

## PRESIDENT STANDS BACK OF GARFIELD

### LA GRANDE BOY IS WOUNDED AND MISSING

SON OF MRS MARY P FITZGERALD OF THIS CITY

PRIVATE FITZGERALD IS REPORTED ON THE OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST

Young Man Was First La Grande Boy to Enlist—He Joined the Canadian Troops and Fought in Battles of Ypres and Vimy Ridge—Missing Since November 10.

THE MESSAGE  
Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 17.  
Mrs. Mary P. Fitzgerald,  
1903 Third Street,  
La Grande, Oregon.  
I sincerely regret to inform you that Private Creighton Dewey Fitzgerald, Infantry, is officially reported wounded and missing November 10, 1917.  
DIRECTOR OF RECORDS.

A La Grande soldier boy is wounded and missing on the battle front in France.

He is Private Creighton Dewey Fitzgerald of the Canadian infantry and the son of Mrs. Mary P. Fitzgerald of 1903 Third street, La Grande.

While the sad news stunned Mrs. Fitzgerald, she is bearing up bravely, and she and the brothers and sisters of the young man are hoping that he will be reported later alive and well. Among the possibilities is that he was taken a prisoner by the Germans.

The young man was 16 years of age when he enlisted. He is 18 years of age now. He was the first La Grande boy to enlist in the great war. Three years ago he went to Canada to visit with his sister, Mrs. Ruby Lee at Lac La Hache, B. C. The following May, 1915, he enlisted in the 11th Canadian Mounted Rifles. They went abroad in August, 1915. They went direct to England and trained for three months at Shorncliffe Camp. Crossing the channel, they went into the trenches on October 13, 1915. Since that time the young man has seen many strange sights and taken part in many great battles, among them Ypres and Vimy Ridge. Recently he wrote a letter that he was sending home a haversack that he had taken from a German officer in a hand-to-hand encounter. His last letter was written October 29 and received about November 25. He was born in Omaha, Nebraska, and the family have lived in La Grande since June, 1911, coming here from Portland. He attended the grammar school here and has many friends among the younger boys and girls.

Members of his family are: His mother is Mrs. Mary P. Fitzgerald, a widow; brothers and sisters are Miss Ethelyn Fitzgerald, who is employed by the La Grande Investment Co.; Mrs. O. B. Curtis, Miles City, Montana; Mrs. Ruby Lee, Laidlaw, B. C.; Miss Violet Fitzgerald, employed by the Independent Home Telephone Co. of La Grande; Miss Ivy Fitzgerald, Vancouver, Wash.; Melvin

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### Willowa to Have New Sewer System

City Engineer R. R. Neal of La Grande has been awarded the contract for the necessary preliminary plans and specifications for the installing of a complete sewer system consisting of a complete sewage disposal plant, trunk and lateral system for the city of Willowa.

Willowa expects to spend about \$10,000 on the trunk line and disposal plant.

Engineer Neal has been in La Grande for the past five years and is not only city engineer of La Grande and the county engineer for Union county, but is also the city engineer of Willowa and is consulting engineer and does the majority of the work called for by the surrounding towns.

### \$2,000 RAISED FOR THE BIG WAR FUND

SPIRIT AND ENTHUSIASM ARE SHOWN AT MEETING OF COMMITTEES

VARIOUS TOWNS OF COUNTY ARE SHOWING RIVALRY

Island City Comes Through Strong—North Powder Is Going Over the Top—Union, Cove, Imbler, Summerville, Alcega, Elgin and Perry Will Make Good Showing.

Spirit and enthusiasm prevailed at the meeting of the advisory and executive committees of the Knights of Columbus war fund drive at noon today at the Foley hotel.

General Chairman Fred L. Meyers presided and thanked the members present for their co-operation and told of his canvass yesterday when he and J. G. Snodgrass canvassed the office buildings of the city and were met with a 100 per cent reception, none solicited refusing to give to the fund for the benefit of the soldier boys.

