

Notice to the Public

"I hereby issue a positive order in the name of the City Board of Health, demanding that all places of business in La Grande be closed from December 26, 1918 to the morning of January 4th, 1919, excepting hotels, restaurants, rooming houses, laundries, garages, newspapers, banks, creameries, drug stores to sell necessities to the sick only, grocery stores and meat markets to transact their business by telephone only. People who have no business at railroad depot must not visit it."

A. L. RICHARDSON, Chairman City Board of Health

CLOSING ORDERS NOW APPLY TO GENERAL LINES OF BUSINESS

"People must observe the quarantine orders on homes where influenza patients are confined. And by observing that order let it be understood from now on that no person shall be permitted to enter or leave the home when a quarantine card has been attached to the house. This is to be a quarantine that means something and every person who has influenza in the family must stay within the quarantined residence or he must leave the home entirely and not visit it until the city health board has determined the time for lifting the quarantine."

The above was promulgated today by Health Officer Richardson and gives all a full and complete understanding of what must be done during the next nine days.

UNIVERSITY DEGREES

A. C. Hampton of La Grande, receives B. A. Degree.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene.—Degrees were granted last Saturday night by the executive committee of the Board of Regents of the University to eleven candidates who have finished the required number of hours for graduation during the first term. Bachelor of Arts degrees were granted to: Mrs. Anna L. Peck of Eugene; Daniel Webster Bolinett, of Heppner; Aris Craven Hampton, of La Grande; Elizabeth McDonald, of Portland; Annabel Sparkman, of Eugene; Eva L. Von Berg, of Albert Lea, Minn.; Eleanor Pauline Vuesler, of Wheeling, W. Va.; Orson V. White, of Tillamook; and John C. Amy, of the extension division of the University of Oregon. Master of Arts degrees were given to S. Pittman, of Monmouth, and H. L. Hussong, of Astoria.

FIRE IN GARAGE; LITTLE DAMAGE

A fire alarm was rung in to the local station this morning from the residence of A. V. Andrews, at the corner of Adams avenue and Hemlock street. The fire was in Mr. Andrews' garage and was caused by hot pipes from a stove which he uses to heat the building. The alarm was answered promptly by the fire brigade and little damage resulted, beyond a hole being burned in the roof of the building.

DRISCOLL VS CITY CASE DECIDED

Demurrer Filed by City Sustained in Circuit Court—Injunction Dissolved.

The case of P. J. Driscoll vs. the City of La Grande was heard in the circuit court before Judge Knowles this morning. This matter referred to the complaint filed by Father Driscoll last Saturday and the injunction against the City Board of Health, issued by the probate court. A demurrer was filed by the city in the case and the matter was heard by Judge Knowles on oral argument. The judge's opinion was that the demurrer be sustained and the injunction dissolved.

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE

The average temperature recorded on the fire station thermometer up until noon today was about sixteen degrees above zero. The lowest point reached in the previous twenty-four hours, Christmas day, was fifteen degrees above, while

WARM WELCOME FOR WILSON

LONDON, December 25th.—England is fully prepared today to give President Wilson the greatest welcome ever accorded a distinguished visitor or a conquering hero. This is a holiday throughout Britain and the police are expecting to handle the biggest and most exuberant crowd since the celebration of victory.

REPORT FIGHTING IN GERMAN CITY

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 25.—According to dispatches received here today there was considerable street fighting in Berlin Monday and Tuesday. Soldiers are said to have laid siege to the foreign office and other government buildings in that vicinity. As a result of the fighting in "Unter-den-Linden" several persons were killed. It is feared that further disturbances will occur.

NEGRO SOLDIERS LOOT SALOONS

NEW YORK, December 25.—Seventy-five negro soldiers are held under a military guard at the Armory building, Brooklyn, today, as a result of the looting of saloons during the night. The trouble was caused by soldiers refusing to serve liquor to men in uniform. The soldiers thereupon took matters into their own hands and proceeded to help themselves. Police were called, but they proved unable to handle the rioters, and a call was sent to the Quarter-Master's department of military police to quell the disturbance.

