

WILSON IS PICTURED A RED LEADER

CHARACTERIZED BY SENATOR
POINDEXTER AS WORLD'S
GREATEST MENACE.

CAUSES THE DELAY IN RATIFICATION

Chief Executive is Styled as Greatest
Pro-German in the Country and
Was Forced in the War by Public
Opinion in Opposition to His Will—
a Rescuer of Dynamiters.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—President Wilson was characterized as "the world's greatest menace" in an address by United States Senator Miles PoinDEXTER, at a mass meeting of Queen's county Republicans, in Long Island today to celebrate the 65th anniversary of the founding of the Republican party.

The senator from Washington, after blaming the President for delaying the ratification of the peace treaty, said he was "the greatest pro-German in the country," and that his theory and suggestion regarding the democratization of industry had encouraged radical labor leaders to attempt to bring about a "dictatorship of the proletariat," which means the final overthrow of Republican form of government.

Referring to the President's statement that certain opponents of the peace treaty and the covenant were pro-German and Bolsheviki, Mr. PoinDEXTER entered a vigorous disclaimer, declaring at the same time that the President was forced into the war against the Germans by an irresistible public opinion, in opposition to his will and as late as 1918 to precipitate negotiated peace.

"The reds of the world look upon him as their leader," asserted PoinDEXTER. "His abuse of power in coming to the rescue of the dynamiters in California, the murderers in Utah, and in attempting to step aside in the punishment of these criminals, has justified the anarchists and revolutionists to look upon him as their leader."

ALL EX-SERVICE MEN TO MEET

AMERICAN LEGION MEETING ON
MONDAY AT 8:00 P. M.

All Men in Army, Navy, Marine or
S. A. T. C., and Women of the
Nursing Corps Invited.

The La Grande Post of the American Legion will meet at the city hall next Monday evening, September 29, at 8 o'clock.

This will be one of the most important meetings yet held, as there is important business to transact. The election of officers for the Post, the report of the committee which attended the state convention held last week in Portland, and various other matters of interest to all service men are to be taken up at the meeting next Monday evening.

More members are wanted. There are reasons why every man and woman who was in the service should join this organization. Anyone who was in the army, navy, marines, the E. A. T. C. or the nurse corps is qualified for membership in the Legion.

The American Legion wants you. The La Grande Post wants you. Bring as many ex-service friends as you can. Talk it up, tell everyone you see about the meeting, and let each and every person help to make the local Post the best and most active Post in the state. Be there next Monday evening.

GERMAN FORCES MUST EVACUATE

Associated Press to The Observer
PARIS, Sept. 27.—The supreme council has decided to send the German government, through the French, a note demanding the evacuation of Lithuania by German troops under drastic penalties for non-compliance.

ENGINEER REPORT NOT FAVORABLE

WATER SUPPLY FROM GRANDE
RONDE LAKES IS NOT CON-
SIDERED FEASIBLE.

WILL INVESTIGATE THE LOOKING GLASS

Special Engineer Kelsey Will Submit
Report Soon Covering the Entire
Water Situation Together With
Recommendations As to Plans For
Corrective Measures.

The city commission held a special session Friday evening in order to listen to the report of City Manager Collier, Water Superintendent Black, Special Engineer Kelsey and City Engineer Neal relative to their inspection of the Grande Ronde lakes. Their report after having visited the lakes was to the effect that the proposed plan of bringing the water from the lakes to the Beaver creek reservoir was not feasible. They reported that a pipe line of some 20 miles over a very rough mountain country would be necessary, and that a further argument against the possibility of securing a supply of water there was the unusable condition of the lake water. According to the investigating party the water is badly contaminated with algae and decayed vegetable matter, and is totally unfit for domestic use. Engineers Kelsey and Neal also made their report of the results of their visit to the Looking Glass. They were favorably impressed with the conditions found there. They found ample water of an unquestionable purity. The only question is as to bringing it to the city. Engineer Kelsey was instructed by the commission to have a survey made to determine the length of the pipe line necessary to reach La Grande, and to determine the possibility of a gravity system and also the probable cost of the project. Engineer Kelsey informed the commission that he would submit a written report in the near future covering the entire water situation together with suggestions and recommendations for corrective measures. The engineers were also instructed to take measurements below the junction of the forks of Beaver in order to determine the actual flow of water. The present pipe line connects with Beaver creek above the forks and a considerable portion of the creek is valuable to the water system under the present plan.

VOLCANIC DUST COVERS OREGON

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
PORTLAND, Sept. 27.—Volcanic
ashes or dust is falling on the city
and other localities in Oregon. The
cause is unknown.