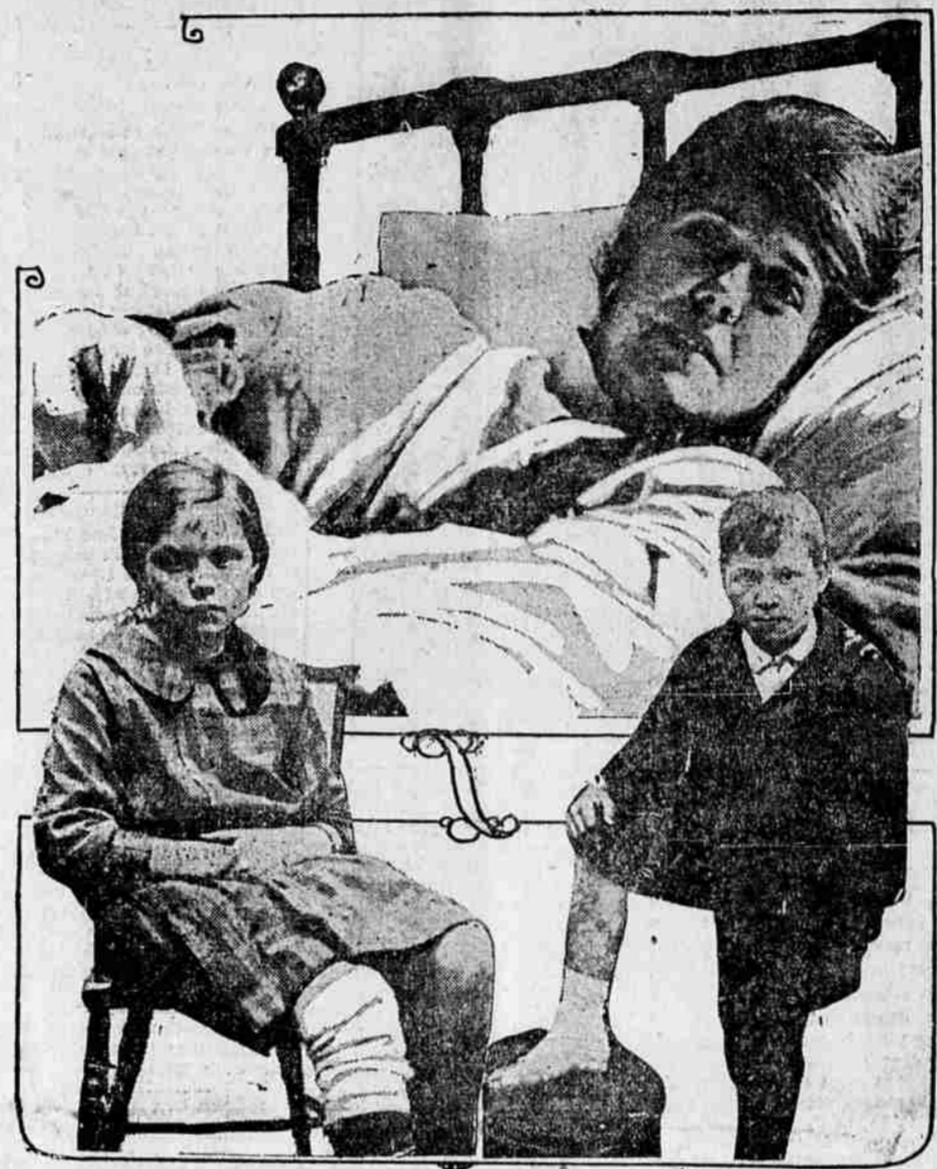
Chairman of the executive committee Pearce reported that \$2000 had already been raised in the drive. North Powder is going fine, Union is coming through strong, Island City has gone over the top with \$120, the highest percentage yet. Elgin, Cove, Imbler, Summerville and Alcega, Perry and Willowa county are making an active canvass. Several thousand dollars more are to be raised. The canvass will be active the next few days.

A. A. Smith, deputy grand deputy of the Knight of Columbus for Eastern Oregon, of Baker, was the principal speaker today. Mr. Smith is one of the brilliant orators of his section and he thrilled his hearers with his exposition of the war against autocracy and for liberty and democracy and of the necessity for the present fund to insure the well being, not only physical but mental and moral, of our soldiers at the front. Mr. Smith predicted that at some future time the great work that the Y. M. C. A. and Knights of Columbus are doing for the soldiers would become a government function; but since it is not, since the people are the government, it is necessary for them to take care of the work by private and personal subscriptions.

