

BURST OF SPEED NEEDED TO WIN RED CROSS RACE

TWO MORE DAYS LEFT TO RAISE
QUOTA OF MEMBERSHIP

UNION COUNTY IS NOW IN
THE THIRD PLACE

La Grande Must Subscribe 500 Mem-
berships, Says Chairman Kiddle—
Money Ready for Those Who Need
It.

To state conditions truthfully and
with frankness, gloom prevails in Red
Cross quarters this day. La Grande is
falling behind her quota. The balance
of the county is well up. Neverthe-
less, the margin between present fig-
ures and the desired ends is small—
excepting in La Grande. Unless La
Grande subscribes 500 memberships
between now and Monday night when
the drive closes, the whole county is
going to fall down. "It seems to me,"
mused Senator Kiddle this morning,
"that La Grande has too much pride
in the Neighborhood club to let that
association's guarantee to make good
the full amount go by default."

Awakening Is Necessary
"Mr. Chapman informs me today
that Union county is in third place,
that Umatilla and Sherman have con-
siderably oversubscribed, and here in
Union county about to fall in her
quota even—this same Union county
that has met every call with fine
showing."

Patriotic Offer Made
While nothing has been said through
the press, La Grande workers were
given a magnanimous offer at the out-
set, to wit: In case any person felt
they couldn't spare the money, Senator
Kiddle would see to it that the money
was paid over. Several merchants and
other citizens have agreed to help Mr.
Kiddle with this financial burden
some having already taken advantage
thereof.

The Situation Explained
Here is the proposition: If any
adult man or woman feels he can't
afford to buy a membership, he has
but to make the matter known to
headquarters and without any further
publicity, or anyone but the manage-
ment knowing the circumstances, the
subscription will be paid for. With
such an arrangement, which is not
charity—many a family man, anxious
to bring Christmas cheer to his little
ones in some manner even though
restricted, might feel that he couldn't
afford that dollar. Such men can
without any feeling of accepting
charity, make their desires known.

Two Propositions Faced
All of which leads to this conclu-
sion which County Manager Kiddle
and all local managers have driven
into the workers: "You are either pro-
German or pro-American, for the argu-
ment that you can't afford it is by
the proposition stated above, elimi-
nated. Therefore, which will it be,
and which is it?"

Sidelights on the Drive
Over at Elgin, Mrs. Dan Sommer
and Mr. Dan Sommer are having a
family row as it were. Mrs. Sommer
heading one team, has 108 when dawn
broke today, and her husband was sit-
ting behind. Workers over the county
are watching this family competition with
keen interest.

Mrs. C. N. Lewis of Hilgard is do-
ing the work for that vicinity.
The headquarters booth established
at the depot here is bringing fine re-
sults.

Warm and vigorous support has
been given the Red Cross drive by
the railroad employees.
The anxiety that Union county will
not make fully good is plainly visible
among the officials and workers.
Oregon is far up in the whole
United States with subscriptions.
She passed the 100,000 mark this
morning.

George W. Hunt Is Governor of Arizona

(United Press.)
PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 21.—The
Supreme Court seated George W. P.
Hunt as governor, ending a contro-
versy a year old following the de-
claration that Tom Campbell was
elected. A few votes separated the
men, several recounts were made.
Campbell has been governor for a
year. Hunt is a Democrat.

GENERAL HAIG REPORTS REPULSE OF RAIDS

(United Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 22.—General Haig
reported the repulse of hostile raids
east of Monchy-Le-Preux and south-
east of Arrmentieres. Elsewhere it is
quiet.

Mazda lamps for home lighting
may be obtained in 10, 15, 25, 40,
60 and 100 watt sizes.

LEWIS SAYS CROZIER IS ONE TO BLAME

INVENTOR OF FAMOUS GUN
SAYS RING RUNS ORDNANCE
DEPARTMENT

SHAME AMERICA HAS
NO BIG ARTILLERY

Says His Machine Gun Was Not
Given Fair Trial Here But Vindi-
cated Itself in France.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Colonel
Isaac Lewis, the machine gun inven-
tor, blamed General Crozier for the
rifle ordnance shortage and obsolete
equipment. He dramatically told the
senate probers that America was
fighting her battle, not the battle of
the allies. He said: "It's a shame and
an outrage Americans have to beg ar-
tillery from France, who are already
near bankruptcy and bled white." He
said his gun was not given a fair
trial here, but vindicated itself in
Europe.

Lewis admitted he publicly charged
Crozier with flimflamming for fifteen
years.
When asked what ailed the ordnance
department, he answered, "Crozier-
ism."

