News From at Home and Abroad

(By Associated Press)

BIG PLOT OF I. W. W. IS NIPPED IN BUD

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 8.—Three indictments were returned by the Federal Grand Jury today. One indictment charged fifty-five persons with conspiring with W. D. Heywood and other I. W. W. leaders to interfere with the prosecution of the war. The report terminated the investigation of alleged I. W. W. who were taken into custody here in connection with the attempted dynamiting of the home of Governor W. D. Stephens here the night of December 17.

The conspiracy indictment charges the defendants with attempting to interfere with the operation and success of the military and naval forces of the United States and of attempting to promote the success of our enemies by obstructing recruiting and enlistments and by causing acts of disloyalty, mutiny and refusal of duty. It is also charged that the defendants entered into a general conspiracy with the 300,000 members of the Industrial Workers of the World to overthrow the government and to cause a widespread campaign of sabotage.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—That the I. W. W. on the Pacific Coast have planned a wholesale disturbance of industry and property and the destruction of shipbuilding plants, was said today at the Department of Justice. This is the result of an investigation of government agents, who say that the leaders were plotting systematic sabotage. They also say that a number of plotters on the Pacific Coast had planned the blowing up of factories and the fomentation of strikes in war industries, the destruction of fruit trees and crops and ships in the shipyards.

PORTLAND, Feb. 8.—That he had received certain information of recent I. W. W. activities and as a result had the Police Department of Portland ready for "eventualities" was the statement tonight of Chief of Police N. F. Johnson. Robert S. Rankin, acting United States attorney, said that he believed that there was little to fear at the present, because the ringleaders had all been arrested, and he stated that six of the organizers had been sent to Chicago recently and placed in custody.

SEATTLE, Feb. 8.—Clay Allen, United States attorney here, said that the I. W. W. activities in the Northwest had been directed by aliens and dangerous enemies of the nation, who cloaked their pro-German activities under the pretense of working in the interests of labor. He said the situation was well in hand, especially the guarding against the destruction of property.

The Americans Out-Shoot the Germans

LONDON, Feb. 8.—American sharpshooters, northwest of Toul on the west front, have matched their marksmanship and wits against the skill and experience of the German rifle men and thus far have won the advantage. The enemy snipers have been routed from their hiding places by the expert fire of the Americans and where rifle fire was unavailing have used machine guns or light artillery to destroy their shelters and made casualties of their occupants.

Dr. von Seidler, the Austrian premier, has tendered the resignation of his cabinet to Emperor Charles, according to advices from Vienna via Amsterdam. The resignation was due to opposition of the Polish deputies against special debates and provisional budgets. Premier Seidler voiced recently his wish that the war would end, and the effect of the declaration was the ending of the strikes in Vienna.

Turkish Foreign Minister Nessimy Bey, addressing the Ottoman Chamber of Deputies, said that Turkey stood with Austria and Germany, as voiced in the recent speeches of von Hertling and Czernin, with regard to the Dardanelles. He said that the Dardanelles would be open in the future to international traffic as in the past and upon the same terms.

SENATOR THOMAS DEFENDS BAKER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Outside of the speech of Senator Thomas, Democrat, in which he voiced his opposition to the war cabinet bill, there were no developments in the controversy over the war reorganization bills. Senator Thomas defended Secretary Baker and praised the army's accomplishments. Further action will be postponed until next week. The Senate military committee and the Senate adjourned until Monday.

SWITCHMEN AND DISPATCHERS ASK INCREASE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The switchmen presented their demands for increased pay and for time and a half after eight hours to the Railroad Wage Commission today. The train dispatchers also asked for time and a half for overtime. It was stated that the railroads were not observing the eight-hour law.

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ENTERPRISE NEWS NOTES

ENTERPRISE, Feb. 8—(Special)—The question of when to pave our city streets will be decided by the people when petitions are sent out for that purpose. A few weeks ago the city voted to change the charter so that the city could issue bonds to pay for their part of the work and they must now decide when to begin work.

The local board has been examining men for the past ten days for the army. There are about 400 men in the county placed in Class 1, and it is believed that 60 per cent will be accepted for service. The teachers of the schools have been assisting in the task of classifying the registered men according to occupation, training or proficiency in the various lines of work.

