

DETERMINED TO DEFEND PETROGRAD

HUNDRED THOUSAND ENLIST
AGAINST GERMAN
INVASION

HUN ARMY PESTERED BY GUERRILLA WAR

Austrians Refuse to Go Against
the Russians in Volynia—Dis-
obedience of Troops Cause Hin-
denburg to Halt Operations in
the Orsna District.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 28.—A hun-
dred thousand workmen enlisted
yesterday to go against the German
invasion and sixty thousand have
been sent to the front. Petrograd
has completely changed and every-
where are seen unmistakable evi-
dences of optimistic determination.

Practically all the residents of
the Pskoff district, including both
men and women, have begun har-
rassment of the German rear by a
guerrilla warfare.

Dissatisfaction Among Austrians

Zitman dispatches say that the
Austrians refused to advance
against the Russians in Volynia.
The Teuton commanders fearing
this have concentrated strong forces
in the Dubno district.

From Orna reports come of
growing disobedience of German
troops and the disaffection is of
such extent as to cause Hindenburg,
who is now in Dvinsk, to order op-
erations halted at Orna. It is also
reported that the Germans have
been ordered to cease the advance
against Pskoff but the battle to re-
take the city from the Russians
continues.

Ambassador Francis Leaves.
American Ambassador Francis has
taken his departure for Volodga.
He was accompanied by the Japa-
nese and Brazilian envoys.

Germany Ready to Strike Austria.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—In view
of the reported straining of the
Austro-German relations, it is be-
lieved that President Wilson will
continue peace talks and will
probably at the same time expose
the shams of Chancellor von Hert-
ling's speech.

It is known here that Austria is
doubtful as to the attitude of
Germany in the Eastern drive and
the Austrians are chafing over the
prolongation of the war. Official
advises say that Austria has refused
to hold troops in Roumania or Rus-
sia and that Germany is ready to
strike Austria if she seeks to split
from the Germans.

DOES IT PAY TO ADVERTISE?

Charlie Playle Says It Does and
Shows Proof of the Fact.

C. A. Playle lost three head of
good horses some time ago. He
searched diligently for them, but
found them not. After exhausting
every effort to find the animals he
advertised in the Observer and at
once H. W. B. Smith of Union saw
the ad. and brought in the horses
which had been at his ranch for
some time. The ad. cost a few dol-
lars and the horses are worth
about \$500. Mr. Playle makes no
hesitancy in stating his belief in
the merits of the printed page as
an advertising medium.

GENERAL STORAGE IS OPENED

Jack Childs Makes Radical Expan-
sion of His Business.

Jack Childs has completed prepa-
rations for a big expansion of his
general storage business at 1312
Jefferson avenue. He will make a
specialty of storing automobiles and
has installed an electric elevator
and by this means such machines as
Fords, Saxons and the small Max-
wells will be stored on the upper
floor, while the heavier cars will be
accommodated on the main floor. This
is the only electric elevator of the
kind in this section and Mr. Childs
now has the largest storing space
for autos in this part of the state.

In addition to the general stor-
age business with the storage of
automobiles as a specialty, Mr.
Childs buys and sells Ford cars.

Junior Basketball Game

Saturday morning at 11 o'clock
the Junior basketball team of the
Y. M. C. A. will play the first game
of a series of games with the G. W.
of the Presbyterian church. Both
teams are practicing for the event
and considerable interest is already
manifested among the younger
members of the Y. M. C. A. over
the outcome of the game. All boys
interested are invited. From all
indications it will be a fast and in-
teresting game. The Y. M. C. A.
will present its strongest Junior
lineup, which will consist of Black,
Stoddard and Berger, forwards;
Wilcox, center; Ford, R. Garrity and
C. Garrity, guards. No admission
will be charged.

Ten Days and \$100 Penalty

MAN WHO HIT ALLEGED STAKE-
HOLDER IS IN JAIL

Drugged Man Continues to Suffer
From Effects of Bernedia.

"He held stakes in a horse race
at Walla Walla and walked off with
the money," said the prisoner, "and
I always swore that I would land
on him at first sight, and I did."

