

RUSSIA IS OUT OF THE STRUGGLE

NATION IS CRUMBLING EVERY DAY WHILE GERMANS TAKE WIDE SCOPE

UNHAPPY COUNTRY IS UNDER OPPRESSORS HEEL

Russians Plead With Germany to Make Her Own Terms and Peace Treaty Will Be Signed—State of Siege On In Petrograd—Black Future Apparently Ahead.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 24.—The Bolshevik government, represented by Lenin and Trotsky, has agreed to the German demands and announces it is ready to sign and accept the hard peace terms imposed upon Russia by the Kaiser. Russians are unprepared to stop the inroads the Germans are making. Apparently Germany will take a stretch of country from the Gulf of Finland to the Black Sea and restore to the Turks all the territory that Russia has taken from them. Russia is to send forth a delegation at once to discuss peace negotiations and sign a treaty. At last accounts the Germans were pushing forward on a 500-mile front and meeting with no resistance. A number of towns have been captured along with thousands of prisoners. Three thousand German and Austrian soldiers who have been held as prisoners of war have been released and added to the German army.

Reval, the principal port on the Gulf of Finland, is rapidly being approached by the Germans.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 24.—A state of siege has been declared here. In order to stop the looting death has been proclaimed by the Bolsheviks and all explosives have been ordered into their hands for safety.

Rumania, now being cut off from her allies, has entered peace negotiations with the Central powers.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 25.—The Pan-Soviet executive committee has agreed to accept the German peace terms by a big vote. The Bolsheviks have occupied Rostoff, a Cosack stronghold. Street fighting continues.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 25.—When the world's proletariat comes to our aid, we will renew the fight. We are helpless. Germany's knees are on our chest," Lenin told the Pan-Soviet, urging acceptance of the German terms. The opposition held that acceptance would make Russia Germany's vassal. The meeting lasted four hours.

BERLIN, Feb. 25.—German forces have reached Jitomir, the principal city of Stolhynia. At Revo all the special Russian army's general staff but the commander, was captured. Perna, on the Gulf of Riga, is occupied, the depot and three thousand prisoners were taken by storm by the troops. Germans have entered Verkau, Finland, after violent fighting.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 25.—The Vienna Zietung says that Russian separate peace is a costly victory as the other allies will war to the bitter end. Ensign Krylenko was shot in the neck by a Socialist. The wound is not dangerous.

Died at Hot Lake.
Mrs. Amsden, wife of Mr. Amsden of the firm of Christy & Amsden, proprietors of the "Variety Store" on Adams avenue, died at Hot Lake at noon today. The deceased has been an invalid for several months and recently underwent an operation. She leaves besides her husband, a daughter who is a pupil in the La Grande public school, and a sister, Mrs. Christie. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

ATTEMPT TO MAKE SPAIN ENTER FIGHT

(United Press.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Germany has launched a determined effort to cause a Spanish uprising and swing the Spanish army to the Germans. Now that Russia is eliminated Germany feels that this will create a dangerous situation to the rear of the allies in the West. American militarists permit publication of a propaganda letter which Germany is circulating in the Spanish army. In addition German agents are attempting to create a split between the army and commercial interests. A letter to Spanish troops panders to their vanity and seeks to show that it is ignoble to remain in a barracks while other armies are winning glory and hints that German officers are ready to assist in war preparations.

UNION MEETS HER WATERLOO

LA GRANDE HIGH BASKETBALL TEAM DEFEATS NEIGHBORS
Heretofore Job Seemed to Be Impossible—Finally Accomplished

The La Grande High School basketball team accomplished the heretofore impossible when they defeated the Union High School team on their own floor, Saturday night, by a score of 57 to 17.

The game was exceedingly fast and well played, but the Union boys were unable to stop the fast passing of the local team and after the first few minutes of play it was just a matter of how large the score would be. Union failed to make a field basket in the first half, but made 5 points on fouls, while La Grande ran up a total of 33 points in the same time.

