

EX PREMIER A TOOL OF GERMANY

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GERMAN AMBASSADOR TO
ARGENTINE

LANSING GIVES OUT
COPIES OF TELEGRAMS

German Ambassador Wired to Berlin that Caillaux Was Leaving and Should Be Treated Considerately if Captured.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—That former Premier Caillaux now imprisoned on a charge of treason in France was intimate with the German ambassador to the Argentine was indicated by telegrams of Berastorf which Secretary Lansing gave out.

The first depreciated German praise of Caillaux because "He fears in Paris the fate of Janitors."

Buenos Aires cabled Caillaux' departure from there, and said he ridiculed the French president, and asked all communication with him be cautious. He cabled of the departure of the ship with important papers, saying if captured, Caillaux, who was aboard, should be treated considerately.

PARIS, Jan. 16.—It is charged that Caillaux also planned the dissolution of the chamber of deputies and intended to appoint Harrial commander in chief of the French armies. Two regiments to be recruited in Corsica were to be brought here under command of two generals friendly to Caillaux, and then after a final military effort, Caillaux planned to submit the peace question to a popular referendum. He also planned a reformation of the French government restraining parliament and giving a council of state absolute power.

Prominent Men Arrested.
PARIS, Jan. 16.—Paul Comby, a prominent lawyer and Deputy Louis Talot were arrested and charged with being accomplices of Caillaux.

John Wells Elected Chairman of Board

The Grande Ronde Drainage District board of supervisors met yesterday afternoon.

Those present were George W. Benson, of Union, I. E. Chenault, of Island City, and John Wells, of Allice.

The board organized by electing John Wells president and George T. Cochran secretary and attorney.

An assessment of 25 cents an acre was levied to be collected immediately to defray the preliminary expenses and the cost of getting ready for actual construction work. This assessment will become delinquent in 60 days.

Ways and means of making the improvements were discussed and a profile of the river was exhibited. This profile showed a sand bar at the mouth of the state ditch east of Allice which backs the water as far up as the A. P. Conley place near the Cove.

This sand bar is said to be caused by the curves of the river below the mouth of the ditch. There are two ways of removing it, which were discussed: By dredging or by straightening out the curves in the river below.

Bomb Found Near Big Battleship

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 15.—A bomb was found within a few feet of one of America's largest battleships, in drydock. Members of the crew discovered it. It had a German inscription on the side. Germans are blamed.

Hertling To Make Address.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 16.—Berlin dispatches say Chancellor Hertling is to address the main committee of the Reichstag Friday.

Swift Says He Favors Gov't Control

SALT LAKE, Jan. 16.—Swift, at the Woolgrowers' convention, said packers welcomed government control because the actual facts would be known, and there would be no false statements. He said the packers profit was only a dollar and a half on each head of stock killed. He offered to subscribe to a stockmen's fund for sending a delegation to Washington lobby for investigation. The association refused the offer stating the delegates in Washington would be working against the present stand of the meat packers.

BUSINESS MEN FARMERS AND LABORERS MEET

VARIETY OF TOPICS PRESENTED
AT NOON LUNCHEON
TODAY

La Grande business and professional men, farmers from the neighborhood and laborers all joined in and rubbed elbows together at the business men's luncheon today at the Foley hotel.

Colon R. Eberhard was the chairman and he introduced Mr. Goudy, the visiting income tax officer, who was the first speaker, explaining that all unmarried men with a net income of \$1,000, and married men with net incomes of \$2,000, must make statements of their incomes to the collector of internal revenue by March 1. John Wells, chairman of the drainage district, told of the organization of the board of supervisors yesterday and the hope that the improvement

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WALLOWA GIRLS WILL PLAY HERE FRIDAY NIGHT

Friday evening at the High School building the first girls' basketball game of the season will be played. The Wallowa High School girls' team will play the local High School girls' team for the first time in many years. Both teams are practicing consistently for the event and both teams will appear on the field confident of the victory.

The Wallowa team is coached by Miss Maida Doolittle, former O. A. C. star. They are on a tour and the La Grande game will be their first on the trip. Reports have come to the La Grande team that the Wallowa team is out after the state championship this year and the locals expect a hard battle.