Thus the story of fight was told
to the Municipal Judge when a man
by the name of Wright, of Dayton,
Washington, was arraigned on the
charge of striking Virgil Coyne.
There is no doubt about Wright de-
fying the blow, for when he met
Coyne on the streets of La Grande a
swift punch put Coyne out for some
little time.

Judge Eakin listened to the story
and said, "Well, Mr. Wright we will
have to charge you \$100 and ten
days in jail for this breach of the
law." whereupon Mr. Wright took
from his inside pocket \$1500 and
skipped off \$100 in currency to
pay the fine. He is now putting in
24 hours a day on the ten days
sentence.

Man Suffers From Drug.
Suffering from the effects of a
drug called "bernedia" the man
from Seattle who was found by
Chief Rayburn wandering around
the city a couple of days ago, con-
tinues to suffer from the drug's ef-
fect in the city jail today. It is
a case that attracts attention be-
cause of the lasting nature of the drug
and because of the peculiar condi-
tion it places its victim in. The
poor fellow has hallucinations of
the most varied kind. One morn-
ing he will urge the officers to re-
move him from the cell because the
circus which has just been there
left some of the animals. "You
don't want me to stay here with
these snakes and monkeys, do
you?" he pleads, and then he will
suddenly devote his time to fixing
his automobile and worry because
of a part that is missing. Occa-
sionally he will apparently hear the
song of beautiful birds and his ex-
clamations are really eloquent, while
at other times he settles down to
talk things over with his family in
the most dignified and gentlemanly
manner.

It is a most touching case and the
relatives have been advised by
Manager Curry of the condition
with request for instructions.

Drug Habit Growing

In speaking of the drug habit,
Chief Rayburn said: "We have an
exhibit here that is of interest.
Here is a row of thirteen bottles,
each containing a different kind of
drug which has been taken from
the person of prisoners whom we
have been forced to care for, but
no drug has shown such lasting and
miserable effects as this bernedia.
I believe there is a material in-
crease in the use of drugs among
those who float around the country."

In the exhibit which the chief
called attention to was almost every
thing in the drug line known to in-
toxication, from Hostetter's Bitters
to lemon extract.

PATRIOTIC MEETING OF M. I. A.

Walter M. Pierce Will Speak at the
Tabernacle Sunday Evening

On Sunday evening the M. I. A.
will hold a public patriotic meet-
ing at the L. D. S. Tabernacle and
everyone is invited to attend. Walter
M. Pierce will speak on war issues
and the Boy Scouts have a splendid
chorus for the occasion.

This presages a probable move-
ment to hold meetings frequently
in the Tabernacle for the promotion
of patriotic and civic undertakings.
In fact, some have approached the
L. D. S. people with the idea of
establishing a Forum there and if
consent is given, which it probably
will be, the Tabernacle may be
made the place for many meetings
similar to the one staged for Sun-
day evening.

BRITISH MAKE RAIDS

Losses Reported From London Are
Below the Average

LONDON, Feb. 28.—At North
Scarpe the British raided positions
at Greenland Hill, taking prisoners
and a machine gun. South-east
forest was also successfully raided.
At South Scarpe, near Havencourt
wood and east of Ypres artillery-
ing continues.

The British losses for February
are the smallest since last winter
and totaled 19,492.

ARRESTED FOR CONSPIRACY

Non-Partisan League President Under
Serious Charge

ST. PAUL, Feb. 28.—A. C. Town-
ley, president of the National Non-
partisan league, and Joseph Gilber,
organization manager, have been ar-
rested, charged with "conspiring to
seditionally teach men not to enlist
with the United States to fight Ger-
many."

French Artillery Active

PARIS, Feb. 28.—The French art-
illery was active along the right bank
of the Meuse and north of Hill 344.
French patrols have been successful
around Beaumont.

Lectures Next Tuesday

Mrs. Jennie Kemp, representing
the Federal Food Administration
for Oregon, will lecture in the M.
E. church next Tuesday evening,
March 5.

German Prisoners Work For Uncle Sam



Most of the common labor in the building of Uncle Sam's military railway in France was performed by German prisoners of war, working under the direction of American Engineer officers. This picture shows a squad of German prisoners under an American officer at one of the construction camps.

