

## Russia May Soon Cease To Exist as a Slav Nation

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Reliable diplomatic sources advise the United States that Russia will form a fighting unit and resist German invasion. The stand may not be immediate; it might be as far back as Siberia, but so surely as the German drive continues, so surely will the Russians resist. It is believed likely a new leader will arise when the food situation becomes acute, to down Lenin and Trotsky and resist the invader. Reports state it is not believed Russia will be Russia again but instead be split up in small republics. Germany may be a controlling part in the Balkan provinces.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 22.—Germans occupy the entire northern front and Russians are retreating in disorder. The Russian cavalry is being rushed northwest and the Bolsheviks has ordered Russian troops to evacuate Finland and prepare to meet an invasion. The capture of Minsk endangers the food supplies of nearly all towns. Austrians have taken Lutsk and Dimino.

### Surrender Is Demanded, Says Report

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Petrograd reports that Germany has demanded occupation of Petrograd. A three-year trade agreement is part of the peace terms.

### BIG GERMAN ADVANCES MADE

BERLIN, Feb. 22.—The Germans have captured Hapial, Esthonia, and the First Esthonian regiment is now under German command. Livonia is suppressed beyond Konneburg Wolmar; Rieszta is entered, Minsk captured and German and Ukraine forces have effected a juncture at Nvgorodvolinsk. This is a front of five hundred miles.

### RUSSIANS TO MAKE A STAND

LONDON, Feb. 22.—Ensign Krylenko, commander of the Russian forces, has proclaimed "Revolutionary mobilization" to defeat the Germans.

### RAILROAD BILL IS DELAYED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Hopes that the railroad bill will pass the House this week has vanished when leaders of both parties announced a host of amendments and are waiting until the end of the general debate. The Senate today rejected to second an attempt to shorten the length of the federal control of the railroads; defeated the amendment requiring congressional authority for orders affecting the railroads' control, and retained a provision authorizing the President to set aside conflicting laws, adopted an amendment putting all short lines under federal control, guaranteeing them a compensation.

### GRADUATES FORM HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the L. H. S. Alumni Association was held last night at the Y. M. C. A. for the purpose of arranging for a service flag for all the alumni of the La Grande high school who are in the service of Uncle Sam, to be placed in the auditorium of the high school. Election of officers was held and they are as follows: Gene Good, president; Helen Curry, vice president; Martha Schofield, secretary; Willard Carpy, treasurer. A committee for entertainment was appointed as follows: Mary Newlin, chairman, Gladys Black and Lynn Larson. Ray Winters was chosen as chairman to appoint an investigating committee for names of graduates of the L. H. S. Anyone having names of these persons are asked to kindly submit same to any member of the association.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, March 1, at the Y. M. C. A. All Alumni are urged to be present and take part in the future plans, as a good time is in store.

### M. Pierce Is Speaker.

Audiences attending the Arcade theatre last evening were intensely thrilled by Walter Pierce when he spoke as a four-minute man on the theme: "Lest we forget." He took first the sinking of the Lusitania and then the Tuscania which took down Terry Tuttle of Elgin. The Elgin enthusiasts were present and were likewise much impressed with the address.

Holiday Partially Observed.  
The banks, court house and public offices generally today observed the anniversary of Washington's birthday. Most of the business houses, on the contrary, continued about their usual routine of business.

## ARMY'S HEALTH IMPROVES: SLACKERS MUST GO TO CAMPS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The general health condition in the army is improved, according to reports to the Surgeon General. The death rate is the lowest since November and fewer cases of meningitis and

## SELLS MANY AUTOMOBILES

### BERT HAMILTON HOME FROM TRIP IN INTERIOR

Says Business Will Be Excellent  
During the Coming Year.

Bert Hamilton, proprietor of the Hamilton Garage, has just returned from a trip in the interior and the country surrounding La Grande and reports the sale of ten Nash cars, two Nash trucks and two Stutz cars.

"It is my opinion," said Mr. Hamilton to a reporter for the Observer today, "that this will be the best year the automobile industry has ever seen in Eastern Oregon. Everything points to big crops and the results will be lots of money in circulation. This condition never fails to make the automobile business, as well as all other lines of business good."

### ENTERPRISE GAME TONIGHT

Squad Which Last Year Beat Locals  
May Repeat the Trick.

