

EIGHT ELGIN BOYS ENLIST TO AVENGE TERRY TUTTLE'S DEATH

PETROGRAD PREPARES FOR DESPERATE DEFENSE: ALLIED LEGATIONS READY TO DEPART FROM THE SLAV CAPITOL

PETROGRAD, Feb. 20. (Delayed.)—American and allied ambassadors are preparing for a quick departure. They are overwhelmed by Lenin's and Trotsky's sudden "willingness" to sign the German peace, but say even separate peace will not mean a Russian-Ally break. Lenin was the chief advocate of the wireless announcing his willingness to sign. Four commissioners supported and four opposed. The latter then created a stormy scene, saying a terrible battle is certain if Germany spurns the offer.

The war commissary reported scores of thousands of Red Guards are organized and the Petrograd garrison is entrencing the city for a desperate defense. Petrograd's fate will be decided in a fortnight, as a result of a vote to defend Petrograd at all costs.

Ukases Are Issued

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The Germans are twenty miles east of Vitebeck and distributed proclamations saying resistance to Germany is futile. The Germans are preparing to occupy Petrograd.

Holland says Germany declines to make peace with Russia until the independence of Russian Poland and the Russian debts to the Central powers are guaranteed.

Many Advances Made

PETROGRAD, Feb. 21.—The Germans are attempting to cut the Lithua-Roman railroad. The Russians are retreating without resistance and abandoning supplies.

Turkish troops have appeared at Trebisond. Germans have occupied Hapsal, a Finnish seaport and arrested all officials. The Germans are approaching Pskoff from Dvinsk. Austro-Germans are concentrating on the southwest front, while Ukrainians are concentrating at Brest-Litovsk under German generals.

R. ROBERTS ACQUITTED

YOUTH GIVEN FREEDOM AFTER INCARCERATION FOLLOWING RECENT HOLD-UP

JURY DELIBERATES FOR PERIOD OF 40 MINUTES

Young Man Thanks His Friends for Consideration Shows Him During His Arrest and Trial—Leaves With His Father for Southern Oregon Tomorrow.

Richard (Dick) Roberts was today acquitted of the charge of assault with a dangerous weapon and robbery, preferred against him as a consequence of the recent holdup of the Silver Grill late one night a few weeks ago. The case which has been before the circuit court here for several days, went to the jury this morning.

After 40 minutes of deliberation it returned with a verdict of not guilty. After his full release, Mr. Roberts and his father, S. M. Roberts, who has been here from Southern Oregon during the trial, made arrangements to leave tomorrow for the family circle.

"I want to especially thank all my friends who were so kind and considerate to me during my incarceration and trial," said Mr. Roberts this morning.

BRANCH TRAIN MAY CHANGE

Important changes in the schedule of the branch line are reliably reported to be under consideration. It is expected that about a week from next Sunday a new schedule will become effective, and will take the Joseph train out of La Grande at 8 a. m., and return here at 5:30 instead of 6:30. It will likewise reach Joseph in time for dinner—12:10 to be exact—and will allow North end people to reach La Grande before offices and business houses close in the evening.

Address at "Y" Sunday—The fourth of the series of lectures on life problems by Rev. C. A. Phipps will be given at the Y. M. C. A. on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Dr. Phipps will review the first three lectures to some extent and will take up the fourth lecture, showing many other problems confronting the young man today. Mr. Harley Richardson will sing.

SALMON TAKEN OFF NORTHWEST MARKET

PORTLAND, Feb. 21.—Salmon Administrator Deming of Bellingham has ordered canners throughout the Northwest to hold all varieties of canned salmon for the army and navy and cease sales. This was preceded by a request for the amount on hand. The government is to fix the price.

GERMANS ADVANCE RAPIDLY

BERLIN, Feb. 21.—The Germans are pressing east from Dvinsk, Pinsk, Rovno on a 400-mile front and have cleared the country of the enemy.

FRENCH NIP SPY PLOT IN THE BUD

PARIS, Feb. 21.—A spy organization to create insurrections in France during the German offensive has been discovered. It is alleged a German barkeeper directed it. Many arrests were made, including a draftsman at the arms factory.

ENGLISH MILITARY CRITIC FINED HEAVILY

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Colonel Repington, a military critic of the Morning Post, was fined five hundred dollars and costs for writing criticism of the Versailles conference. The Post's editor was similarly fined.

HARMONY IS MIDDLE NAME OF HAYS, NEW REPUBLICAN CHIEF



W. H. HAYS

Will H. Hays is a worker, an organizer and a harmonizer. Harmony is his "middle name" all right, even if the "H" does stand for something else he got at the christening.

The new Republican National Committee chairman is a country lawyer, 40 years old. He started as a rank and file Republican worker in Indiana and in 1900 was made a precinct committee chairman.

