

GARFIELD'S REMOVAL DEMANDED

COLLECTION OF CITY LIENS IS DISCUSSED

CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY MANAGER ARE INSTRUCTED TO PROCEED

Many Property Owners Are Paying Amounts Due

Contract for Gravel Let—Firemen Want Curfew Bells Discontinued—Contract for City Dump Let—City Manager's Report.

The City Commission met last night. President McKennon in the chair and Messrs. Brownson and Palmer being present.

The commission discussed at some length the methods of collection of past due improvement assessments and interest. The city attorney and city manager reported that they were proceeding vigorously, sending out notices to all delinquents, and following the procedure of the charter. Many of the property owners are proceeding to clear off their liens in order to avoid foreclosure proceedings.

The contract for gravel to the cemetery road was awarded to Mr. McMurray at \$1.24 1/2 per cubic yard. Six bids were received, ranging from \$1.24 1/2 to \$1.25.

A petition was received from the volunteer firemen, asking that use of the five alarm system for curfew signals be discontinued. This was referred to the city manager for additional information.

The contract for the city dump was entered into with William Hotho. The dump will be located at the end of North Fourth street.

The city manager's report was read as follows:

January 16, 1918.
To the Honorable Commission,
City of La Grande, Oregon

Gentlemen: I herewith submit my report for the week as follows:

Fire chief reports one fire for the week; call came from Box 55. O.-W. R. & N. outfit car was on fire. Fire resulted from over-heated coal stove. Location of car was such that fire hose had to be laid over the viaduct and then down to scene of fire, 600 feet of hose being laid; 11 volunteers responded to the call at a cost to the city of \$11.

The chief of police reports two arrests for the week. These arrests were made as a result of the hold-up at the Silver Grill. Prisoners were turned over to the state the morning following arrest. One was held to appear before the Circuit Court, the other was discharged for lack of evidence sufficient to convict. Amount of fines, \$10. This fine was paid by prisoner arrested in the preceding week.

Three individual lights reported out and on the night of the 12th all lights north of track and west of Fir street went out shortly after 2 o'clock and remained out balance of the night. On the night of the 13th, all area north of Spring street and west of Fir street went out about the same time and remained out during the night.

Water and street superintendent re-

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La Grande Girls Enlist in Red Cross Hospital

MISS ELLEN GRADY AND MISS ETHEL GULLING EXPECT ORDERS TO LEAVE

Two of La Grande's well-known young women have enlisted with the Oregon Red Cross base hospital. They are Miss Ellen Grady and Miss Ethel Gulling. The former will go as a nurse and the latter as a stenographer.

This work is just as important as the soldier's, and the young women are entitled to just as much credit as the boys who have gone to the front.

Whereas the soldiers are furnished their equipment by the government, the Red Cross young women furnish their own outfits at an expense of about \$250 each.

Some of the leading women of the city are planning a testimonial benefit for the purpose of contributing toward the equipment of La Grande's two representatives.

TWO SONS IN HER COUNTRY'S SERVICE

LA GRANDE, Jan. 17.—(To the Observer.)—Seeing the notice desiring the names and addresses of the Union county men in the U. S. army or navy I write to state that I have a son in the 1st U. S. cavalry and one in the U. S. navy. Albert L. Workman is in the 1st U. S. Cavalry, F troop, Fort Douglas, Arizona; and Wm. B. Workman, U. S. Naval Training Station, Mare Island, Calif., Battalion B3. MRS. SARAH WORKMAN, 1315 Jackson Ave., La Grande.

SENATE TO SEND FOR GARFIELD

FUEL ADMINISTRATION WILL BE ASKED TO EXPLAIN HIS DRASTIC ORDER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The Senate sub-committee investigating the coal situation has decided to summon Fuel Administrator Garfield immediately to explain his drastic order. Senators Hitchcock and Gallinger introduced a resolution asking Garfield to delay his order five days in order to allow protests to be heard and investigations made. Members of both houses are amazed and many indignantly say the order is calamitous.

Garfield May Have to Postpone His Order

VIOLENT PROTESTS AND LACK OF LEGAL AUTHORITY CAUSE RECONSIDERATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The Senate adopted a resolution to postpone the fuel order five days.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Caught in the whirlpool of business confusion and dismay, Fuel Administrator Garfield this afternoon sought to draft an intelligible order as to the suspension of industries.

Not since the war began has there been such violent protests over a government order. Garfield, consulting attorneys and congressmen, was told everywhere he hasn't the needed authority to execute his program. Garfield admits it may be necessary to postpone the execution of his order at midnight.

