

## INCREASE IN WAGES IS OFFERED

FUEL CONDITIONS BECOMING MORE SERIOUS AS WAGE WRANGLE CONTINUES.

### TWENTY PERCENT RAISE CLAIMED INADEQUATE

Colorado Commission Makes Attempt to Head Off Renewal of Coal Strike in that Field—Little Hope Maintained for Increased Production Outside West Virginia

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—An increase in wages of fifteen cents to twenty per cent over the existing schedule to become effective immediately if the coal miners return to work was offered the miners by the operators at the wage scale meeting today. John L. Lewis, acting president of the workers, said the increase was inadequate.

CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—Regional directors of railroads today had a free hand in the dealing with the curtailment of essential industries and unnecessary passenger tariff. Extraordinary efforts to conserve the nations steadily diminishing coal supply will be made. Except in the West Virginia fields there was little hope for increased production.

DES MOINES, Nov. 20.—Governor Harding prepared messages today to the governors of the other coal producing states, suggesting that a conference at which the question of concerted action toward the resumption of mining under state control would be discussed.

DENVER, Nov. 20.—The Industrial Commission of Colorado today moved to stop a new strike of Colorado coal miners scheduled for tomorrow, when it invited the representatives of the miners, and operators to confer here late today. Both sides have accepted.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Proponents of a coal famine drew nearer Wednesday night with negotiations between operators and miners apparently at a standstill.

A sub-committee of the joint wage scale committee discussed the general situation for three hours but it was said that the operators did not submit counter proposals to the miners' demands.

"We are still in a receptive mood," said John L. Lewis, acting president of the United Mine Workers.

The operators' committee remained in session an hour longer, after which Thomas T. Brewster, chairman of the operators' committee, in the central competitive field, spoke optimistically.

The decision of the joint wage scale conference to continue its negotiations through a smaller group came after the owners and workers had heard from Fuel Administrator Garfield that as long as the government stands "the people of the United States need, must have, and will have coal, and they will not be prevented by anything the operators and miners may do."

The consuming public, Doctor Garfield said, is not in a mood to tolerate either excessive prices or prolonged stoppage of production.

The statement of the fuel administrator, which was largely statistical, brought out that in 1918 the average cost of production of coal was \$2.15 a ton, leaving a profit to the operators an average margin of 45 cents a ton.

## GRAND JURY INDIGTS 22

ALLEGED I. W. W.'S CHARGED WITH SYNDICALISM.

Said to Be the First Time Indictments Have Been Returned Under This Act.

(By Associated Press to The Observer.) PORTLAND, Nov. 20.—The county grand jury indicted twenty-two alleged Industrial Workers, charged with criminal syndicalism. The men were arrested last night.

The central trouble is said to be the first time that indictments have been returned under a criminal syndicalism act, which membership in the I. W. W. is the basis for action.

## SPEEDERS HAVE NEAR ACCIDENT

RECKLESS DRIVING OVER FIR STREET CROSSING.

Failure to Heed Railroad Guards—Becoming Serious Situation, Police Take Hand.

Several persons narrowly escaped injury the past few days through careless driving over the railroad crossing at Fir street. Although two switchmen are employed by the railroad to tend this crossing both day and night, some members of the public are in such a hurry that they pay little attention to the guards. As a result both guards are complaining to the chief of police.

On Monday two cars came near meeting with a mishap. Both tried to beat the train to the track. The one just barely made it, while the other car driven by William Netberger, did not get across the track ahead of the train, collided with the engine and was dragged about 20 feet before the engine was able to stop. Tuesday afternoon another car dashed across the tracks when the train was coming and the guard had given notice for the car to stop. The onlookers said it was just sheer luck that the driver made it.

So dangerous has the situation become that the Chief of Police has announced that traffic laws in this section of the town must be observed as they would be on Adams avenue. For instance, the traffic law provides that travel going in one direction can only take up the right half of the street, while traffic going in the opposite direction is entitled to their half of the street. Lately, cars at the Fir street crossing have been taking up the whole street on both sides of the track, so that after a train has passed, there is little space to pass when they meet on the tracks. According to the chief, arrests will be made hereafter unless the cars are on their own side of the street, and the fines inflicted will be just the same as for other traffic violations.

## THRIFT CAMPAIGN NOW UNDER WAY

THE ELKS' COMMITTEE WRITES MANY PERSONAL LETTERS.

Union County Citizens Asked Again To Come to Front and Subscribe For War Savings Stamps.

