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Tuesday with morning valley fogs
and increasing cloudiness in west
portion. Colder in the interior.

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OBSERVANCE OF ARMISTICE DAY BEGINS

Parade Swings Through
La Grande Business Sec-
tion this Morning.

LARGE ATTENDANCE
AT UNION SERVICE

"World Peace" Theme of
Armistice Sunday Meet-
ing—Pierce and Miss
Findley Speak.

The eleventh anniversary of
Armistice day dawned bright and
clear in the Grande Ronde valley
today, with the ground covered by
a thin mantle of snow—the first
of the season. The observance
of the day, which started here
last night with a union church
service, continued at about 11
o'clock, when the Armistice day
parade, sponsored by the American
Legion, got under way.

Other events of the day were
scheduled as follows:

12 m.—Free buffet luncheon in
Odd Fellows temple.

2 p. m.—La Grande-Pendleton
high school football game at high
school field.

7:30 p. m.—Boxing card in Rex
hall.

9 p. m.—Legion's Armistice
night dance.

La Grande, with its stores closed
and flags flying in honor of the
heroes of the World war, was dotted
this morning with men in uni-
forms—here a doughboy, there a
gob and over yonder a devil-dog.
The morning was devoted to paying
tribute to the ex-service man and
his dead comrades, with none of
the gaiety of the celebration to
take place until afternoon.

At the union service, held in the
Presbyterian church last night
with a large congregation in spite
of the inclement weather, the
theme was "World Peace."

Rev. M. G. Tenneyson, chair-
man of the committee of the La
Grande Ministerial association,
presided. The congregation con-
sisted of the church members and
the Rev. J. George Wain led in the opening prayer.

Mr. Tenneyson, assisted by the
Presbyterian church quartet, led
the congregation in the service,
which was one of unusual beauty
and power. Mrs. Harley Richardson
rendered very effectively
Grig's "Axe's Death," a difficult
composition.

Walter M. Pierce, former gov-
ernor of Oregon, gave a stirring ad-
dress on "World Peace," giving as
one of the chief causes of war
avariciousness supported by false
propaganda.

Miss Mary Findley, one of the
workers in the Pacific Northwest
for the National Council for the
Prevention of War, told of the
work of her organization in cre-
ating a public opinion for peace.

Mr. Tenneyson read the preamble
of the Treaty of Peace, and the
congregation united in a pledge of
allegiance to their country in the
pursuit of peace, as follows: "We,
the people here assembled, offer
praise to Almighty God that His
spirit has, with such grace and
power, moved upon the nations.
As we have in times past offered
our lives and treasures to the for-

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Banquet To Begin At 7 P. M. Tomorrow

Final preparations for the cham-
ber of commerce banquet tomorrow
night for members of the Union
county I. O. O. F. clubs and their
guests, are being made today and
tomorrow. The detailed program
has not yet been completed but
those in charge promise that it
will be very interesting.

The prize lot, exhibited by
J. H. Mills, of Coos, which was
purchased at the Pacific Interna-
tional livestock exposition in Port-
land by E. A. Epling, will be served
at the banquet, which is to be held
in the La Grande hotel beginning
at 7 o'clock.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m., 34 above.
Minimum, 27 above.
Condition: Clear.
Weather Yesterday
Maximum, 41; minimum, 27
above.
Condition: Cloudy, precipita-
tion .05 of inch, traces of snow.
Weather Nov. 11, 1929
Maximum, 58; minimum, 45
above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.

ARMISTICE DAY 1918 1929



By JAMES W. GOOD
Secretary of War

ELEVEN years ago today, the guns that for four years had
clattered their dreadful chorus from the North Sea to
the Swiss Alps, were silenced. The greatest war of all
history, a vast and desperate struggle reaching to the roots of
human life, had come to an end.

We, with other peoples, had made a solemn sacrifice for
the amelioration of the world and each passing year has
brought a deeper appreciation of the nobility and significance
of that sacrifice.

No words we speak, no monuments we build, can pay
adequate tribute to the devotion, the heroism and endurance of
those who gave their lives and all that life means in order that
we might achieve victory, but as each succeeding November
brings another Armistice day we keep faith with them by
reconsecrating ourselves to the establishment of lasting peace.

Since we celebrated this day of human triumph a year
ago much progress has been made along definite lines to insure
international amity. The outlawry of war and the proposed
disarmament conference are palpable evidence that we stand
with all our moral and material strength on the side of peace.

We are true to our trust with the dead and as, with the
coming of this day, we look backward down the lengthening
vista of the years, we gratefully remember their heroic spirit
and derive new inspiration and courage to meet our obligations
as beneficiaries of their sacrifices.



