

EXPOSE OF PEACE WORK IS WRITTEN

ROBERT LANSING, FORMER SEC
RETARY OF STATE CRIT-
ICIZES WILSON.

ACCUSED OF AIDING IN SECRET DEALINGS

E-Secretary. In Book, Defends His
Course, But Declares That Wilson
Was Obsolete—Open Peace Ses-
sion Cut and Dried Beforehand,
According to Lansing.

BOSTON, Mar. 25.—Robert Lan-
sing, former secretary of state and
member of the American peace com-
mission, will reveal in his forthcom-
ing book on "The Peace Negotiations,"
which will be published by Houghton,
Mifflin Company, March 26, how close
he came to resigning from the commis-
sion because of differences with Presi-
dent Wilson over the Shantung de-
cision and his belief that many of the
terms of peace imposed on Germany were
harsh, humiliating and seemingly im-
possible of performance.

The publishers of this book, which
has been eagerly awaited by histori-
ans and the public, have carefully
guarded the text of the manuscript,
but they have permitted the general
trend of Mr. Lansing's argument to
become known.

President Wilson, according to Mr.
Lansing's belief, at one time during
the peace conference purposed to
negotiate a preliminary treaty which
would start the league of nations
functioning without laying the docu-
ment before the United States sen-
ate, and eventually was much per-
turbed when his secretary of state
told him that the only way to change
the status from war to peace was
by a ratified treaty or a joint resolu-
tion of congress.

Immediate Peace Was Need.
A profound conviction that im-
mediate peace was the primary need
of the world, Mr. Lansing implies, was
all that kept him from resigning from
the peace commission because of
fundamental disagreements with the
President on principles. The former
secretary discloses that in 1919,
shortly before a meeting in Wash-
ington of the League to Enforce
Peace at which the President was
to speak, Mr. Lansing wrote to
Mr. Wilson objecting to the use of
force to settle international disputes.
In this letter he pointed to the
menace to the Monroe Doctrine con-
tained in such a plan.

Alarmed at the complications of
war and foreign entanglements in
the guarantee of territorial integrity
and political independence of mem-
bers of the league, a guarantee that
finally was embodied in Article X
of the covenant, Mr. Lansing says
that at Paris he tried to have sub-
stituted a negative pledge that the
members would not infringe upon
each other's territorial integrity or
political independence. He became
convinced that Colonel Edward M.
House, then President Wilson's closest
adviser, was completely converted
with regard to this question.

It is in relation to Shantung, Mr.
Lansing discloses the sharpest dif-
ferences between himself and Presi-
dent Wilson. "Mr. Lansing gives as
his opinion that blackmail and bluff
by Japan impelled the President to
agree to surrender to that country
such rights in Shantung as before
the war were held by Germany and
automatically annulled when China
declared hostilities. In his opinion
only secret diplomacy made it pos-
sible for Japan to threaten to leave
the peace conference unless its de-
mands were granted, a threat Mr.
Lansing believed would not have
been executed because of the appre-
ciation by Japan that the benefits
of a new and powerful world pos-
ition could be retained only by mem-
bership in the league of nations.

Indignation Is Felt.
That other members of the Amer-
ican commission shared his view that
the Shantung decision as rendered
by the council of four was a flag-
rant wrong and were prevented from
resigning only by the critical condi-

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J'ever Hear This?

By STRICKLAND GILLILAN

See Him Yet?

The old gentleman's son, the apple
of his eye, was about due home for
a visit. Seeing a boom friend of
the boomed lad across the street, the
old gentleman called:
"Hello, Bill, seen George yet?"
"Not in George home."
"Comin' tomorrow, by gosh!"

LIEUTENANT IS SERIOUSLY HURT TODAY

ENGINE TROUBLE CAUSES HIS
PLANE TO FALL 75 FEET.

Aviator Was On Return Trip to San
Diego, California, After Trans-
continental Flight.

MONROE, La., Mar. 25.—Lieuten-
ant William D. Coney, of the army
air service, received probably fatal
injuries today, when his airplane
struck a tree while he was attempt-
ing to land near Crowville, La., on a
return flight from Jacksonville, Fla.,
to San Diego, Cal. The landing was
attempted after engine trouble had
developed. The plane fell 75 feet.
Lieutenant Coney's back is believed
broken.