The Enterprise high school team comes out this evening to play the La Grande high school quintet and that they have come to win is very evident. Fans fear that the locals, who have gone through a grand season, have become overconfident and that the visitors tonight will put one over on them. Enterprise could muss up the championship claims quite badly by winning tonight. The game begins at 8:00 o'clock and should be a hummer from the very start. Last year Enterprise beat La Grande twice.

## ELGIN HEROES FETED FREELY

Patriotism ran rife at the Foley hotel last evening when eight boys from Elgin, bound to "get the Kaiser," and, as one of them said, "to run him ragged," and to fill the place left vacant when a sea monster sank the Tuscania, were feted by the local exemption board, the district exemption board and members of the Union County Advisory War Board. The dinner was attended by about two score of people who, in bidding adieu to the men wished them the best of success. City Manager Fred B. Curry presided at the dinner and the post-prandial program consisted of stirring addresses. F. S. Ivanhoe, of the district exemption board, spoke of the things the soldier boys must do and expect to undergo; Walter M. Pierce, of the exemption board, rose to high enthusiasm and oratory in pronouncing the benediction of Union county upon the men who step right out and say, "Take me now." Attorney Maguire, of Portland, who was here for the day, told of the American spirit that prompted men such as these to go out to avenge the death of a companion and former playmate. Attorney Robins of the government immigration bureau, touched along pertinent topics too. Frank E. Smith, mayor of Elgin, was another speaker who pronounced every last one of them true blue boys—boys whom he had known since childhood and predicted plenty of success for the youngsters.

Each volunteer in turn was then called upon to make a few remarks and as he stood he was greeted with generous applause. As a fitting close to the banquet in their honor, the eight men lined up and shook hands with each guest.

It was a tribute they deserved, and one they will probably remember as long as they live.

## ISLAND CITY PUPILS HAVE SET A PACE

Pupils of the Island City school have set a pace for conservation and war savings that probably has not been followed out generally anywhere. The pupils are pledged to not eat candy for a month, and instead invest savings thus acquired in Thrift Stamps.

Thrift stamp activities continue to come in. Mrs. Ivanhoe, county school superintendent, has received word that at Union, Wayne Perkins and George Brown have reached the goal of \$50 sold, while at Imbler a total of over \$100 has been sold by the pupils. Principal E. E. Hurley reports keen interest growing there.

At Allice, Thelma Standley has joined the ranks of Junior Rainbows.

The Iowa school, Hazel Richardson reports, is working hard and Mildred Standley has attained the goal.

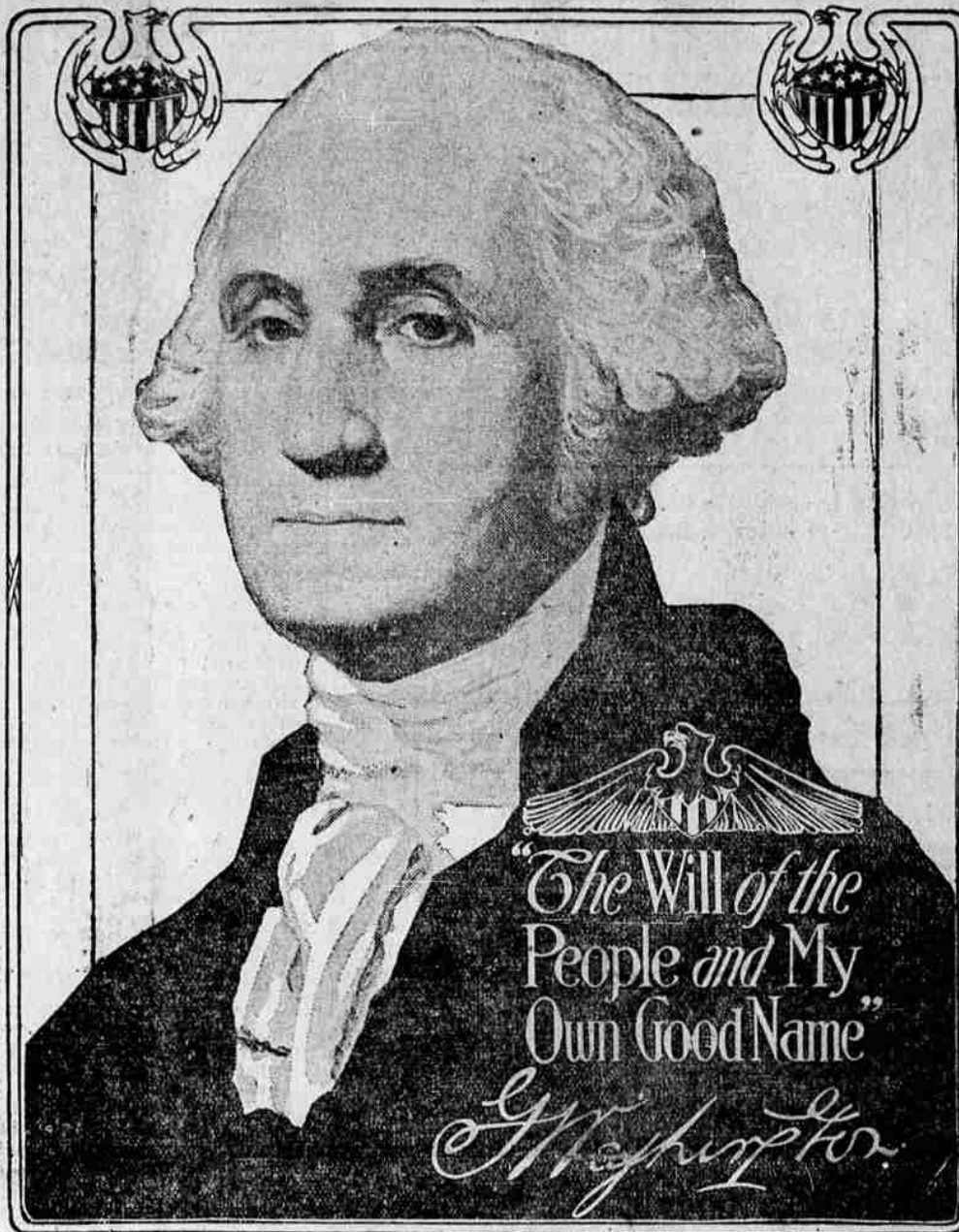
At Ladd Canyon every pupil is enrolled in Red Cross work, paying 25 cents each.

