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Allied Troops To March Into Germany

BANK AT HAINES IS ROBBED EARLY THIS MORNING

NO CLUES ARE LEFT BY EARLY MORNING VISITORS

VAULT IS BLOWN AND \$2200.00, MOSTLY IN SILVER, IS TAKEN—SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES ARE ALSO SAID TO BE MISSING.

HAINES, Mar. 7.—(Special to The Observer.)—The Bank of Haines was robbed this morning, \$2200, mostly in silver, being taken, and a number of safety deposit boxes stolen.

Up until late this afternoon, no clues had been found which would lead to the capture of the bandit or bandits. The theory advanced is that there were several implicated in the robbery, as the work done was too large for one man to accomplish in a few hours.

It is believed that the robbery occurred about 2:30 o'clock this morning, as residents heard a car about 3:30 o'clock.

The safe had not been opened, but the door of the vault had been blown.

Only yesterday, the bank had received a package of currency, and because of the time device on the safe, this currency could not be placed in the safe, and was laid on a shelf in the vault. This currency, with between \$2200 and \$2300 was taken. The Haines bank had on hand a large amount of silver, and unable to place it all in the safe, the overflow had to be put away in the vault. This morning when the bank officials arrived for work, they found their bank floor a mass of valuable papers, the robbers having discarded everything which they did not want to carry with them.

It is believed that no attempt was made to open the safe, the bandits finding plenty to keep them busy in the vault. Not content with the silver and currency taken, the contents were taken from twenty-five safety deposit boxes. As the bank authorities were not aware of what was in the deposit boxes, it is difficult to check up on the total loss.

That the work required some time, is shown by the large amount of damage done by the burglars, and it is this fact which leads to the belief that there were at least two or more doing the work.

The officials of the bank spent the day in straightening the mass of notes and other valuable papers which had been thrown on the floor, and late this afternoon, were just beginning to get the things which were not taken, back into their proper places.

The doors of the vault were ruined by the early morning visitors, besides the large amount of damage otherwise done.

GOVERNMENT GIVES THANKS

J. L. Cramer, secretary of the local Y. M. C. A., has been personally thanked by W. M. Lewis, director of savings division of the U. S. treasury department, for the splendid co-operation of the local organization in aiding the sale of government savings securities during the annual thrift week in January. A portion of the letter to Mr. Cramer follows:

"In anticipation of Thrift Week in January, it was our pleasure to furnish you with postcards and pamphlets relative to regular investment in government savings securities. You will therefore be interested to know that the sale of these small securities, thrift stamps, treasury savings stamps, and treasury certificates has steadily increased. Our reports is that more and more men in industries are taking advantage of this safe way of putting aside part of their earnings.

"We feel that the co-operation of the Y. M. C. A. has been a real factor in calling the attention of the people to treasury savings securities and we trust that such co-operation may continue.

J'ever Hear This?

By STRICKLAND GILLMAN

HAD START FOR THE WEEK.
Two murderers were on the road today ready for the final drop, into the beyond. One, with voice muffled by the black cap, said:
"What day of the week is this?"
The other answered, "It's Monday."
"Oh!" said the first, "This is a nice way to begin a week, ain't it?"

SECTIONS OF PETROGRAD ARE BURNING

SOVIET IS SENDING LARGE NUMBER OF TROOPS FROM MOSCOW TO PETROGRAD.

REBELS ARE PLANNING FRIENDLY RECEPTION

Warships Have Gone Up the Neva River and Have Landed Sailors in Petrograd, Where Part of the Garrison Has Joined the Revolutionists in Outbreak.

LONDON, March 7.—Many residential and business quarters of Petrograd are in flames, says a Helsingfors dispatch. The soviet government is sending a large number of troops from Moscow to Petrograd. The rebels are planning to extend a friendly reception, in hopes of winning them over.

Sailors Land in Petrograd.
PARIS, Mar. 7.—The Russian Bolshevik forces have been driven from Oranienbaum, 19 miles west of Petrograd, by the naval units from Kronstadt, says a Viborg dispatch. Warships have gone up the Neva river and have landed sailors in Petrograd, where part of the garrison has joined the revolutionaries. The rest of the garrison has retreated 30 miles to the southwest, where Leon Trotsky has his headquarters. The soviet leaders are terrified and Premier Lenin and War Minister Trotsky are preparing for flight, says a Reval dispatch.

DR. BLAKELY IS NEW ELKS' HEAD

BAKER, Mar. 7.—The annual election of the local lodge of Elks was held last week. Dr. C. L. Blakely was elected to serve as exalted ruler during the ensuing year.
Officers elected in addition to Dr. Blakely were: J. F. Metzger, esteemed leading knight; Connie Grabb, esteemed royal knight; W. M. Kelly, esteemed lecturer; W. S. Levens, secretary; O. H. P. McCord, treasurer; C. W. Baldwin, tiler; George H. Foster, trustee; Carl Silven, retiring exalted ruler was elected delegate to attend the national convention of Elks at Los Angeles in July.