The Red Cross has moved into larger quarters this week into the Circuit Court room of the Court house, where there is sufficient room to accomodate the workers and also plenty of light. The following articles have been made and sent away this week: Nineteen children's petticoats, twelve sweaters, five hospital gowns, eighty hot water bag covers, 8 pairs of socks, 11 old table cloths, 2 old bed spreads, 1 box old muslin, 780 9x9 compresses, 20 16x24 irrigation pads, 20 triangular bandages. The E. M. & M. Co has also donated a box containing several dozen articles of wearing apparel.

A masquerade ball will be given at the opera house next Thursday, St. Valentine's night, by the Red Cross. The profits will go to help in the war work.

The Knights of Pythias will give their annual minstrel show, February 21. They are rehearsing three nights a week and expect to give the performance in Elgin also on February 23. Women will take part this year in the work and it is expected to excel the shows of previous years.

The Moose lodges of this city and Joseph will go to La Grande Tuesday, February 12 on a special excursion train. About 200 members will go, headed by the Joseph Moose band.

RAISE MONEY FOR NEW CHURCH AT ENTERPRISE

ENTERPRISE, Feb. 8—(Special)—Subscriptions to the amount of $2,600 were raised Sunday night at the Church of God for the erection of a new house of worship for that denomination. The amount pledged is now $3,000 and work will be started at once on the new building. The Church of God has grown rapidly in membership and the present small frame building does not accomodate the crowds that attend. Rev. E. G. Masters of Walla Walla has been holding successful revival meetings for the past three weeks. W. B. Hawkins is the pastor.

PROMINENT WALLOWA CO. STOCKMAN DROPS DEAD

ENTERPRISE, Feb. 8—(Special)—Marion Langstan, a prominent farmer and stockman of this part of the county, dropped dead here this morning of heart failure. His death comes as a great surprise to his many friends and acquaintances here as he has always been strong and healthy and gave no signs of any thing wrong with him. Mr. Langstan is a son-in-law of Henry Haas of this city and owned one of the best and most up-to-date farms of the Alder Slope country.

Firemen Elect Officers.

ENTERPRISE, Feb. 8—(Special)—The regular monthly meeting of the fire department was held at the library Tuesday evening and officers for the year were elected as follows: Chief, M. E. Ward; assistant chief, D. C. Mays; secretary and treasurer, J. C. Young; assistant secretary, W. A. Lindsey. The city expects to have new fire fighting apparatus about the middle of March.

New Railroad Agent Here.

ENTERPRISE, Feb. 8—(Special)—W. Spear, of Kamela, arrived this week to take charge of the office at the depot. He succeeds A. L. Rice who leaves at once for Spokane where he has been elected to a traveling position to give instructions to station agents in Washington a..d Idaho.

The Joseph Concert band gave a dance and concert here last night in the Enterprise Opera House. It was attended by a large crowd and every one was well pleased with the music. Joseph has one of the best bands in Eastern Oregon and it is the only one in this part of the state. It was pronounced one of the best bands at the Pendleton Round-Up instfall.

The warm weather still continues here and all the snow has disappeared from the valley and hills in the eastern part of the county. This has been the mildest winter ever known in this county and has been a great help to the stockmen for hay was selling this fall [illegible] $20 a ton. It is now selling [illegible] and very little is being tak[illegible] that for the stock have been able to run to grass all winter. Several speculators bought up large quantities of hay this fall at $20 and have lost lots of money for the wet weather has caused a great deal of hay to spoil in the stack.

WALLOWA NEWS ITEMS

WALLOWA, Feb. 8.—(Special.)—The weather has the appearance that Spring is about with us. The snow is gone from the hills and the stock is out to grass.

The saw mill is having difficulty in getting logs enough to keep the mill going. The railroad bed is causing the trouble.

The Pendleton high school girl's basket ball team will play a like team in the Gym here next Saturday evening. While the W. H. S. lost to Pendleton at Pendleton the team is going to do its best to reverse the score.

The new saw mill proposition seems to be an assured fact. Those directly interested are very optimistic over the outlook.

Only two suitable buildings for business are vacant at the present time. This speaks well for the business interests of Wallowa at this time of the year.

Henry Sigvartson, of Enterprise, has entered the freshman class of the high school.

Quite a number attended the Christian church convention at Lostine Wednesday.

County Agriculturalist Hoke attended the farmers' meeting here last Wednesday.

There will be a farmer's meeting held at the Gymnasium here next Saturday. Silos, livestock and corn growing will be the topics under discussion. Agriculturist Smith of the O.-W. R. R. and County Agriculturist Hoke will be present.

Mrs. John Knott is sick at her home on Bear Creek.

