to the men who are so nobly  
fighting for world democracy."

During the evening while the  
booths are holding their sales and  
the raffish and paddlewheels are  
going full tilt, dancing will also be  
on the program and music donated by  
the Haines and Lindsay orchestra  
will keep up a steady fire of steps  
and waltzes.

Floyd Maxwell and B. F. Wilson of  
Union motored to Baker Sat-  
urday night.

Spends Week-end in Elgin—Cecil  
Ghent spent the week-end in Elgin  
with his parents.

## Carl Perrine Writes Letter To Friends

The following is a letter received  
by the Epworth league of Island City  
from Carl Perrine:

Charlotte, N. C., Nov. 5, 1917.

Dear Friends—I received your card  
today and was surprised to hear from  
"you all"; but was glad to hear from  
that part of the country.

This town has about 50,000 popula-  
tion. There are some very nice people  
here, they treat us boys fine now.  
When we first came, we kind of got  
their goats," they thought we were a  
"wild and woolly" bunch from the  
west; but they have found out that we  
are civilized the same as they are, and  
we couldn't be treated any nicer. Very  
seldom that we go to church that we  
don't get an invitation out to dinner;  
but I am sorry that we are in the re-  
mote station, because we don't get to  
go to church very often and we have  
got about 4000 horses and mules that  
have to be fed on Sunday the same as  
any other day.

There are six or seven Y. M. C. A.  
in this camp, and they are certainly  
doing good work for the soldiers. They  
have pianos, phonographs and all  
kinds of amusements; picture shows  
twice a week; wrestling, boxing and  
church twice a week, and they have  
what they call the home hour on Sun-  
day afternoon, people come out from  
Charlotte and they gather for a gen-  
eral good time.

Here is a little farewell poem that  
some one in Charlotte wrote for the  
western soldiers:  
We hate to see you leave us; but we  
know you're going away  
Across the broad Atlantic, where the  
hills roll and sway  
Like a dirge or funeral knell, they're  
sounding from the deep,  
Where lay our murdered brothers in  
their sacrificial sleep.  
Their silent voices seem to plead, their  
eyes with glossy stare,  
Uplifted, seem to urge you now, to  
hasten "over there"  
To fight the glory battle, which they  
would fight today  
If they could rise from watery beds  
and help you win the fray;  
And that is why the goodbye which  
we must say to you  
Is stifled into silence; but our hearts  
are breaking, too—  
we have learned to love you, our  
western soldiers brave.

Though proudly giving you to France,  
our country's name to save,  
Yes, when you came to Charlotte, we  
welcomed you right then.  
For we found you always abiding  
such patient, sweetest  
Which mothers, wives and sweethearts

## TROTSKY PEACE OFFERS DO NOT PLEASE COUNCIL

BOLSHIEVSKI BITTERLY DE-  
NOUNCE LEADER'S DICTA-  
TORIAL METHODS.

## ARMISTICE DEMAND IS RECEIVED BY U. S.

Administration Carefully Considering  
Demand Before Answering it—  
Bolshevik Program Develops  
Strength.

PETROGRAD, Nov. 26.—The Bol-  
sheviki government announced the  
abolition of all nobility titles and  
confiscation of property of nobles,  
merchants and bourgeois.

The Lenin's peace proposals ap-  
parently started a dangerous break  
in Bolshevik. The Petrograd sol-  
diers and workmen's council is dis-  
satisfied with the Lenin and Trots-  
ky peace offers.

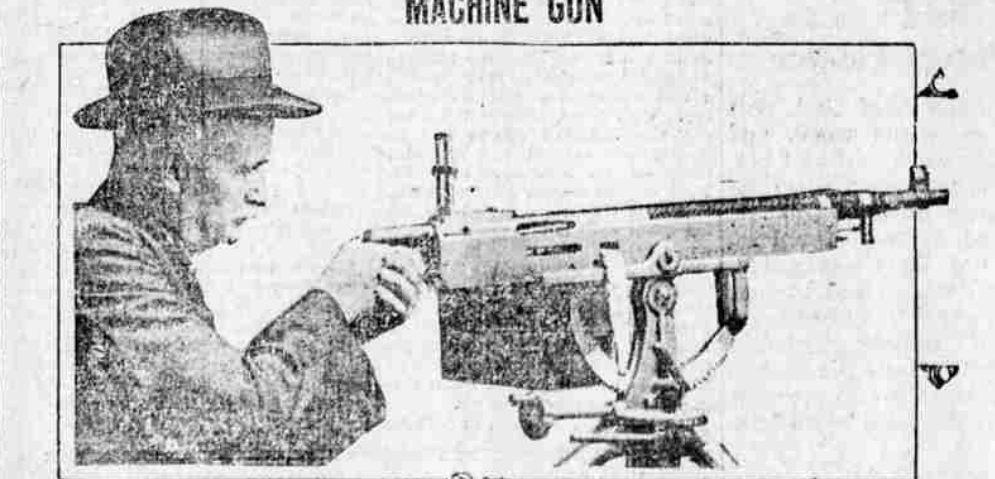
Deputy Kamshoff suggested that  
peace should not be proclaimed until  
the Germans promised not to with-  
draw troops from the Russian front  
for use against the allies. Other  
Bolsheviks are aroused because Len-  
ine and Trotsky did not consult the  
council regarding the peace terms.  
Lenine's and Trotsky's dictatorial  
methods are bitterly denounced.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—The Bol-  
sheviki armistice demand is before  
the administration. President Wilson  
and Secretary of State Lansing will  
carefully consider the demand before  
answering it. A reply might be con-  
sidered recognition of the Bolsheviks  
as de facto government.

If the United States answers the  
demand an onus will be made to  
solidify the Russian people behind  
the war. The Russian embassy be-  
lieves that the Maximalist power has  
not reached its crest. The internal  
Bolshevik program is developing  
strength daily.

Left on No. 17 this morning after  
visiting a few days with his mother,  
Mrs. J. H. Millering.

## FATHER OF AUTOMATIC FIREARMS TESTS HIS NEW "HEAVY TYPE" MACHINE GUN



John M. Browning, the "father of automatic firearms," and his new "heavy-type" machine gun which  
has been accepted by the government. Browning also has perfected a still lighter rapid-fire gun, which the  
government has adopted, which may be fired from the shoulder like the ordinary rifle. The complete  
gun shown above weighs only 29 pounds and will shoot 600 times per minute. Browning's light type gun  
has the same rapidity of fire, but weighs only 15 pounds.