The thrift campaign in Union county is progressing favorably, according to reports reaching the local committee of Elks who are assisting in the direction of the campaign. Oregon war loan organizations headquarters have recently written personally to every Union county resident, asking them to subscribe for more than \$500 of Liberty bonds in any of the five series and the local committee has sent out a letter to residents generally. The local letter reads:

"Oregon is \$5,000,000 short in her 1919 War Savings quota and we have but two months to raise this deficiency.

"Although we have always lead the nation in government financing, actual failure faced us unless every loyal citizen promptly responds to our government's appeal and buys liberally of government securities, which include:

\$100 Treasury Saving certificates cost in November \$84.10, in December \$84.60.

\$1000 treasury saving certificates cost in November \$884, in December \$884.

\$5.00 War Savings Stamps cost in November \$4.22, in December \$4.23.

These securities, if carried until their full maturity which is January 1, 1924, earn 4-1/2 per cent or if cashed in prior to that date they earn 5 per cent, in other words you can always cash them in at the post office upon ten days' notice and receive what you paid for them plus the interest. From the standpoint of investment there is no better.

"The act of raising our quota has been patriotically undertaken by the Oregon State Elks' Association and subordinate lodges, including La Grande.

"The limit which anyone can buy is \$1000 maturity value. Each member of a family may take \$1000 no matter how numerous a family, or how young the several members.

Moreover, anyone having the money may buy for father, mother, son, daughter, cousin, nephew, niece, etc. In case of a corporation, the corporation itself may take \$1000 and each officer of the corporation \$100. In case of partnership, each partner may take \$1000.

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## WARNING SENT MEXICAN

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—

Warning that further molestations of William O. Jenkins, state consular agent of Portland by the Mexican officials "will seriously affect relations between the United States and Mexico for which the government of Mexico must assume the sole responsibility" was sent to the Mexican government today according to an announcement tonight by the state department. Quoting notes sent the blue embassy at Mexico City, "the department announcement said the United States government was 'surprised and incensed on learning of the reprehensible conduct of the consular agent for alleged complicity in his own abduction recently.'"

Jenkins immediate release is called for and his rearrest characterized as absolutely arbitrary and unwarranted.

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DR. W. P. WHITE.

Large crowds have been turning out to hear Dr. W. P. White, one of America's greatest Bible teachers, who is here this week as the chief speaker for the Bible conference which is being held under the auspices of the La Grande Ministerial association. Dr. White speaks tonight at 7:30 at the Presbyterian church on the subject, "Thinking Through the Bible."

## LOCAL ENTRIES WIN RIBBONS

W. R. Ledbetter of Allied and G. S. Levy of La Grande, carried off a number of prize winning ribbons in the draft horse show, which was judged yesterday at Livestock Show in Portland. The draft horses were to be 1600 pounds or over. The result of this class was Maynard Flower, W. R. Ledbetter, Allied, first prize; Queen and Mary, O. A. C. second prize; Ledbetter and McKennon, Allied, third prize; and O. A. C.'s Ruby team, fourth prize.

In the Ladies Drivers class the result was Volante, Mrs. Roy M. Pike, first prize; Blondie, G. S. Levy, La Grande, second prize; Alice N. R. L. English, third; and Mrs. J. H. Murphy's Brigade, fourth.

## POSSEMEN ARE AFTER HANSEN

INDEPENDENCE COUNTRY IS BEING SCOUTED.

Fugitive Is Thought to Be in Hiding in Vicinity of Independence, At Centralia.

(By Associated Press to The Observer.) CENTRALIA, Nov. 20.—Search continued today for Ole Hansen, alleged Industrial Worker who is wanted in connection with the Armistice day murders. The posse is searching the vicinity of Independence, twelve miles north of here.

Hansen, who is said to have been with Bert Bland and Lauren Roberts at Seminary hill during the Armistice day shooting, is reported to be surrounded by a legion posse of ten men near Independence, about 12 miles from here, according to the announcement of Lieutenant Frank Vangilder, in command of American Legion posse here. It was in a shock near Independence that Bert Bland was captured yesterday.

Through the widespread search for suspects in connection with the Armistice day attack, when four ex-service men were slain by ambushed radicals in the streets of Centralia, the territory for many miles around has practically been swept clean of I. W. W. men and propagandists, and the jails of Centralia and Chehalis hold a majority of the men actually wanted on charges of participation in the crime.

## LECTURES ON BIBLE HISTORY

DR. W. P. WHITE SPEAKS TO INTERESTED AUDIENCE.