MRS. BUFFINGTON DIES

Succumbed Yesterday After Short Illness from Influenza.

The death of Mrs. Pearl Buffington, one of La Grande's best known and most highly respected women, occurred at the Grande Ronde Hospital yesterday afternoon at 2:30, following an illness of only a week's duration. Pneumonia, brought on by influenza, was the cause of death. Deceased was thirty-eight years of age.

Mrs. Buffington was the wife of Gus Buffington, an engineer of the O. W. & R. system, who is now in France with the A. E. F., in the 31st Engineers, and the deepest sympathy will go out from the hearts of many La Grande friends to Mr. Buffington in his great loss. The remains were shipped this morning to Stayton, where interment will be made. Mrs. H. W. Davis, of Portland, sister of the deceased, was with her here at the time and accompanied the body to Stayton.

The late Mrs. Buffington had been employed for some time past as a book-keeper in the store-keeping offices of the O. W. & R., where she was highly popular, and she had more than an ordinary large number of friends in the town who will grieve over her death.

ARMY SOLDIERS ARRIVE

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—(United Press.)—The British ship Saxonia, bringing 1347 American soldiers home from France, arrived here today from Liverpool.

WHICH RETURN

PARIS, Dec. 25.—Two hundred and seventy-five thousand French prisoners have returned from Germany. They still remain in Germany 200,000 Frenchmen, a large number of whom are already homeward bound.

BUSINESS PEOPLE LOYAL

Editor Evening Observer:

I desire to publicly thank the business men of La Grande for their loyal co-operation in my efforts to stamp out the present epidemic of influenza.

That the disease is exacting its toll of human life is evidence of the necessity of such action, and the sacrifice of the merchants in closing their places of business is beyond dispute. It is also self-evident that our citizens value human life and the health of the community above the dollar.

We are going to make a supreme effort to stamp out this plague and to that end ask all citizens, organizations, churches, lodges and clubs of whatever nature to assist us in every way possible. All who can are requested to do their marketing by telephone and remain at home, thereby avoiding exposing or being exposed to this germ.

I believe the nine-day ban will under these circumstances thoroughly demonstrate the value or futility of a quarantine against this disease. That there are many, many homes not yet placarded is certain; also a large number of cases have not been reported to the physicians of the city. These errors will be corrected as speedily as possible and a strict quarantine on the individual cases maintained.

Please do not ask for special favors in your cases as there will be no discrimination.

A. L. RICHARDSON,
City Health Officer.

ALIEN ENEMY RULES LIFTED

ALL REGULATIONS BUT THREE ARE DISCONTINUED.

Prohibited and Restricted Zones Are Abolished—Arrival and Departing Aliens Watched.

Pursuant to instructions received from the attorney general and by order of the president, notice is hereby given that on and after December 26, 1918, enforcement of all regulations imposed on German alien enemies of both sexes will be discontinued, except as to regulations 9, 10 and 12 of the proclamation of April 6, 1917, which last three mentioned sections will continue in full force and effect.

Section 9 provides that no alien enemy shall land in or enter the United States except under certain restrictions.

Section 10 provides that no alien enemy whom there is reasonable cause to believe to be aiding or about to aid the enemy, or who may be at large to the danger of the public peace or safety, or who violated, or attempts to violate, or of whom there is reasonable cause to believe that he is about to violate the regulations promulgated by the president of the United States or of the states or territories thereof, shall be subject to summary arrest by the United States marshal or his deputy, or such other officers as the president may designate and to confinement in such penitentiary prison, jail or military camp as may be directed by the president.

It will be noted that all prohibited and restricted zones or areas, both water-front and inland, are abolished by the above order.

It will further be noted that the necessity of permits connected with German registration are also abolished.

Pursuant to the above order and on and after December 26, 1918, German and Austrian alien enemies shall be subject to identical regulations.

Notice is also called to the fact that power to arrest any German alien enemy considered dangerous, is retained.

