

BUTTE IS TIED UP BY STRIKERS

NINE OF THE STREET CARS
HAVE BEEN OPERATED FOR
THE PAST 24 HOURS

MAYOR SAYS ORDER
WILL BE MAINTAINED

Several Smelters Have Closed on Account of the Employees Fearing Violence if They Resume Work—Newsboys' Organization Joins the Strikers.

BUTTE, Feb. 11.—Street cars have not operated for twenty-four hours. The car men refused to take their cars out of the barns. Hundreds of striking I. W. W.s surrounded the barns and menaced the crews. They declared they would not report until the strike is settled.

The Butte police force was to have been dismissed in a body for lack of funds to meet the pay roll, but were ordered to be retained by the mayor. This force, in co-operation with a detachment of soldiers under command of Major Jones, will maintain order, the mayor declares.

Men who returned to work were seized and beaten by strikers. As a result all mines have been closed for lack of men. Although the smelter employees are not on strike they failed to report for duty for fear of violence. The newsboys' organization has joined the strikers and papers attempting to publish have been seized and destroyed.

GERMANY ADOPTS
A CONSTITUTION

WEIMAR, Germany, Feb. 11.—The new German constitution was adopted by the national assembly today. It is expected the president will be elected tomorrow.

BAKER EDITOR
MARRIED HERE

Miss Edith G. Campbell, of Baker, formerly of Salem, and W. H. Walton, editor of the Baker Herald, were quietly married at the parsonage of the First M. E. church in La Grande Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. N. Sherman Hawk. Only a few friends of the contracting parties were present at the nuptials.

U. S. TRANSPORTS ARRIVE

Brings Casuals, Sick and Wounded Men, Nurses and Civilians.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Feb. 11. The transport Rindam arrived here Sunday with 3000 troops, nurses and civilians from overseas. No complete organization of soldiers were aboard, all of the fighting men being listed as casuals or sick and wounded. Most of the troops are from Virginia and Georgia, but the big liner also brought one full casual company of Colorado soldiers.

TOWN SHAKEN BY EXPLOSION

EIGHTEEN TONS POWDER BLOW
UP AT HERRIN, ILLS.

Window Panes Broken and Concussion Felt in Radius of Hundred and Twenty Miles.

HERRIN, Ill., Feb. 11.—An explosion of undetermined origin destroyed the magazine of the Egyptian Powder company here last night, causing a damage of \$10,000.

Eighteen tons of powder blew up. No one was in the plant at the time. Every heavy window pane in the city was broken, the concussion reaching a radius of 120 miles.

Will Vogel was among the business visitors from Union to

RESOURCES OF BANKS DOUBLE

NEW FINANCIAL MARK IS SET
IN UNITED STATES.

Resources of the National Institutions Are Now in Excess of Twenty Billions.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—For the first time in their history the resources of the national banks of the country at the last call, December 31, 1918, passed the \$20,000,000,000 mark. Comptroller of the Currency Williams announced Sunday that the exact total was \$20,042,224,000, an increase of \$220,820,000 over the preceding call of November 1, 1918, and an advance as compared with December 31, 1917, of \$1,968,916,000. "These extraordinary figures," said the comptroller, "tell us that the total resources of the national banks of the United States have more than doubled since January 7, 1911, when they amounted to only \$9,820,483,000—the increase in eight years having been \$10,221,741,000.

PROTEST SENT
TO THE PRESIDENT

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 11.—Residents of Madison, headed by Mayor C. H. Graham, today sent a cablegram to President Wilson protesting against the selection of Professor Heron as one of the American commission to attend the special Prince Island conference with the Russians.

TOUGH GANG IS LANDED IN JUG

BUNCH OF HIGHWAYMEN AND
BURGLARS ROUNDED UP

Sixteen Men, Two of Whom Are Charged With Murder, Are Included in the Haul.