Dry Creek School Among Leaders

SUMMERVILLE, Feb. 28.—The
children of Dry Creek believe that
Uncle Sam should have first aid
and are proving this by the firm
stand they are taking in the War
Savings campaign. The net receipts
from the sale of War and Thrift
Stamps are \$2,151. Of this amount
over \$1,000 worth of stamps have
been purchased by the children.
The children who are leading in
the purchase of stamps are: Fred
Behrens, Nell Behrens, Ruby Beh-
rens, Lolla Royce and George Rois.
It is believed that the Dry Creek
school leads in the purchase, if not
in the sale of stamps and the chil-
dren have the grim determination to
"stay on top."

EIGHT HOUR DAY EFFECTIVE TOMORROW

PORTLAND, Feb. 28.—Beginning
March 1, all logging camps and lum-
ber mills of Oregon and Washington
will go on the basic eight-hour day by
order of the government, which is
taken to indicate a move for ultimate
control of the lumber industry in these
states by the government, because of
an order from Washington that the
government would assume control of
the spruce industry.

La Grande Shoe Shining Parlors
Urge Further Explanation.

"Tell the people it was not us
who refused to abide by Uncle
Sam's orders," said George K. Dum-
ago to an Observer reporter today.
"You see," he continued, "they are
making a mistake and coming in
here ready to fight and we are
right, we are with the Allies, for
the American flag is our flag and
Uncle Sam is our uncle too, you
bet. Last night two big fellows
came in our stand and were just
about ready to clean out the place
because of disloyalty charges when
I finally got them to understand
things as they are."

The Observer is pleased to state
that the La Grande Shoe and Hat
Cleaners Shining Parlor was not the
concern referred to in last night's
issue. This concern bought Liberty
Bonds, supports the Red Cross and
is thoroughly loyal.

Transferred to Astoria.
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sanahil depart-
ed last evening for Astoria where
they will reside in the future. Mr.
Sanahil has been transferred from
the J. C. Penney Co. store here to
the company's store in Astoria.
Their many La Grande friends wish
them success in their location.

WHITE GROCERY ROBBED

The Observer has the stereotype de-
partment at work in casting up a
robbery story for the White Grocery
on Fir street so as to have it handy
and save the expenses of type-setting.
Mr. Desilet, manager of the concern,
also has ideas and has a private who
to Mr. Coolidge's store so that he
can have the broken window in the
rear replaced so as not to delay the
trade. The bloodhounds, too, have be-
come inured to the frequent task of
trailing the robber as far as a block
or two and then return to await the
next sortie.

Well, the store was robbed again
last night. Seventh time, back win-
dow broken; \$5.25 from till; inventory
of missing goods not complete.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED FOR LIBERTY LOAN

Some of the principal committees
have been appointed for the next
Liberty Loan drive. The county
chairman is A. T. Hill and the ex-
ecutive committee for the La Grande
district is composed of G. L. Lar-
son, chairman; W. H. Bohnenkamp,
Mac Wood, T. J. Scroggin, F. L.
Meyers, J. A. Russell, G. M. Richey,
J. G. Snodgrass, E. Polack and E.
E. Kiddle.

Chairman Larson today announ-
ces the following appointments:
Speakers Committee—Walter M.
Pierce, chairman; Bruce Dennis,
H. E. Coolidge, H. E. Dixon, R. J.
Green, Geo. T. Cochran, M. K. Hall
and Judge J. W. Knowles.

Publicity Committee—Bruce Den-
nis, chairman; A. W. Nelson and J.
G. King.

The appointees were advised to-
day of the duties assigned them
and a more complete outline of the
plans will be perfected later on.

FUNERAL OF MRS. AMSDEN

The funeral services for the late
Mrs. E. E. Amsden, who died last
Monday, were held at the First
Methodist church yesterday after-
noon at 2 o'clock, conducted by her
pastor, Rev. G. H. Feese. A large
attendance was present, the Re-
bekahs and the Bible class, of which
Mrs. Amsden was teacher, attending
in a body.