SHORT CUT COSTS HIM A FIVE-SPOT.

Harry Galarneau cut across the lawn of the Greenwood schoolhouse on horseback Saturday afternoon. This morning he appeared in municipal court and paid a \$5 fine for having taken the short cut. The police are strict about enforcing the regulations against mutilating the lawn and were right on the job when Galarneau violated the regulations.

SCHOOL PROGRAM IS PLANNED

A school entertainment and basket supper will be held in the Old Fellowship Hall at Island City, Wednesday evening, March 9, beginning at 8 p. m. Mr. Gray and his helpers from La Grande will furnish part of the entertainment. There will be plenty of music and an admission of 50c and 50c will be charged. Supper will be 50c and 50c will be charged. The proceeds are to apply on the purchase of a photograph for the school.

ARMISTICE IS STARTED, U. S. HELPING

COSTA RICAN TROOPS WITHDRAW FROM PANAMA.

Armistice and Settlement of Boundary Question Is Being Negotiated Through U. S. Mediation.

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Mar. 7.—The armistice between Panama and Costa Rica and the settlement of the boundary's question, is being negotiated through the mediation of the United States, it has been announced.

Costa Ricans Withdraw.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7.—With the withdrawal of the Costa Ricans from the disputed Panama territory, armistice negotiations have begun, the state department has been advised.

FIRST MEETING UNDER NEW CLUB OFFICERS

The Ad Club will hold its first meeting under the direction of the newly elected officers of the club tomorrow noon in the Foley hotel. No speakers are scheduled for tomorrow but a general discussion of a number of important matters will probably take up the usual half hour following luncheon. The executive committee meets this evening at 7:30 in the office of the secretary, C. B. Miller, and it is probable that a report will be made to the club members tomorrow.

Important

The Observer says this is important. It is. It is by far the most important editorial that has appeared in this paper for years.

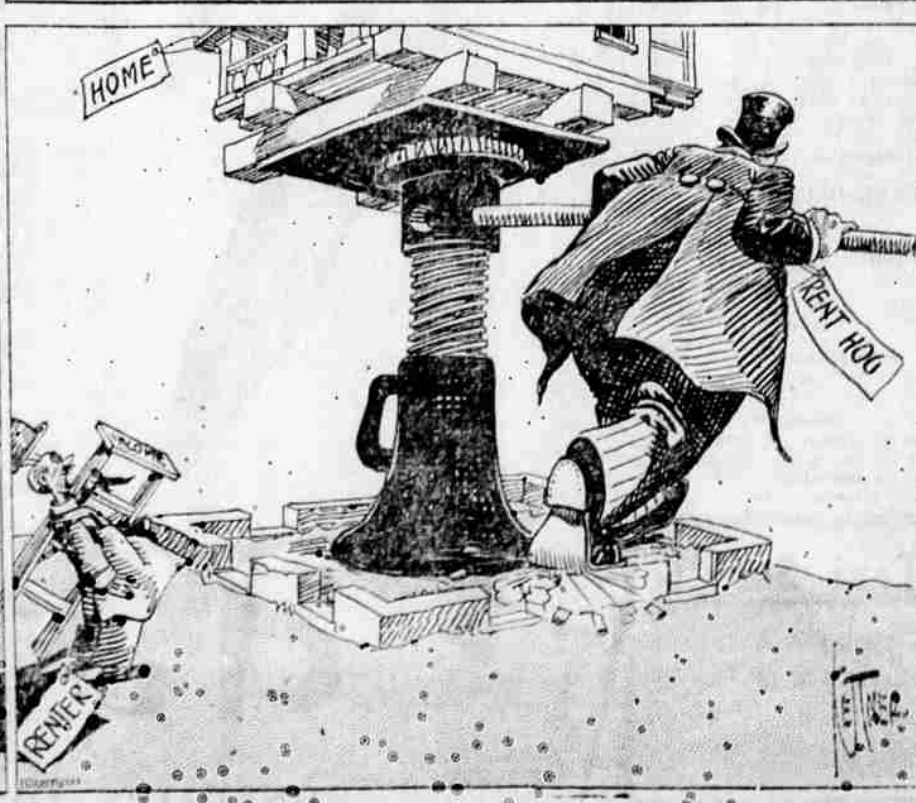
Listen to it:
La Grande has several hundred idle men, due to the financial depression—
These men are mostly home owners and citizens—as much citizens as any other people in the city—
La Grande business is very largely on a cash basis—
Continued lack of labor is going to cause suffering.