WEST FRANKFORT, Ill., Feb. 11.—After terrorizing West Frankfort several weeks, a gang of highwaymen and burglars have been rounded up here. Sixteen men, two of them charged with murder, and the others with highway robbery and burglary, are in jail.

ARRIVAL OF PROHIBITION

PEORIA, Ill., Feb. 11.—Let prohibition come. A large workingmen's recreation center is planned here when it becomes effective. A \$10,000 structure will be erected by the Salvation Army, called the "Poor Man's Club." Accommodations will be furnished for returning soldiers, the organization striving to arrange the same service as in war huts in France. A community laundry will be installed in the basement for poor women, no charge being made for the use of its facilities.

HELD AS A CONTRACT.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 11.—A bill of lading is a written contract between shipper and carrier, according to a recent decision of the Washington state supreme court in a suit brought against the Seattle Grain company by the O. W. K. & N. company. The railroad sued for \$200 undercharges on a consignment of grain. Seven judges of the court held that the claim is valid as coming under the six-year limitation for recovery on written contracts.

MEMORIAL TREE PLANTING

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Memorial tree planting in honor of the sailors and soldiers who gave their lives in the world war will be begun in California on "Burbank Day," March 7, says a message to the American Forestry association. In Sacramento county John T. Stoll, president of the Sacramento County Forestry board, is making plans for the roadside planting.

FEW CELEBRITIES' NAMES

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 11.—John Pershing and "Woodrow Wilson" are not popular names for babies of this state. In a list of 1000 babies born in Washington last year, selected at random from about 25,000 newborns, there was not one named for these two national characters. Neither was there a "Theodore Roosevelt." The middle name of two of these 1000 is "Pershing" and the middle name of three others is "Woodrow."

SHIPYARD SCHEDULE ONLY ISSUE

LONG FIGHT IS ON TO SETTLE A
BASIC RATES OF \$8, \$7 AND
\$6 PER DAY.

SYMPATHETIC STRIKE IS
DECLARED A FAILURE

Talk of Another Walk Out if Employers Discriminate Against Union Workers or Attempt to Operate Under Open Shop Plan.

SEATTLE, Feb. 11.—The labor trades council leaders today settled down for a long fight for their demand of a basic ship yard wage of \$8, \$7, and \$6 a day in place of the Macey board award which pays a minimum wage of \$4.16. It is suggested by labor men that no change in the situation will occur until March 31 when the last agreement with the emergency fleet corporation will expire.

That the sympathetic strike was a failure is the declaration of many labor men. A few maintain that the general strike accomplished the object of showing what organized labor can do and that it made an impression that will be felt throughout the country.

Today labor leaders talk of another strike if employers discriminate against union workers or attempt to operate an open shop.

BAND TAKES PART
IN K. P.'S EVENING

The O. W. band put on an impromptu entertainment in the K. P. hall last night at the close of the formal meeting of the lodge. The occasion was the official visit of Grand Chancellor Fred Johnston of Astoria, and Grand Keeper of the Records and Seal Walter Gleason of Portland. Work in the initiatory degree was put on, and the visiting officials gave addresses that were much appreciated. At the close of the work the members of the band arrived and proceeded to round out the evening's enjoyment by a number of selections excellently rendered. Short addresses by the grand chancellor and the grand keeper of the records, and seal were heard again, and the affair was wound up about midnight by the serving of light refreshments.

The O. W. band is becoming increasingly popular—deservedly so, of course—and there are few functions held or coming in which it will not have a part.

STATE CASE UP TODAY

CIVIL ACTIONS IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT ARE WOUND UP.

Jury Impaneled for Hearing of the White Slave Charges Preferred Against Hodges and Hill.

The case of the state vs. Hodges and Hill, accused on a charge of white slavery, was commenced this morning in circuit court. The jury for the case was impaneled last night and the evidence of the prosecution is being heard today.