All German alien enemies, now under arrest or in custody, will remain in detention.

It is particularly desired that

BERLIN RIOTS ON XMAS DAY

HUNDRED KILLED — STREET FIGHTS IN GERMAN CAPITAL

Copenhagen Dispatch Reports Conditions Daily Becoming Worse in Berlin.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 26.—Street fighting, in which fully one hundred persons are believed to have been killed, raged in Berlin throughout Monday and Christmas day. Republican guards stormed the Marstall building and the former palace of the former crown prince, which was badly wrecked.

Troops who were opposed to this revolutionary idea who were barricaded in that building were finally forced to surrender under a white flag. News of further rioting and fighting is expected at any time.

Situation Becoming Dangerous. COPENHAGEN, Dec. 26.—(United Press.)—Troops and civilians in large numbers are joining the revolting sailors in Berlin, according to dispatches received here from the German capital. The German government's position is hourly becoming more dangerous, said the dispatch.

Royal Palace Seized.

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—(United Press.)—Seventy persons were killed and many more were injured in a sailors' uprising, newspaper here estimate. The royal palace has been seized. The newspaper "The Red Flag" claims a victory for the revolutionists.

A later dispatch from Copenhagen states that the Alexander and Franz regiment in Berlin have nothing and joined the rebels. The leaders of the revolutionists said they expected the whole Berlin garrison would soon join. Sailors from Kiel and Wilhelmshaven are reported to be on their way to Berlin to join the revolting forces.

Dispatches from Berlin say the rebels hold the streets and houses from the Koenigsplatz to the city hall and that the resignation of Chancellor Hertling and the resignation of the Reichstag in favor of Liebknecht and Thälmann, the radical leaders.

German alien enemies take notice that all restrictions imposed upon them by such parole must be observed by them and that violation of such parole will be summarily punished.

FLEET HOME FROM EUROPE

SHIPS ARRIVE IN NEW YORK HARBOR YESTERDAY.

Daniels Reviews Fleet, Which Now Ranks Second in World Power.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25th.—America's battle fleet, returning victorious today by clearing thousands of the populace, who watched the impressive spectacle from boats, sky scrapers and every other point of vantage that could be found. At times a swirling snow storm blotted out the vision of the majestic ships as they slowly moved up the bay. As they passed by the Statue of Liberty the fleet was reviewed by Secretary of the Navy Daniels. The islands in the harbor, the docks and the tops of tall buildings were thronged with spectators, despite the storm and the cutting wind. Today will be remembered as a memorable day in American history, marking the greatest naval review in the annals of our fleet and the day when the United States formally assumed its place as the second naval power in the world.

WANTS THE FACTS REGARDING RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, December 26.—Russia's problems of readjustment and reconstruction bid fair to become a great question in this country after the holidays as they now are in England. Senator Johnson, of California, intends trying the plan of "smoking out" the administration in an effort to get at the real situation in Russia and the policy to be adopted in respect thereto. On the other hand the state department will present data, though they may not be inclined to do so publicly. There are no indications of the retirement of American troops at this time, nor are there any signs that either England or the United States is committed to the extension of military work in Russia.

THEY LIE IN FRANCE WHERE LILIES BLOOM

BY PERCIVAL ALLEN
In the New York Times

They lie in France
Where lilies bloom;
Those flowers pale
That guard each tomb
Are waiting, souls
That smiling stand
Close by them in
That martyred land.
And mutely there the long night shadows creep
From quiet hills to mourn for them who sleep.
While o'er the dunes the dusk so silently
The grieving clouds that slowly drift to sea
And faintly round them moaned the winter wind
Whose voice, lamenting, sounds so coldly kind.
Yet in their faith those waiting hearts abide
The time when turns forever that false tide.
In France they lie
Where lilies bloom,
Those flowers fair
For those made room
Not vainly placed
Within the grave
And flowers stand;
Their hearts lives,
Their love endures,
Their noble souls
Their right shines.
For they will have their hearts' desire
They who, unflinching, braved the fire
Across the fields their eyes at last must see
Through clouds and mist the hosts of victory.