He said it was the system rather
than Crozier. He alleged there was a
"ring." He was invited to join this
ring, which controlled the designs and
productions of guns for thirty-eight
years, which prevented the develop-
ment of any ordnance expert in the
last fifteen years.

BURGLARS ROB THREE STORES AT JOSEPH

JOSEPH, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Mi-
chello's billiard parlors, the Strite
market and Berland harness shop
were robbed last night. The burglars
got \$15 in cash and some
merchandise. One of the places was
broken into and the other two entered
by pass keys.

Famous Dancers Will Help Red Cross

MR. AND MRS. HAROLD GRADY
TO APPEAR AT REX HALL

Jitney Dance Will Be Given Next
Wednesday Evening for Benefit of
Red Cross.

Two of the most popular dancers
of the Pacific Coast are to be the cen-
tral figures in a benefit dance to be
given at Rex Hall next Wednesday
night for the benefit of the Red Cross.
The celebrities who are to entertain
the audience with their rare grace and
ability are none other than Mr. and
Mrs. Harold Grady. Mr. Grady, a son
of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Grady of this
city, is coming for Christmas at home
before joining the colors in the avia-
tion division, and Mrs. Grady, for-
merly Miss Harriette Halow, a fa-
mous classical and solo interpreter of
dancing, is coming with him. It will
be a jitney affair with full list of
patronesses and will be the leading
social event of the holiday season,
without a doubt.

Since leaving big-time vaudeville,
where they were wonderfully popular,
the young couple have been conducting
one of the foremost dancing academies
in Portland. This treat to La Grande
will unquestionably be popular. Ar-
rangements in the way of appointing
committees have already been perfect-
ed. Those who will lend their grace to
the function as patronesses are: Mes-
sames E. P. Mossman, M. K. Hall,
M. B. Donohue, A. T. Hill, F. L. Mey-
ers, T. J. Scroggin, W. H. Bohnen-
kamp, E. Polack, Delia Greene, H. C.
Grady, George Gilbert, T. W. King,
E. Rosenbaum, L. A. McAllister, F. E.
Oxner, G. E. Standsfield and Miss
Margaret Anson.

The admission will be 25 cents for
gentlemen; ladies with escorts will be
admitted free of charge to the dance
floor. The finance committee is: Cora
Harding Scott, Harry Zurbrich, H. P.
Ehrenholz and Thomas H. Goodhue.
Ticket collectors, Norman Freese,
Chase Bohnenkamp, Louis Rudolph
and Lloyd Scriber. The chairman of
the decorations committee is Mrs. Ray
Murphy, and the chairman of the soft
drinks sale is Mrs. Harry Zurbrich.
Chairman of the dance committee is
Mrs. Roscoe R. Neal.

DRAINAGE DISTRICT HOLDS ITS MEETING

The landowners of the Grande
Ronde Drainage District met at the
courthouse today to elect a board of
supervisors.
Great interest was manifested and
there was a large attendance.
The election was not over at press
time.

PERRY FINISHES FIRST

Mrs. Braden, chairman of the
Perry precinct, has the honor
of leading the first delegation
"over the top." Late today Per-
ry reached 105 per cent and is
the leading precinct of Union
county.

BRITISH LOSE STEAMER AND HUNDRED LIVES

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Admiralty
announced that the British board-
ing steamer, Stephen Furness, was
submerged and six officers and 95
men lost.

I. W. W. Charged With Poisoning Salt

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Federal
agents charge that I. W. W. agents
shipped rock salt containing poisons
and germs from St. Louis to South-
west cattlemen. He said the evidence
had been obtained in a recent raid
at headquarters.

FIRST DRAFT OF 20,000 MEN CALLED IN CANADA

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—The first
draft will be called in a few days.
It is instructed to report January 3.
In the draft will be in the neigh-
borhood of 20,000 men.

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO MEET

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Chair-
man Wilcox has called a meeting of
the Republican National committee
for February 7, at the Planters
Hotel, St. Louis.

PERRY BAZAAR FOR RED CROSS

PERRY, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—
Wednesday night, under the direction
of the auxiliary of the Red Cross at
Perry, a bazaar was given for the
benefit of the Red Cross. The town
turned out to almost every man,
woman and child. The booths were
laden with articles that had been do-
nated by the people of Perry, and
everything was sold long before the
evening closed, netting the Red Cross
\$87. Messrs. Peter G. Johnson and
C. J. Black were in attendance from
La Grande and addressed those pres-
ent. The soliciting committee on new
membership reports in the neigh-
borhood of 95 per cent of the population
of Perry have joined the Red Cross.

Attorney and Mrs. A. M. Rannels,
of Joseph, left here last evening for
an extended trip in Virginia and other
Southern states.