The case of Lund vs. Mahaffey was decided yesterday afternoon, when the jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendant. This case was a suit for damages instituted by Mrs. Lund against Mr. Mahaffey as the result of the cancelling by Mahaffey of the lease under which Mrs. Lund operated the Oregon rooming house. The jury's verdict denies the claim for damages.

E. E. O. chapter was delightfully entertained by Mrs. Vincent Palmer, on Friday afternoon. After a business meeting a social hour was enjoyed and a delicious two course luncheon was served. Those in attendance were: Mesdames Wade, Kiddle, Bryanton, Stanchfield, Bidwell, H. K. Knowles, Clark, Wright, Moe and Carrey.

WILL ADVANCE ON PETROGRAD

SEVENTY-FIVE REGIMENTS ARE
FORMED IN FINLAND.

Object Is the Overthrow of Bolsheviki, Who Are Said to Be Leaving the Capital.

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 11.—An army of seventy-five regiments has been formed in Finland to march on Petrograd and overthrow the Bolsheviki, says a dispatch from Helsingfors today. The Bolsheviki are said to be evacuating Petrograd.

AUTO CONCERN HAS NEW LINE

GALLOWAY-REES HANDLE HUDSON AND ESSEX CARS.

New Lines Will be Fully Represented Within a Few Days at Company's Sales Rooms.

The Galloway-Rees company have enlarged their business by the Hudson and Essex automobiles, also International Trucks and Moline tractors. From their past record and reputation in this section these lines will add many sales to the business this year. It was necessary to enlarge the sales force which has been done by engaging the services of Mr. J. L. Alvord, who for the past four and a half years was a sales manager for the Saxon Motor Sales company. He assisted in pioneering other lines through the country which gives him a wide acquaintance in this section.

These lines will be fully represented here in a few days as they are unloading a car of Hudson and Essex cars. The Essex will be on display in a few days.

LA GRANDE WILL BE REPRESENTED

DELEGATES ARE APPOINTED TO
PEACE MEETING AT
PORTLAND

The Oregon branch of the National League to Enforce Peace have chosen A. W. Nelson, along with a number of others from La Grande as delegates to attend the League of Nations Congress in Portland February 16th, and 17th. This congress will be addressed by ex-president William H. Taft, Dr. A. Lawrence Lowell, president of Harvard University, ex-ambassadors Dr. Henry Van Dyke and Henry Morgenthau; Hon. Frank P. Walsh and other eminent men and speakers of national importance.

Some of the delegates will be unable to attend this great gathering of nobles, however, and it is requested that any other citizens going to Portland at that time or who are willing to go as delegates from this city, will call at Mr. Nelson's office and secure credentials. The war chest of this district and the community itself can not afford to be unrepresented at this meeting, he thinks. Those who attend must pay their own expenses, Mr. Nelson says, but looking over the names of the men who are to speak there it becomes apparent that the trip will amply repay one taking it.

BIBLE SAID 1500 YEARS OLD

BREMERTON, Wash., Feb. 11.—A Bible, estimated by authorities to be 1500 years old, worn by the touch of devout hands through all these years, yet clear and legible, has come into the hands of the Rev. W. E. Atkinson, secretary here for the industrial Y. M. C. A. The bible was used in an Armenian monastery. The pages of the volume are of papyrus, and it is bound in leather.

Grand Chancellor Fred Johnston, of Astoria, and Walter G. Gleason, of Portland, grand keeper of the records and seal, who paid an official visit to the local K. P. lodge last night, left this morning for Walla Walla to attend a regional conference of the order there.

WEDNESDAY FORECAST
FEB. 11.—Probably rain.

PEOPLE OF BERLIN ARE INDIGNANT

MASS MEETING HELD SUNDAY
TO PROTEST AGAINST AC-
TION OF ENTENTE

GERMANY WANTS PRISONERS
RETURNED TO FATHERLAND

Charge Is Made That the Allies Have Broken Their Promise to the German Armistice Delegates in the Matter of Repatriation of Prisoners of War.