WEST WILL MAKE TRIP TO WASHINGTON

PORTLAND, Jan. 17.—Oswald West goes to Washington today to induce government to join Oregon as a party in the suit to recover 15,000 acres of land the state failed to recover in the recent victory in the Hyde land suits.

ADVERTISING FIRMS MERGE

PORTLAND, Jan. 17. (Special).—Through a consolidation of interests and a combining of forces of two of the best-known advertising agencies in Portland, all of their energies and activities will be centered in one, under the name of the Botsford-Tyler Company. Former competitors in business, they reorganized staff will now co-ordinate their efforts, which consist largely of the exploitation through newspaper and magazine space of Oregon-made goods, several lines of which they have helped to make famous.

The agencies which have combined their forces are the Dente-Tyler Company and the Botsford Advertising Company, both of Portland. P. S. Tyler, David M. Botsford, W. K. Botsford and A. E. Bloch, all well known in the advertising and business world, are prominent among those who will be heads of departments in the new company.

Progressives Are Out
SALEM, Jan. 17. (Special).—The Progressive party will not be entitled to have a ballot in the primary election in May.

GERMAN PRISONERS IN UNITED STATES MAKE TOY SOLDIERS LIKE KAISER'S OWN



A member of the Prinz Eitel Frederick, prisoner of war at Ft. McPherson, Ga., who has spent his idle moments making toy soldiers fashioned after the well known German model, helmet and all. Other prisoners make toy battleships, sailing vessels and miniature cannon.

WAR HAS ITS EFFECT ON MARRIAGES IN COUNTY

FIFTEEN MORE MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED IN 1917 THAN IN 1916

The war has evidently had its effect on the number of marriage licenses issued in Union county during the year 1917. According to the records of County Clerk Kenneth McCormick, 15 more licenses were issued in this county in 1917 than in 1916. A perusal of the license book fails to show how many of the soldiers were married during the year as it appears that most of them in procuring their licenses gave their civil occupations, only a few stating that they were soldiers by occupation, but it is known that a large number of the Union county boys now in service have married during the year.

Month	1916	1917
January	13	11
February	12	9
March	16	13
April	6	21
May	9	15
June	18	20
July	16	17
August	12	17
September	17	27
October	21	15
November	19	13
December	22	18
Total	181	196

NEW POLITICAL PARTY ENTERS THE FIELD

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 17.—A new political party in Ohio, made up of Prohibitionists, Progressives and Socialists who have withdrawn from the Socialist party because of its anti-war stand, was launched at a meeting here today.

Delegates were to be selected tomorrow for a meeting of the New Party in Chicago next summer. Complete state and congressional tickets will likely be put in the field at the next election.

Woman suffrage, prohibition and patriotism are to be the principal planks of the New Party.

Army Bank Money Found
CAMP FUNSTON, Kan., Jan. 17.—The money taken from the Army bank at Camp Funston by Captain Lewis Whisler, said to have been more than \$62,000, was found yesterday hidden in the walls of Whisler's quarters in the barracks here.

News at Home and Abroad

Turkestan Proclaims Republic

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 17.—It is reported Turkestan proclaimed its independence as a republic, allied with a "Turkish confederation." The scheme includes a Mohammedan general congress, appointed by the provisional government.

Six Killed On U. S. Battleship

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Six were killed and three injured when the battleship Michigan's foremast toppled over during a heavy gale at sea Tuesday, Secretary Daniels announced.

German Officers Reported Killed

LONDON, Jan. 17.—A dispatch in the Express says thirty-eight German officers were killed in a recent mutiny of the German naval forces at Kiel.

Packing Plants In The East Close

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—Packing plants closed in all departments not producing perishable foodstuffs. These will run unless the government orders them to close.

INDUSTRIAL STOCKS GENERALLY DECLINE

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Industrial stocks generally declined today as the result of the fuel administrator's order to close industrial establishments five days on account of the fuel shortage.

GENERAL HAIG REPORTS RAIDS

LONDON, Jan. 17.—General Haig reported a successful British raid north of St. Quentin. The enemy is artillerying in the Ypres sector.

Bulk Grain Convention

(United Press.)
SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 17.—Arrangements are being made to accommodate a large gathering at the bulk grain convention to be held in Spokane, January 25 and 26 at the chamber of commerce assembly rooms. Growers, dealers, shippers, inspectors and county agents are showing much interest in the meeting.

The chief discussion will be upon the question "How Shall the 1918 Grain Crop of the Inland Empire be Handled?" Other subjects of importance to be considered include "The Grain Sack Situation," "Available Storage at Coast Terminals in 1918," "Increased Food Production," "Laboring and Inspection Rules," "Labor on the Farm." The last subject will probably rank nearly as important as the chief subject.

