

## CONDITIONS IN EUROPE EXPLAINED

Howard Stoddard Speaks Before La Grande Business Men Today.

NAME OF AD CLUB CHANGED TODAY

Union County Chamber of Commerce is New Name of Organization; Members Vote Unanimously.

Nearly one hundred members of the Union County Ad club went to the K. of P. hall today, at their luncheon and the same number, members of the Union County Chamber of Commerce, left the luncheon about 1:15 o'clock.

"The Union County Ad club is not a fitting name for the organization," stated H. E. Cooldidge, during a discussion relative to changing the commercial body's cognomen. "We are not primarily an advertising body—we are a county-wide organization, boosting for the welfare of the county in every line. I move we change the name to the Union County Chamber of Commerce." Somebody seconded the motion, and the assembly unanimously voted "aye."

So hereafter the Union County Ad club lives only in memory and the Union County Chamber of Commerce is now written in inviting style on the letterheads of the organization.

Howard Stoddard, of La Grande, who has just recently returned from Germany and Switzerland, was the chief speaker of the day. After the members had thoroughly enjoyed the luncheon, prepared by the South Methodist ladies in a manner that only they can duplicate successfully, Mr. Stoddard took the floor.

He cited conditions as they are in Germany and the Ruhr valley today. "The Ruhr is as nearly deserted as possible," he stated. "The hum of machinery has stopped, workmen are no longer seen going to and from work, it presents a vast picture of idleness."

Stoddard gave his own views on the France occupation of the "Jugular vein of the German empire." "It is my personal conviction that the French want not a red cent of German money," he said. "I believe that they seek to dissect Germany, for their own future power."

In speaking of the Ruhr, he said that "Germans built the industrial center—Germany knows the secret of its success, and the French cannot make it go."

That hatred exists, burning hatred that seeks only a bare excuse to break open, in Europe, especially France and Germany, he announced. "Germans in France are not safe, and Frenchmen in Germany are far from safe. The children even are being raised with the essence of hatred being taught them. Hatred, at a fever heat, describes the situation the best."

Mr. Stoddard dwelt to some length on the political, business and industrial conditions in Germany.

America is Utopia.

"There is no Utopia in Europe, not by a long way," he declared. Any one who believes that European conditions are better than those in

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## AWARD PRIZES TO ESSAYISTS

At a special assembly held in the La Grande high school this morning, J. E. Reynolds, representing the La Grande board of education, presented Miss Maurine Moore, winner of a statewide essay contest conducted by the D. A. R., with a \$25 check as first prize and Miss Ella Annesen, winner of the third prize in the same contest, with a \$10 check. Mr. Reynolds also made a few remarks praising the La Grande high school students for their remarkable work.

This year the L. H. S. has entered two statewide essay contests and has won first prize in each and one third prize. A remarkable showing indeed.

## Weather Forecast

Portland, May 8. Wednesday fair with continued rain.

## White House Economizing In Sugar Consumption Now

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, May 8.—The White House is economizing to the fullest degree in sugar consumption, according to a letter from Mrs. Warren G. Harding, made public here today.

## CARR STORE HAS LARGE CROWDS

Hundreds of People Promenade the Three Floors Enjoying the Hospitality.

An event, while celebrating the opening of a business house, proved after all to be very much of a social affair, was the opening of the Carr Furniture company's new store at the corner of Adams and Fir yesterday afternoon and evening.

The building has just been completed and like Phoenix it arose from the ashes of the store that burned in December, but a much better and more modern structure than the former building. It is well lighted and is fitted with inclines to the second floor and to the basement floor as well. All floors are hardwood and every feature of the structure is fresh and new.

The elegant new stock of the latest furniture which the Carr Furniture company has received was well exhibited and it is a stock complete in every way. No merchandise was sold or offered for sale during this opening for it was a hospitable occasion during which Mr. and Mrs. Carr met their many friends, who were delighted to see the company back in business after the forced recess due to the fire.

Mrs. J. C. Hoop, owner of the building, also received many of her friends during the afternoon.

Loney's orchestra furnished music and the floral decorations were very beautiful.

## MUST CONDEMN LAND NEEDED BY MCKAY PROJECT

PENDLETON, May 8.—Owing to the refusal of land owners on McKay creek to allow the reclamation service to take possession, pending settlement by condemnation suits of certain tracts located in the neighborhood of the McKay dam, there will be a delay in starting work on the big project. How long the delay will be seems problematical at this time.

At a meeting between government officials and the landowners Saturday afternoon Director Davis suggested that the government be allowed to take possession of certain tracts at once so as to go ahead with the work. He argued that such a policy on the part of the land owners would not result in more favorable terms than they could otherwise secure. However, his suggestion was not accepted.