Naval Balloon Lost.
PENSACOLA, Fla., Mar. 25.—Sea-
planes, a dirigible, and craft along
the coast are searching for a naval
balloon with five men, which left here
Tuesday night. The only hope is that
some vessel rescued the men in the
Gulf of Mexico.

WILL BRING BERGDOLL BACK IF POSSIBLE

WASHINGTON, Mar. 25.—"We are
going to get Grover C. Bergdoll if it
is possible," Secretary Weeks
declared today in discuss-
ing the case of the draft
evader now in Germany.

Weeks announced that
Brigadier General Allen
had made overtures to the
German government for
the pardoning of Carl Neuf
and Franz Zimmer, Ameri-
cans sentenced to prison for
attempting to arrest Berg-
doll. He said that Gen-
eral Allen expected the
men to soon be released.

GETS BY WELL IN EXAMINATION

DANIEL BOYD IS HOPEFUL OF
SECURING POST.

Enterprise Man Past Preliminary
Steps On Road to Diplo-
matic Career.

Daniel Boyd, of Enterprise, spent
last night in La Grande, arriving
from Washington, D. C., on No. 19
and leaving on the branch line for
his home this morning. Boyd is
glad to get back to Eastern Oregon
and is optimistic about his chances
for getting the job of U. S. minis-
ter to Nicaragua.

Secretary of State Charles Evans
Hughes gave Mr. Boyd an examina-
tion to determine his fitness for the
position and the latter feels that he
came through with flying colors.
Hughes wanted to know the extent
of Boyd's knowledge of the country
where he expects to go as represen-
tative of his government.

There is plenty of opposition to
Boyd for the post in Nicaragua, he
after going through the examination
smoothly he feels that the chances
for going down to the turbulent
southern republic and acting as
Uncle Sam's right hand man are
pretty good.

VICE ADMIRAL DENIES REPORT

SAYS JAPAN IS NOT TRYING TO
COMPETE WITH U. S.

Kato Insists Assertions Are "Pre-
posterous and Absurd," and
Japan Working Alone.
TOKIO, Mar. 25.—Vice Admiral
Kato, minister of marine, declared
in an interview with the Associated
Press, that the assertions that the
Japanese naval program was being
followed for the purpose of com-
peting with the United States navy,
were "preposterous and absurd." He
said the program formulated was so
Japan could be defended against the
emergencies arising in the Far East.

HOSPITAL UNIT NEEDED FOR GUARD

ADJUTANT GENERAL WHITE
MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT AT
SALEM TODAY.

LA GRANDE MAY BE
CHOSEN AS LOCATION

Oregon National Guard Needs Only
the One Hospital Unit Before June,
and Adjutant General Says That It
Will Doubtless Be Located in La
Grande.

SALEM, Mar. 25.—The Ore-
gon National Guard, according to
Adjutant General White, now
needs only one hospital unit to
complete the allocations to which
the Oregon Guard is entitled to
up to June.

The hospital unit will doubtless
be located at La Grande, he said.

This matter was brought to the at-
tention of La Grander about a year
ago at this time, and Frank Pearson
was appointed chairman of a commit-
tee to investigate the matter. Mr.
Pearson is out of town at this time,
and so could not be gotten in touch
with this afternoon, and it is not
known what word may have been re-
ceived by this committee in the past.
That La Grande would be a good
location for a hospital unit, is agreed
upon by the number of ex-service men
in this vicinity, many of whom were
members of the hospital unit which
went from here across the waters,
serving over there for nearly two and
a half years.

SENATORS MAY NAME AGENTS

WASHINGTON, Mar. 25.—Secre-
tary of Interior Fall has called upon
various United States senators to re-
commend for appointment candidates
for various land offices throughout
the country. In the past many of
these appointments were made jointly
by congressmen and senators, but
this year apparently the matter is to
be left solely with senators, but it is
expected they will consult with the
congressional delegation before sub-
mitting names.

In Oregon and all Western states
there are a number of candidates for
each of these offices and the rivalry
is more or less intense.

