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## WAR CLOUDS OVER EUROPE

### LEGISLATURE BEGINS WORK ON ECONOMY

Hall Introduces Bill Today Asking Consolidation Of Boards.

### SIXTY-FOUR BOARDS WOULD BE COMBINED

Astorian Presented Half Million Relief Appropriation Bill; Referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Jan. 11.—The house today adopted by a big majority a resolution by Graham, of Washington county, commending the state highway commission for "loyal and patriotic service."

Mott, of Astoria, presented \$500,000 relief appropriation bill asking for a suspension of the rules so that the bill could be placed on the second reading to permit assignment to the committee. The bill was referred to the ways and means committee.

### DEATH DECREE GIVEN INDIANS

One Hundred and Seventy-Two Indians Must Die, States Advice from London.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—Advice from Lucknow stated that the death sentence has been imposed on 172 Indians accused of murder and arson as a result of the non-co-operation rioting at Chauri-Chauri last February.

Seven of the 223 persons who were originally held on the charges, died while awaiting trial. Two others received two-year prison terms. Forty-seven were acquitted.

### ALICEL WINS FROM OILMEN

In a slow uninteresting game, official opener of the city basketball league, the Alicel five defeated the Standard Oil aggregation last evening in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium by a score of 18 to 9. The first half ended 18 to 7 in favor of the Alicel quintet and in the last half the Standard Oil team was held to one basket while the visitors scored at will.

Webb of the Standard Oil, scored every point for his team, and Wells of Alicel, a fast man, contributed 22 points to his team's total. Robert Garrity was referee.

Alicel's showing, following two defeats by the high school seconds, came as a surprise to the hoop dopsters, and it appears that the Standard Oil bunch will make things interesting for some of the other teams in the league before the season is completed. From pre-season showing the Clerk's last year's champs, and the M. L. A. team are both exceptionally strong, while reports from Union indicate that their entry will be strong. Perry's strength is as yet unknown.

Tickets are on sale at the Imperial Billiard parlors and are going at \$1.50, \$1.00, and 50 cents.

The ringside officials have not been announced.

WHEAT QUOTATIONS PORTLAND, Jan. 11.—Wheat was \$1.21 to \$1.45 today.

### Governor Names Warden Of State Penitentiary

SALEM, Jan. 11.—Johnson S. Smith of Portland, was today appointed by Governor Pierce as warden of the state penitentiary, succeeding James W. Lewis. This is the first removal by Pierce of an official of the Olcott regime.

The governor said he had not intended to touch the penitentiary until after legislative session.

### HEART BALM OF \$10,000 GRANTED MAN

Plaintiff in Pendleton Damage Suit is Awarded \$10,000 Heart Balm.

PENDLETON, Jan. 11.—After less than two hours of deliberation a jury composed of ten men and two women, tonight brought in a verdict of \$10,000 in favor of W. F. Coates, plaintiff in a \$40,000 damage suit against Alvin Slusher in which it was alleged that Slusher had alienated the affections of the plaintiff's wife.

The trial took three days. Today the wife of the plaintiff took the stand as a rebuttal witness for the plaintiff and her testimony directly contradicted the testimony of the defendant. The rebuttal testimony of Grace Coates was all that was needed to complete the chain of evidence presented by the plaintiff. She admitted immoral relations with the defendant and supported the statements of her husband, who recently divorced her.

The jury awarded \$3000 general damages and \$7000 punitive damages.

Attorneys for the defense will appeal to the supreme court.

### BOXERS CLASH THIS EVENING

Allie Nelson, Fresh from Salt Lake City, Takes on Frankie Dean, Pueblo, Colo., Lightweight.

Within a few more hours the ring-side and balcony seats in the Eagles hall will be packed with spectators attending the boxing card, scheduled for tonight under the auspices of the La Grande boxing commission. Frankie Dean, who faces Allie Nelson in the main event, has been working out during the past two weeks in La Grande and is in the pink of condition, ready to do his best against the Bobo brawler.