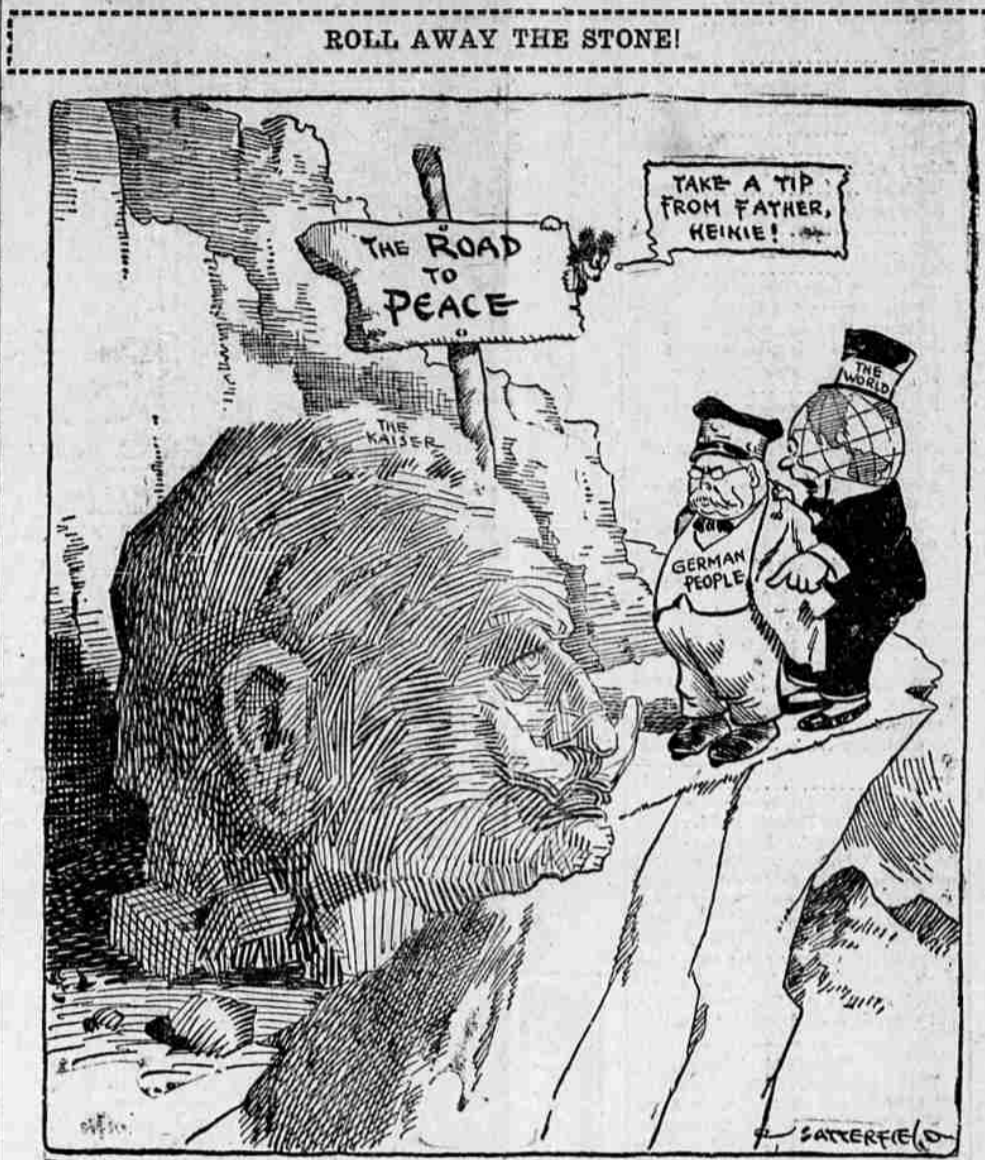
The local team is a comparatively new team to the art of basketball. Only one of the regulars of this year's team played on previous high school teams, but the stride that has been made the past ten days indicates that the team will go on the floor ready to give their opponents a hard match. While not confident of victory, they feel that their opponents will have to work hard in order to defeat them.

At a recent meeting of the team Miss Thelma Oesterling was elected captain and Miss Martha Schofield was elected manager. The following girls have been made regulars and most of them will be seen in the game Friday night: Thelma Oesterling, Martha Schofield, Ruth Courtney, Gertrude Courtney, Jeanette Stoddard, Thelma Nickson, Helen Owsley, Marion Whentley, Ardis Palmer and La Rue Osborne.

WAR NURSE TAKES FIRST REST



Miss Phyllis Evelyn Goschen, who has been a war nurse in a London hospital since the beginning of the war, is now taking her first rest. She is the daughter of the second Viscount Goschen.



Knights Raise \$1000 for War Fund Today

All of the machinery for the big drive of the Knights of Columbus is now working perfectly.

General Chairman Meyers and Chairman J. H. Penre of the executive committee have been receiving good reports all day.

