

GERMAN BUTCHERIES FIRE RUSSIANS FOR REVENGE

Reported Shooting and Hanging Two Hundred Russians and Throwing Bodies of Women and Children In the River.

NO FEELING OF MERCY IS SHOWN BY HUNS

NOTICE GIVEN THAT HOSTAGES WILL BE EXECUTED AS RETALIATION

SIX PETROGRAD STUDENTS SHOT AS CONSPIRATORS

Evacuation of Russian Capital Continues with Women, Children and Aged Joining in the Exodus

PETROGRAD, March 7.—It is reported that the Germans have shot and hanged two hundred Russians at Yurief without mercy, supplementing the bloody orgy by the throwing of the bodies of women and children in the river. Trotsky has ordered notification to German officials that unless the outrages cease the Russians will take summary vengeance in the execution of all Germans held as hostages by the Russians.

Students Shot as Plotters
Six students connected with a plot discovered for the overthrow of the Bolsheviks were shot.

Vote on Treaty Not Complete
The Moscow soviets have voted overwhelmingly to ratify the German peace treaty, but a vote of the entire soviet representatives will not be taken until next Tuesday.

For Safety of Americans
Ambassador Francis has wired from Volodga to the Norwegian consul here, requesting that every possible protection be provided for the few remaining Americans in Petrograd.

Exodus from Capital Continues
In spite of the signing of the German peace treaty the government is moving all possible valuables and supplies. The foreign office is removing to Novogorod. The exodus includes women and children and all aged persons. A triumvirate has been appointed for the defense of the city.

Allies Regarded with Suspicion
PETROGRAD, March 7.—Both the Bolshevik and anti-Bolshevik papers regard the speeches of Hertling and Balfour as an indication of a purpose to conclude a compromise peace at the expense of Russia. The preparation of the Japanese to occupy Siberia, with the consent of the allies, is regarded as a blow against the revolution. The Bolsheviks contend that the indications show an inter-

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Japan Will Ask Further Conferences

WASHINGTON, March 7.—America's position on the Siberian question has been halted, at least temporarily awaiting further Japanese action. The Japanese embassy states that the questions which America has raised are being carefully considered. No troops have been sent from Japan and none will go until there have been further communications between America and Japan. The Japanese envoys insist that Japan's attitude from the beginning has been first the securing of allied and American approval.

WAS PROFESSIONAL ROBBER

Queer Answer to Questionnaire Leads to An Investigation.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 7.—Robert Carl Lewis turned in a questionnaire to a local exemption board stating that he was an "expert bank robber," that bank robbery had netted him \$10,000 for the last year and that he had registered at Medical Lake, Wash. Although the eastern Washington hospital for the criminal insane is located at Medical Lake, the exemption board began an investigation as the questionnaire had been mailed in Arkansas.

A letter from the warden of the Arkansas state penitentiary has advised the board that Lewis is a prisoner there, serving a three year sentence for a robbery in Union county, Arkansas. Lewis registered at Medical Lake June 5, last year, and it was about that time that a Medical Lake Bank was robbed of \$14,000.

NEW MEASURE SUBMITTED

Bill to Repeal the Law Establishing Advertising Rates.

PORTLAND, March 7.—C. S. Jackson and R. W. Haggood, of Portland, have submitted a measure for the repeal of the law establishing a legal advertising rate, reducing the maximum rates according to the populations of the respective counties; providing for the contracting for advertising at a lower rate, for the publication of school, road and irrigation district notices in papers published within the district, or if there is no such publication, then in the paper nearest the districts affected.

MUD DIVING AT FRONT

Artillery Action and Other Activities Improve With the Weather.

LONDON, March 7.—A heavy raid under the protection of a barrage was repelled by the British near Epehey. Enemy raids south of Bois-Greffier and Poolecapelle also failed. Artillery continues at Scarpe, West Lens, East Ypres and near Neuve and Chapelle. The sun and breezes are drying the mud and general fighting has been resumed and artillery has become more intense.

AT 22 SHE'S NAVY FINGER-PRINT EXPERT



MARIE DAHM.

Miss Marie Dahm, aged 22, New York girl, is one of the finger-print experts of Uncle Sam's Navy Department. She studied for two years to pass the civil service exam and enter the New York police department but then the war came and Uncle Sam needed her.



YOUNG MEN PROMPTLY ANSWER CALL

NINE FROM LA GRANDE AND ONE FROM ELGIN ENLIST FOR SERVICE

WILL BE HONORED GUESTS AT LUNCHEON

Entire Quota for the State Raised at 4:30 Yesterday Evening—Many Applicants Were Refused

Once again the La Grande spirit comes to the top. When General Pershing asked for a number of chauffeurs or automobile truck drivers, the provost marshal general apportioned the call to all the states, and the quota for Oregon to furnish was 100 men. This call is known as call No. 40 and perhaps will be the last one made for skilled men. The reason that this call was made was because of the fact that the industrial index system had not been completed and because of the urgency of General Pershing's need for the men requested. Local boards were advised that the call was to be filled but not exceeded and were requested to telegraph their daily reports.