NORTH POWDER FAVORS ISSUE

RANCHERS REALIZE NEED OF
IMPROVEMENT

People Have Been Paying Mud Tax
for Their Roads, Want Some-
thing Good

The road bond election to be held on Saturday, October 11, is uppermost in the minds of the farmers and ranchers of the country. It is the ranchers who most realize the need of road improvement throughout the county and in most sections they are making an extensive campaign in an effort to explain away anything that may stand in the way of a vote in favor of the bonds. One of the principal reasons for the vote in favor of the bonds at this time, is that road work planned will be under way within a short time. By voting, this bond issue is accepted, Union county will be on the Oregon Trail highway. This road is almost a nationally known thoroughfare and the people of the county cannot afford to have its present course changed as to be a mere back alley.



ADELINA PATTI DIED IN WALES

WAS FOR FORTY YEARS THE
QUEEN OF SINGERS

Began in Lowly Surroundings and
Won the Admiration of Kings,
Emperors and Potentates

LONDON, Sept. 27.—Adelina Patti, prima donna, died this morning at Craig-y-Nos Castle, Penycast, South Wales.

Mme. Adelina Patti reigned for forty years as queen of singers. Her marvelous voice thrilled the greatest contemporaries of her day. The elder Dumas, the French dramatist, once said to her:

"Being a man and a Christian, I love to listen to your singing; but if I were a bird I would die of envy." "She had tones so beautiful," said one eminent musical critic, "that they seemed to gush spontaneously from the very fountain-spring of vocal youth."

Mme. Patti inherited her talent. "I am a child of the stage," she had said, "being born during an operatic season at Madrid, Spain, in 1843. My father Salvatore Patti, a Sicilian, was a good tenor singer. My mother, a Roman, became a famous artist as Signora Barilli—the name of her first husband."

Dwindling finances sent the Patti family to New York when Adelino, whose birth name was Adela Juana Maria Patti, was a baby. When she was seven years old, her parents suddenly became destitute.

"In the emergency," the singer said, "my mother considered that I had extraordinary vocal talent, and at upon the idea of bringing me out in concert. And so I sang and soup was bread for the family."

The child made her debut at Tripple Hall, in New York, singing arias from the "Barber" in 1850. She was the juvenile prodigy of the day, and nearly ruined her voice by overwork. She appeared again at the age of 12. After a tour through the West Indies, she withdrew to prepare for a greater career.

At the age of 16 she appeared in the Academy of Music, New York, in her first opera role, "Lucia di Lammermoor." Her wonderful soprano roused the audience to the wildest enthusiasm, and her fame swept the country. At this time she was earning \$100 a week.

She repeated her conquest as Aminta in "La Sonnambula" in Covent Garden, London, in 1861. Her salary had increased to \$175 a month.

It was the beginning of a dazzling conquest on all Europe. Royalty entertained her and poured her favors. The populace besieged her hotels and theaters. Men in all stations of life wooed her, but she brushed them aside with a laugh and trill. She finally capitulated at the age of 25 to Henri, Marquis de Launay, a French nobleman. They separated after a few years. Mme. Patti finally securing a divorce in 1870, married a French nobleman, but not being satisfied with him, she married a third time, to a man named...

LEG FRACTURE CAUSES DEATH

EVAN PEEBLER, AGED FIFTEEN,
SUCCUMBED YESTERDAY.

Evan, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. "Dick" Peebler, of Ladd Canyon, died yesterday at noon following an accident in which he suffered a compound fracture of the right leg. The accident happened on August 19, on the George Conley ranch in Cove, when the boy's clothing was caught in a harvester combine and his leg was fractured in two places. He was taken to the Hot Lake sanatorium and seemed to be recovering in a normal way, but later developments necessitated further surgical attention and two operations were performed which the vital strength was not sufficient to overcome.

The remains were brought to the home at Ladd Canyon tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The interment will be in the Masonic cemetery.

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RAILROAD MAN FAVORS BONDS

ENGINEER W. R. PARKER BE-
LIEVES GOOD ROADS BENE-
FIT ALL

From Railroad's Standpoint, Wants
Good Roads Because They Make
for Increased Tonnage

Walter R. Parker is one of La Grande's prominent O. W. R. & N. Engineers, a member of the B. of L. E. No. 362 and a resident taxpayer of La Grande for the past sixteen years. Mr. Parker has always been active in all community affairs and at this time takes a decided stand in favor of the good roads and advances a sound argument why his brother railroad men should favor the bond issue.

I have been a resident of La Grande for the past sixteen years, all of which time I have been a taxpayer. Therefore I feel that I have a right to exhibit an interest in the movement looking toward good roads.

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STRIKE IN ENGLAND IS DENOUNCED

PREMIER LLOYD GEORGE DELIV-
ERS CONCISE OPINION ON
THE SUBJECT.