Today's total at noon was \$1,000. All of the captains and lieutenants are working hard. It will take a steady, continuous effort, but five days like today will see the task ended and Union county landed over the top.

The city of Union heads the percentage list with \$300.

North Powder is showing up well. La Grande is holding up its end, but has hardly got started yet.

Inclement weather is against the drive, but it is a case of "win"; the generals take no excuses.

Tomorrow the tanks will be ordered out.

American Lieutenant Outwits the Germans

Wins Confidence of His Men By Protecting Them From Falling Victims of Plot.

By J. W. PEGLER
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

AMERICAN FIELD HEADQUARTERS, FRANCE, Dec. 16.—(By Mail.)—"I'll follow Mr. Short anywhere."

A young, slightly built Sammy paid this tribute to his lieutenant within a few hours after his arrival back from the trenches. He was sitting on a hill post at the roadside, before the barn where he sleeps, oiling the rifle that he carried in night patrols into No Man's Land with Mr. Short.

The lieutenant himself was making an informal inspection of his men—an inspection that seemed more like a friendly visit. As he passed on down the muddy lane, the soldier let his eyes wander after him admiringly.

"Mr. Short discovered that the barbed wire in front of our sector had been cut during the night," said the youngster. "I supposed he would send for the engineers to come up the next evening and put new wires in the hole. But the lieutenant was a wise man—he said 'no.'"

"All day we lay in the ditches with our shoes and socks and breeches soaked and no dry clothes to put on. Another bunch stood watch in the little ditch of a front line, keeping their heads down and ready with their rifles and a machinegun in case the ole Boche would come over."

"At five o'clock in the evening Mr. Short woke us up. We had a

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RUSSIA GIVES ROUMANIA A TWENTY FOUR HOUR ULTIMATUM

PETROGRAD, Jan. 16.—The Bolsheviks gave an ultimatum of war on Roumania in 24 hours unless she released arrested Russian officers. The ultimatum says the Roumanians surrounded and disarmed three regiments. The Roumanian legation officials here were released after all diplomatic circles vigorously protested.

GERMANY WANTS FRENCH IRON

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 16.—The Lokal Anzeiger announces the settlement of the German political crisis by which "Chancellor Hertling's viewpoint will be maintained in the East. General Hindenburg will be given a free hand in the event of a German victory to deal with any possible west front annexations." This apparently means that Hertling's "no annexations" policy will be executed toward Russia, and pan-Germanism toward France and Belgium. Pan-Germans insist Germany must not surrender the valuable French iron section.

FOUR SHOTS FIRED AT LENINE

PETROGRAD, Jan. 16.—Four shots were fired at Lenine as he was returning from the Red Guard department. He was unhurt.

CRITICISES BAKER AND RESIGNS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Daniel Willard resigned the chairmanship of the war industries board. He criticized Secretary of War Baker's administration in testifying before the Senate military committee.

WARSHIPS GO TO VLADIVOSTOCK

TOKIO, Jan. 16.—Japanese warships were dispatched to Vladivostock to protect allied interests, following long appeals of allied citizens for protection from murder and confiscation. Cossacks and Bolsheviks have been fighting thereabouts for weeks. No troops will be sent.

District Exemption Board Meets Daily

The district exemption board, consisting of N. K. West, president; P. S. Ivanhoe, secretary; Dr. C. T. Bacon, J. F. O'Connell and Walter M. Pierce, are meeting every day now going over the appeals of registrants for the army draft. They will be in session for some time as the work is arduous and each appeal takes time.

Britain Recognizes the Bolsheviks

LONDON, Jan. 16.—Lord Balfour told the House of Commons Britain is about to establish official relations with Bolsheviks. Minister Kilmuir, as the result of unofficial revelations through the Petrograd embassy.

PIONEERING WAS AN UPHILL PULL

OLD TIMER RETURNS, REVIVING
TALES OF RANGE WARFARE
OF 21 YEARS AGO

Enterprise, Jan. 14.—(Special)—The Enterprise Record Chiefstain says:

The changes that 20 years have brought in life and ways of thought in Wallowa county were forcibly brought to mind this week by the revival of memories of the old days occasioned by the return of James A. Rouse. When Jay H. Dobbin first came into Wallowa county with sheep, Mr. Rouse was his partner. They remained associated together several seasons and, although they did not make any money then, they laid the foundation for business methods, and rights which remain to this day one of the county's best assets.

Mr. Rouse went to Alaska with Werner Wronn, after leaving here, then came back, and is now living in Saskatchewan, where he is promoting a winter transportation line to the lakes of the far north.

