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## WILSON AFTER TELGRAPH, ALL THE WIRE SYSTEMS

### Secrets of War Department Must be Closely Guarded--Matter in Hands of Interstate Commerce Committee.

WASHINGTON, July 1.—President Wilson has asked congress for power to take over the telegraphs, telephone, radio and cable systems, and in furtherance of his proposition has written a letter to the House Interstate Commerce Committee, the letter being endorsed by Secretaries Burleson and Daniels, stating that such power is absolutely necessary to prevent the suspension of the telegraph service and to guard the military secrets in government communications. The passage of the resolution was averted, thus leaving the matter open for future consideration.

### LIGHTNING CAUSES EXPLOSION

Two Oil Tanks in California Are Set Ablaze. LOS ANGELES, July 1.—(By United Press.)—Two huge oil tanks of the Standard Oil Co. at El Segundo, were struck by lightning and exploded. The lightning also struck an oil dory, firing the oil issuing from the well, and both tanks of fifty-thousand barrels capacity. A deafening and blinding flash accompanied the explosion, which was followed by a fire of alarming proportions. The firemen are now desperately seeking to prevent the blaze spreading.

### PROFITTEERING RAMPANT.

Government May Take Over All Aircraft Factories.

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 1.—(By United Press.)—Following startling discoveries made by the Senate committee on its tour of investigation into the aircraft industry, following the charges made by Borglum, it now plans to recommend that the government take over all aircraft factories. According to the committee many of the plants are operating upon a shoe-string and profiteering is rampant.

### FRENCH ADVANCE LINES

Prisoners Taken in Operations Along the Marne.

PARIS, July 1.—The French advanced their lines slightly on a five-mile front northwest of Chateau Thierry. In an operation southeast of Ove they took two hundred prisoners, says an official report. In operations along the Marne they took forty-six prisoners.

### APPROPRIATION VETOED

Bill Does Not Provide Increase Pay for Overtime.

WASHINGTON, July 1.—President Wilson vetoed the legislative appropriation bill because of the Borland amendment increasing the hours of government workers without providing for overtime pay.

## DR. STANSFIELD TO BE ORATOR

### NOTED SPEAKER ENGAGED IN WAR ACTIVITIES ORATOR FOR FOURTH.

Dr. Stansfield, of Portland, will be the orator of the day at the Union County celebration. This is the report submitted by George Cochran, who was appointed as a committee to look after this part of the business.

Dr. Stansfield is a speaker noted both for his eloquence and his earnestness. For a long time he has been engaged in war activities and knows the entire history of Prussian intrigues for generations past. He is familiar with every step which developed in the unholy ambition of the kaiser to throttle the world to appease his own lust for power. It is said that Dr. Stansfield can call the kaiser by his right title and with more appropriateness than any public speaker who ever undertook the job. His speeches everywhere are received with torrents of enthusiasm.

Among all the prospectives, Mr. Cochran says, Dr. Stansfield is pre-eminently the man to deliver the right kind of an address to the people of Union county on the Fourth.

## TWO SPECIAL TROOP TRAINS

### LA GRANDE VISITED BY TROOPS ON WAY FROM CAMP LEWIS TO FRONT

"Thirty minutes for breakfast" was the command given to the soldiers on two special troop trains, as the cars rolled into the depot at an early hour this morning, and the tired soldiers gladly detained for exercise on the streets of La Grande, the cythere of thousands of pairs of admiring eyes as they marched and counter-marched thru the streets.

Each of the troop trains contained thirteen cars, carrying not only the soldiers, but many supplies and officers' attaches in charge. The first train was the one having on board batteries E. and F. Field Artillery, regiment 347, under command of Captain R. B. Gillespie, training at Camp Lewis.

The second train carried the troops of the general headquarters QM, and band 235 of the 348th Regiment, 91st division, and with three more battalions to come thru in a few days, will clean up the 91st division in Camp Lewis, which will be prepared for the men in the next draft, many of them already on their way.

Captain W. M. Smythe was in command of this headquarters' train, and, it may be said, in passing, that both Captain Gillespie and Captain Smythe left no doubt in the minds of those who saw them, that, when they arrive "over there" at the head of their commands, "Heinie better watch his steps."

One of the pleasant occurrences this morning took place when a bunch of soldiers had halted in front of Silverthorn's and ice cream cones were passed out among the boys by Honor Guard girls, and afterwards, just before the trains began to move out from the station, the name Honor Guard girls handed out to the soldiers, as a parting gift, bundles of magazines, as reminders that there is a patriotic place on the map of Eastern Oregon, commonly known as La Grande, one of the Blue Ribbon counties of Oregon. Miss Ryan, of Red Cross fame is responsible for this work of foresight, which is better than the hindsight of so many who never think that soldiers have minds to feed, as well as bodies to save from starvation.

Do you get the idea?

### The Ones to Blame.

City Manager Currey and George Cochran were the ones who dropped to the idea of treating the band to the ice cream cones and when the bystanders got next to what was going on there was a riot to see who would get there first to pay for the \$2.40 for the ice cream.