Red Cross Roll Call Will Start Here Today

Starting today, the annual Red
Cross roll call reveille will be held
in La Grande, according to an-
nouncement by Sherwood Williams,
who says that solicitation for mem-
bership will be carried on the sum-
mer last year—no formal drive but
the lodges, churches, Rotary, club,
chamber of commerce, Lions club,
etc., will be asked to subscribe with
memberships at \$1 each for the
members of the organizations. The
committee hopes to maintain its
membership in the Red Cross at
the same point made last year.

During the last year, the Red
Cross has rendered aid in 117 do-
mestic and three insular disasters
in which more than 85,000 people
were given aid. Destruction by dis-
asters in the United States was
wide spread as is shown by the fact
that 25 of the 45 states were af-
fected by one or more types of
disasters where it was necessary
for the Red Cross to render aid.
Also, during the year the Red
Cross completed the reconstruction
work resulting from the Arkansas-
Missouri flood of June, 1928, as well
as the flood of Western Kentucky,
a disaster which caused extreme
financial problems to many per-
sons during the ensuing fall and
spring.

The Red Cross, through national
headquarters, also contributed to
14 foreign disasters which included
three hurricanes, three floods,
three earthquakes, one storm and
relief to Armenian refugees in Sy-
ria.

Car In River, But No Trace of Driver

Three minor automobile acci-
dents occurred in and near La
Grande over the weekend, with no
one reported as injured, according
to the police.

A touring car, license 266-175,
and belonging to a Portland man,
was found in the Grande Ronde
river near Perry Saturday and
brought to La Grande yesterday.
There was no trace of the driver
and police believe he or she left
here without reporting the acci-
dent.

Two cars driven by C. S. Wood-
ell and H. D. Wilson collided at
8:15 last night on Jefferson and
Fig. during the snow flurry, and
cars driven by Nick Hughes and
Bus O'Connell figured in a minor
accident at Depot and Washington,
according to the police.

SUICIDE IS HELD DUE TO INSANITY

County Trust Company
not Involved in Dearth
of President Riordan

NEW YORK, Nov. 11 (AP)—
The County Trust company, whose
president, James J. Riordan, com-
mitted suicide Friday, opened this
morning a few minutes ahead of
time without special incident and
no withdrawals during the first
few minutes.

John J. Tasker, elected chair-
man of the board of directors Sat-
urday at the bank a few moments
before its opening, reiterated that
the bank was sound and that Mr.
Riordan, whatever the cause of his
suicide, was not personally indebted
to the bank.

Former governor Alfred E.
Smith and William F. Kennedy,
friends of long standing of Riordan's
and associated with him in the
bank, also were at the bank
early. "They went directly to the
directors' room, declining inter-
views."

The suicide of Riordan, was re-
garded by civil and ecclesiastical
authorities today as due to insanity.

Cox Funeral Will Be Held Tuesday

Funeral services for Jasper N.
Cox, who died yesterday afternoon
at the Grande Ronde hospital after
a short illness, will be held Tues-
day afternoon at 2 o'clock in the
Stoddard and Zimmerman mortu-
ary. Burial will take place in the
Masonic cemetery.

Mr. Cox was born in Ohio on
New Year's day 51 years ago and
came to Oregon 21 years ago. He
leaves a daughter, Mrs. Mary Still-
well, of Redlands, Cal., two neph-
ews and a niece, Agnes Collins, of
La Grande.

ROBBERS DIES OF WOUNDS

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Nov. 11 (AP)—
C. W. Katchman, of Mattoon,
one of four robbers who staged a
spectacular holdup of 60 guests,
which netted \$54,000 at the home
of Henry B. Harris late Saturday
night at a dance in celebration of
Illinois' football victory over Army,
died today of a bullet wound below
the heart. He was shot by police
who were called by one of the
guests who slipped out of the room
unobserved by the robbers.

Two Holdup Men Are Sought By Local Officers

Two men, identity unknown,
held up and robbed the Cozy rooms
at 1 o'clock this morning, securing
about \$50 from the proprietor and
others, according to a report made

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Judge Accused of Stabbing Woman

AUSTIN, Tex., Nov. 11 (AP)—
Accused of stabbing to death a au-
repreneur court stenographer, John W.
Brady, former civil appeals court
judge and nationally known bar-
rister, denied today in his jail cell
all knowledge of the murder.
Brady was charged yesterday with
the slaying Saturday night of Miss
Lehila Highsmith, 28. Denial
came through his lawyer, Sam
Dickens.

Brady's attorney said Brady
went Saturday to the Texas univer-
sity-Baylor football game and later
with friends who were drinking.
Miss Highsmith, stenographer
for the supreme court commissioner
of appeals, was stabbed to the
heart with what was described as
a 12-inch knife soon after she
alighted from an automobile in
front of her apartment.

Armistice Day—After Eleven Years Of Peace

By Bruce Catton
Armistice Day is, quite properly, a day of memories. It
draws our minds back 11 years, and makes far-distant events
come to life again for us. This is perfectly natural and per-
fectly right.