SAYS IT IS NOT FOR IMPROVED CONDITIONS

Dissatisfaction Is Alleged to Be En-
gineered by a Small But Active
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Labor Organizations With Subver-
sive End in View.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—Premier Lloyd George in a statement on the nationwide railway strike, said: "The precipitancy of this action gives the impression of a deliberate and matured intention on the part of some individuals to seek a quarrel at any cost."

The premier further declared: "It has convinced me that it is not a strike for wages or better conditions. The government believes that it has been engineered by a small but active body of men who have wrought tirelessly and insidiously to exploit labor organizations for subversive ends."

Railroad Traffic Tied Up.
London, Sept. 27.—The most far-reaching strike Great Britain has ever experienced is in full operation today. Virtually all railroad traffic in the kingdom has struck. Transportation in London and other cities has been interrupted.

Two great railroad organizations, the national union of railroad men and the society of engineers and firemen have stopped work. The miners' and transport workers' union, the latter include the dock workers, are expected to help them.

The English channel steamers and the railroads will be tied up, cutting off England's communication with the outside world, to a large degree.

The effect on business is already disastrous. Shops and offices being run with partial forces. Many miners have been unable to get to work. The shortage of coal and supplies may close all factories.

The system of food distribution and mail service is in a disrupted condition, but the government expects to have them in operation soon.

HE NEEDS REST SAYS GRAYSON

CONDITION OF THE PRESIDENT
IS ABOUT THE SAME.

Hopes to Be Able to Welcome King
Albert in New York Friday But
May Be Restrained.

ABOARD THE PRESIDENT'S
SPECIAL, Sept. 27.—The President is feeling "about the same," Admiral Grayson, his attending physician, reports. There is nothing alarming, but absolute rest for a considerable time is insisted upon. His illness is largely due to an attack of influenza in Paris last April, Grayson declared. The President hopes to go to New York Friday to welcome King Albert. Other members of the party think that this is unlikely.

Benefited by Sleep.
On Board President Wilson's Special Train, Sept. 27.—Although he has been kept awake for several hours, President Wilson's condition showed no important change tonight, while the special train on which he made his interrupted tour was approaching Washington.

Late in the afternoon, Dr. Cary T. Grayson, personal doctor of the President, issued the following bulletin: "The condition of the President this afternoon shows no very material change since this morning, but he has been benefited from the sleep and rest of the early hours of the day."

Will Not Meet King.
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UNCLE SAM GETS EIGHT BIG SHIPS

ALL ARE GERMAN LINERS TEM-
PORARILY ALLOCATED TO
GREAT BRITAIN.

LAI IN GERMAN PORTS DURING THE WAR PERIOD

Will Be Used By United States As
Passenger, Mail and Freight Lin-
ers to Great Britain, Europe and
South America—All Are Now In
American Ports.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—Eight former German liners allocated to the United States after the armistice, including the Imperator, the second largest vessel afloat, are to be turned over to the shipping board by the war department. The British ministry of shipping had expected the Imperator to be turned over to its agents today and the vessel was already promised to the Cunard Line for service between New York and England. The decision to change the plans was made last night.

The ships were used as transports and England had claimed their allocation only temporarily and that they should revert to the allied shipping pool for permanent allocation. The shipping board, however, holds the original assignment as permanent.

All are huge liners which laid in German ports during the war. They are all now in ports of the United States. They will be used in establishing new freight, mail and passenger lines, presumably to Great Britain, the European continent and to South America.

WILL ATTEMPT TO OPEN MILLS

OHIO STEEL PLANT WILL TRY
TO RESUME OPERATION.

Workmen Take a Vote to Return to
Their Places When "Proper
Time" Has Arrived.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Sept. 27.—Following a canvass of employees as they received their pay today, officials of the Ohio works of the Carnegie Steel company announced that they would make an attempt Monday to reopen their mills. This marks the first effort at resumption in Mahoning valley. The employees of the Ohio works voted straight 82 to 29 to return to work when the "proper time presents itself."

Bethlehem Strike Ordered.
PITTSBURGH, Sept. 27.—The national committee for organizing the iron and steel workers ordered a general strike in the plants of the Bethlehem Steel company, effective Monday. It is expected to affect from 40,000 to 50,000 workers.

STORM STOPS FIRES
IN MONTANA.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

MISSOULA, Mont., Sept. 27.—A snow storm ended all danger of forest fires in western Montana, according to an announcement made by the forestry officials, following receipt of advices today saying that the storm was general.

The menace to the Thompson Falls water supply was reported past and all other fires were reported out.

TWO WERE KILLED ON LOGGING ROAD

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

SEATTLE, Sept. 27.—Two men were killed and two seriously injured when a logging train on the May Valley Logging company's road to Coalfield ran away late today. The train vaulted over an embankment at a short curve and fell into a gully 50 feet below.