Apparently the next step will be for the government to file condemnation suits. It was thought these would be filed in Portland Saturday but they were not filed. After the suits are filed it will still be possible to settle the issue out of court and this may be done. It has also been suggested that Judge Bean of the federal court be asked to hold a special session of federal court here in June to try the cases. It is said to have been agreed to this if it should be possible. However, his docket in Portland is congested and he could make no promise on the subject.

## French Captivated By American Movie Stars

PARIS, May 8.—The "movie" fan is coming forward as the dominant figure in French theatre life.

At first the French didn't take to the movies. More than anything else in the world the people of France like to indulge in conversation on worthwhile subjects, and at an evening French dinner the foreigner who is shy on his French has a hard time following the conversational phrases of his Gallic friends as they are shot back and forth with amazing rapidity. And next to verbal exchange of thought the Frenchman loves to listen to a well written dialogue enunciated by competent French actors on the stage. That is why he didn't take to the movies. There was no dialogue—too much silence.

Then came the appealing movie message of America western life. The picturesque cowboy riding, the wide range of prairie, hill and mountain—the great human story of American life in the far west.

## Citizens Take Firm Stand Against I. W. W.

### KRUPP AND HIS ASSOCIATES ARE SENTENCED

Imprisonments Range from 10 to 20 Years, Fines Average About 100,000,000 Marks; Six Are Found Guilty.

(By Associated Press) WERDEN, May 8.—Dr. Krupp Von Bohlen, head of the Krupp Works, was sentenced to 15 years in jail and to pay a fine of 100,000,000 marks today as a result of a trial by court martial growing out of the shooting at the Krupp plant March 31st.

The directors, Hartwig and Oesterlen were also sentenced to 15 years each. Director Brunn was given ten years and Bauer and Schaeffer 20 years each.

All were also sentenced to pay fines of 100,000,000 marks each.

### WOMAN CHARGED WITH INFANTICIDE FREED BY JUDGE

SALT LAKE, May 8.—Mrs. Toela Johnson, 21, arrested last February 5, charged with having killed her infant daughter with poison, was freed Monday by District Judge G. A. Iverson, when her case was called. It was Mrs. Johnson's plea that she poisoned her babe because she was destitute and had been unable to procure aid.

"Ofentimes an act of this sort is more chargeable to society than the person committing it," Judge Iverson said. "This woman was driven to destitution and extreme lengths by her troubles, but certain charitable organizations failed to render her aid when this act could have been prevented. It is an indictment of the social structure as it exists in this community and a reflection on the social service agencies."

### Police Chief Is Painfully Injured, Confined to Home

Clint Haynes, chief of police here, was painfully though not seriously injured yesterday afternoon, the injury resulting in his being confined to his home for a few days.

Mr. Haynes was taking a bull to the city pound, riding horseback at the time, when the animal became infuriated and attempted to run away. The rope, which was holding the animal, became entangled with Mr. Haynes' right leg and severely strained the tendons and ligaments.

While Mr. Haynes is confined to his home James Nelson is acting chief of police.

At a mass meeting in the city hall last evening which was largely attended by business and professional men, the I. W. W. strike got the criticism which a great majority of people feel is justifiable.

It was argued and with much effect that the literature being circulated by this organization is obnoxious to good citizenship, tends to lower civilization standards, is contrary to the government of the United States and is in no sense American. For this reason and for the further reason that the I. W. W. have been guilty of inducing non-sympathizers to quit work under threat of coercion and punishment, the meeting last evening went on record as being ready to defend the country's laws and honor and successful custom of guaranteeing freedom to all who desire to work and to join in an endeavor to give proper support to officials to put down the circulation of vicious literature.

The subject of freeing war prisoners was discussed and extracts from I. W. W. literature reading that the Centralia murderers who killed several American Legion men on parade were released were presented. The fires of patriotism at once were kindled and strong protests were made against any clemency being granted to the murderers, urging that they suffer the fullest penalty of the law for their crime.

Many citizens spoke on behalf of law and order and the home, decrying the practice of permitting agitation to go on which was intended to undermine the very foundation of America's free institution.

Strike Nearing End. (By Associated Press) SAN FRANCISCO, May 8.—The general strike called by the Industrial Workers of the World April 26 is about at an end in the Pacific coast states, according to reports received Monday night.

The loggers and longshoremen in Washington voted to return to work. At San Pedro, Cal., 1200 longshoremen went to work on 50 steamers.

Ship owners reported the men were returning to work rapidly and the plan to import workers had been held up. A leader of the I. W. W. in eastern Washington, was quoted as saying the men have been ordered to return to work and "strike on the job" by sowing up production.

Men Ordered to Return. SEATTLE, Wash., May 8.—Loggers in the state of Washington, called out on strike April 25 by the I. W. W., have been directed to return to work with the further instruction that the resumption will be only temporary. I. W. W. leaders said Monday. Approximately 10,000 men were affected by the walkout, which forced the closing of a number of lumber camps and caused others to operate at a greatly curtailed production.