### WILL CLOSE ON THE FOURTH

It is announced that all the stores in the city will be closed all day on July 4th as many of the store-keepers and their clerks will be in the line of the parade. Housewives should do their necessary shopping before the Fourth arrives.

## CHAUTAQUA HEADLINERS

### SUPERB BAND HAS ARRIVED TO APPEAR TONIGHT

An English Major Who Has Been Under Fire Will Also Be On The Program.

### STELLAR NUMBER TO APPEAR TONIGHT.

One of the very best bands in the United States is in La Grande today and played a short concert this afternoon and will give its regular numbers tonight. As a band it has few equals and extremely few that can better it. La Grande is indeed fortunate to have an organization of this character on its chautauqua program.

Chautauqua patrons are assured a big double-header tonight. A special war lecture has been added to what normally is a whole evening of band music. It so happens that the speaker sent out under government auspices to fill the vacancy caused by the troubles between the government and "Count" de Beaufort, who was to have spoken Sunday afternoon, cannot reach Oregon until today. He will speak tonight after the regular concert by Thaviu's band, which also played this afternoon. The special speaker is an Englishman, Sgt.-Major Smith by name, and is reputed to be a speaker with much force—a man who has been under fire for many months.

With an orator of this sort, and the noted band as a regular attraction, the program tonight should draw hundreds in addition to the regular patrons.

### Extra Seats Provided.

Extra seating capacity is being prepared during the day to handle all that may come, so that the space alongside the pavilion may be filled.

The program the balance of the assembly is stronger than the first half by a considerable degree. War lectures, music and on the closing evening the Hawaiians with their wonderful pictures of the island.

### Sunday Programs Line.

Commencing yesterday morning and continuing all day, the program at the park was of high standard. In the morning, Sunday school services were held and at 11 o'clock Rev. Smith of the Methodist Church south preached a splendid sermon. In the afternoon the Zedeler's troupe gave an augmented program on account of the absence of the speaker. This company appeared in the prelude last evening again. As an organization each member possesses talent, finish and polish that few orchestras can muster. There is nothing but praise to be said of them.

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## ROAD MONEY IS AVAILABLE

### FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IS READY FOR UNION CO.

### Bids Called For Work Between Elgin and Wallowa Hill And Another To Follow.

It is refreshing to the advocates of good highways, and especially to those who were working in the recent statewide campaign to better Oregon's road conditions, to know that the section of the state east of the Cascades has not been overlooked, for today County Judge Phy received notice from the State Highway commission to the effect that \$35,000 was ready to be placed to the credit of the roadwork from Elgin to the top of the Hill toward Wallowa county, and that \$14,000 was ready to be expended upon the roads between La Grande and Telocast.

This is post road money and comes to the county just as the advocates of good roads claimed it would come under the plan adopted by the people at a special good roads election in this state over a year ago.

Advertisements for bids for the construction work will soon begin, in fact, the one for the roadwork beyond Elgin appears today, while the order for the submission of bids in the Telocast district has been made.

### Judge Phy Pleased.

"I know you will excuse me while I smile," said Judge Phy today, "to get money for roads for a county makes a judge feel a lot happier than was the prodigal son when he got a check from home. No county judge ever had sufficient funds for roads and this \$50,000, which is to be expended in this county comes at a time when we need it and appreciate it. I might say that bids for the work will be received according to the advertisement and we will push road work as hard as we can."

## "Safe and Happy" is Word From France

Word has just come from Dr. James Graham, now in the hospital service in France, that Mrs. Graham is on her father's farm near Portland, working as a farmerette, and is making the dirt fly.

On Sunday this same patriotic women leads the church choir, besides teaching music.

Can you beat it?

A cablegram just received from France from Rev. G. L. Clark, states that "the hospital unit is safe and happy."

### BRITISH CASUALTY REPORT.

LONDON, June 29.—(By United Press.)—British casualties during the past week totalled 32,178. Among the killed were 122 officers and 4,200 men.

## LIBERTY QUEEN CONTEST GETS A WHIRLWIND START

### Plans of Action for the Work of the Campaign Will be put Underway--Committee is Now Kept Very Busy.

Green ribbons will be the style, and Jack Pearce, with Carr and Selgrist, might as well have been born in Ireland, as they have fallen in with the big idea, and are working like Trojans.

Talk about campaign managers. Well, if Walter Pierce or James Withycombe either would hire Joe Carr, Will Selgrist and Jack Pearce to run a campaign bets would be safe on their candidate.

The way these gentlemen took over the sales department for the Liberty Queen contest was a lesson for Tammany Hall or the Democratic national committee.

Saturday morning they began putting into practice their plans of campaign and by noon the office force of the Red Cross contest was weighted down with work and money. Hundred dollar visits to the office were no exception. The man who had expected to take one ticket and thereby cast a thousand votes for the Liberty Queen went away wearing from five to ten green ribbons. Jack Pearce loves to pin on the green at any time, whether there is a contest or not, and Carr and Selgrist soon acquired the habit, doing it with as much grace as though they, too, had been born in Ireland.

### Girls Working Hard.

Girls who are in the contest for Liberty Queen and Honor Guard girls, almost without exception, put themselves under the command of the three generals in the ticket selling campaign and the way they did make an appeal to the men and women of La Grande was a joy to see.