Mrs. Amsden, whose maiden name
was Letitia L. Todd, was born in
Van Wert, Ohio, May 14, 1868.
After graduating from the Van
Wert high school she moved to
Griswold, Iowa, in 1882, where she
taught in one primary room for
nine years. She was the mainstay
of her widowed mother, younger
brother and sisters for many years.
She was married to Prof. E. E.
Amsden, March 29, 1897. Mr. and
Mrs. Amsden came from Hillsboro
to La Grande last June. They were
both engaged in educational work,
Mr. Amsden being principal of the
public schools.

The following relatives mourn
the great loss sustained through her
passing away: The husband and
daughter, Mary; her mother, Mrs.
M. C. Todd, Mrs. Mabel Getty, Mrs.
G. Roy Bailey, sisters; and E. E.
Todd, a brother, all residents of the
East, and a sister, Mrs. G. P. Chris-
tie, of La Grande.

She was a member of the Metho-
dist Episcopal church from childhood.
On account of ill health since com-
ing to La Grande, Mrs. Amsden was
not permitted to identify herself
with church and community activi-
ties as had always been her de-
light. She was possessed of a rare
personality which would soon be
felt among her acquaintances. Her
life was ideal in many respects, and
she was shown in her love of her fam-
ily, her church and her willingness
to do whatever good she could in
behalf of any worthy person or
cause. The bereaved family have
the sympathy of all who know them.

ANOTHER CASE ENDED

The case of Meyers vs. Becker was
concluded in the Circuit Court yester-
day. This was a claim for damages
by the plaintiff for destruction of
electric light wires. Both sides sub-
mitted a motion for a directed verdict
and the verdict was given for one dol-
lar in favor of the plaintiff.

The case of Williams vs. Newell is
on trial today. In this action the
plaintiff seeks to recover commissions
alleged to be due on the sale of monu-
ments.

The trial jurors were excused today
but are not dismissed for the term
and may be recalled at any time.

Wallowa Boy Is Honored

John H. Womack, son of John
Womack, of Wallowa, recently
proved his right to be called one of
Uncle Sam's most efficient Soldiers
of the Sea by qualifying as an ex-
pert rifleman. This coveted honor
brings with it not only the privilege
of wearing a silver marksmanship
medal, but also extra pay.

Private Womack enlisted in the
Marine corps last July. Since then
he has made the most of his soldier-
sailor training, and his recent fine
achievement on the rifle range has
resulted in this official recognition
of his skill.

RAILROAD WIRE CONNECTS Y. M. C. A.

FACILITIES FOR TELEGRAPHY
BY PRACTICE IMPROVED

Three Graduates of the "Y" School
Ready for Positions

The Y. M. C. A. telegraphy school
is unquestionably a success. The
attendance has grown to such an
extent that at both the day school
and the evening school a goodly
number of pupils are to be found
there. A new improvement will be
added today when the Western
Union installs a railroad line from
which the pupils will get training
from a line where considerable
business is going over.

Mr. Divens, manager of the West-
ern Union and principal of the
school, stated last evening to a re-
porter that he expected at least
three to graduate and be able to
take positions. He also stated that
the attendance has grown far beyond
his expectations and that it looks as
if the institution will be a perma-
nent one. New pupils can be taken
at any time and as this is a great
opportunity, it would be well for
persons not qualified in any special
profession to take up this work.
The fee is very nominal.

LICENSES ARE REQUIRED

T. J. Scroggin, county chairman of
the state defense, has received the
latest food edict and it is to the effect
that all retail grocers who sell to
restaurants, hotel, chop houses and
the like places, must procure a li-
cense.

Chairman Scroggin extends to
merchants the privileges of dealing
in flour under regulations already in
effect until the regularly prescribed
licenses arrive.

Auto Trucks Collide

The Glafke truck, driven by Har-
vey Smith, and Chas. Wilcock's
truck collided on the corner of
Adams and Fir streets about noon
today. No one was injured, but
the Glafke truck was put entirely
out of commission. Mr. Smith
thinks the accident was due either
to some defect of his eye-glasses or
the windshield of his machine.

A report from Eugene says that
Ray Couch of Island City has been
commissioned as captain in the
university regiment and becomes
cadet commander of the student
battalion. Previous to his promo-
tion he was rated as a second lieuten-
ant and company commander.