I. W. W. Deported. BONNERVILLE, Idaho, May 8.—This town is quiet today following the deportation into Montana yesterday of 23 alleged I. W. W. Business men patrols are meeting every freight train and automobile stage.

ADVANCE WAGES OF 22,000. (By Associated Press) CHICAGO, May 8.—Advance wages, amounting to two and one-half millions of dollars yearly, affecting 22,000 employees, were granted by the Standard Oil Company of Indiana.

## RUSSO-BRITISH BREAK FEARED NOTE DRASTIC

LONDON, May 8.—The British note to Russia is a virtual ultimatum threatening a severance of existing relations unless the demands are met within ten days.

MOSCOW, May 8.—A long note reviewing numerous British complaints against the Soviet Russia, couched in such strong terms that it may bring Russo-British relations to issue, was handed to Maxim Litvinoff, assistant commissar for foreign affairs today by the British representative, Robert M. Hodgson, anticipating a break in relations the British mission several days ago warned all Britishers in Russia to be prepared to leave on short notice.

## EXTRACTS OIL FROM LUMBER

BOGALUSA, La., May 7.—The Great Southern Lumber company, which operates here the largest sawmill in the world, has proved to its satisfaction that turpentine, pine oil and rosin may be extracted from yellow pine lumber after it has gone through the sawmill, and in order that it may do so on a large scale, is spending \$70,000 for the necessary equipment. The process, perfected and patented by W. H. Mason, a chemical and mechanical engineer, involves two operations. Under one process, that of heating the cut lumber, one gallon of turpentine is extracted from every 1,000 board feet treated.

The second process involves the treatment of "piled" lumber. The lumber is placed in a steel retort, heated to the proper temperature, and turpentine then is used as a solvent in extracting the pine products. Nine gallons of turpentine, one gallon of pine oil and one commercial barrel of rosin have been recovered from each 1,000 board feet so treated. Experts here declare that removal of the turpentine, rosin and pine oil improves the grade of the lumber.

## Jealous Wife Shoots Husband, Kills Self

PORTLAND, May 8.—Richard Brautlatch, 38, was shot to death at his home today by his wife, who also ended her life with a bullet through the ear after throwing herself on his dead body.

The police found a note indicating that his wife had planned the deed because of intense jealousy. They had been married about one year.

## MIDDLE WEST HAS WINTER CHICAGO, May 8.—The middle west is in winter's grip today. Snow and freezing temperatures in Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Kentucky and Missouri are recorded. A heavy blizzard is reported on Lake Superior. St. Louis had the second snowstorm recorded in May in 52 years.

## Irish Irregulars Are Rounded Up By Troops

(By Associated Press) DUBLIN, May 8.—Heavy firing was heard today near Blessington, county Wicklow, during a round-up of Irish irregulars, according to reports. Over one dozen prisoners were brought in to Blessington.

## LOCAL FILMS TO BE SHOWN

Chamber of Commerce Members "Shot" Today As They Left Luncheon "Who's Who in La Grande" Name of Film.

A camera clicked steadily as the members of the Union County Chamber of Commerce filed cheerfully from their noon-day luncheon. Although they had been warned in advance, they were in a way unprepared for the "firing squad" and as a result, the film, when it will be shown next Monday and Tuesday in the Arcade Theater, should prove the "hit" of the movie season.

A. H. Hilton, manager of the Washington Film company, of Seattle, Washington, secured through the Arcade Theater, came to La Grande this morning, accompanied by his camera, and is today shooting the first few hundred feet of 1,000 feet of film, to be entitled "Who's Who in La Grande," to be shown here on the above mentioned dates.

In addition to filming the Chamber of Commerce members today, pictures will be taken of other points of interest in the Grande Ronde valley's little metropolis. The high school and grade schools will face the "gun" tomorrow and probably the mills in this section.

This is the first time within many years that local people will be treated to their "own movie" likeness and interest is running high in the picture. The Arcade theater advises all patrons to come early next Monday and Tuesday—and avoid the rush.

## BUILDING IS ON INCREASE

Building is increasing by leaps and bounds under the stimulus of weather favorable to outdoor work, and retail dealers are enjoying a brisk demand for lumber, says the American Lumberman, Chicago.

Wholesale trade consequently is increasing, but it is notable that a great deal of caution is exercised by the retailers and that they are not likely to stock up to any great extent except to buy only as they find it necessary. And this favors the manufacturers, whose facilities are taxed to meet current demand and would break down if the retail traders were to start a general stocking-up movement. The outlook for spring and early summer building is excellent and records appear in a fair way of being broken in some sections. Investment houses specializing in building financing report that a tremendous amount of capital is being advanced for construction projects, indicating, they say, not only that the need for new housing is immense but also that prospective builders are not being frightened by present costs of building. They hold the opinion that if anything limits construction activities this year it will be shortage of labor.