COASTWISE STRIKE IS CALLED OFF TODAY BY MARINE UNIONS

NEW YORK, Mar. 25.—A coast-
wise strike of the marine engineers
and officers on ocean going ships
began yesterday in a protest against
the wage reductions, was called off
today by the union, after the re-
ceipt of a telegram from the depart-
ment of labor offering a concilia-
tion.

Medical Building to be Built in La Grande for Exclusive Doctors Use

A two-story office building to be
occupied exclusively by physicians
and dentists will be built in La Grande
at an early date, according to a de-
cision reached by seven physicians
and two dentists at a meeting held
yesterday evening.

The stock has been practically all
subscribed and the papers for the
corporation, to be known as the La
Grande Medical Building association,
are being drawn up.

Tentative floor plans are being
made by an architect for the propos-
ed building and it promises to be one

of the most modern structures of the
kind in the state. Each doctor will
have a waiting room, and such work-
ing quarters as are necessary to his
individual need, whether he be a gen-
eral practitioner or a specialist. There
will be nine suites.

The physicians will plan the build-
ing with a view of having their pecu-
liar needs in office quarters met in
a manner that is not possible in ordi-
nary office buildings designed for the
purpose of furnishing quarters to the
general public.

One of the factors entering into

BATTLE IS RAGING IN EISLEBEN

POSITIONS OF ADVANTAGE
CHANGE FREQUENTLY
BY TWO ARMIES.

CALLS OF ENCOURAGEMENT
ARE HEARD ON BOTH SIDES

Although the Situation Arising
From Communists' Outbreak
Is Still Dangerous, the Com-
munists Are Said to Be Be-
ginning to Be Overcome.

EISLEBEN, Germany, Mar.
25, 9:30 A. M.—Fighting be-
tween the communists and the
police for the possession of Eis-
leben was extended this morn-
ing to a half mile front in the
western section of the town,
with the positions of advantage
changing hands frequently. The
communist army of 2500 was
reinforced by armed peasants
and villagers.

Above the roar of the battle
could be heard the calls of en-
couragement from both sides
and the cries of the wounded
lying where they fell.

Communists Being Overcome.
LONDON, Mar. 25.—Although the
situation arising from the communist
outbreak in Germany is still danger-
ous; the communists are being over-
come by the government forces, ac-
cording to Berlin reports. At Eis-
leben, where a desperate battle was
fought yesterday between 2000 police
and 2500 workmen, it is reported that
the state police finally drove out the
communists, who have entrenched
themselves in the neighboring hills
and are directing the machine gun
fire on the police strongholds. The
troops are marching on Eisleben.
There is no repetition of the disor-
ders at Hamburg, where late yester-
day, it was reported that order had
been restored.

J. C. POESCHAL IS CONVICTED

PORTLAND, Mar. 25.—Joseph C.
Poeschal has been convicted of sec-
ond degree murder of Attorney
Schnable. Life imprisonment was
recommended.

CLAIMS RAILROAD PROPERTY AND IS LED TO PRISON

D. Modes, Jose Lucero and J. F.
Pisco, all Mexicans, were in jail today
while an investigation was being made
which may implicate them in thefts
from the O-W. They were sleeping
in the sand-house in the railroad
yards last night, when W. W. Zweifel,
nightwatchman, espied them.
Zweifel ordered them on their way
and saw a package lying on the floor.
Lucero claimed the package. Then
Zweifel became suspicious and made
an examination. The package con-
tained one of the fire extinguishers
used by the Union Pacific in cars,
etc. So he turned the three in to the
police station.

This afternoon all three were re-
leased, an investigation having de-
termined that there is much doubt
as to their guilt. The package con-
taining the fire extinguisher owned
by the railroad was possibly left in
the sand house by someone else, ac-
cording to the investigation.

DESCHUTES IRRIGATION PROJECT TO BE VIEWED

WASHINGTON, Mar. 25.—Within
a few weeks Director Davis of the
reclamation service will have on the
grounds the committee of inspection
for the Deschutes irrigation project
for which \$400,000 was appropriated
in the sundry civil bill after Repre-
sentative Sinnott made a successful
fight. The personnel of this commit-
tee for inspection and preliminary sur-
vey is tentatively as follows: Colonel
Cavanaugh, United States engineers,
representing the water power com-
mission; H. F. Renshaw, the geo-
logical survey, who some years ago
co-operated with City Engineers
Davis in preparing an exhaustive re-
port on this project; F. W. Hanna, en-
gineer of the reclamation service, and
O. C. Henry, of Portland, a well-
known engineer interested in the ir-
rigation and reclamation project.