The O-W. R. & N. service flag is
now at the employes' club rooms
and will be kept in La Grande one
more day before being returned to
Portland. This is done for the bene-
fit of employes and their friends.

Good Work At Wallowa

LADIES RESPOND GENEROUSLY
TO RED CROSS

Membership of Those Engaged in
War Work Increasing.

WALLOWA, Feb. 28.—(Special.)
—The surgical dressing class was
organized four months ago under
the direction of Mrs. C. A. Hunter
and Mrs. Edwin Marvin. During
this time seventy ladies have will-
ingly responded and worked at the
Red Cross rooms and a number of
others have done the muslin work
in their homes. The Ladies Soci-
eties of the Presbyterian, Methodist
and Catholic churches have given
aid in the muslin work. Each week
adds a few new members to the list
of workers and the interest in gen-
eral. One lady, Mrs. George Camer-
on, drives a distance of four miles
from the country to attend the
meetings and during the four
months has been absent only four
times, while a list of six workers,
Mrs. C. T. McDaniel, Mrs. F. T.
Baker, Mrs. A. E. Tulley, Mrs. M.
C. Davis, Mrs. A. B. Hall, and Mrs.
C. A. Hunter, have been absent only
two times in the four months. The
largest number of ladies working at
one time was forty-five. The aver-
age attendance is twenty-five.

Shipments are made each Thurs-
day to the La Grande Chapter and
every week large boxes are sent.
From the first of February to the
19th the following articles have
been sent: 3 packages of 9x9
squares; 1620, 4x4 compresses; 185
of the 3-yard rolls; 17 absorbent
pads; 110 triangular bandages; 25
T bandages.

Sewing under the direction of
Mrs. T. E. Mitchell sent out 21 pairs
of operating socks and 18 hospital
shirts.

Knitting under the direction of
Mrs. F. T. Baker sent 21 sweaters,
2 scarfs and a pair of wristlets.
The infant layettes under the di-
rection of Mrs. W. F. Poole have re-
ceived careful attention, 12 layettes
being made and shipped.

Not being able to secure the tape
for the triangular bandages, Mrs. E.
A. Searle stitched 1224 yards of
muslin for tapes.
Work has had to be suspended on
account of not having material.

RIVERIA'S HONOR LIST

Twenty-one Pupils of This School
Have Sealed the Top.

Riveria school is maintaining a
strong lead in the patriotic cam-
paign, twenty-one of the pupils of
this school having gone "over the
top," each one of them having dis-
posed of stamps to the amount of
\$50 or more. They are:

Ernest Faus, George Bauman,
Fred Bauman, Sam Bauman, Porter
Webb, Grace Symons, Vel Gilbanks,
Marjorie Courtney, Robert Becker,
Leone Tiffany, Bob Symons, Mildred
Fisk, Ruth Bramwell, Billie Snod-
grass, Ada Macy, Carmoline Gil-
banks, Benny Osterling, Gwendol-
yn Buchanan, Clyde Fisk, Alice
Munnall and Cornelia Hansen.

La Grande vs. Baker Tonight

The La Grande high school is much
excited today over the fact that the
home team is just about to add an-
other to the long list of victories when
she meets Baker tonight. A "pep"
meeting was held in the auditorium
this afternoon and in the excitement
created the hopes of giving Baker the
"once over" have risen to the highest
pitch. The game will be played in
the high school gymnasium starting
at 8:15 P. M. and it is hoped that not
only the high school but that every-
body will turn out to support the
home team. Admission 25c.

Socialist Disagree with Kaiser

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 28.—Reports
from Berlin states that prominent So-
cialists in commenting upon the Kai-
ser's Hamburg statement regarding
German victory must be recognized
before peace can be effected, have ex-
pressed themselves as "not for a long
time have we heard anything so dis-
pleasing, impolitic and we repudiate
such views."

Defendant Bound Over

Alvadore Andrews was taken be-
fore Judge J. F. Phy yesterday for
preliminary hearing on a charge of
a serious character and at the con-
clusion of the hearing was bound
over to the grand jury under \$1000
bonds.