HEALTH OFFICER EXPLAINS QUARANTINE MEASURE

The atmosphere cleared today regarding closing of business in La Grande when Dr. A. L. Richardson issued the order that appears elsewhere in this issue of The Observer.

No longer is there any question as to what the board of health means and it is now a positive matter of trying out a nine-day closing period of all business in order that time may be given to stamp out the further spread of influenza.

With every place of business closed La Grande will appear very quiet and the forced recess from business activities will permit every store to take invoice and be ready for the January business with vim and vigor when the city opens all lines of commercial activity on January 4th.

PASS SOME ALONG

Valuable Prizes From Enemy Ships Go to British Sailors.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—(United Press, by Mail.)—Thousands of British sailors are impatiently waiting to receive their share of the naval prize fund of \$70,000,000 to be obtained from the sale of ships' goods seized by naval ships during the blockade of enemy countries.

The sale and the distribution of prize money is under direction of H. W. Lovell, marshal of the admiralty and prize court.

Goods seized include two live alligators, woolen underwear, hairpins, dried fruits, tobacco, metals, nitrates and other chemicals, pearls and human hair.

BRITISH LABOR UNIONS MOVE TO MAINTAIN WAGE

LONDON, Dec. 26.—British labor unions are agitating for a 44-hour week; eight hours a day on five days and four on Saturday.

The National Transport Workers' Federation has presented to all the municipal and privately owned tramways a demand for a working week of 44 hours at the present weekly wages.

Representatives of the federation of engineering and shipbuilding trades and representatives of the employers recently held a meeting at which it was decided that a 47-hour week without any reduction in existing wages constituted a reasonable attempt to readjust working conditions.

CHRISTMAS DAY UNREAL EVENT

BAN ON CELEBRATIONS TAKES AWAY OLD-TIME SPIRIT.

Chief Event of Interest Was Visit of 300 Soldier Boys, Who Were Passing Through.

Christmas in La Grande was a very tame affair because of the ban on public gatherings. All regular events that have been practiced here since the first church was erected on the townsite were barred, as was every private social function.

This caused a home-staying people to enjoy their own firesides, but took from the occasion the cheerfulness of a general Christmas event.

About the only pep that showed during the day to stir the public atmosphere was the arrival of several hundred soldier boys at the Red Cross canteen, where they were dined and welcomed in a manner that is characteristic of La Grande ladies.

That the boys enjoyed their treatment was evidenced by the freedom they felt and the loud applause given. Their manly bearing and weathered faces was a joy to see and those who worked at the canteen yesterday, leaving their homes to do so, were well repaid for the arduous task by the appreciation shown.

Soldier Finds Relatives.

To show what good the canteen does besides merely feeding the inner man, an instance occurred yesterday that should be generally known. One soldier appeared at the window for his lunch and asked if anyone knew Mr. and Mrs. Redhead. When told they were well known here and that Mrs. Redhead had been serving at the canteen earlier in the day the young man was greatly pleased. One of the ladies gave him the telephone number of the Redhead family and the nephew of Mrs. Redhead called her up on Christmas night as he was going through La Grande and visited with her for several minutes. His name is Leon Redhead of Twin Falls, Ida., and he was the most pleased young man of the whole party, for he had been able, through the efforts of the canteen, to enjoy a short visit with his relatives while the train waited here.

STAMPS GOOD AS GOLD

Rumors Regarding Cashing of Federal Certificates Set at Rest

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—To clear away a mistaken idea reported from many sections that war savings certificates must be cashed before January 1, Lewis B. Franklin, director of war loan organization, today issued this statement: "War savings stamps and thrift stamps are as good as gold whether your certificates or thrift card is completely paid or not. The idea that uncashed certificates must be cashed before January 1 is absolutely baseless. The government will continue to sell thrift stamps so that you can fill out new cards, and exchange them for the 1919 issue of war saving stamps."