FIVE GUILTY OF PLOTTING AGAINST U.S.

FEDERAL JURY CONVICTS KALT-
SCHMIDT AND FOUR
ACCOMPLICES

DETROIT, Dec. 22.—A federal dis-
trict court jury convicted Albert
Carl Kaltschmidt and four accom-
pllices of conspiracy with pro-German
plots.

The band was charged with con-
spiring to blow up munition plants,
the St. Claire tunnel and also of
starting military enterprises against
America and Canada.

Kaltschmidt was sentenced to four
years in Leavenworth and a \$20,000
fine. The other men were given two
years in Leavenworth and \$10,000
fines. The women were given two
years in a local house of correction
and fines.

May Ignore Amendment

EUGENE, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The
attorney-general of the state has
given it as his opinion that the cities
may ignore the new constitutional
amendment making city, county and
state elections uniform, until the legis-
lature meets and passes laws to make
it operative. The new amendment, if
acted upon by the city of Eugene, will
provide that there be no election in
April, 1918, but that it be held in No-
vember, when the state election oc-
curs, but if the amendment is disre-
garded, upon the advice of the attor-
ney-general, the election will be held
in April as before.

NO DESIGNS ON RUSSIA JAPAN SAYS

TOKIO, Dec. 22.—Vice Foreign
Minister Shideahara told the United
Press the Japanese foreign office is
not considering intervening in Rus-
sia. No mobilization order has been
completed.

REPORT OF PEACE OFFER BY GERMANY IS DENIED

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 22.—The Col-
ogne Gazette, a semi-official news-
paper denied that Germany would re-
peat her peace offer.

Krupp Works Reported On Fire

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Stock tick-
ers and brokerage houses are cir-
culating the report that the Krupp
munition works are afire. Thus far
the United Press has not received
any confirmation from any source.

Artillerying Is Active

PARIS, Dec. 22.—Both sides are
artillerying actively around St. Quentin,
Fayet, Beaumont and the Apre-
mont Forest. The French success-
fully raided in Champagne.

Water Superintendent Geo. T. Cochran

arrived home this morning from
an extended trip on official business
in Harney and Malheur counties. He
plans to spend Christmas in Portland.

Attorneys A. W. Schaupp and S. Cooley

of Enterprise, returned
home this morning after two days
spent here in court. Mr. Schaupp is
mayor of Joseph.

Major Graham Is In Special Training

At Present He Is Detached From the
La Grande Hospital Unit.

Mrs. J. P. Graham of Portland who
is visiting here for the holidays has
just received a letter from France
from Major Graham stating that he
is in special training now for his line
of duty in the hospital service. He
is not with the La Grande Hospital
Unit at present but states that the
boys were all doing well and in very
comfortable quarters.

The officers there are very kind
and considerate of the boys and are
exerting every effort to make the
work as pleasant as possible.

Major Graham is one of the few
who were given the benefit of this
special instruction and he says it will
be of about five weeks duration.

HOOVER TELLS HOW HE KEPT SUGAR DOWN

AT REQUEST OF PRESIDENT HE
MAKES STATEMENT TO
THE PUBLIC

ACTIVITIES KEPT UP
SPIRIT OF THE ALLIES

Sugar Probers Persist In Their At-
titude of Putting Hoover Off and
His Statement Is Ignored.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Hoover,
after personal intervention by the
introduction of a statement in
earning, declaring his ac-
tivities in maintaining the
morale of the allied nations, and
helped keep sugar here under 20
cents a pound.

President Wilson communicated
his wish to let Hoover introduce his
statement after the probers decided
to put Hoover off another week.

After receiving Hoover's statement
the probers refused to recognize it
this afternoon because Hoover is to
testify later. Hoover has been notifi-
ed to appear Friday. The com-
mittee in the meantime is considering
charges from California—that beet
sugar prices are too low and refining
profits excessive.

WALTER MILLER IS TWICE A CHAMPION

IS CHAMPION WELTERWEIGHT
AND MIDDLEWEIGHT CATCH-
AS-CATCH-CAN WRESTLER

Has Defeated Thye and Eddie O'Con-
nell—Gesek and Miller Wrestled a
Draw in Spokane.

Walter Miller of San Francisco is
probably the only wrestler in the
United States who has the distinction
of being a champion in two classes.

At present he is the world's cham-
pion welterweight and middleweight
catch-as-catch-can wrestler. Miller,
however, is stronger at 155 pounds,
which is the middleweight limit, than
he is when trained down to the welter,
but no far none of the boys at this
weight have been able to defeat him.