Marines Have Group Messes

(United Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—After being compelled to dine in the comparative solitude of their own billets somewhere on the battle front in France, officers of the United States Marine Corps and their associates have formed group messes, where nothing but harmony and good comradeship prevail.

A navy chaplain, preacher, bishop and Y. M. C. A. secretary are seated at the table. A correspondent to Washington headquarters states that, whatever the provocation, there is never any swearing at the cook, and the department of everyone is beyond the slightest criticism.

Nyssa—65 per cent of ditch work for Nyssa-Arcadia drainage district completed.

INDUSTRIAL AMERICA PROTESTS AT CLOSING ORDER

Business Men Object to Fuel Administrator's Action Suspending Industries In the East

FUEL ADMINISTRATION DENIES IT IS USURPING POWER

By Robert J. Bender

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Industrial America arose violently protesting at Fuel Administrator Garfield's order virtually suspending the operations of the eastern half of the nation's great plants.

Under an avalanche of hundreds of thousands of telegrams, Garfield is planning with his state aides for putting the order in effect at midnight. Business protests reveal dismay, confusion, charges of inefficiency, unbelief that the step is necessary.

Telegrams are flooding the White House, demanding the revocation of the order, Garfield's removal, and declaring the upset of industries is dangerous nationally and internationally.

The fuel administration answered charges of usurping power by saying the Lever bill authorizes the restriction of fuel.

Conferences of Garfield and the shipping board resulted in a declaration some steel plants must close as sufficient supplies are enroute to the shipyards.

Hundreds of questions reveal the order is not clear to thousands of the affected communities and caused general confusion.

Garfield explained the Monday holiday order affects only the eastern half of the nation, but the western fuel administrators are empowered to enforce a fuel holiday there also.

He said for the present, all must rely on newspapers for information.

He said the order was solely for fuel restrictions. Business offices, etc., wishing to open and not use coal can do so.

Garfield amended his original order so it will be effective midnight instead of this morning, allowing plants to prepare.

HEAVY LOSS OF WAGES

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—A million and a half of Illinois workmen and women will be affected by the fuel order and loss of wages and income of approximately four and a half million dollars daily will result. Business men and relief workers believe a week's notice should be given.

POORER CLASS IN NEW YORK WILL SUFFER

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—The five-day closing period will cost New York State workers ninety-five million dollars in wages. The poorer classes will be near starvation as many live from hand to mouth. All papers but the Sun condemn the order.

U. S. WAR BILLS EXCEED EXPENSES FOR CENTURY

(United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Appropriations by Congress during the last and present sessions will approximate \$35,000,000,000 or \$9,000,000,000 more than the \$26,000,000,000 appropriated by Congress from George Washington's administration up to March, 1917, covering all expenses of the government, including the costs of the Civil, Mexican, Spanish-American wars and the war of 1812.

In other words, these two Congresses will have appropriated \$9,000,000,000 more than was appropriated in the whole 128 years of the nation's history up to the time of America's entrance into the world war.

Drives to Be Regulated

PORTLAND, Jan. 17. (Special).—The committee on co-ordination of work of the State Council of Defense and the Portland War Emergency Council at a meeting Tuesday night in the Northwestern Bank building decided by resolution that after the present Knights of Columbus drive, the approval of the committee would be given to those seeking to conduct drives on the understanding that they be limited to the amount for which they ask, plus a sum not to exceed 10 per cent additional.

Oleott Will Run

SALEM, Jan. 17. (Special).—Secretary of State Oleott, in response to inquiries, is informing his personal friends in many parts of the state that he will become a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor at the primaries next May.

Germans Do Not Accept Peace Terms

REMOVAL OF TROOPS FROM THE CONQUERED TERRITORY IS DECLARED IMPOSSIBLE

LONDON, Jan. 17.—Berlin wireless messages assert the Central powers' peace delegates formally notified the Russians their proposals for the removal of German troops from Courland, Poland and Lithuania while these sections were voting on a future government were not acceptable, holding the withdrawal of the armies impossible while the war lasts, but promising an endeavor to reduce the number of troops. They said the Teutons were "willing in a benevolent spirit to examine the question of the return of refugees."

Portland—W. D. B. Dodson, secretary Chamber of Commerce, is making an effort to secure development of flax industry to help out in linen shortage for airplane wings.

THE WEATHER

PORTLAND, Jan. 17.—The U. S. weather bureau forecast: "Rain."