

CENTRAL POWERS FACE UPHEAVAL WHICH THREATENS TO INVOLVE EVERY FACTION IN WAR AGAINST ALLIES: AUSTRIA VOICES ANGER

Turmoil in Teuton-Slav Countries Follows Upheaval and
Chaos in Russia with Wilson's Daylight Diplomacy
Stimulating Unrest.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Russian chaos and President Wilson's "Daylight diplomacy" have thrown the Teuton-Slav nations into confusion. Ukraine, at peace with the Teutons, is warring Russia; Germany finds herself at war with the Bolsheviks but afraid to shoot; Austria, disapproving of German annexation plans toward Russia, refuses to move against the Bolsheviks; Russia is at war with factions within her own country, and the Lenin-Trotsky grip seems to be slackening. Outbreaks are increasing everywhere. Baltic sailors have deserted the Bolsheviks and embraced complete anarchy, spreading fire and blood throughout Finland. The Bolsheviks are unable to control it.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Germany's declaration of war against the Bolsheviks has caused a serious situation with Austria-Hungary, according to Copenhagen dispatches. The Austrian press protests the re-opening of hostilities in which Austria does not desire to participate. One paper expressed the hope the Wilson-Czernin negotiations will continue without German interference.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 17.—(Delayed.)—The Bolsheviks are rushing a big army against General Alexieff who is nearing Veronozhsk, seeking to cut the railroad to Moscow on his Petrogradward march. The Bolsheviks have recaptured Kioff from the Ukrainians and routed Alexieff's forces at Makevaka, Lomax and Ziverva.

CENSORSHIP VERY RIGID IN FRANCE

Military Information Clipped Out—
French Customs Quaint—"Good Old U. S. A." Is the Soldiers' Slogan

(A letter to Mrs. Lee Fine from her brother, who enlisted with the Mounted Infantry.)

Somewhere in France.
Dear Sister:
This is to let you know I am still well and able to do about as much as ever, though a long way from home. Letters are a rarity, and writing them is most discouraging, everything being of military value or so closely related that the censors must clip it out.

Needless to say we have seen much of the world since last spring. I have enjoyed meeting the French and find many of their quaint and old customs charming. I do not feel out of place among these people because our ancestry came not so very far from here. I have written father to tell me the exact way to his old home in Switzerland, and in case one can get away after the war will look up some of our relatives, but until then there is absolutely no chance.

The sentiment among most Americans, though, is "Give me the good old U. S. A." It is the freedom and individuality in everything done we miss in European methods. One finds, the further "west" one goes the more modern are developments of civilization.

I presume you have heard from Cecilia before now. It has been just four weeks since I have had mail of any description. There will be much to tell when I return. As ever,
Your brother,
SGT. VICTOR E. NIEDERER.

Address:
Co. D, 16th U. S. Inf.,
A. E. F.

SHARP FIGHTING IN FLANDERS REPORTED

PARIS, Feb. 18.—After a sharp fight, the Germans have regained some ground south of Dumesnil Wood in Champagne, but later were thrown back. There is mutual artillery fire at Mortier Wood and Vauxhallan salient on the right bank of the Meuse.

PARIS EDITOR IS PUT UNDER MILITARY ARREST

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Paris reports Senator Charles Humbert, publisher of "Le Journal," which figured in the Bolo Pasha trial, is arrested. It is alleged Pasha invested money in that paper.

Many Home from Show—The following returned from the Portland show Saturday: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hilton, Mr. and Mrs. Al Daniel, La Grande; Wm. Glenn, Dave Osborne, Geo. Wade, Fred Gaskill, Imbler; Wm. Ballons, Claude Scranton, Dr. M. K. Hall, Jay Van Buren, Elmer Stoddard, La Grande.

TUESDAY LUNCHEON TO BE SNAPPY ONE

Re-arrangement of plans for the Tuesday Luncheon tomorrow have been necessitated because Charles Leiter, the chairman, has been called to Portland on business. A. C. Hampton, superintendent of schools, has been designated as acting chairman, but the original plans for a Washington birthday program will be carried out. R. J. Green and Robert S. Eakin will be the speakers.

Furthermore, there is to be a feature as yet unannounced but nevertheless well prepared, which will be a happy surprise to all concerned. The dinner promises to be extremely interesting.

THE SAMMIES WILL BE THERE

Where shot and shell are falling
On battle fields appalling;
Where Liberty is calling—
The Sammies will be there!

Where Britain's guns have thundered
Where France's lines are thundered
Where Belgium's homes are plundered—
The Sammies will be there!

Across the broad Atlantic waters
Where Europe's captive daughters
The Hun defiles and slaughters—
The Sammies will be there!

Where little ones are creeping
Mid desolations, weeping,
The ghastly harvest reaping—
The Sammies will be there!

Where Liberty, despoiled and bleeding,
Before her fearful foe receding,
In agony is bleeding—
The Sammies will be there!

When the fearful strife is ended;
When the Stars and Stripes suspended
With the Allied banner blended,
Waves triumphant in the sun;
At that final victory splendid,
By Freedom's host attended,
Oh, I tell you frankly, Hun,
The Sammies will be there, my son,
The Sammies will be there!