BERLIN, Feb. 11.—Thousands of persons attended a mass meeting in Berlin on Sunday to protest against the entente inaction in withholding German prisoners. At the same time thousands of circulars sent out were signed by the People's league, charging the entente with having broken their promise to the German armistice delegates to repatriate the German prisoners in allied countries.

TO BRING HOME DEAD

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Plans for bringing home the bodies of all officers, sailors and marines now buried on foreign soil are being worked out by the navy department and the actual work will be undertaken within the next few months. The wishes of relatives, however, will govern not only as to the return of the bodies but also as to their final disposition. Those brought home either will be sent forward for private interment or buried with military honors in the Arlington, or some other national cemetery as the relatives may decide.

ONE FRENCHMAN
A "DISSENTER"

PARIS, Feb. 11.—"France has the right to raise her voice to address public opinion." This was the declaration made in the Echo de Paris today by M. Pertinan, the foremost campaigner of that government, against certain governments represented at the peace conference.

"Great Britain and America shall pay for their errors made possible through their idealism, half of which is electoral flattery and magnetism, and the other half is egotistical commercialism," the statement concluded.

SICK MOTHER SEEKING SON

FORMER LA GRANDE BOY IS
WANTED IN CALIFORNIA

Mrs. M. Ortiz Asks for News of Son, Fred, Who Left Here Six Weeks Ago to Go to Ger.

Fred Ortiz, a one-time employee of J. D. Lynch, in this city, and who later worked on the O. W., is being sought by his mother, Mrs. Ortiz, of El Monte, Calif., who is critically ill. Young Ortiz left La Grande about six weeks ago and it was expected that he was going to El Monte to see his mother. He has never arrived, however, and the mother is now very anxious about him. Any person who may have any information as to the whereabouts of Ortiz is requested to communicate at once with A. W. Nelson, La Grande, or with Mrs. M. Ortiz, El Monte, Calif.

TO GIVE SOLDIERS WORK

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 11.—Denver property owners must foot the bill for taking care of returning soldiers who fail to find jobs awaiting their homecoming. The city council has voted to put all soldiers who apply for jobs to work on street improvements and to assess property owners for the bill. A bill has been set for the amount of work to be done.

ASK RETURN OF HOSPITAL UNIT

BUSINESS MEN OF CITY HOPE TO
GET RESULTS.

Petition Signed and Forwarded to Washington to Have Return of Local Boys Expedited.

A petition urging that the La Grande hospital unit be returned to this country from Germany as soon as possible has been circulated among the business men of the city and the names of all of them secured upon it recently. Judge Crawford of Crawford & Eakin, is handling the instrument and has sent it to Senator George Chamberlain at Washington, with a request that he use his influence there to have the war department act upon it immediately.

There are about eighty-two local boys with the unit. There is no doubt that they want to get home as quickly as they can, and it is an undisputed fact that La Grande wants them back. Many of them are high school boys whose parents are anxious for them to return to their business of getting an education without further loss of time, and there are many others whose former employers are keeping their positions open for them. The opinion is pretty generally expressed that the necessity for the boys' continued presence in Europe no longer exists, and it is strongly hoped that the action taken by the business men will get quick results.

NEW BUILDING FOR LA GRANDE

QUIET PERIOD IN CONSTRUCTION IS AT LAST BROKEN

Julius Roesch Will Expend \$40,000 on Garage on the Corner of Adams and Fir.

The last vacant corner in La Grande's business section is to be occupied by a substantial new building. At the same time the only building anterior to any construction in La Grande since the beginning of the war with Germany will be concurrently inaugurated. Julius Roesch is the owner of the property. The new building will be a garage 150x110 feet with a 110x120 foot basement. This will match the 90x110 feet garage building adjoining which was constructed by Mr. Roesch for J. E. Hilton in 1917.