Mr. Dobbin and Mr. Rouse worked together in Union county before coming in to the frontier Wallowa district. Each had saved a little money and they bought a band of sheep, consisting of 1300 lambs and 800 old stock, mostly ewen, and drove them in. They paid \$1 apiece for the lambs and \$1.40 for the ewen. In the fall of 1894 they drove the band of 2100 head down on Joseph creek, to range them there and on the lower Grande Ronde.

The first winter's experience is worth remembering this year, when everything looks so favorable, for it shows how disastrous a season may prove before the sheep are safely on summer range again. Several hundred head of the sheep died during the winter. After the spring lambing, the band numbered fewer head than had been driven in in the fall.

To make matters worse, wool was selling at eight cents a pound. The sheep sheared six pounds each, so each fleece was worth 48 cents. A fleece in 1918 is worth more than ten times that much.

Nor were these the only obstacles met by the young flockmasters. Today sheep raising is recognized as one of the most desirable and necessary industries that can be introduced and maintained in a community. A decade ago many cattlemen held a bitter prejudice against sheep, and innumerable clashes between the two interests happened all over the country. There was no forest reserve then and the range was a free for all proposition. The cattle men were first in the field, and although they might not half graze a

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HERE IS HOOVER'S FRIEND AT PROBE



Senator Jones of New Mexico is a "comer" in the senate. He is progressive. He is the man who puts ticks in the road every time Jim Reed of Missouri gets to evorting around too strongly in his Indian dance of hostility toward Herbert Hoover and the food administration.

Throughout the hearings on the food administration he has stood out as the only vocal friend of Hoover. His special delight has been in crushing the cantankerous Jim Reed and in giving Hoover a chance to tell what the food administration has done.

APPEAL FOR PEACE MADE BY LABOR

BRITISH PARTY SENDS ARGUMENT TO RUSSIA AND GERMANY

MOST SIGNIFICANT MOVE
IN POLITICAL CAMPAIGN

Charge That England Abandoned Russia Is Answered—Odium Cast on Germany for Continuing War.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The British Labor Party's peace appeal to Russia and Germany is regarded as one of the most compelling and significant moves undertaken in the political offensive on militarism, sweeping aside the Russian illusion that England abandoned her and casting on Germany the odium of the continuance of the war.

Officials deem it most significant that the laborites declared for self determination of the government for India and Ireland and Wales and the German colonies, shutting off the possible answer that England is not practicing what she is preaching.

LIEUTENANT SPOREMAN
NOT GUILTY AS SPY

BALTIMORE, Jan. 16.—Following an examination of the papers of Lieut. Sporeman, federal agents said there was no evidence that he was guilty of anything but violating the proclamation of the restriction of aliens' movements. Navy intelligence officers are investigating now.

Armenian Fund Begins to Grow

Some splendid gifts are coming in from outlying districts for the Armenian Relief fund. One fine example of how the campaign for relief to these starving people comes from Reith, where five laborers pooled a fund of \$7.50 which was sent in to Treasurer King today. F. L. Baker, a resident of Palmer Junction, again distinguished himself by sending in without any solicitation the sum of \$5. Previously he had contributed \$10 to the Y. M. C. A. fund, likewise without solicitation.

Allied today sent in about \$30 to the cause, a part of her contribution. The school board of La Grande has given the sum of \$5. The Royal Neighbors gave an equal sum.

These gifts are extremely pleasing to the campaign managers who are making arrangements for a one-day drive here a week from Thursday.

Canadian Officers Here Next Week

Arrangements were completed this morning by T. J. Scroggin, chairman of the County Patriotic League, for the entertainment and reception of the Canadian officers Lieutenant Colonel J. M. N. MacMillan, Major F. B. Edwards and Captain E. J. Gook, who will speak here Friday, Jan. 25.

The meeting here will be held in the L. D. S. tabernacle. There will be a musical program in charge of Mrs. J. J. Carr. Two numbers will be given by the L. D. S. choir, one by Mrs. T. J. Scroggin and one by Mrs. James Purcell.

The officers tell a plain and unvarnished story of the war and their experiences at the front, the need of America to rise to the occasion, and what the people at home can do to help sustain the boys at the front.

The officers arrive Jan. 24 and go up the branch to Joseph and Enterprise and return here Friday night when they will be met with a military escort, consisting of the Elks' Band, the High School Cadets and the Home Guards and escorted to the tabernacle.

The meeting is free; no collection.

THE WEATHER

PORTLAND, Jan. 16.—The U. S. Weather forecast: "Rain."