—A. R. MARKER.

Camp Lewis, Wn., Feb. 13, 1918.

ISHII IS JAPAN'S AMBASSADOR HERE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Viscount Ishii, head of the recent Japanese economic mission to America, has been picked as the Japanese ambassador to America, succeeding Sato. Ishii is popular here. He formulated an agreement with United States regarding the "open door" policy in China, and smoothed several Japanese-American difficulties.

NEW BILL NECESSARY, DECLARES MR. McADOO

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—America must conserve her money like her food, Secretary McAdoo told the executive session of the House today, and means committee today. He said the nation's war bill, added to the allied demands, puts up a serious problem, necessitating direction of capital into war-needed channels, which is all the proposed finance corporation bill aims to do.

"PEE WEE BOCHES" CAPTURED IN DAY'S RAT 'RENCHES



The half 40 or 50 "Pee Wee Boches" in this picture will bother allied soldiers no more. "Pee Wee Boche" is what the soldiers call the rat, which is the big pest of the trenches. Lots of them? Every day's work by these three soldiers. Every day certain soldiers are assigned to rat-hunting.

ROUNDUPERS MEET DEFEAT

LA GRANDE QUINT HUMBLER
GLD FOE AT HIGH SCHOOL
GYM SATURDAY NIGHT

The La Grande High School basketball team ran true to form again Saturday night and put the skids under the Pendleton high team by a score of 36 to 21. The game for the most part was fast and well played, although at times members of both teams forgot themselves and juggled the ball around like a circus performer.

La Grande scored their points on short, quick passes which took the ball under the basket, where either Taylor or Garrity converted the scores. The local team had an off night in respect to locating the basket and if they had made all the baskets shot at, the score would have been double what it was. Pendleton scored mostly on long, lucky shots from the middle of the floor, most of which were shot on the chance that they might hit the basket.

The lineup:
La Grande: Taylor (18), F. Kyle (9), Garrity (18), C. Strahorn (4), McDonald (C), C. Casey (4), Ash (C), H. Hudson, Lyman (G), G. Bellert (4), Stoddard (F).

NON-ESSENTIAL ROAD BUILDING NOW TABOO

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Road construction during the war, if not directly needed in winning the war, has been classed as "non-essential," and tabooed by the government, the Treasury Department deciding not to ratify any road bond issues unless the roads are essential. So far as possible the work will be deferred.

HUNDRED MILLION FOR QUICK CONSTRUCTION SOUGHT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels has asked for a hundred million dollar emergency fund to be placed in President Wilson's hands to expedite work on the submarine fighters, torpedoes, etc.

Ankle Crushed—Frank Ennsford who is employed at the freight house, sustained a broken ankle when a turning lathe fell on him. He is in the hospital under the skillful care of Dr. C. T. Bacon.

Strikes Viewed As Enemy Acts

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—While striking carpenters are resuming work in Eastern shipyards under President Wilson's urging, the government is preparing to launch a program to prevent future walkouts, hereafter acting on the principle that no strike is justified until adjustment methods are tried out. Any action to the contrary of this principle will be regarded as aiding the enemy. General wage increase; a basic eight hour day; open or closed shop conditions, according to conditions in the shops before the war.

IMBLER NEWS ITEMS

IMBLER, Feb. 17. (Special.)—Several people, including Mr. and Mrs. Hurley, Mr. and Mrs. Christensen, Mr. Balch, Walter Wiggins and Max Greenleaf, attended the Cantata at Albee Friday evening.

Hugh Huron visited La Grande the first of the week.

Mrs. Walter Westfall accompanied Mrs. Alice Holder and mother, Mrs. McCallum, as far as La Grande Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Haines of La Grande assisted the Elgin Orchestra at the Red Cross dance Friday evening.

Wm. McClure was in town Thursday with a horse buggy by the name of Day.

The Red Cross dance was well attended in Imbler Friday evening.

Born in this city February 14 to Mr. and Mrs. Willis Seargent, a fine 10-pound girl. It is needless to say that Tom Buchanan is the most pleased grand father in the country.

Wesley Morris had the misfortune to break his shoulder bone. Effie Snider is ill at her home with pneumonia; Lawrence Martin has been teaching in her place the last few days.

Walter Stringham has been confined to his home for several days with La Grippe.

Willie Keown has been a victim of La Grippe this week.

Rev. W. J. Harwig, representing the Anti-Saloon League, gave a very interesting lecture to a full house Wednesday evening. He is fighting for the nation wide prohibition, which he said would be in less than two years. Mr. Harwig presented the Fifth and Sixth grades in the public school a very beautiful American flag, which they are just proud of.

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FRIEND OF MR. LINCOLN TALKS

Unique Services at Methodist Church
Brings Forth Interesting Historical
Traits of Emancipator—Dixon
Is Speaker.