La Grande has many streets which in time will be graded and either graveled or paved—
Union county has over a million dollars in bonds voted for highway construction—

The time to do this public work is RIGHT NOW!
No argument can be offered to the contrary. Let us get busy as a community. Let us show what kind of stuff we are made of and improve the streets that need improving—
Start the rock crushers to work that are sitting idle over the county—
Get the graders to working—
Spend the money for public work now, which will eventually be spent, and thus tide over a period of depression which otherwise is proving a hardship.

Let the county, city, the Ad Club, the Farm Bureau, and every other agency join in this movement.

Jacking Them Up



Movement is in Accordance With Decision of Allies

GENERAL WOOD WILL STUDY CONDITIONS IN PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7.—Major General Wood has been assigned, at President Harding's request, to go to the Philippine Islands to study conditions there in the light of the Philippine aspirations for independence.

H. H. HUG IS SOLE OWNER

S. A. Patten has not only sold his home, but also his share in the Klean Kwik Grocery, the latter to H. H. Hug, who formerly owned the store, under the name of "Hug's Modern Grocery."

Mr. Hug wishes to thank the public for their patronage, and solicits a continuation of the same. We are passing through a crucial period just now, and he wants to co-operate with his patrons to make it as easy for them as is possible for him to do.

Penalties Will be Inflicted for Non-Fulfillment of Obligations

Decision to Apply Penalties Is Decided Upon This Afternoon, Following the Presentation of the German Proposals—Lloyd George Informs Dr. Simons, of German Delegation, That Postponement Would Not Be Justified.

LONDON, Mar. 7.—The allied troops will march into Germany tomorrow, in accordance with the decision of the allies to inflict penalties for the non-fulfillment of the reparations obligations, it has been officially announced.

The application of penalties to Germany for the non-fulfillment of the reparations requirements were decided upon by the allies this afternoon. This followed the presentation of the new German proposals. Dr. Walter Simons, head of the German delegation, had told the allies that the Germans had rejected the proposals formulated at Paris, and had decided to revert to the idea of provisional arrangements that they had advanced, calling for the payment of fixed annuities for the first five years. The Germans said they would have to ask a week's adjournment to consult their government, if they were required to make a proposal covering the total reparations.

Lloyd George informed the Germans that not only were the proposals by Dr. Simons today, unacceptable, but that notwithstanding the interval since last week's conference, the Germans had not made such an advance in their propositions as would justify postponement of the imposition of the penalties.

The plan as outlined is:
First—The occupation by the allied troops of Duisburg, Dusseldorf and Ruhrort.
Second—Each allied country will place a tax on German merchandise.
Third—The customs boundary along the Rhine under the allies' control will be established.

Zero Hour is Set.
PARIS, Mar. 7.—The allied troops are to occupy Dusseldorf, Duisburg and Ruhrort at daybreak tomorrow.

Miss Bessie Dwyer is to present instructive address at tomorrow's meeting in Star Theatre.

Tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 the Neighborhood club will present an interesting program at the Star theatre to which the public of La Grande is invited, no admission being charged. The opening number on the program will be a duet by Mrs. T. J. Scroggins and Mrs. F. M. Hovey, the piece being "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." The Neighborhood Club Sextette will also render two songs, "America the Beautiful," and "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean."

Following these numbers Miss Bessie A. Dwyer, who is the guest of Mrs. Geo. Cochran, will deliver an interesting and informative address on education in the Philippines, laying special stress on the wonderful progress made in the islands during the past few years under American administration.

Mrs. George Cochran will be chairman for the day. Preceding the meeting at the theatre a short business meeting will be held at the club's rooms in the library. This meeting will begin at 2 o'clock and will adjourn in time for all members to get to the theatre by 2:30.

JUDGE WAS TOO EASY ON THE PRISONERS

Saturday afternoon, J. J. Brooks and James McDonald were fined \$15 and costs each for being intoxicated the night before. Municipal Judge R. J. Kitchen was lenient and paroled them on condition that they behave themselves. The night was still young on Saturday, when both were again in the city jail, having failed to keep their parole and imbibed again. They are now working on the streets until their fine has been worked out at the rate of \$2 a day.

DR. MOORE FINED \$25 FOR
DRIVING CAR TOO FAST
Dr. C. E. Moore was fined \$25 and costs in municipal court Saturday afternoon for exceeding the speed limit. On February 13 Dr. Moore collided with that of Hattie Master's car, resulting in serious damage to the body of the car. The accident occurred at the corner of Spring and Fourth streets. He has taken an appeal from the decision of Municipal Judge R. J. Kitchen.

WEATHER FORECAST
Tonight and Tuesday, fair.