Mrs. Marion Womack left Wednesday for her home in Parma, Idaho, after having spent the winter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Tulley.

Will Ketchum and wife visited the first of the week at the home of John Riggle on Smith's Mountain.

Arbon Allen was a business visitor from Smith's Mountain last week.

Henry Snuffer, of Grossman, was a Wallowa visitor this week.

Mrs. Grace Colpitts, of Grossman, is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Beecher Trump.

Mrs. E. A. Goodnough who has been visiting in Portland for some time, returned home Sunday.

Grover Johnson was a business visitor at Lostine Monday.

Dr. Maher was called to La Grande on business Tuesday.

Henry Boyd was up to [illegible] county seat Monday.

Mrs. H. W. Harris was [illegible]terprise visitor Tuesday.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Johnson, February 5, 1918, a son.

L. R. Carpenter, forest ranger, is in town this week.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Haneke, February 5, 1918, a son.

C. F. Henderson returned from La Grande Monday where he went for a short visit.

John Fisher, of Smith's Mountain was in town Monday.

BORN—ToM r. and Mrs. Walter Colpitts, February 6, 1918, a son.

A. E. Tully, who for the past five years has been a food and dairy inspector deputy for the State has taken a position with the Couch real estate firm.

At the farmers' meeting held Wednesday afternoon, for organizing a Farmers' Elevator Company, a committee consisting of H. M. Pfeiffer, O. J. English, Jim Gaston, H. E. Wiley and L. J. Willett were appointed to solicit stock, while L. Couch and H. S. Brewer were appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws. It was deemed that a building to cost about $12,000 to $15,000 should be considered and that if $12,000 was not subscribed by the first of March that the matter should be dropped.

Roscoe Neal, city engineer, was here from La Grande doing work in connection with the proposed sewer system.

At the Miller Hotel this week: T. S. Ballard, W. A. Fettengell, A. S. Omstead, Wilfred Davies, Carl Malmstram, Gust Breeg, W. G. Baird, C. H. Goldsberry, Shelley Cramer, Edgar Jenkins, Otis Penick, W. R. Rinehart, See Orr, Roscoe Neal.

At the Northern this week: Geo. Lambert, H. Woolsey, L. R. Carpenter, Frank McPherson, D. E. Rowe, W. G. Turpin, G. E. Beal, C. A. Miller, T. H. Sutherland, Charley Rodes, H. C. Laird, Earl Lavel, Geo. Metsopulos, Chas. Fisher, Loil Honstrott, Duncan Bule.

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R. F. FRASER, County Agent
La Grande, Oregon

ENTERPRISE BOY WILL TAKE NAVY EXAMINATION

ENTERPRISE, Feb. 8—(Special)—Word has just been received through a telegram from Senator Chamberlain at Washington to Dr. C. A. [illegible] stating that his son, William [illegible] been appointed a[illegible] cipal t[illegible] examination for ent[illegible] the naval academy at Annapolis. The examination will be held April 26, and William will probably be granted a discharge to come home and prepare for the test. He enlisted last April in the navy and is now stationed at Honolulu, Hawaii.

Notice!

February 10th is the last day to pay water rent without the penalty. 2-8-21.

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A Penny a Day Means a Kit-a-Month for a Boy at the Front

Every man, woman and child in this city can help keep one of our boys at the front supplied with cigarets and tobacco by setting aside one cent a day for each working day.

Just think what this little sum will do! For 25 cents we will enter your name on our Tobacco Fund list and will send 45 cents worth of smoking tobacco and cigarets to our boys in France. In the kit will be a postal card stamped and addressed to you, and on the kit will be a request to the soldier asking him to write a message to you on the postal and mail it.

The Red Cross takes charge of these kits of smoking material and distributes them; the French government sends back the postal bearing a one-cent United States stamp and admits the tobacco free of duty.

Surely if as busy an organization s the Red Cross Society a d as preoccupied officials as those of the French government will do these things to see that our soldiers get a chance to smoke, it isn't asking much to ask you to set aside one cent a day for the purpose.

Send in your contributions of any amount—25 cents, $1.00, $5.00 [illegible] For every 25 cents that you [illegible] to the front.

Here's 45 cents worth of tobacco which is sent for your quarter:

A package of Tuxedo tobacco and four books of cigaret papers.

Three pouches of Bull Durham Tobacco and three books of papers.

Two packages of Lucky Strike cigarets, twenty cigarets in each package.

A return postal card addressed to the contributor on which the soldier will pen his appreciation and gratitude for the gift.

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