Honor Guard Meets Tonight

The regular Honor Guard meeting
will be held tonight at the Y. M. C.
A. at 8 o'clock so that all members
can attend the basketball game at
the high school auditorium later in
the evening.

Boy Charged With Theft

A seventeen-year old boy named
Spiker was arrested by the police
this afternoon on the charge of
stealing a suit case from the Ronde
Valley House.

Joined Marine Corps

Norval Epley Emmett and Walter
Henry Smith, of La Grande, and
James Maders of Kamela, have en-
listed in the Marine corps.

Married

The marriage of John Bassett
and Sarah Conner was solemnized
by Justice of the Peace Williams,
February 25, 1918.

Shake-Up in Spain

MADRID, Feb. 28.—The Spanish
cabinet has resigned.

JAPAN CRAZY TO JUMP IN TO WAR GAME

PROPOSE TO RESCUE MUNITIONS
AND MATERIALS FROM
SIBERIAN PORTS

AWAITING CONSENT OF UNITED STATES

Can Land Quarter Million Troops In
Fortnight If America Agrees—
Six Hundred Thousand More Soon
Available—All Up to U. S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Japan
is negotiating through the State De-
partment and the foreign offices of
the Allies to get sanction for the
starting of an expedition from
Japan to Siberian ports to rescue
munitions and materials. It is an-
nounced that Japan can have a
quarter of a million troops in Si-
beria in a fortnight if America will
agree to it, and can send six hun-
dred thousand more within a short
time.

Not Favored by War Experts.
High military officials express the
belief that the United States is not
in a position to join Japan in a
military expedition to save war ma-
terials in Siberia, or to officially
recognize such action by Japan, as
Japan and some of the other Allies
are advising to be done. These au-
thorities point out that the Allies
criticize Germany for sending troops
against Russia on the excuse of sav-
ing life and property, and on this
grounds the expedition contemplated
would discredit the positive stand
which this Government takes in the
premises. It is also pointed out
that most of the munitions, etc.,
held in Siberian ports are Japanese
made.

Japan will not act without Ameri-
can approval so it is all up to the
United States.

Government Control Not Needed

PORTLAND, Feb. 28.—Prominent
lumbermen unite in the opinion that
it will not be necessary for the Gov-
ernment to take over the spruce and
fir mills of the Northwest. It is
pointed out that the spruce shipment
for February are the greatest ever
made and the prospects are for a still
further increase.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Frank Liddell of the Northwest
Auto Company, of Portland, is
calling on the Daniel Auto Com-
pany today.

Miss Strachan is holding her food
conservation class every Tuesday
afternoon at 3 o'clock at the school
house. The Red Cross will work
up until 3 on Tuesdays and then
will go to the lectures as long as
they last.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Pollock have
received word from their son, Dear,
to the effect that he is safe in
France, and that he likes the coun-
try as he did England. His many
friends in Joseph are interested in
this young man's fate as he lived
here for many years.

Arthur Rudd has accepted a posi-
tion with the Oregon Contracting
Company of Enterprise to represent
them in Joseph. This company,
which is headed by Mr. John Ober,
is the oldest and best in Wallowa
County and one would do well to
get their prices before hiring an
outside contractor.

What might have been a bad ac-
cident was the collision of the cars
of Mr. Burnaugh of Enterprise and
Art Hayes of Joseph at the corner
of the Jennings hotel Monday eve-
ning. Mr. Hayes' car was damaged
slightly but no one was hurt, thanks
to slow driving. Mr. Burnaugh was
going north and Mr. Hayes west
when the accident occurred and
both men claimed to be within their
rights according to the traffic law.

About forty minutes before train
time on Monday, Mrs. F. D. Mc-
Cully received a telegram from her
son, Raymond, stating that on the
following day he would start on his
journey for France from Vancouver
barracks. She immediately packed
up as best she could and left on
the train in order that she might
see him before his departure. Ray-
mond has a host of friends in Joseph
who wish him luck in his part
of the work for humanity.

Mrs. Gooden Powers, whose hus-
band is an attaché of the U. S. land
office, and children, left this morn-
ing for Vancouver, Wash., on a visit.
Ulla Kennedy left this morning
for Potlach, Idaho.

Mrs. M. A. Harris