Traces Old Bible Testament Back to Time of Christ—Saying Christ Had Used It.

In his lecture last evening at the Presbyterian church, Dr. W. P. White, noted Bible teacher, traced the old Bible Testament back to the time of Christ and stated that Christ had it and used it and had put his stamp of approval on the whole of the Old Testament, but particularly on those parts which are now attacked by higher critics.

Dr. White said "The original manuscripts (to which we now have access) were God-breathed. The holy men of the old world wrote as moved by the Holy Ghost." According to Dr. White, all scripture is given by the inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction and for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, and thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

The Bible is absolutely authority, according to Dr. White, not only on religious but on every question with which it deals. "This book is complete on religion and needs no supplement. This book does not contain

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## SIBERIAN UPRISING QUELLED

REVOLUTIONARY FORCES AT VLADIVOSOK ARE DEFEATED.

### REVOLUTION LEADER HAS BEEN CAPTURED

Two Day Battle Ended With Capture of General Galda—Revolutionists Have Been Driven From Every Point of Vantage by Government Troops After Heavy Fighting.

VLADIVOSOK, Nov. 20.—The revolutionary forces which for two days have attempted to obtain control here were completely defeated by the government troops Tuesday. General Galda, the revolutionary leader, was wounded and captured. His followers were driven from every point of vantage by the government troops. There was much fighting, approximately five thousand shots being fired around the railway station. The casualties are not heavy for the amount of fighting. The American Red Cross are caring for fifty-eight wounded. It is reported that a similar uprising occurred in the Trans-Baikal region.

## WILSON CALLS NEW MEETING

Session Will Open December First With 17 Former Officials and Business Men Present.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—President Wilson today appointed a new industrial conference and called it into session here December first. The conference will be composed of seventeen men, including government officials and business men, former members of the cabinet and former governors of states. It will carry on the work undertaken by the national industrial conference, which foundered on the rock of collective bargaining.

### LABOR UNION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS FOR YEAR 1920

The La Grande lodge of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way and Railroad Shop Labor have elected officers for the year 1920, as follows: President, D. W. McCalland; vice-president, Roy Fowler; social secretary, Everett E. Walker; recording secretary, George Blair; chaplain, G. W. Dolbow; inside guard, William E. Roy; outside guard, Harry Elman; warden, H. D. Rendell; conductor, Pembroke Walker; journal agent, A. B. Lamb.

The La Grande lodge is one of the largest lodges of this kind on the O. W. system, having a membership of between 250 and 300.

## LAST FOOTBALL GAME FRIDAY

LA GRANDE WILL PLAY ELGIN AT 2:30 O'CLOCK.

Game Will Settle Championship Team For Eastern Oregon—No Other Games Are Available.

Elgin, the last barrier that stands between the La Grande high school football team and the undisputed championship of Eastern Oregon, will play the latter team for these honors on the local high school field at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon.

For years La Grande has been a contender for the championship, but never has had a clear claim. Two years ago Pendleton and La Grande tied, while in 1915 Baker and La Grande played a 0 to 0 game for the championship. The local players are anxious to go through the season without a blemish against their, so far, good record and they will play one of the best contests of the season.

It is hoped that the field will be dry as it is on such that the La Grande team is at its best, and while they are not strictly dry field players, nevertheless their style of play is much more adapted to these conditions. Practically every man on the team is in good physical condition and can be counted upon to give their best. Elgin has a heavy team of experienced players and they have been practicing all year with the idea to beat La Grande. Ghent, who two years ago was one of the mainstays on La Grande's team, is playing a halfback and is captain of the team. They also have two tackles that weigh considerable over 180 pounds.

Unless arrangements are made later on this evening, this may be the last game of the season as Jefferson, winner of the championship in Portland, are under contract to play Baker, and no other team that has any claim or the state honors is available.

## MACCABEES HAVE BIG DAY

MANY LADIES COME FROM PENDLETON.

One Hundred and Thirty Women Enjoy Work Put On By Lodge Yesterday.

The La Grande Review of the Women's Benefit Association of the Maccabees yesterday entertained the Pendleton Review at the K. of P. hall. The La Grande Review officers and guard met the Pendleton visitors at the depot and marched them to the hall, where a banquet was served at noon.

In the afternoon the first degree work was given to thirty candidates, four of them from Pendleton, and in the evening the candidates received the second degree work. A supper was given to the ladies at 6 o'clock.

About 3 o'clock in the afternoon Photographer Ritter was called to the scene and a picture was taken of all of the officers.