Taylor was the high point man for La Grande and his playing was of the highest caliber. Garrity and McDonald contributed to the score liberally and it was the latter getting the ball off from center that enabled the La Grande team to convert many of their scores. The guarding of Ash and Lyman was the best of the season as the Union forwards had but very few chances at the basket.

The line-up for La Grande:
Taylor (F) 22
Garrity (F) 17
McDonald (C) 10
Ash (C) (G) 8
Lyman (G) 2
Stoddard (F) 2
C. Ash (G) 2

Referee—Schofield of La Grande.

Will Graduate Disloyalty.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Feb. 25.—Eradication of evidences of sedition and disloyalty that have appeared in a few schools of the United States will be planned at the annual convention of the National Educational Association which opened here today.

President Wilson has been invited to address the delegates. Practically all the leaders of educational work are present.

War problems facing the nation's educational system will occupy a good part of the discussions.

American Artillery Effective.

ON THE AMERICAN FRONT IN FRANCE, Feb. 25.—Americans in a raiding party with the French on the Chemine-des-Dames sector captured two German officers, twenty men and one machine gun. There were no American casualties. The American artillery broke up several German bombardments. Rain has been falling along the whole front.

Boches Rebuild Bridge They Destroyed



France has a brand new bridge across the Aisne River which was built for her by Germans. Not exactly "out of the goodness of their hearts," however. The Germans who rebuilt it were prisoners—men from a regiment known to have helped to destroy the old structure. At the right of the photograph the Germans, under the eye of French officers, are shown putting finishing touches to the approaches.

GERMAN SPY U. S. CAPTAIN

SENTENCED TO TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AT HARD LABOR

Resigned But Was Disloyal During Bernstorff's Time.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Captain David A. Hanks was dismissed by court martial from the army and sentenced to twenty-five years at hard labor.

The captain is of German descent and tried to resign from the service saying he did not wish to fight his own country and his own kin. He was stationed at San Antonio, Texas, a year ago when he first resigned and gave his reasons why he could not serve. Soon after he was ordered to France with the United States forces. On June 29, 1917, he wrote to the Adjutant General declaring he had resigned and said his superior officers had approved his action. Again on October 10th, last, Captain Hanks wrote another letter urging acceptance.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Evidence, that in spite of his commission in the United States army he was in touch with Bernstorff and was aiding him in his nefarious work for Germany in this country is the reason that Captain Hanks was court martialed and sentenced to twenty-five years at hard labor besides being dismissed from the service.

IS "DOUBTFUL" ON WAR CABINET BILL



Senator K. D. McKellar of Tennessee has become one of the interesting political personalities in the capital today by virtue of the close line-up in the Senate Committee on Military Affairs.

If McKellar votes with the administration the war cabinet bill will be rejected by the committee by 9 to 7.

If he votes with Senator Chamberlain, the bill will be put on the calendar "without" recommendation.

McKellar has supported the war, but early developed an awful grouch on the War Department.

Fritzie Makes Little Headway

WITH AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE. —(Associated Press.)—

Feb. 24.—Last night and today the Germans bombed the American lines northeast of Toul heavier than usual. Today the enemy was more active in many ways and used many more guns. Little damage was done as but three men were slightly wounded.

Last night enemy patrols attempted to reach the American lines but failed. One patrol was driven off while wire cutting.

Large troop movements are noticeable behind the enemy lines during the night.

PREACHER HAD TO MOVE ON

GRANTS PASS COUNTY COUNCIL OF DEFENSE ISSUED ORDER

Alleged Minister Asked a Few Questions Before His Meeting.

Grants Pass, Ore., Feb. 24.—Rev. W. A. Baker, claiming to represent the International Bible Association of New York advertised he would lecture here this evening. The local Council of Defense waited upon him and asked four questions as follows:

"Are you a Red Cross worker?"

"Are you a subscriber to the Liberty Loan?"

"Are you a purchaser of the War Thrift Stamps?"

"Are you backing the Government in all its undertakings?"

To each of these questions they received "no" for their answer. He was ordered not to speak.