Then he was graduated to county and finally state leadership. When he became head of the state organization the party was widely split on Progressivism and the Democrats were in complete control.

Under Hays' leadership harmony was restored and the party gained strength until in 1916 his generalship had turned the state to the Republican column. Hughes carried it, and two Republican senators replaced the two Democrats.

QUARREL OVER LAND RESULTS IN MURDER

Prominent Grant County Stockman Surrenders After Shooting Homesteader.

CANYON CITY, Or.—Feb. 21.—(Special.)—Alex. McGue, about 35 years of age, was shot and killed yesterday afternoon by Fritz Rader, at Pine Creek, about seven miles from Long Creek. McGue was shot twice through the head and once through the body with bullets from a heavy caliber revolver, and lived less than an hour.

Immediately after the shooting, Rader, who is the son of George Rader, one of the prominent stockmen and ranchers of Grant County, called up Sheriff Howell, and gave himself up, telling the Sheriff to come after him in person as he (Rader) would not come with a deputy.

All the details of the crime were not learned by the authorities here, but the shooting is believed to have followed a quarrel between the two men over some pasture land, leased by McGue from Rader. McGue is survived by a wife and four children, the oldest 12 years old and the youngest about a year old.

McGue and his family came from Spokane to this section last Fall and took up some land in the Trout Creek district, but McGue had been in the vicinity of Long Creek with stock during the winter. The family has been staying at Trout Creek.

Sheriff Howell left at 6 o'clock for Long Creek to bring Rader and the body of his victim here. It is likely that the coroner will find it unnecessary to hold an inquest. It is understood there was one eye-witness to the murder, but his name was not learned.

ENTERPRISE TEAM TO PLAY LOCAL QUINNET

Coming partially on their own expenses in order that they may take a whirl at the heretofore inflexible La Grande high school basketball team, the Enterprise quintet will arrive in La Grande tomorrow night to play the locals at the high school gym. This one team is the only Eastern Oregon team that the La Grande team has not played or been eliminated otherwise. Enterprise alone stands in the way of the championship and so confident are the visitors of winning that they are coming in spite of the fact that they couldn't get any other games in this county to help bear the heavy expense burden. The game is called for 8:00 o'clock. Rollo Lyman, one of the cracks of the team who has been cut most of the year with injuries, will start in the game.

Bell Austin Dead.

The death of Bell Austin occurred at her home at J. W. Oliver's, 1519 Adams Ave., at 10 p. m., February 20, 1918. The deceased was 50 years old and had lived at the Oliver home 40 years. The funeral will be from the Baptist church Friday, February 22, at 2 p. m., J. C. Henry undertaker.

Postoffice Closed Tomorrow

The postoffice will be closed all day tomorrow, Washington's birthday, except one hour in the morning between 9 and 10 o'clock, when the general delivery, registry and carriers' windows will be open. There will be no city or rural deliveries.