### LIVING PICTURES TONIGHT

Epworth League of Methodist Church to Give Unique Program.

At the Methodist church this evening the League members will present living pictures from Evangelism, Miles Standish and Hiawatha. The lines will be read and the characters represented in costume in the tableaux manner. A suitable stage has been fitted up in the basement for the production.

## Washington and Wilson Sounded Similar Appeals for Sustenance for Their Men



### INSPECTING OUTPOSTS AT VALLEY FORGE



(George Washington's Speech to the Congress Committee.)

(President Wilson's Speech to the Farmers, 1918.)

January 28, 1778.—"Unless ample provisions are laid up in the course of this winter and the approaching Spring, nothing favorable is to be looked for from the operations in the next campaign; but our arms, enfeebled by the embarrassment of irregular and fluctuating supplies of provisions, will reap no other fruits than disgrace and disappointment."

"It has turned out that the forces that fight for Freedom, the freedom for all men all over the world as well as our own, depend upon us in an extraordinary and unexpected degree for SUSTENANCE by which men are to live and to fight! We are fighting as truly for the liberty and self-government of the United States as if the War of our own Revolution had to be fought over again."

### PATRIOTIC PROGRAM SUNDAY

Christian Church Has Arranged Splendid Numbers for Services.

The following program will be given at the Christian church Sunday evening:

Prayer, Rev. H. L. Ford.

Flags of Allied Nations, with Salutes to the Flag.

Cornet Solo—Mr. J. V. Caldwell.

Short Address—Rev. H. L. Ford.

"Felix Blend of Kaiserism."

Solo—"Keep the Home Fires Burning." Mrs. R. J. Kitchen.

Address—"Washington," Ed. Coolidge.

Patriotic Reading—Mrs. J. P. Caldwell.

Address—"Lincoln," R. J. Kitchen.

Solo—Mr. G. S. Biddle.

Address—"Women's Work in the War," Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe.

Chorus—Choir.

Dr. S. A. Roy, chairman.

### OREGON WANTS BETTER LEGISLATION PROVIDED

SALEM, Or., Feb. 22.—In a letter to United States Senator McNary, at Washington, Fred G. Buchtel of the Oregon public service commission has urged that the Senator use his influence and efforts to amend legislation pending in Congress so that the authority of state public service commissions may be protected. Power of state commissions to regulate service in any way, regulate traffic and exercise many other functions on interstate railroads is endangered by the proposed legislation, Buchtel holds.

