

BERLIN TO
REPUDIATE
COMPACT OF
VERSAILLESGermany Not to Comply
With Reparation Clause,
Is Report.FRENCH, BELGIANS
MUST EVACUATESuch Is Ultimatum Decided
Upon by Germany If
Versailles Treaty Is Not
Broken.

Official Denial Made.
BERLIN (Press Telegram)—Official quarters here today as a whole repudiated the reports circulated abroad that the German government had decided to repudiate the Versailles treaty in entirety. It was stated that the repudiation of the treaty could only be resumed when the status existing before January 11, when the French entered the Ruhr, was fully restored. The repudiation of the treaty in the present situation does not signify the official disavowal of the treaty. It was added, but is the result of France's violation of the treaty.

LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Baldwin told the House of Commons today he spared no pains to let the Allies know that the British people could not continue indefinitely to maintain cooperation in the Ruhr conditions.

LONDON (AP)—Germany has decided to repudiate the treaty of Versailles and not to comply with either the reparations clause or any other of the clauses of the treaty as long as the French and Belgians occupy the Ruhr, says a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Berlin.

BERLIN (By the Associated Press)
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STOCK BRINGS
FANCY PRICES

Union County Club Members Topped Prices Received by Others in Pacific International.

With an average of over 15 1/2 per pound Union County club members last week topped prices received by all other counties and states entered in the sale of fat steers at the Pacific International. Union County boys from the Union community exhibited six steers from three herds. Four steers went from Island City. The highest price was paid to Gale Boyer, the ten year old grandchild of W. J. Townsend, of Hot Lake. Her steer weighed over 1000 pounds and won the champion ribbon for the

Five Cities In Race
For 1924 G. O. P. Meet

WASHINGTON (AP)—Denver failed to make a bid today for the Republican National convention. The subcommittee of the Republican National convention, which met today, is expected to select Chicago, Cleveland, Des Moines and San Francisco as the cities for the 1924 convention.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The great national political show of 1924 had its formal bid opening Wednesday with the assembling here of Republican leaders to begin work in selecting the convention city for next year. As the first official act of the presidential campaign, a subcommittee of the Republican national committee Thursday will receive invitations from several cities bidding for the 1924 convention, subject to the final choice of the full national committee, which will meet here December 11.

Imbroglia At
Early Hour
Hard Fought

(By Scoop)
High school girls with bobbed hair and determined visages, La Grande fathers ready to do or die, high school boys wishing they had gone out for football so as to be able to "center-rush" the mob, La Grande mothers anxious and without slightly excited lest they be forgotten in the melee, people by the dozen—all participated in the "Battle of Glass Drug Store" this morning at eight o'clock sharp.

Promptly at that hour the hostilities commenced with both sides about equally distributed around an enclosure where were located the various prizes for the winners, taking the offensive. Many of them were very offensive, but on and on the battle waged, with the ferocity of Verdun paralleled, for about a half hour and then the scene of the imbroglia was reduced to only an occasional skirmish with accompanying snipes and departures. Casualties were not many although "it" said that one young man received a black eye trying to creep into the front ranks where he might assault the strong-hold more fiercely. And "it" also said that two of the feminine sex were losers of hairnets, torn badly from their coiffures during the strangulation period.

And—but what's that? Oh! Pardon Me!
The "Battle of Glass Drug Store," fought valiantly this morning, was none other than the battle of La Grande citizens with each other to secure reserved seats for the Junior play "Anne What's Her Name" where they wished to have them reserved. And many of them did secure them, where they wanted them, but many had to take just a little bit of peeling seat, say in row 17 or 18, but at that most of the people were satisfied.

LA GRANDE PIE
SUPER-TOUTED

"Bill" Strandborg, Epicure, Publicist and Slinger of a Mean Vocabulary, Visits City.

"I judge a community by its pie," brained "Bill" Strandborg, Oregon's largest and roundest publicist man, this morning as he poured himself snugly into the stage for Edin. "And that standard," he declared, "that La Grande is destined to be the Chicago of the Far West—the unrivaled metropolis and distributing center of a vast and prosperous empire."

"In all my varied and widespread wanderings over the face of the earth I have never lacked my highly discriminating and cordial palate unassisted by a suitable, succulent and sustaining slab of sumptuous sweetmeats and soul-satisfying savories for the ambrosial perfection of pastry excellence topped off by my extensive repast at the Hotel Foley last night."

"That gem," going on to describe the pie, "of consummate value was 165 per cent longer, 148 per cent wider, 84 per cent thicker and at least 92 per cent more delicious than any hunk of human happiness I have ever heretofore intaken."

"And," glowed the rotund publicist, "no community can fall short in its selection of pies. It is a duty to be fulfilled on such generous and elaborate lines and filled with such exquisite epicurean delights. And I say that as one of a race of men who scoffed not at pie." (Continued on Page Five)

PETITION FOR
TAX REPEAL
ACTION FILED

Salem, (AP)—A petition for an initiative bill to repeal the state income tax, approved by Oregon voters on November 6th, at a special election, was filed with the secretary of the state today by C. C. Chapman, editor of the Oregon Voter.