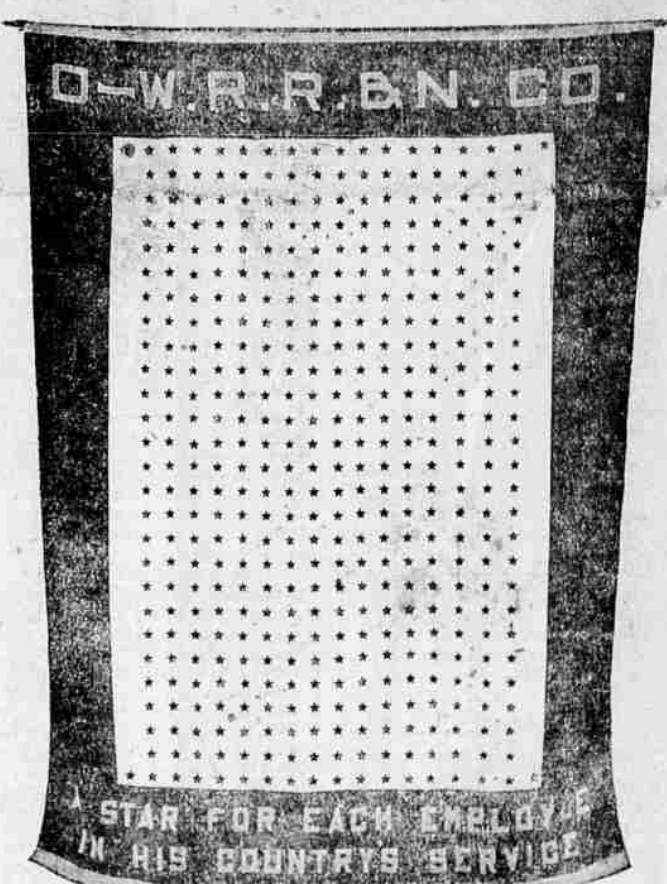
LODGE PLANS A GREETING

Arrangements for the fitting entertainment of the Portland Knights of Khorassan and the Grand Lodge officers of Knights of Pythias lodge in this state when they come to town next Saturday has been made. A luncheon will be given at the noon hour for them and at that time merchants and professional men are invited to join and greet the visitors. That evening about 5 o'clock it is expected that the Portland crowd, 20 of whom constitute the famous Portland patrol of the Dramatic Order of Knights of Khorassan, and the La Grande temple, will be out in full regalia. These regalia are the most spectacular and striking, probably, of any lodge costume in the city. The Portlanders will give a drill, weather permitting, before leaving for Elgin on the 6:30.

Huge Burner Completed.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Feb. 20.—The big new slab burner now being installed by the Klamath Manufacturing Co. at Shippington on the Upper Klamath Lake is nearly completed. The burner is 90 feet high and twenty-two feet in diameter. It weighs approximately 100 tons. A new log way also is being constructed to facilitate getting the logs out of the water to the mill.

O. W. Service Flag Here To Have New Stars Attached



Above—O.W. service flags to which many stars representative of La Grande O.W. employees now in war are being attached, and below, the late Bert Andrews, for whom the only gold star in nearly 450 has been attached.

EVERY PUPIL NOW A JUNIOR DIVISIONER

Summerville's school children have attained new distinctions. Every active pupil enrolled in that school is now a member of the Junior Rainbow Division, having paid at least \$50.00 worth of Thrift Stamps. Word comes, a to Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, county school superintendent, from Principal Starr at Summerville today gives the remarkable fact publicity. There are 43 attending school and every one is now "over the top." The last ones to go over are: Elinor Campbell, Fritzie Ott, Doris Oswald, Ray Vermillion, Fay Hamilton, Clarence Goodwin, Alice and Rex Ott, Eulah Ott, Lella Ott, Ina Goodwin, Nina Goodwin, Bernice Black, Esther Vermillion, Paul Becker, Melba McKenzie, James Jackson, James Archer.

Sworn to Avenge

Sworn to avenge with all their powers—even unto their own lives—the death of Corporal Terry Tuttle on the good ship Tuscania, which a Hun diver sent to the bottom off the coast of Scotland recently, eight Elgin boys are in La Grande today. When the fact of Terry's death was established, these eight boys banded themselves into a committee to carry out vengeance for Terry's death, and they are on their way today. The steel in their eyes is blue and it is safe to venture the guess that there will be no more determined soldiers in the fight for democracy than these eight boys.

City to Pay Honor

Since the arrival of the octette last night, arrangements for a fitting farewell from the county seat has been made. This evening, at 6 o'clock, a dinner will be given in their honor at the Foley. Guests besides these eight heroes will be members of the Local Exemption board, members of the District Exemption board and members of the Union County Advisory War board.

Among the eight is a relative of James Hallgarth, who was with Tuttle on the ship, but was saved from the briny deep that engulfed his companion from Elgin.

W. H. Kloustra, a member of the group, is of German parentage, but that in no wise hinders him from being a member of the following heroic octette: J. Hallgarth, Glenn Graham, W. H. Kloustra, George Rogers, Iver Simonsen, A. L. Shelton, John Wisdom, J. R. Ray.

"Y" MEETS A BIG DEMAND

At the regular monthly meeting of the Y. M. C. A. board of directors held last evening, Messrs. T. J. Seroggins and W. M. Nichols were elected directors to fill vacancies made by the removal of Geo. W. Gilbert to Tacoma and Dr. J. P. Graham to France.

Much business of considerable importance was transacted that will, when adopted by the committee appointed for that purpose, place the Association on an excellent financial basis. The Secretary's report showed that the Association is becoming known as a service station for Uncle Sam and the calls and demands made upon the institution proves it is worth while as a service organization in the community. The report shows that more people visited the building during January than in any previous month in the history of the Association. All departments were found to be flourishing and working over time. Mr. W. M. Nichols was elected secretary of the board in place of Geo. W. Gilbert who has resigned.

RELATIVES SHOULD SIGN A SERVICE AFFIDAVIT

The local exemption board of Union County will appreciate very much any disposition on the part of friends or relatives of registrants now in the military service of the United States if they will come to the headquarters of the local exemption board at the Y. M. C. A. building and sign an affidavit showing that such registrant is now in the military service.

This procedure will help the local board in classifying the men in class 5, division D, and then the local board will be able to send the Questionnaire to the registrant and not be anxious if they are not returned in a specified time.

This is a very important matter and relatives are especially asked to call and sign the affidavit.