Nelson is in the city looking like he could go 20 rounds instead of 10, fresh from Salt Lake city where he fought Joe Blake of Denver, to a six-round draw in a card that took place on Tuesday evening. Reports have it that the bout was a slug-fest from start to finish with black stoving up best in the first three rounds and Nelson making a whirlwind finish. That is the kind of a fight that appeals to fans the world over, one that has plenty of action and no stalling or friendly regard for the other fellow's features. Manager Ford assures the press that tonight's fight will be a fast one from start to finish.

The card will open at the Eagles hall at 8 o'clock with Earl Ford and Danny Dennis, both of La Grande, will open the evening's entertainment and at the close of their four-round struggle Paddy Ferguson and Tommy Vale, Baker pugns, will try their luck in a four-rounder.

Semi-Final Good. With the deck cleared for action, Kid Sarp of La Grande, will enter the ring for six rounds of assault and battery against Buddee Wood, one of Baker. Both boys hit around 125 pounds and are good men. Sarp has built up quite a reputation in this city during the past year and started the present season with a win over Ted McGee of Baker last week. Woodfin has a similar record to Sarp during the past year and from all indications the semi-final will be a hammer.

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### RELIGIOUS GARB BILL IS FAVORED

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Jan. 11.—Representative Woodard's bill prohibiting the wearing of religious garb by public school teachers, was reported favorably by the education committee today. It will be put up for a vote Monday morning.

### GIRLS START CLASS TOURNEY

Ye ancient game of hurling the ball through ye hoop, thereby gaining many points and much satisfaction, has not only invaded the home section of the high school but descended upon the feminine element with equal force. Last evening four squadrons of shock troops met, representative of the various classes of their alma mater, and decisively defeated each other—at least two Amazonian hoop teams went down to hopeless oblivion.

Under the tutelage of Miss Jocelyn, basketball pedagogic, the bloomer brigade has been practicing the gentle art of caging the catkin globe for some time and last night the affair came to a head. Strutting proudly onto the floor, the Seniors came, uttering forward to meet them with vivacity and finesse came the Sophomores. But the Seniors still strutted and when they closed the net, were recipients of points to the total of 27, while the Sophs could only count to 15.

Ye other representatives of the upper classes, to-wit, the Juniors, then magnanimously assailed the humble and verdant Freshmen, and departed with honors gloriously earned.

The scorekeeper announced that the verdict was 29 to 2 for the haughty Seniors and the Sophomores take on the Freshmen.

Two more demoralizing displays of the hoop art will take place this evening when the Juniors meet the Seniors and the Sophomores take on the Freshmen.

### CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE

SALEM, Jan. 11.—Reports received here today from Portland indicated that C. H. Browne of that city is an active candidate for the position of secretary of the state fair board. Mr. Browne is now a member of the fair board, having been appointed to the position more than a year ago by Governor Olcott. The annual meeting of the state fair board will be held here Monday.

### RECITAL TO BE HELD TONIGHT

Appearance of Emil Eyer and Umberto Martucci Informally Last Evening Met With Approval.

Emil Eyer, tenor, and Umberto Martucci, pianist and accompanist, made their first appearance in La Grande last evening at the installation meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star. Three selected numbers were contributed by the visiting musicians and the applause given them was remarkable. "A clear, true and beautifully controlled voice," stated one of the ladies in regard to the tenor, and in speaking of the pianist she said that "his interpretation and execution left little to be wanted by the most exacting of musical critics."

Emil Eyer and Umberto Martucci will appear this evening at 8:30 o'clock in the Star Theatre. The ticket sale, going on at the Eastern Oregon Music company, is progressing rapidly and announcement was made that the reserved seat board would be transferred to the theatre at seven o'clock this evening and that reservations would be obtained at the ticket window from 7:30 until the time set for the opening of the joint recital.

### Lighter Selections.

Emil Eyer has a complete mastery of the classical selection that appear on his program and his encores, which are usually of a lighter nature, never fail to reach the hearts of those in the audience. "Darling Nellie Gray," sang before his audience at Pendleton forcefully brought back the memories of former days to those present and several songs of a catchy nature were given as encores that swept the audience with delight.