C. D. Huffman Is Potato Inspector

C. D. Huffman has received the appointment of potato inspector for Union county and began his official duties this morning. The appointment was made by State Inspector Porter and comes under the regulations prescribed by the Public Service Commission of Oregon. The business of the inspector is to look after the grading, packing, quality and condition of potatoes for export and general commercial uses; also to issue certificates of inspection. Mr. Huffman went to Imbler this morning to look after a number of shipments to be made by growers in that locality.

Mexican Bandits Kill an American.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—One American was killed and two were wounded by Mexican bandits who attacked a pay boat enroute to Tampico. The Americans who were attacked were oil company employees. The State Department has asked Carranza to investigate.

RECORD MADE ON H. C. L.

LA GRANDE MEN PROVE POSSIBILITY OF ECONOMY

Rev. C. A. Phipps and Associates Set a New Mark for Hoover.

With due respect to Herbert Hoover it begins to look as though he would have to come to the La Grande Y. M. C. A. for instructions in food economy.

Listen to this: Rev. C. A. Phipps, Lawrence Sharp and Jack Pickering have just finished a fourteen day period, during which time they ate three meals a day, missing but one meal at the Y, and that meal was eaten in a restaurant, and for the forty-one meals during that time it has cost each man but \$1.77. This means that each man threw in \$1.77 in Rev. Phipps' "jackpot" and for fourteen days they lived on this amount, eating three meals each day, excepting one day when a meal was eaten at a restaurant, and that, of course, is not included in this summary.

What did they eat? Certainly, that is the perplexing question to every housewife who reads this article. Well, their menu consisted of rice, beans, potatoes, and, once only did they have meat during that period and that was a hamburger steak.

Each man is in fine condition and has worked daily at his chosen occupation. The cooking was done by Rev. Phipps who is recognized as a past master in the culinary art and the kitchen of the Y was the place where this extraordinary economical feature was pulled off. Incidentally it might be mentioned that Rev. Phipps during this time has attended to his duties as pastor and has had the proper "punch" in every sermon.

New Order Affects Mills.
"Under the new Government order we will need no outside market," said Mr. Kiddle, "for we have signed up to supply the local trade only and then grind wheat exclusively for the United States Government."

OFFERS SERVICES TO TEACH SAMMIES



TO teach the men in the army, navy and merchant marine service how to escape on a torpedoed vessel from jammed cabin doors or hatches and entangling ropes and wreckage, Harry Houdini, the "handcuff king," is today offering his services free to the government.

SHIP WRECK WAS CAUSED BY TREACHERY

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Feb. 25.—Forty survivors have been removed from the wrecked steamer Florizel, which hit the rocks near Cape Race yesterday. Among the rescued are Captain Martin and the first officer. Seven bodies have washed ashore.

Treachery aboard the Florizel is believed to have been the cause of the wreck, as it seems impossible that Captain Martin, one of the best known navigators and one of the most experienced seamen of this section, would have taken his ship fifteen miles off its usual course. It is believed that the compass was "fixed," and German agents are suspected of having had a hand in the intrigue.

It is believed two hundred perished.

WARNED NOT TO CONVERSE

KIDDLE FOUND WARNING SIGNS POSTED IN HOTELS

War Conditions More Apparent in Middle States Than Here.

In speaking of their recent trip in the Middle West and South Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kiddle said to a reporter for the Observer yesterday that they were deeply impressed with signs appearing in all hotels after crossing the Rocky Mountains, containing orders such as "Do not talk to strangers." "Beware, the enemy is everywhere." Mrs. Kiddle said they grew lonely while in crowded hotels because the orders were so generally obeyed that usual conversation among travelers was dispensed with.

They visited Fred Kiddle, Jr., at the Rock Island cantonment and found him working hard in the ordnance department. It will be remembered that Fred tried three times to get into the service and was unsuccessful, until at last he got into the department where he now is. All enlisted men at his cantonment were without sugar, cream and butter, but not one of them complained. On the other hand they praised their superior officers for doing the best possible for all the men and urged the civilians to conserve in every way possible.