"We must win the war," said Mr. Smith. "It would cost more to lose it. One of the ways to help win it is to insure the moral and physical well being of our soldiers, to make and keep them fit for fighting."

Rev. Upton Gibbs said the present war was one for righteousness and liberty and that he was glad to give and do his bit for the fund.

### "THE SLAUGHTER OF THE INNOCENTS"



These pictures of British victims of German air raids tell graphically why the British government has finally decided on a course of reprisals for the Kaiser's frightfulness. Miss Nellie Tyler, above, will be bedridden for weeks as the result of injuries received in the recent German raids. Below at the left is Muriel Thomas, little 12-year-old London girl whose knee was shattered by shrapnel which came through the roof of her home. At the right is little Frankie Tijo who may never walk erect because of injury to his ankle.

### ANARCHY IS PREVAILING IN RUSSIA

PETROGRAD, Jan. 18.—The Bolsheviks denied that an order has been issued for the arrest of the King of Rumania.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 18.—Disaffection against their leaders is spreading among the German troops. Germany is strenuously trying to stop the spread of Russian propaganda and sympathy with Russian beliefs. Trotsky telegraphs that the German government is deliberately marbling the peace negotiations report, presumably to mislead the public. Twenty-five thousand Germans are deserting their commands and have accepted the Russian Socialist principles. They report they are well organized and armed and live by foraging and on contributions from the peasants.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—An intercepted Russian wireless message instructed all the People's Councils to take drastic measures to suppress anarchy. It recounted disorders at railway stations and declared the railways were in the hands of the plundering mobs, paralyzing transportation. The Bolsheviks have proclaimed Petrograd under martial law.

Realty Men Meet

PORTLAND, Jan. 18.—The biennial session of the executive committee of the Interstate Realty association has drawn prominent realty men here from all parts of Oregon, Washington and Idaho today. Sessions continue all of tomorrow also. Fred K. Jones of Spokane is president of the organization.

The local Realty Board is arranging entertainment for the visitors who will discuss realty matters and needed legislation. A dinner will be given tonight, followed by special entertainment.

### COLD WAVES IN SOUTH DO MUCH DAMAGE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Damage from forty to fifty per cent in the winter oats crop, and much damage to truck gardens is reported to the department of agriculture as the result of three cold waves in the south. The sugar cane belt was also affected.

### AUSTRIAN SOCIALISTS ARE SHOT

PETROGRAD, Jan. 18.—It is reported that whole companies of Austrians were ordered shot for sympathy with Russian Socialist views. Many Austrian units on the Italian front were ordered executed for refusal to obey officers.

### IVAN STURDIVANT WRITES FROM JAPAN

(This letter was received by Mr. and Mrs. Gale Sturdivant from Mr. Sturdivant's brother, Ivan, who made his home here last winter.)  
Tuesday, Dec. 18, 1917.  
Dear Edna and Gale:  
We are due in Nagasaki, Japan, tomorrow. We have been out just one month today.

On November 18 we left Frisco and after spending a few days in Honolulu we sailed for Vladivostok, Russia. We passed above the north end of the Island of Japan and through the Kurody straits and then straight across to Russia. Gee, but it sure was cold from then on in and when we landed in Russia it was freezing.

### Chamberlain Introduces His War Bill

DIRECTOR OF MUNITIONS IS CREATED—BILL FOR WAR COUNCIL TO FOLLOW

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The Senate military committee reported the Chamberlain bill creating a director of munitions. Another measure creating a war council, completely controlling the entire war policy program, subject only to President Wilson's direction, is to follow. These are the result of military investigations.

Quiet, Says Haig.  
LONDON, Jan. 18.—General Haig reports nothing special.