"One thing that we have noticed since coming to La Grande," the two artists commented today, "is that the people in this city are more sociable than in any place we have yet seen. We have often heard of the hospitality of Western cities, but we believe that it is more so embodied in the welcome of the citizens of La Grande than in any other place and when anyone, in the future, asks us where to find an open-hearted, sociable people, we will point to La Grande every time."

### DR. M. IRVINE TO LOCATE IN BAKER

Dr. Malcolm Irvine, who prior to moving to La Grande, last summer practiced medicine in North Powder for several years, has moved to Baker, and this week, through the Geo. H. Curry real estate agency sold his modern home at 305 Adams avenue. Mrs. Irvine will remain until the end of the present school semester, before joining her husband in Baker.

### OLD OREGON TRAIL BILL IS PASSED

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Jan. 11.—The senate today passed Strayer's bill, number one, designating that the East and West highway be known as the Old Oregon Trail.

Senator Ellis introduced a joint memorial to the interstate commerce commission, Oregon's delegations to congress, the attorney general and the president, urging such disposition of the Central Pacific as will afford the common user privileges and encourage railroad development in Oregon as insisted upon by the public service commission.

Both houses adjourned at noon until 11 o'clock Monday morning.

### JUDGE FINDS WOMAN GUILTY

Mrs. L. M. McNeilly, charged with the selling of intoxicating liquor, was found guilty of the offense this morning in the municipal court by Judge R. J. Kitchen and fined \$100. The attorney for the defendant intimated that the case would be appealed.

The trial was to have been held last evening at 7:30 o'clock but was postponed until ten o'clock this morning, when it was begun with E. S. Ivanhoe as attorney for the defendant and Green & Hess representing the city. The trial terminated shortly after the noon hour.

### SETTLEMENT MAY BE MADE

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Chairman Mellon, of the American debt commission, expressed the belief that an agreement could be reached in the funding of the British debt before the British commission on January 20th.

### THE WEATHER

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Jan. 11.—Tonight and Friday rain in the west, fair in the east portion. Colder in eastern Oregon tonight.

### ONE MILLION POPULATION TO BE MOVED

Decision Reached by Near Eastern Conference Affects a Million Human Lives.

LAUSANNE, Jan. 11.—One million human lives are vitally affected by the decision reached by the Near East conference Wednesday. One million Moslems and Christians who live either in Greece or Turkey must give up their farms, homes and business places and move on to find farms, homes and occupations elsewhere.

In the interest of future peace between Turkey and Greece, the Mohammedans in the Hellenic peninsula henceforth must reside in Turkey, and Greek Christians in Turkey must emigrate to Greece.

The statement has no illusions about the hardships this compulsory exchange of populations will entail on the individuals affected. They justify their action by pointing out the beneficent influence it will have on the maintenance of peace in the Near East.

### JUDGE KITCHEN IS RE-ELECTED

By a unanimous vote of the three city commissioners of La Grande, Judge R. J. Kitchen, presiding over the municipal court of the city, was re-elected for the year of 1923. His election met with disapproval or competition.

A goodly share of the time spent in the meeting of the "city doli" last evening was devoted to round table discussion. One of the matters that came up was relative to a petition asking that all milk or cream be made to produce a license. Opened for discussion, the matter presented several sides. City inspection, county inspection, state inspection and federal inspection were all dwelt upon, tuberculin tests were discussed and every feature of the matter was mentioned pro and con. The matter was laid upon the table for further action.

### County Ready to Pay

A communication was received from the county officials requesting that the city give them permission to pay the funds due the city in regards to the courtrooms at the present time (instead of in April) in order to eliminate interest ensuing during the time. After a short discussion the request was granted.

Mr. Burns asked for the concession at the ball park during the coming year, and inasmuch as Mr. Berger had already entered an application, the commission passed a motion that stated that sealed bids for the concession rights would be received by the city and would be opened February 1st, at which time the awarding would probably be made.