Mrs. Kiddle has been in Iowa for some time visiting relatives and occasionally making a trip with her husband who was looking after the flour market for the Kiddle mills.

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Water Adjudication Is Up for Heavin

A hearing for the purpose of adjudicating water rights on Catherine creek and Little creek, near Union, is up before Commissioner George Cochran today. There are several claimants represented at the meeting and while the interests of some of the water users clash to the extent of making the hearing virtually a contest, it is the expectation that the rights of all will be suitably and satisfactorily adjudicated as a result of the hearing before the commissioner.

CONSCRIPTION OF LABOR IS DEMANDED

SENATOR McCUMBER DENOUNCES BOLSHIEVISM IN AMERICA

GOVERNMENT IS ACCUSED OF GIVING ENCOURAGEMENT

Bill Demands Registration of All Males Between 18 and 62 Years and Authorizes the Calling of Any Class Into Work with Liberal Pay.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Urging passage of his "Labor Conscription" bill, Senator McCumber today declared that "Capital and labor are the Bolsheviks of American profiteers." That they are throttling the nation in its hour of troubles; that this profiteering is "encouraged and acquiesced in by the government," and gave warning that the people would be heard from if the evil is not corrected. He cited the island as the capitalistic Bolshevikism and that the attitude of shipyard labor, especially on the Pacific Coast, which he characterized as shameful and disgracefully slacking, as an example of the workingmen's Bolshevikism.

Senator McCumber charged that Congress was unable to handle the laboring men who are in the grasp of unscrupulous leaders.

The bill requires the registration of all males between the ages of 18 and 62 years; classifies them by occupations; and authorizes the calling of any class into work with liberal pay. The bill does not require drill nor uniforms and provides for non-interference with employment and the right to contract for labor.

LA GRANDE TO ASSIST
Salem Man Proposes Organization of Auto Train.

La Grande is to be one of the 21 Oregon cities that will be asked to organize a volunteer automobile train for the new automobile corps which Charles W. Niemeyer of Salem proposes to organize in the state. He has the authority of Acting Adjutant Williams and the approval of Governor Withycombe.

The corps is to consist of 1725 officers and men and 465 vehicles. The other towns to organize will be Albany, Ashland, Corvallis, Cottage Grove, Pendleton, Dallas, McMinnville, Medford, Newberg, Oregon City, Portland, Forest Grove, Grants Pass, Hillsboro, Hood River, Roseburg, Salem, Silverton, The Dalles and Woodburn.

Niemeyer proposes to stage a parade of the corps in Portland April 29.

SOLID TRAIN FOR GOVERNMENT
O-W. Puts Through Solid Train of Lumber for Uncle Sam.

A solid train of lumber passed through La Grande yesterday which is the first time an entire train has been loaded with Government lumber from Oregon. Superintendent Bollons said there had been many complete trains of government supplies before but none of lumber exclusively. This is carrying out the recent plans formed by railroad managers and approved by the Government to mobilize commodities and put them through under one order.

MRS. LOGAN'S BROTHER DEAD

John Darby, Prominent Salem Man, Passes This Morning
John Darby, brother of Mrs. Ray Logan of this city, passed away this morning at his home in Salem, a message to that effect reaching Mrs. Logan about noon today. She will leave this evening for Salem to attend the funeral services.

BOYS ARE RECOVERING NICELY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Sixty-three American survivors of the Tuscania are recovering in Irish hospitals from injuries or exposure and soon all will be out, according to the latest reports.

All of the sixty-three had been reported saved by the department and many had been already reported in the hospitals.

Oregon boys at the Londonderry hospital are Wm. B. Curtis, of Marshfield; Ed. J. Peterman, Bend; Russell L. Smith, of Gallego; Harry M. Hazleton, of Coburg; Gus Johnson, of Reedsport.

COSTA RICA HAS MIDGET REBELLION

SAN JUAN, DEL SUR, Nicaragua, Feb. 24.—A revolution is in progress in Costa Rica. Wire communication has been cut off between important points of that country.