He is recognized by sporting authori-
ties to be one of the brainiest wrestl-
ers in the business, in many instances
his headwork has taken him out of
dangerous positions and enabled him
to beat his heavier opponents. He has
defeated or has been awarded draws
with every middleweight contestant
with whom he has engaged in the past
five or six years, and many times he
has selected men of the light heavy-
weight class as opponents in order to
keep busy and demonstrate his won-
derful wrestling ability. In his last
appearance in Portland recently, he
wrestled all comers, barring no weight
in handicap matches, offering \$50 to
any man whom he could not throw in
fifteen minutes.

Among some of the best known mid-
dleweights he has met the past year
is Eddie O'Connell and Ted Thye. In
a match with Thye in February this
year, two hours and thirty minutes
were spent in fast work without a
fall. Gesek and Miller wrestled a
two-hour draw in Spokane recently,
the local sport writers stating that it
was the fastest, cleverest exhibition
of wrestling ever seen in that part of
the country.

As it was necessary for Miller to
make the welterweight limit to get
this match with Gesek at La Grande
December 27, the men will be about
on a par as to weight and strength,
and there is much speculation by the
local sport followers as to who will
win. The fact that the welterweight
title is at stake is sufficient guarantee
that the match at the Arcade will be
the most stubbornly contested affair
ever staged in Oregon.

GREAT BATTLE IS REPORTED IN PETROGRAD

FOUR ARMY CORPS REFUSE TO
OBEY ORDERS OF THE
BOLSHEVIKI

OTHER TROOPS THEN ARE
SENT AGAINST THEM

Ukrainians Are Reported to Be Co-
operation With the Rumanians—
Fighting May Be Resumed On the
Rumanian Front.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 22.—A great
battle in the streets of Petrograd was
reported.

Four army corps have refused the
Bolshevik orders to leave the city.
The Bolsheviks sent other troops
against them.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 22.—It is re-
ported the Ukrainians, united under
General Teherbarcheff, have taken
over the southwestern front of Rou-
mania. The Bolsheviks ordered the
general's immediate arrest. This
may mean early resumption of fight-
ing as the Rumanians were forced
to acquiesce in the Bolshevik armis-
tice by the inactivity of the Russian
troops.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 22.—Ukrainian
troops have taken up positions along
the border, their Cossacks are mobil-
izing, they are using their own money
and a complete independent govern-
ment has been started. The soldiers'
and workmen's committee at Kieff,
it is reported, has declared its sup-
port of Ukrainian.

UNCLE SAM IS FIGHTING LIES WITH TRUTHS

NIGHTLY THERE IS A BATTLE IN
THE AIR WITH WIRELESS
APPARATUS

By CARL D. GROAT
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The
United States is using a new and
subtle weapon in warring against
Germany—a propaganda of truth.

Nightly, there is a battle in the
air—a struggle of huge wireless ap-
paratus, centering at Sayville, L. I.,
Nathan, German, and Lyons, France,
while at the same time cables buzz
with messages intended for foreign
consumption.

Formerly it was the Nauen station
that spread misleading propaganda
as to Teuton purpose. Now, the Say-
ville station under American control,
is shooting forth truthful messages
to offset this insidious matter, send-
ing to France for relay to Russia and
elsewhere.

Finding that Germany was out-
maneuvering all the allies and the
United States in malicious propa-
ganda, this government determined
on a definite campaign of education,
and to date has labored chiefly in
converting Russia, Rumania, Aus-
tria, and Switzerland to America's
side.

Perhaps the most startling attempt
of any—though not so labelled—was
the president's message to congress.
In this the president sought to wean
Austria from the German side, as of-
ficials viewed it today, while at the
same time he appealed to German
liberals to overthrow a Hohenzollern
dynasty.

The government has enlisted the
aid of banished Germans in Switzer-
land, men who favor a republic, to
help spread this doctrine into Ger-
many, while, as in the past, allied
fliers will drop copies in German
over the Teuton trenches.

With the Russian situation, the ad-
ministration has difficulty in commu-
nication, inasmuch as the Bolsheviks
control the main arteries out of Mos-
cow and Petrograd. However, con-
stant news matter showing the Ameri-
can viewpoint is being sent to Rus-
sia via France, and is being distributed
as best it may. The American
military attaches, apparently acting
under Ambassador Francis' individ-
ual instructions have undertaken in-
dependent propaganda there, but ap-
parently with boomerang results.

Switzerland, a hotbed of German
propaganda, was being flooded with
evil tales about American intentions,
but this has been offset by an official
communication to Switzerland show-
ing there will be no overrunning of
Swiss neutrality. Meantime Rumania
is being heartened by promises of
American aid and actual contribu-
tions in the way of loans.

PLEASE, DEAR SANTA, BRING US COAL!