General Matters. Several matters were briefly brought before the body including the treasurer's report, a reading of bills, the city manager's report a brief mentioning of the Benillard scenic right-of-way arbitration, which is still pending, and an application for a rooming house license by Mrs. G. W. Hayes to operate a rooming house at 1192 Jefferson avenue, which was laid over for investigation, and other minor matters.

All three commissioners, President Sherwood William, and commissioners Dr. H. S. Brown and C. J. Black, and City Manager J. E. Kearns were present.

### SCHAEFER BEATS CONTI

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—Schaefer of (By Associated Press) San Francisco, former world's 18.2 ball line billiard champion, won the final block of his 1500-point match with Rogers Conti, champion of France, here Wednesday night, 599 to 121, thereby becoming eligible to meet Willie Hoppe, present champion, in New York, for the title the last of this week. Conti's total in the match was 751 points.

### OCCUPATION OF ESSEN IS PROTESTED

French and Belgian Troops, Completely Equipped, Now in Essen

### HUNS DECLARE PEACE TREATY IS BROKEN

Lithuania is Scene of Revolt According to a Telegram Received in Washington.

(By Associated Press) PARIS, Jan. 11.—Chamber deputies voted confidence in the government after Poincare explained the French actions in Ruhr.

Orders Coal Stopped. BERLIN, Jan. 11.—The government today ordered the transportation of coal on the reparations account stopped.

(By Associated Press) PARIS, Jan. 11.—Premier Poincare informed the chambre of deputies today that if Germany failed to meet the French demands, France plans to occupy Bochum. It was unofficially reported that the occupation of Bochum, the site of the Hugo Stinnes Iron and Steel Works, has been set for Saturday.

Slav Invasion Spreads. (By Associated Press) BERLIN, Jan. 11.—The Lithuanian invasion of international territory in the Memel district on the East Prussian frontier is extending, according to latest reports from Helsingfors, but there has been no collision between soldiers and inhabitants.

The French governor of the territory, which is under the jurisdiction of the league of nations, has a small force with only 100 police.

Russian View Given. (By Associated Press) MOSCOW, Jan. 11.—The Russian press generally views France's action with regard to the Ruhr together with the breaking up in disapproval of the Paris conference of premiers, as threatening a new war.

Regrets U. S. Action. (By Associated Press) PARIS, Jan. 11.—The army and people of France felt deep regret and depression Wednesday night over the order for the American forces to leave the Rhine. The fear was expressed that President Harding's decision would be construed by Germany and other nations as rebuke to France upon the eve of her independent action in the Ruhr.

Troops Enter Essen. ESSEN, Jan. 11.—The first French troops entered at 10 o'clock this morning, the Belgian contingent preceded to Essen via Mülheim simultaneously with the arrival of the French. The troops have the fullest war equipment, even gas masks. The population is sullen but no disorder is noted.

Germany Protests. (By Associated Press) AMSTERDAM, Jan. 11.—An Essen dispatch says that the Roenish and Westphalian labor organizations decided to proclaim a brief strike Monday protesting against the French occupation.

A Berlin dispatch says that the German government decided first to declare the peace treaty broken and its execution to be declared in operation; second that Germany will no longer negotiate with the reparations commission unless the injustices of the Ruhr occupation is removed.

Revolt in Lithuania. WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—A revolt is taking place in "the whole of the Memel district" of East Prussia, the citizens demanding that the territory be made part of Lithuania, according to a telegram to the Lithuanian legation here today from its government at Kovno.

### BEGINNING TO SAG IN THE MIDDLE



### Thirteen Men Named in Bastrop Kidnapping Case

BASTROP, La., Jan. 11.—State attorneys began sounding the depths in the open court inquiry to fix responsibility for the kidnapping and slaying of Watt Daniel and Thomas Richard, hooded band victims, and establish the basis for charges that a "super government" had set itself up in Louisiana parishes since a

mutant reign of terror. At the end of the day the names of 13 men had been brought into the record, through the testimony of six witnesses, as having been recognized, by the sound of their voices and by other means, as having participated in kidnapping expeditions, raids and searching parties attributed to the