FATHER OF MRS. BRAGG IS DEAD

OLD-TIME RESIDENT OF GRANDE
RONDE VALLEY PASSES ON.

Was a Citizen of California But Was
A Pioneer of This Part of
Eastern Oregon

Mrs. E. E. Bragg received the sad
news today telling that her father,
Thomas Smith, died yesterday at
11:30 o'clock at his home in Santa
Anna, California.

The deceased was eighty-six years
of age and for the last fifteen years
had lived in California. Prior to that
time he was one of the prominent
and substantial residents of the
Grande Ronde valley. He settled here
in 1882 and assisted in building many
of the very first houses erected in
the valley. On January 1, 1885, he
married Mary Q. Hunter.

The first hotel La Grande ever had,
which was owned by Ben Brown, was
erected by Thomas Smith. He settled
on what is now known as the Zaugg
farm, north of the city, and for many
years it was termed the "Smith"
ranch.

He leaves a wife, two sons, Charles
and James, and one daughter, Mrs.
E. E. Bragg, of La Grande.

Funeral services will be held in
Santa Anna.

IRISH DRIVE GOING WELL

Irish Relief subscription are com-
ing in in good shape in La Grande,
according to Jimmie McNameen, in
charge of the local campaign. The
drive was started St. Patrick's day,
boys and girls on that day "tagging"
people in the downtown districts, at
5, 10 and 25 cents per. While only
a few reports are in, around \$300 have
been collected, according to these re-
ports that have been made.

The local campaign is being con-
ducted as a part of the national cam-
paign and all of the money collected
will be used for alleviating the suf-
fering, former assistant to Herbert
Hoover in war relief work and food
administration, is in charge of the
national campaign. The campaign
has had the approval of Mr. Hoover.

BOY SCOUTS ARE ACTIVE

BASKETBALL SEASON IS NEAR
AN END IN LA GRANDE.

Boys Will Banquet Thursday and
Then Play Championship Game
—Athletic Meet Coming.

Two teams are tied for the leader-
ship of the boy scout basketball league
and on next Thursday evening,
following the banquet, the tie will be
played off, the contending teams be-
ing the Wildcats and Ravens. These
two teams won last night, both
games being close and well played.

The Wildcats defeated the Flying
Eagles by a score of 9 to 1. The
winning team was composed of Ed
Fitzgerald, Leo McCorkle, Walter
Duttl, Everett Bennett, and Jack
Dennis, while the losing team was
made up of Robert Becker, Willis
Watkins, R. Webb, Fern Kelly and
Norman Jesse.

The game between the Ravens and
Tigers resulted in a victory of 8 to 0
for the former. The winning team was
composed of D. Zimmerman, H. Beatty,
Sheldon Brown, Wesley Brown-
ton and Francis Robinson. The los-
ing team was composed of Art Lar-
son, Paul Meyers, John Larson, Doug-
las Moe and Robert Smith.

Committees were appointed at last
night's meeting of the scouts for the
banquet as follows: Table, H. Beatty,
Mac Byrkit, F. Robinson; program,
Waymond Scott, Art Larson, Paul
Meyers; initiation, Fern Kelly, W.
Watkins, S. Crossen; guest, E. Ben-
nett, Ed Fitzgerald, Walter Duttl.

The scouts are also planning an
athletic meet which will come off
Friday, April 1, at 4:15 p. m., at the
Y. M. C. A. The events will include
high jump, broad jump, relay race,
100-yard dash, 50-yard dash, and 8-lb.
shotput.

NO TRACE FOUND OF HAINES BANK ROBBERS' THUS FAR

BAKER, Mar. 25.—Sheriff George
Herbert has returned from Portland,
where he was called in connection
with the recent robbery of the Bank
of Haines. Two suspects were placed
under arrest by the Portland police
but nothing was found, according to
Mr. Herbert, which would connect
them with the local affair.