Mr. Carr, who is chairman of the selling department, remarked "there are no such workers as these young ladies. The way they enter into the spirit of this occasion makes the patriotic blood of every good American run faster. It is too bad that the war department cannot find

places for such active young ladies whose whole wish is to do something that will help win the war. They fully realize that every thousand tickets sold for the Liberty Queen means more money to aid the boys who have gone to the front."

Queen Contest Closes Tomorrow. Tomorrow is the last day for the girls to work for the honors of queen and it is expected that there will be a doubled effort this evening and all day tomorrow.

"Leave no one unsewn," is to be the slogan for tonight and all day tomorrow. Selgrist is planning a garrison finish for the girls under his leadership, and Carr continues to bet on those that are helping him, while Pearce, with his usual still tongue, is saying little, but is rolling in the money also.

Remember, the list of the girls in the campaign as they appear here:

- Miss Mabel Oesterling.
- Miss Ethel Hanley.
- Miss Zoe Golden.
- Miss Dorothy Meyers.
- Miss Lois Given.
- Miss Stella Deslet.
- Miss Mary Warnick.
- Miss Marguerite Winters.
- Miss Bessie Allinson.
- Miss Della Rayburn.
- Miss Vivian Hansen.
- Miss Ethel Wright.
- Miss Wilma Oesterling.
- Miss Margaret Corbett.
- Miss Florence Stachfield.
- Miss Fern Geddes.
- Miss Marjorie Logan.
- Miss Etha Huffman.
- Miss Ailaine Scroggin.
- Miss Helen Postum.
- Miss Helen Sims.
- Miss Franc Murphy.
- Miss Eileen Pearce.
- Miss Miriam Smith.
- Miss Inogene Orton.
- Miss Jeannette Stoddard.
- Miss Nellie Davis.

### FISH WILL ARRIVE

### First Consignment Comes to Hilgard Tomorrow Morning.

The shipment of trout fry from Clackamas will arrive at Hilgard tomorrow morning at 4:30 o'clock. Members of the Wing, Fin and Fleet-foot club are requested to be present with about ten autos to take the young fish out for distribution. On the day following the fish car will arrive at La Grande at 4:50 a. m. On Tuesday fifteen cars will be needed to take care of the trout fry.

### WEATHER REPORT.

PORTLAND, July 1.—Fair.

## WHOLE FAMILY OF PATRIOTS

### MR. AND MRS. JAMES BROWN HAVE FOUR SONS IN ARMY

Mr. and Mrs. James Brown, of La Grande, enjoy a distinction that is the lot of a very few. They have four sons in the service. Fred the oldest boy is 38, is with the heavy artillery; William, aged 32, is in the infantry at the Presidio; Nell, the next son, is a machine gunner in service in France; and James, the youngest, is in the Marines.

If the time comes when they have "aces" among the mothers who have sons in their country's service, Mrs. James Brown, of La Grande will be eligible to membership. It is a distinction worthy the honest pride of any matron.

### CLEAVER IN NEW PARTY.

Grande Ronde Man Would Deliver All Prohibitionists. PORTLAND, June 29.—(By United Press.)—When the Prohibition party of Oregon met in state convention here today, an attempt to obtain an endorsement of the new National party was expected. Cleaver is a member of the National Prohibition party committee.

Cleaver recently addressed a communication to Oregon Prohibitionists in which he urged them to regard the work of the National party as their work, and declared "the hope of the National party is in you." The state Prohibition party may not nominate a state ticket today. It may decide to liquidate its debts and then join with the new party.

### WAS BIG CONVENTION

Ed E. Kiddle Returns From Meeting in San Francisco. Ed. E. Kiddle returned last Saturday from the big Y. M. C. A. War convention, and reported that it was the biggest convention yet held.

It is estimated that the next War drive of the Y will raise in the neighborhood of \$112,000,000.

Every letter received from France, whether from officers or privates in the ranks states that without the efficient work of the Y workers, even on the firing line, the soldiers would be without that encouragement needed to win the war.

Are you doing your part?

## Thaviu's Exposition Band at Chautauqua

### Only Band Honored With Return Engagement at San Francisco Exposition



During the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco in 1915 sixteen of the greatest bands of the country were used. They were picked with extreme care and only organizations of established national reputations were engaged. Thaviu's Band was one of these and was given the honor of the opening engagement. The greatest mark of honor and appreciation, however, was when Thaviu was requested to return for the closing series of concerts of the Exposition season. His was the only band of the sixteen great organizations to receive a return engagement.

Thirty selected members of this superb band are coming to your Chautauqua on the fifth day under the leadership of the great Thaviu. Thaviu's Exposition Band will not only be the largest, but by all odds the best band ever brought West for Chautauqua audiences. Two full concerts, afternoon and evening, will be presented. In addition to the band in the evening, three grand opera singers will appear as soloists. They come from Thaviu's own grand opera organization and occupy positions of prominence in the world of musical achievement. Unusual voices are required when supported by so large an instrumental aggregation and Thaviu has secured for these solo parts voices of unusual power and brilliancy.