The cost of the new structure will be about \$40,000 and this is in addition to a considerable investment heretofore made on that corner. In 1906 Mr. Roesch spent \$2000 on excavation and for re-inforced sidewalk and rear wall. The intention at that time was to put up a three story brick building but the plan was abandoned.

Mr. J. L. Mars, who has superintended all of Mr. Roesch's building enterprises since the year 1908, will superintend this structure.

WIDOW IS CLERK OF COURT

LAWTON, Okla., Feb. 11.—"My husband lies beneath the hills of France; a vote for me will be an expression of your patriotism and a substantial reward for what he did—he sacrificed his home, family and life for the good of all."

Upon this simple platform, printed upon postcards bearing the pictures of herself and two small children, Mrs. Lizzie Gibson was elected clerk of the District Court of Comanche county on the Republican ticket. She is the first Republican to fill this office.

"STILLBORN" 400 COUPLES

WEBB CITY, Mo., Feb. 11.—Justice of the Peace W. M. Wright claims the state and middle-west championship as the "marrying-judge" having recently performed his four hundredth marriage ceremony. He has been in office less than four years. Judge Wright has presented each hundredth couple with an substantial present, and presented each hundredth couple less than a year.

CHARGED WITH "CUSSING"

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 11.—As she cannot speak a word of English, Madeline Maggio, Italian woman, was arrested for "cussing" neighbors and the constable.

PREPARE TO ENTERTAIN OUR HEROES

MASS MEETING CALLED FOR
THURSDAY NIGHT AT
CITY HALL.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF DE-
FENSE FATHERS MOVEMENT

Many Soldiers Now Returning and County Wide Organization to be Perfected to Welcome Them—Famous Fighters Soon to Come Through La Grande on Way to Camp Lewis.

With the intent of forming a countywide organization for the purpose of welcoming the boys of the late war who are now homeward bound chairman T. J. Scroggin of the County Council of Defense has issued a call for a meeting to be held in the city hall Thursday evening for the purpose of perfecting a county organization.

It is the intent of the County Council of Defense to give the boys a rousing welcome and a word of cheer as they pass through La Grande to the different cantonments for demobilization. Already it is known that within a few days several trainloads of the best fighting men in the world will pass through La Grande on their way from Europe to Camp Lewis. It is also understood that the train schedule permits an hour's stay in this city during which time the flags must be flying, the bands must be playing and the people extending the glad hand to the boys who went forth at the call of their country and made the world a safer place to live in.

And, too, it will not be so very long until our boys of the Hospital unit—they who have acquitted themselves in the most noble manner—will arrive from overseas. Then is when La Grande and all Union county will celebrate as the people have never celebrated before. In order to have some system to this needful and desirable celebrating from time to time there must be organization and Chairman Scroggin has hit upon the right idea of calling a meeting for Thursday night where everyone is welcome and at that meeting things will be whipped into shape to make a permanent institution of the celebration committee.

This is a county wide movement and the fact must not be overlooked that representatives from all parts of the county are requested to be present and take part. The general committee will likely cover the entire county and each community will be represented.

Be at the meeting in the city hall at 7:30 Thursday evening and stay until the work is done. There is plenty to do for everyone and everyone is anxious to do his part.

The new O. W. band has expressed a willingness to aid in this work. It is one of the reasons for the organization being made and the boys are practicing regularly with the band for the purpose of the soldiers. From Elgin, Union, Cove and other points in the county comes the news that the people are ready to act the moment the word is given.

HUNDREDS TO BE DEPORTED

ALL THAT IS LACKING IS THE
SHIPPING FACILITIES.

Assurance of Deportation Given After Conference With Board of Labor.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Hundreds of anarchists and Bolsheviki will be deported from the United States, as soon as shipping facilities are available, Senator King of Utah assured the senate this afternoon, following conference with officials of the department of labor.

Dr. Van Wagoner, of Portland, will conduct services this evening in the Episcopal church in the city. A social invitation is extended to all to attend.