An unique Lincoln's birthday anniversary service was conducted at the Methodist church last evening. The remarkable feature of the evening was the brief address by Mr. Riddle, who lives on Walnut street, an old veteran of the Civil War, who was very well acquainted with the great emancipator. Mr. Riddle was wounded shortly after he went into the war and was sent to the Patent Office hospital in Washington. During the six months he was detained there, he was the recipient of a great many kindnesses on the part of the immortal Lincoln. Mr. Lincoln and his wife, almost daily, during that time, visited the hospital and distributed flowers or fruits. Mr. Riddle also heard Mr. Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglass in one of their classical debates prior to the war.

Other features of the evening were an address by Attorney H. E. Dixon in which the speaker very forcibly and clearly set out the great moves of American consciousness from the beginning of things in America to the entrance into the present war; an address on Lincoln's religious makeup by Rev. Geo. H. Reese; and pertinent remarks by Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles, who presided. J. W. Oliver, chaplain of the G. A. R., pronounced invocation. The musical features included a trio by Mrs. Gamble, Miss Winters, and Paul Knautz and an octette of girls in song.

EXPLANATION DELAYED

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Bonar Law announced Lloyd George is suffering with a "severe chill," but hopes to be able to address the House of Commons tomorrow regarding Robertson's resignation. Law said Robertson has accepted command of the eastern division of the home army.

CHANTIE MAN FOR NEW WAR JOB



Stanton H. King

Official Chantie Man for the American merchant marine is a new job now being held down by Stanton H. King of Boston. King is to revive chantie singing among the young sailors of Uncle Sam's new cargo ships. An old salt, who first went to sea from the Barbadoes 38 years ago, and who for years sailed on deep-water Yankee ships, King knows that a good chantie is worth an extra hand. He is the best known singer of sailor songs in the country.

I W W FALL INTO POLICE NETS HERE

SLIP OF INCENDIARY PAPER
LEADS TO ARREST OF
TWO INDUSTRIALISTS

FEDERAL ADVISE SOUGHT AFTER DELIGENT QUIZ

Steadfast Denial of Any Connection
With Organization Work Made
By Man Who Seems to Have Two
Names—Probably Intended to
Spread Propaganda Here.

A sticker showing a picture of an I. W. W. pouring oil on inflammable material, and a line underneath reading "May First, 1918," which was inadvertently dropped from a pocket as two men were alighting from a train at the depot Saturday evening, led to the arrest of two I. W. W. members. They are now being held awaiting orders from the federal authorities.

The quickwittedness of a bystander caused the arrest to be made possible. He saw the paper flutter to the ground and recognized its nature instantly. Quietly he placed his foot over it that the paper might not be seen. Later the police department was notified and the arrests were made in the Elite rooming house. Great sacks of literature ranging from incendiaryism to bloodcurdling admonition to go out and "stab the babies and mothers too" were taken off their belongings. General army campaigns to begin May 1, seem to be advocated by the literature.

The names found on personal belongings read: "Beth Lee" and "Alex Stevenson" alias "Alex Ryan." Ryan steadfastly denied today when quizzed by City Manager Curry and Chief Rayburn, that his name was Stevenson, although he carried a card authorizing Stevenson to organize for the order. The card number of that paper, is identical with that on the man's private I. W. card where the name Ryan appears over an erasure. Ryan, or Stevenson, denied any knowledge of the Stevenson business.

It is known that I. W. W. have been flocking to Eastern Oregon mill camps. In fact the two men arrested here are relegated to sawmill endeavors, their credentials so indicating.

It is believed, judging from literature taken from them, that they have been working their nefarious game in Idaho and were now coming to Oregon. A song book, several copies of which were found in their belongings, contain a motley lot of propaganda, some of which boldly advocates murder, arson and sabotage.

Dance Instructor Here—Miss Blanche Whitman of Portland, who contemplates organizing a dancing school here, has arrived and is making her preliminary arrangements. She anticipates a fine class in the near future.

New Books at the Library—Under the arrangement by which the La Grande public library becomes a distributing center for State library books in the county, two stations have sent in their traveling libraries. Those from Cove and from the Grange have returned their books. As soon as the two other units are received, an interchange will be made. This will affect a real saving in transportation charges. Heretofore it has been necessary to pay freight to Salem and return every time a library was received. Necessary repairs will be made at the local library, with help paid by the State institution. Extra books may be selected from the general collection just received from Salem. These books are also available for the use of La Grande citizens. Ask at the library for some of the following books which interest you. The library is a free institution. Several books on photography, including outdoor and indoor work, winter photography and photography in colors; books on personal efficiency and success; "The Young Man and the World," by Beveridge; "The Exceptional Employee," by Marden; "Leadership," by Brent; Child welfare; "What the Mother of a Dead Child Ought to Know," "The Backward Child," by Morgan; "On the Training of Parents," by Abbott; "As the Twig is Bent," by Cheney; New Scientific works; "The Mason Book," and "The Hunting Wasp," by Fabre.

Several books on bird study, including Huntington's, "Our Wild Fowl and Waders," Home care of Children, "The Healthy Baby," by Dean, "Save the Babies," by Holt and Shaw, "Care of Children," by Morse; "Suggestions for the Health of Children," by Knowlton.