### PRESIDENT WILL NOT REVOKE THE FUEL ORDER

Administrator Garfield Accepts Full Responsibility for Order Which Stunned the Nation, Declaring It Absolutely Necessary

REASON GIVEN IS TO AVOID CONGESTION OF SHIPS IN HARBORS

Legislators Declare They Will Pass No Further Laws Giving Administrator Such Sweeping Powers Without Congressional Sanction.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Garfield reduced the scope of his suspension order, exempting a majority of steel mills, ship yards, food factories and war supply works.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Congress leaders say that body hereafter will be careful in shearing itself of power, as the result of the Garfield order. "Go slow" is the attitude toward the railroad bill advocated by many. There is a prospect of the modification of the food law, under which Garfield acted.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—American industry east of the Mississippi is idle that the national railroads might release scores of supply ships helpless in harbors.

Fuel Administrator Garfield accepts full responsibility for the order which stunned the nation, declaring it necessary to avoid congestion which might delay shipments to France.

Already legislators are privately saying they will pass no further laws permitting such sweeping regulations without congressional sanction.

Protests are pouring in, but there is no likelihood the order will be modified. President Wilson stands squarely behind Garfield. It may be officially stated the President won't revoke the order. He feels the people will accept it as vitally necessary.

### ARMY Y DOES NOT FEAR QUARANTINE

Lieutenant Broughton of La Grande Writes to Employees of George Palmer Lumber Company

(An extract from Lieutenant J. J. Broughton's letter to the employees of the George Palmer Lumber Company, thanking them for a present that was sent. Lieutenant Broughton is at the Vancouver Barracks, Wash.)

Receiving a box today, which was very neatly wrapped, and realizing it was some time since Santa Claus day, I began to anticipate spy bombs, infernal machines and all such things. This is not all a joke; it may be hard for you to believe, but it would surprise you to know what all we have found out here and which I am not at liberty at present to tell you.

Well, this is just army life so far as drill goes, but in other ways army life is so much different from what it used to be. There are all the efforts of the Red Cross, the National Defense League, the clubs and other societies, and last but not least, the Y. M. C. A., which is the "Old Home" for the boys. Here is the way it works out. We were quarantined with 1300 men on about five acres of ground, the Army "Y" was just outside the lines and you can bet the boys were mighty blue. After about a week, one day there was a big truck pulled in and began unloading canvas and some other junk. Nobody asked what it was or why, it was simply an incident. Then up went a big oblong tent which made us think (if we observed it at all) of the old one-ring circus when kids, and the Y. M. C. A. was on the job, lectures, music and general entertainment, right inside the quarantine, too. Stamps were for sale, a telephone for use, and the quarantine line seemed to have suddenly moved back a hundred miles, so far as isolation was concerned, and while we yet realized Sherman was right about what war is, yet we thought maybe the place had been misrepresented.

Well, we had our first death today, but we will have more. We have to eat, we have to drink, so if we are not in a foreign country the enemy will see to it that we get what is in store for the soldier.

### THE WEATHER

PORTLAND, Jan. 15.—The United States Weather Bureau forecast: "Probably rain."

### TRANSPORT SERVICE IS REORGANIZED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The "Naval Overseas Transport Service" has been established to increase the efficiency of the transports under the navy department. This organization will direct all cargo and troopships which will be manned by efficient naval reserve crews.

### MODERN WOODMEN AND ROYAL NEIGHBORS HOLD INSTALLATION

The Modern Woodmen of America and Royal Neighbors held a joint installation of officers last evening.

The M. W. A. installed the following officers:

- J. L. Munhall, consul.
  - J. L. Gharst, adviser.
  - Chas. Disqua, banker.
  - W. F. Ashman, clerk.
  - H. C. Ball, escort.
  - Hary Dennis, watchman.
  - Jake Rostock, sentry.
  - H. E. Dixon, past consul.
- The Royal Neighbors installed the following officers:
- Mrs. J. I. Gharst, oracle.
  - Mrs. Johnson, chancellor.
  - Mrs. W. F. Ashman, inner sentry.
  - Mrs. Harry Dennis, outer sentry.
  - Mrs. Chas. West, receiver.
  - Mrs. H. C. Vinacke, recorder.
  - Mrs. C. W. Bunting, past recorder.
- There were about one hundred and fifty members present. Dancing and a luncheon was enjoyed by all.

### Hotel Men Gather

POP Jan. 19.—As a preliminary to the annual convention of the Greater of Oregon opened a convention of the Greater of Oregon at the Portland Hotel. Important committees will be named to handle the entertainment of the visitors in June.