The letter reminds Senator McNary that the Oregon public service commission has been mainly instrumental in virtually eliminating car shortage in this state. The activity of the commission in endeavoring to have export freight unloaded at Portland and Astoria instead of all being loaded at Port Sound ports and San Francisco, also was mentioned by Buchtel.

## STUDENTS HEAR FINE ADDRESS

H. E. Coolidge, major of the La Grande Home Guards, this morning addressed the students of the high school, in an assembly called to pay homage to the memory of George Washington. Mr. Coolidge was eloquent and through his entire address there sparkled a glow of patriotism such as always shows itself when he speaks.

The life and character and soldier side of Washington's life were each touched upon with a care and precision. Mr. Coolidge has been a visitor at the tomb of Washington in Mt. Vernon and his minute description and how well he fired the audience of the gems of his address.

How well he eulogized Washington and how well he fired the audience with patriotism, was shown by the rapt attention given the speaker by pupils and teachers alike. It was one of the best addresses given to the high school assembly this year.

The close relationship of principles for which Washington and his patriots fought, compared to the issues in the present war, were pictured by the speaker, he citing the fact that they are almost identical.

### Pupils Honor Washington.

In all the grade buildings today suitable programs in harmony with Washington's birthday anniversary are being observed. Various programs, all of them patriotic in nature are being carried out.

## AMERICANS PLAYING A BIG PART IN TODAY'S BATTLE

ON THE AMERICAN FRONT, Feb. 22.—Heavy artillery exchange continues. This afternoon the Americans pounded the German positions, destroying entanglements and damaging rear stations. American aviators are directing the shellfire.

English Front Enlarged.

ON THE BRITISH FRONT, Feb. 22.—The British line now extends from the North Sea to the Oise

## LAMB AND MUTTON NOT BANNED NOW

HOOVER HOPES TO RELIEVE  
CRITICAL FOOD SITUATION  
HERE AND ABROAD

### CRITICAL SITUATION NOW EXTANT IN EASTERN CITIES

Until April Mutton and Lamb May Be Eaten on Meatless Days in the Hope of Reducing the Meat Consumption—Next 60 Days Are Critical Ones.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Federal Food Administrator Hoover has announced that lamb and mutton will be allowed on meatless days until April 1, owing to the supply, but there is no change in the beef and pork ban. He says America is sending the Allies only five per cent of its slaughtered meat and the Allied meat rations are low enough to tend to diminish the morale. The situation is alarming, largely as a result of transportation obstacles and the next sixty days will be critical ones. We are five million bushels short of the cereals promised the Allies and he says the movement of food stuffs over the railroads to the exclusion of other commerce is the only remedy.

Lamb and mutton are not exported to the Allies so their exemption on meatless days tends to save beef and pork.

### SHIPS CAN WIN WAR

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 22.—A telegram received here from William Blackman, director of labor for the United States emergency fleet corporation states that "This war can be won through the construction this year by the United States and her allies of 9,800,000 tons of shipping." This amount, says Blackman, will not only overcome the submarine losses but will also leave a margin necessary to care for the transportation of 1,500,000 American troops and supplies overseas.

Copies of the telegram have been sent to the governors of various states and to the mayors of principal cities in the hope that they will lend their official influence to impressing upon the general public the importance of prosecuting the national shipbuilding program to the greatest extent.

"Partial relief, but in a military sense only, is being obtained through the limiting of imports and the transfer of ships to army use with the less vital import traders," says the message.

Owing to the present accumulation of supplies at seaports and on freight cars throughout the country, due to the shortage of ocean tonnage, a forced slowdown in American factories until the ships are built, will be necessary, it is predicted.

"The situation," says Blackman, is one in which not only the nation is vitally interested but one which strikes at the very heart of labor itself. Interruptions to business and consequent loss of earnings to the employe will recur, or at least production will be retarded, with the same result, until we have shipping adequate to the task of clearing the port congestion."

### SELLING AGENCY ESTABLISHED

The Y. M. C. A. has been established as a central selling agency for Stuleague stamps. This will be the only manner of distributing these booklets and anyone who desires to send \$1.00 worth of show tickets to their soldier friends can obtain them there.

Artillery Fire Heavy.  
PARIS, Feb. 22.—There is violent artillery fire over a wide front, particularly around Pinon, Chavrenax, Calonne, Hartmanns Wellkopf and Butte-De-Mesnil.