The proposed initiative would ask outright for the repeal of the income tax act to be referred to the electorate at the general election next November.

Wailowa Man Suffers
Severe Leg Fracture

WAILOWA (Special)—Leonard Couch, of this city, suffered a severe fracture of his leg yesterday due to an accident that he fell from while riding a horse. Mr. Couch was riding through a field on a ranch near here and the horse slipped, due to frozen and slippery footing, falling on Mr. Couch and breaking the large bone in his limb just below the knee.

The fracture was set late in the afternoon and his condition is improving.

MAN AT TELOCASET
REPORTED INSANE;
ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

According to reports received in La Grande this morning from Telocaset, a man at that place went insane today and attempted to commit suicide but was forestalled in his attempt by the sheriff and his deputies left this morning by car for Telocaset to bring him to La Grande for examination and investigation. It is understood that he attempted to jump from the wing of a moving train.

ORYAN EXPOSE
IS THREATENED

Will Prove That Charges Against Charles Forbes Are True Declared John F. Oryan.

Stirred by Charles R. Forbes' charges against the committee counsel, John F. Oryan told the senate committee today that he expected to prove the truth of Mortimer's charges that Forbes was one of a "gang of conspirators" that together to defraud the government and added "I expect further to show this criminal conduct was in consonance with his previous life records."

College Advice Helps
Farmers of Michigan

CHICAGO, (AP)—Michigan farmers in a few sessions, by following the advice of the Michigan Agricultural college to raise on variety of grain have made extra profits which alone would reproduce the entire college plant, E. R. Hill, assistant dean of the college, declared at the closing session Tuesday of the meeting of members of government boards and records of state universities and colleges.

G. W. Roland Charged
With Driving While
Drunk; Trial Tonight

The police, especially the speed cop, had a busy day yesterday. And the city judge, R. J. Kitchen, had an equally busy time at ten o'clock this morning. The police officer showed that G. W. Roland, charged with speeding and driving a car while intoxicated, pleaded not guilty to the charge and will be tried this evening at ten o'clock.

That Phil Holman, Hazel Stevens, 25 S. Street all lost \$5 in the city funds due to being arrested with traffic violations.



And here's the very latest picture of Broadway. Every once in a while a photographer comes along and "takes" the famous street at night. Here's the way it looks now.

M'ADOO'S HAT
HEAVED INTO
'CHIEF' RING

William G. McAdoo Will Be Nominated as Democratic Candidate for Presidency.

OMAHA (AP)—Commenting on a statement in Chicago today by David L. Rockwell, of Havana, Ohio, that friends of William G. McAdoo intend to nominate him as the Democratic candidate for the presidency, McAdoo said here today that "Mr. Rockwell stated the situation accurately."

G. A. R. MEMBER
PASSES AWAY

Death of George U. V. Walker Further Depletes Ranks of Civil War Veterans.

George U. V. Walker, a veteran of the Civil War, passed on in La Grande yesterday, his death saddening his large circle of friends and bringing deep sorrow to his relatives. Funeral services will be held from the Stoddard and Zimmerman funeral service parlors Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

George U. V. Walker was born at Princeton, Va., Nov. 2, 1845, on April 12th 1865. He was married to Mary, nee, in 1868 and engaged in farming and general merchandising and later on in well drilling, these vocations proving prosperous to him. Both he and his wife were somewhat run down in health and came to Oregon in the spring of 1903, and they have resided near and in La Grande since. Mr. Walker was a veteran of the Civil War and was survived by his wife, three daughters, Mrs. C. A. Meador, of Huntington, W. Va., Mrs. J. W. Dumbler, Pendleton; Mrs. Nora Short, La Grande; by six sons: Paris P., George E., and E. E. Walker, all of La Grande, Calvin K., of Kiefer, W. Va., and W. J. Walker, Portland.

HOME TOTALLY
DESTROYED BY
FLAMES TODAY

Residence at Corner of V and Pine Burned to the Ground; Loss Between \$1500 and \$2000.

The residence, owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer, at the corner of V and Pine streets, was completely obliterated early this morning due to fire. The fire department rushed to the scene but the fire had such a start before the alarm was turned in that nothing could be done.

The loss will probably approximate \$1,500 to \$2,000 which is partially covered by insurance. Absolutely nothing, neither furniture, wearing apparel or any other articles but their night clothing, was saved from the flames.

American Legion Base
of Drive Now Underway;
Plans Laid Last Night

PIERCE ENDORSES ANNUAL ROLL CALL

Walter M. Pierce, Governor of the State of Oregon, issued the following statement from the office of the Governor in Salem endorsing the Seventh Annual Roll Call of the American Red Cross:

"I wish to call the attention of the people of the State of Oregon to the work of the Red Cross, a society organized for the benefit of all members of the human family that need assistance."

"I ask all who are financially able to give from their abundance to this noble christian work. In our country we must not allow the formation of a group or class of dependents. It is the work of the Red Cross to help restore them to a self-sustaining position who have lost their place in the march of progress."