La Grande will furnish nine men and Elgin will give one, making a total of ten men from Union county. Its apportionment according to the population would be about one man, instead she has responded with one-tenth of the number required from the whole state. The following men have enlisted for this branch of the service and will be sent to Camp Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas, where they will be inducted into the aviation section: Harley Richardson, Howard Richardson, Glenn Thompson, Arthur Ash, Dallas Green, Wesley McCrary, Moody Eckley, Claude Wright and Hugh Hulise of La Grande, and Jay Wilson Johns of Elgin.

Union county, if the call had remained open another day, could have furnished from fifteen to twenty men. Because of the fact that Oregon raised her quota by 4:30 p. m. yesterday it was necessary to refuse to accept a goodly number that had made application at the Y. M. C. A. for induction into this branch of the service.

Will Be Guests at Luncheon
Friday evening at the Foley hotel at 6 o'clock, the Union county advisory war board, the district exemption board and the local exemption board and the friends of the young men who have enlisted in the aviation section will tender to them a luncheon in honor of their patriotism. This luncheon is not restricted to a few but is open to any citizen of La Grande who may wish to pay tribute to these young men. Reservations must be made through the Y. M. C. A. Fred Carrey will be toastmaster.

The Weather.
PORTLAND, March 7.—Weather forecast: "Rain."

Receive Word of Fatal Accident

Charles McCrary was called to Seattle last night on receipt of a telegram bringing word of a fatal accident which befel his son-in-law, Edward Swink, in a logging camp. Mrs. Swink was formerly Hazel McCrary, a La Grande raised young lady and the daughter of Charles and Hattie McCrary. Her marriage to Mr. Swink took place within the past year.

No particulars accompanied the telegram which merely stated that the accident was fatal. It is presumed that it happened while the young man was at work with logging apparatus. It is probable that the remains will be brought to La Grande for burial, but this is a matter that will be determined after Mr. McCrary reaches his daughter.

GOVERNOR KNITS SOCKS

Arizona's Chief Executive Believes In Helping the Cause.

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 7.—Governor G. W. P. Hunt, sitting behind his mahogany desk in the executive office, placidly knitted and hummed as he received the newspaper men for their daily talk a few days ago.

The interviewers watched the governor with surprise and finally one of them ventured a query as to what he was doing.

"Just a minute," said the governor, "don't disturb me, or I'll drop a stitch."

"Yes," he continued when he had filled the row he was working on, "I'll make a pair of socks for some soldier. I find it restful, as well as a way of doing my bit. I knit during my spare moments, particularly after I have been reading awhile.

"I used to knit when I was a boy. The fact is, the more socks and sweaters we turn out in Arizona, the less the burden on our knitting mills. If all of us here knitted, the Arizona soldiers would be assured an ample supply of knitted things to wear."

And the governor resumed his placid knitting.

Married in Baker.

Mr. George Peach of La Grande and Miss Wilhelmina Hayhearst of Baker were married at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. S. B. Willett in Baker at high noon yesterday. After a few days in Baker the wedded pair will become occupants of the groom's farm in Grande Ronde.

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CITY WILL BEGIN WITH COLLECTIONS

FORECLOSURE IS ORDERED ON LIENS FOR PAST DUE ASSESSMENTS

MORE DRASTIC LAW FOR I. W. W. NEEDED

Eleven Arrests Reported for the Week with Seven Convicted and One Paroled

At the regular meeting of the city commissioners held last night, City Attorney Slater reported that his office was being prepared for the preliminary steps for foreclosure of liens against property for past due improvement assessments.

The city attorney was instructed to prepare a new ordinance giving the city attorney a more stringent law with reference to the prosecution of I. W. W. members.

A petition of Frank Stillwell and others, asking for the improvement of parts of Second street and M avenue, was referred to the street superintendent for an estimate of cost.

The petition of Toy Young asking for a re-assessment of street improvements on Adams avenue was referred to the city attorney.

The petition of Robert Eakin and others asking for the improvement of Washington avenue was brought up again and the report of the city engineer was read. The matter was referred to the city manager for a report as to the probable cost.

City Manager's Report
March 6, 1918.

To the Hon. Commission, City of La Grande, Oregon.
Gentlemen: I herewith submit my report for the week ending March 5, 1918:

Fire chief reports two calls, one at the Silver Grill restaurant, February 24, 2:30 a. m. This fire was caused by the brick in the ash pit becoming hot and burning the floor and joists. The alarm was telephoned in and the fire chief with Night Policeman Christensen put the fire out without turning in a general alarm. March 2 the department was called to 1693 Oak street and found the "Helms" Ro-

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WILL CARRY MAIL WITH AIRPLANES

GOVERNMENT TO INAUGURATE SERVICE SOMETIME NEXT MONTH

BETWEEN PHILADELPHIA WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK

Route to be Covered Within Three Hours and 300 Pounds Weight Limit

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The proposed aerial postal service between Washington, Philadelphia and New York, is to be inaugurated not later than April 15, 1918.