The officers of the Pendleton Review who attended the ceremonies were Mesdames Hattie Ferguson, Mary Kirkpatrick, Mary Hassell, Alice Kreibiel, Alice O'Daniel, Hattie Davis, Susan Payne, Martha Grondick, Louise Lampkin, Lucille McFarland, Maude Dunham, Nellie Rigby.

The captain, Mrs. Jim Dunham, and her guards were Mesdames Hattie Smith, Tiller Walters, Charles Bloom, Emma Rybee, Eva Charrar, Omier Bousinger, William Bowman, Jim Morton, B. B. Wright, Will Daniel, Dave Rogers, Jess McGee, Perry Houser, Hartman Long, Frank Brown, Charles Conroy, Leta Taylor, W. H. Davis, Nellie Davis, Ed. Stansberry.

The four candidates from Pendleton were Mesdames Opal May, Martha Delz, Myrtle Wendt and Miss Rita Ferguson.

Other visitors here for the day included Mrs. Pauline Moore Riley, of Portland; Mrs. M. D. Eastman, of Soda Springs, Idaho, Review No. 5; Mrs. M. A. Faulk, of Sacramento, California, Review No. 5; Mrs. M. G. Gallagher, of Albert Lee, Minnesota, Review No. 28. About 100 were present at the afternoon meeting. Last year the national order of the Maccabees gained 3000 in membership in 12 months time. It is perhaps the only organization which was organized by women, for women, and which has been run only by women. The order has a reserve fund of over \$12,000,000 and since its organization has paid out over \$17,000,000 in claims. Mrs. Bina M. West, of Port Huron, Michigan, supreme commander, has been given many congratulations for her successful work in the order of the women.

(By Associated Press to The Observer.) CASPER, Wyo., Nov. 20.—William Carlisle, the train bandit, entered the Western Union office here today and filed a message to the Union Pacific, thanking them for the haul he made from the passengers Tuesday night.

## DEADLOCK ON TREATY EXPECTED

SPECIAL SESSION OF CONGRESS IS LIKELY TO BE CALLED TO RATIFY PACT.

### WILSON WILL MAKE NO STATEMENT TODAY

Although Technical Conditions Between United States and Germany Remain the Same, the Failure of the Treaty Is Expected to Result in Steps to Restore Peace Basis.

(By Associated Press to The Observer.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Although not changing the technically existing relations between the United States and Germany by the senate failure to ratify the peace treaty, a special session is expected by the administration officials and diplomats to have an indirect result of some importance on steps now being taken to restore the world to a peace basis.

One of the first consequences, according to the view here, is likely to be the hastening of negotiations in Paris and to restore full commercial and diplomatic relations between the German powers which have ratified the treaty.

The fate of the treaty of peace with Germany and the league of nations, so far as the United States senate is concerned, is today again in the hands of President Wilson. The failure yesterday and last night of all efforts to have the treaty ratified in some form by the senate brought the situation just where it was six months ago when the pact was submitted to the senate, and technically peace is no nearer now than it was on Armistice day, over a year ago.

PARIS, Nov. 20.—Adjournment of the United States senate without ratification of the peace treaty created much surprise in peace conference circles, as Washington dispatches had suggested that some compromise was probable.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—President Wilson will have no statement to make on the failure of the senate to ratify the peace treaty, it was said today at the white house.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—After three ineffectual attempts to ratify the peace treaty had failed, the senate late last night gave up the attempt and laid the treaty aside.

All compromise efforts to bring ratification failed, the three resolutions of ratification all going own by overwhelming majorities. The Republican leaders apparently despairing of bringing two-thirds of the senate together for any sort of ratification then put in a resolution to declare the war at an end.

Two of the three ratification votes were taken on the resolution drafted by the Republican majority, containing reservations which President Wilson had told Democratic senators in a letter earlier in the day would mean nullification of the treaty. On each of the votes most of the Democratic supporters of the treaty voted against ratification.

The first vote on this resolution stood 39 for to 55 against. On the second vote taken after several hours of parliamentary wrangling in which the Democrats made vain efforts to win over some of the Republican group of mild reservationists, 41 senators voted in the affirmative and 51 in the negative.

The third vote was on a straight ratification.

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## At Last a Popular Fad



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## TRAIN ROBBER THANKS U. P.

WYOMING BANDIT SENDS MESSAGE TO UNION PACIFIC.

Files Telegram at Casper, Thanking Railroad For Toesday's Haul From Passengers.

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