GRAIN EXHIBIT
WAS EXCELLENT

Union County Grain Exhibits at Pacific International Won Many Prizes.

The grain exhibit sent by Union county farmers this month to the Pacific International at Portland was small in amount but very effective in garnering the coveted ribbons. When the judges had finished weighing and reweighing and comparing the different samples, every sample of Union county grain had a ribbon on it and most of them were of very satisfactory colors. One sample of grain turned up after the judges was over but better than this local man scored wherever entries were made. The most notable winning was that of J. A. Gaskill, of Imbler, who won the blue ribbon for the best sample of Hard White wheat and also the blue ribbon for the best sample of Hard White wheat. In addition to this he won 2nd prize in the Hybrid 125 class and 2nd prize in the White Club class. The winning in the White Club and Hybrid class was a real achievement, as both classes contained over 100 competing samples. Union County farmers have been able to win in the Hard White classes previously, but until this year have not been able to show good enough Hybrid 125 to equal that produced in Union County.

E. B. Jasper, of Alsea, exhibited one bushel of Union rye, a new variety, very popular in the east, and giving good results in Oregon. He won first prize and sweepstakes for the best sample of rye shown.

Angus Zaeger, Win. Anton and W. R. Ledbetter were other exhibitors in the money.

50 bushels of wheat, one bushel of rye and 100 ears of corn made up the total exhibit. One purple ribbon, four blue ribbons, three red ribbons, two white ribbons and one 6th place and one 6th place ribbon netted exhibitors a total of \$15.00 in prize money, which will considerably more than pay expenses incurred in the preparation and shipment of the exhibits. Although the exhibit was small, the showing made is as far as is known better than that of any other county competing. Judges recommended that the Hard Federation wheat grown by J. A. Gaskill and the Union rye shown to E. B. Jasper be sent to the International Fair and Grain Show at Chicago, believing it would find a place somewhere in the awards at that show.

Eggs Lower, Butter Higher.

PORTLAND, (AP)—Livestock was steady on today's market. Eggs weak but lower, going at 42 to 43 cents. Butter firm and higher, extra grades 44 to 45 cents.

ROBBERY OF
BANKS SEEMS
MIDWEST JOY

Bank Robberies Occur Almost Too Many to Enumerate Consecutively

COUPLE PILFERED IN MIDDLE WEST TODAY

Bandits Escape with \$34,000 From Two Institutions; Three Men Caught Before Robbing Another Bank.

KANSAS CITY, Kan., (AP)—Two masked bandits held up two messengers of the Argentine State bank at Argentine Boulevard and Seventeenth street here early today and escaped with \$20,000.

COLLIERSVILLE, Ill., (AP)—Three bandits today held up two clerks of the Consolidated Coal company and escaped with \$14,000. The clerks were returning from the bank.

WHEAT DUTIES
PROBE PLANNED

Tariff Commission to Determine If Present Rates Give Farmers Adequate Protection.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The tariff commission has decided to investigate the import duties on wheat. A thorough study of the whole question of wheat rates, it announced Wednesday, has been ordered, and a preliminary hearing will be held November 26.

The commission's machinery is to be set in motion in advance of the first public hearing, a committee of its agricultural experts and representatives of the domestic wheat industry beginning the assembling of information as to whether the present tariff duty of 20 cents a bushel is adequate to protect the interests of the producers in this country.

Will Take Time.
Although the work is scheduled to go forward as speedily as possible, commission members asserted Wednesday night that they could not hope to complete the task in less than three months. The order for the hearing was issued on the hope, it was said, that a preliminary meeting of agricultural experts might result in expediting final action. At the same time doubt was expressed generally at the commission's offices that anything could be done in time to afford relief for the producers of this year's crop.

The commission's chief problem is in the determination of whether the 20 cent duty carried by imported wheat, offsets the difference in production costs here and in Canada. It has been generally conceded that Canadian farmers can put their wheat on the market at a lower cost, but the exact differential must be determined by the commission.

Late News Flashes

Unity Would Develop Commerce on Coast, Claim
PORTLAND, (AP)—The Pacific Coast is called upon to mobilize forces and work in unity for the development of commerce, in an address today by William Piggot, president of the Pacific Foreign trade council, at the opening of the third annual conference here. Edgar B. Piper, of Portland, voiced the same appeal in an address on the conference keynote "Pacific Coast unity for world trade expansion." Piggot said not only coast cities but all territory west of the great divide is interested in the promotion of Pacific trade.

To Establish Local Branch for Nash Distribution.
C. N. Robey, representative of the Nash automobile company, H. C. Desler, of the Wentworth & Irvin automobile firm in Portland, Oregon Nash car distributors, and Bert Hamilton, Nash East Oregon Representative, are in La Grande today making arrangements to open a La Grande agency for their line of cars after January 1st.

Convicted of Manslaughter.
SEATTLE, (AP)—Winifred Gibbons was convicted of manslaughter today for slaying Harry Lacle, Seattle and Portland advertising man, at a road house October 27.