By arrangement between Postmaster General Burleson and the secretary of war the aerial postal route between these points will be conducted for one year as a part of the aeronautic training service of the war department.

All Contract Bids Rejected.

All bids submitted in response to the advertisement of the post office department for construction of aeroplanes for this service have been rejected, and the war department will provide the post office department with six powerful army aeroplanes, with two in reserve.

Beginning not later than April 15 one trip will be made daily except Sunday on a fixed schedule. These flights will be under the control and operation of the war department which will furnish the aviators and mechanics as well as the aeroplanes for the service. The landing field and hangars at Washington department will also provide a landing field and hangars at Philadelphia and New York, and bear the expense of gasoline and upkeep of machines and the necessary motor trucks and clerical force in connection with the service.

Washington Landing Field.

The Washington landing field and hangars will probably be on the polo grounds in Potomac park; but the Anacostia Flats are tentatively under consideration in case that should be found more convenient.

In Philadelphia the field and hangars will be at League Island.

In New York the selection lies between Van Cortland Park and Mineola, Van Cortland Park is preferred unless the air currents there are such as to render it undesirable. If the Mineola site is selected arrangements will probably be made for dropping mail bags into nets.

Three Hundred Pounds Per Trip.

Not to exceed 200 pounds of first-class mail, occupying a space of not more than 25 cubic feet will be carried each trip.

It is expected that the trip between Washington and New York, including the stop at Philadelphia, will be made inside of three hours.

FIRST DECLARATION FILED

Dr. Anderson of The Dalles Officially Announces Candidacy.

SALEM, March 7.—Dr. J. E. Anderson of The Dalles filed his declaration as a candidate for the Republican gubernatorial candidacy today. His slogan is: "Bone dry for Oregon; winning of the war; and development of the resources of the state." He is the first candidate to file notice of candidacy.

DEATH RATE LOWER

General Health Conditions at Cantonments Is Good.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The general health conditions in cantonments continues good, General Gorgas has announced. The death rate for the last week was the lowest since November. The national guard has the lowest sickness and the national army the lowest death rate.

Agreement Is Reached.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The house and senate conferees have reached an agreement on the railroad control bill.

HOME GUARD CALLED OUT LAST NIGHT

SUSPICIONED ATTEMPT OF INCENDIARY NATURE WAS THE CAUSE

VIGIL WAS MAINTAINED TILL DAYLIGHT CAME

While No Disturbance Occurred, the Officers and Men Were Ready for Any Emergency

Members of the Home Guard are to hold themselves in readiness for a call-out to night, either by general alarm or the telephone method. If called, come warmly dressed. H. E. COOLIDGE, Major.

While the citizenship of La Grande serenely slept last night, picked sections of the La Grande Home Guard battalion stood faithful watch over the city's water reservoir, and patrolled the George Palmer Lumber company yards and mills. The guard was called out upon the discovery of a clue that might have meant a catastrophe to the city and might have meant nothing.

After due deliberation of the evidence in hand, Sheriff Warnick and Major Coolidge decided to adopt precautionary measures and said the word that brought out the needed 32 men and the officers of the battalion. This order was given to the company commanders, A. W. Nelson and J. H. Pears, at 11:30 last evening, and by 1 o'clock the supply company under Lieutenant Skiff had issued guns and ammunition and provided automobile transportation and the men were patrolling their beats. The system of calls previously drafted and adopted worked out nicely, due in a large measure to the vigilance of the operators at the Home Independent Telephone company and the alacrity with which the men responded.

Three reliefs were posted on the Palmer mill property and two at the reservoir.

The nature of the suspected attack was largely incendiary and the sheriff and officials of the Home Guard immediately threw protection about the water supply that it be not destroyed before the match were applied, if such action were contemplated as set out in a letter found on the street last evening. The epistle was addressed to Seattle, saying the firing was to commence last evening, and it asked for further instructions. It was intimated therein that the writers were camped in a nearby canyon, but the Home Guard found no trace of them. It was signed by the name "Busch."

All through the night the men took their reliefs at patrolling their posts in inky darkness and with a biting wind whipping off the bleak and frost-nipped hills. The details at the reservoir particularly were wet of foot as soon as they were posted among the small streams and water-soaked ground about the reservoir, and their only shelter between guards was a feeble fire kindled from rain-soaked board splinters. So far as known this afternoon, no ill effects have resulted.

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Skeptical Concerning Hun Drive

LONDON, March 7.—Robert Bonar Law voiced the general sentiment in the house of commons today in announcing a feeling of skepticism regarding the reported German drive on the western front. Law was emphatic in the announcement that the allies have a force much superior to that of the enemy not only in numbers of men, but in guns and a decided superiority in the number of airplanes.