The lumber market, meanwhile, is very strong and recent soft spots are disappearing. Southern pine mills are looking orders well in excess of production without having had an opportunity to clean up old order files or add material to their low and badly broken stocks. Recent demand has absorbed most of the transit cars on the market and buyers are encountering much trouble in placing their business because of the scarcity of material.

The I. W. W. strike declared on the west coast last week threatens to curtail Douglas fir output, and this has had a decidedly strengthening influence on the already strong market. Production has not yet been reduced by this factor, but woods operations have been severely hit. As there is no log surplus on the coast, this is sure to find early reflection in mill activity. Production, shipments and bookings meanwhile remain considerably in excess of normal. Stocks are being steadily reduced by the record-breaking shipments, which, together with the fact that 124 representative mills have back orders totaling 500,000,000 feet makes any early weakening of this market improbable.

The other softwoods occupy identically strong positions. The hardwood market is strengthening, as demand is slowly lifting itself out of the recent depression.

THE MARKET. (By Associated Press) PORTLAND, May 8.—Livestock steady, eggs unsettled, butter firm.

WHEAT QUOTATIONS. (By Associated Press) PORTLAND, May 8.—Hard White \$1.32; Western Red \$1.17.

## TO DEMAND RELEASE OF PRISONERS

Council of Ministers Make Recommendations to Peking Body.

FIFTEEN ARE YET BANDIT'S CAPTIVES

Women Reported Released; Two Said Killed; U. S. May Not Take Independent Action as Yet.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, May 8.—A council of the ministers in Peking decided to make urgent representation to the Chinese government recommending punitive measures to secure the release of foreigners still held captive by Chinese bandits who held up the Shanghai-Peking express train Sunday.

The American government may not take independent action until the results of the ministers' action is seen.

Fifteen Still Prisoners. (By Associated Press) SHANGHAI, May 8.—Fifteen foreigners, all men, eight of them Americans, are still in the hands of bandits. Two others escaped and have reached Tsientsin. Two lives were lost. Joseph Buchanan Heilich, was shot during the hold-up Sunday, and an unidentified American was killed in fighting between the bandits and pursuing troops Monday.

Prisoners Released. (By Associated Press) At 10 o'clock Monday night (Pacific time) all available reports in connection with the Chinese bandit raid on the Peking express near Suchow indicated that 19 foreigners, principally Americans, were still in the hands of the brigands. The list included one woman, Senora Anclra, of Guadalajara, Mexico, whose release or capture has not been definitely confirmed, although general statements had been received from two or three points that all women captured had been released.

Those believed to be Americans contained in the list are: Mrs. Roland Finger, Manila; Robert Allen, Manila; Robert Allen, Jr., son of Major Allen; N. E. Miller, Los Angeles; J. A. Hixley, Shanghai; J. B. Powell, Shanghai; Lee C. Solomon, Shanghai; Loney, Shanghai; Fred Elias, Shanghai; Edward Allen, Shanghai; Leon Dreibach, Shanghai.

The remaining names on the list are: Senora Anclra, Guadalajara, Mexico; Senora Anclra, wife of Senora Anclra; Theodore Saphire, Shanghai; Shilla Gensburger, (French), Shanghai; and V. Halmovitch, Shanghai.

Women Released. (Special to The Observer) PEKING, May 8.—All the women kidnapped by the Suchow train bandits have been released and have arrived at Tsientsin, province of Shantung, according to reports received from that city Monday night. The American agents at Nanjing have left for the district where the holdup occurred, and have been authorized by their government to take all possible means to obtain the release of the captives. The consuls are accompanied by doctors and nurses.

Miss Auld Released. MANILA, May 8.—Miss Lillian Auld, of Eugene, Oregon, was reported captured and released by Chinese bandits who seized a train near the Shantung border Sunday. Miss Auld was traveling with her aunt, Mrs. L. A. Seaton, of Berkeley, California.

Start Release Machinery. LONDON, May 8.—British and American garrisons at Tsientsin are reported mobilized. The bandits demand \$2,000,000 ransom, says Shanghai dispatcher.

Troops Surround Bandits. Tsientsin, May 8.—Government troops are believed to have completely surrounded hill positions where bandits are holding the 15 prisoners.

Start Release Machinery. YENCHOW, May 8.—Negotiations have been started for the release of prisoners held by the bandits. One of the American majors reported captives is said to be wounded.

CHEAP SCHOOL HOUSE. (By Associated Press) SAN ANTONIO, Calif., May 8.—The Calaveras county board of supervisors accepted a bid of \$25 for the old Spring Valley grammar school house, located in the historic Bret Harte mining country. In pioneer days the school housed many pupils, but has since been closed owing to lack of attendance.