Yet it might be a good thing if, in these Armistice Day
reveries of ours, we could devote a little bit of the time to
looking ahead as well as to looking back.

The men who were killed in the World war—the men to
whom the first Armistice Day was a requiem and not a re-
lease—have a stake in this day that calls for something more
than a tribute to their heroism. It is not enough to hang
fresh wreaths on their graves.

During the war, as you may recall, we had a variety of slo-
gans, by which we nerved ourselves for the struggle. One of
them said that this was "a war to end war."

Now it has become the custom, in the last few years, to
sneer at that slogan. In wartime it was a very real thing.
Men lived by it, and died by it, sustained by the magnificent
hope that it conjured up. It blazed across the sky like a vision.

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WRECK TRAIN AND ROB 100 OF \$500 CASH

Two Desperadoes Stage
Bold Holdup of S. P.
West Coast Limited

ENGINEER BADLY
HURT IN CRASH

Passengers Lined up and
Methodically Searched
—Only Money Taken by
Robbers.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 11—
(AP)—In the desolate, mountain-
ous country six miles west of San-
gus, Cal., two desperadoes staged a
bold holdup of the West Coast
Limited of the Southern Pacific
company last night by wrecking
the speeding train and probably
fatally injuring its engineer. Their
loot was approximately \$500.

The robbers, working with an
apparently well planned plot,
chose a curve in the tracks to pry
loose ten lengths of rail with tools
they are believed to have stolen
from an equipment shed at San-
gus. The train, about 40 miles
north of here.

The speeding locomotive hit the
weakened rails and plowed into
ditch, overturning and carrying
with it baggage and mail cars and
two coaches.

Engineer Injured
The engine boiler exploded, in-
flicting burns on R. C. Ball, the
engineer, which may cause his

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Three Winners In Turkey Tournery

Members of the La Grande coun-
ty club participated in a turkey
golf tournament yesterday at the
local course, with John Thiesen,
Charles Reynolds and Hal Bohnen-
kamp winning birds. Mr. Thiesen
scored a 43 which, with a handi-
cap of seven, gave him 36 for the
nine holes. Mr. Reynolds carded
41 and had a handicap of 3 1-2 for
37 1-2. Mr. Bohnenkamp shot a 49
and his handicap of 11 gave him
a net of 38.

YING KAO AND WIFE TO SERVE PRISON TERMS

NANKING, China, Nov. 11 (AP)—
Ying Kao, former vice consul in
San Francisco, and his wife Mrs.
Kao, today were sentenced to
prison terms and fined on
charges of attempting to smuggle
opium valued at a half a million
dollars into San Francisco last
summer.

Ying Kao was sentenced to seven
years' imprisonment and was
fined \$2,000 gold while his wife
was sentenced to four years in
prison and was fined \$2,500.

The couple were arrested in San
Francisco last July after the dis-
covery of a huge opium smuggling
plot and were ordered back to
China for trial by the Chinese gov-
ernment. At one time it was
thought the death sentence might
be asked in accordance with Chi-
nese law dealing with the smuggling
of opium.

Here Are Men Who Went Through Heroic Exploit With Sergeant York



Here they are as they are today, 11 years after: No. 1, Private Pat-
rick Donahue; No. 2, Corporal Ollis B. Merrithew and his family; No. 3,
Private Mario Muzzi; No. 4, Private George H. Willis; No. 5,
Private Michael Sachin; No. 6, Sergeant Bernard Early and Mrs. Early; No. 7, Sergeant Harry M. Parsons.

ARMISTICE DAY MESSAGE ISSUED

O. L. Bodenhamer, Legion
Commander, Speaks to
People of America.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 11—
O. L. Bodenhamer, national com-
mander of the American Legion,
Sunday issued an Armistice day
message to the people of America
as follows:

"Memories of the gallant service,
performed by the men of America
on the battlefields of France, come
flooding back today with an over-
whelming vividness. We turn back
the pages of the past and live again
those never-to-be-forgotten mo-
ments of victory which brought
unrestrained joy and gladness to
the world.

"The American Legion, composed
of the men who helped make pos-
sible that great achievement of
eleven years ago, is today engaged
in the task of preserving and per-
petuating in peace those same high

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Political Groups In Bloody Battle

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 11 (AP)—
This capital was apprehensive to-
day of further clashes between ad-
herents of the rival presidential
candidates prior to balloting next
Sunday.

Thirteen persons, one of them a
woman, were seriously injured yester-
day afternoon in rioting in the
heart of the city between rival po-
litical groups, numbering more
than 1,000.

More than 500 shots were fired
and bricks and stones flew thickly.
Police were unable to enforce a
check of casualties by one of the
political groups which said three of
their number were killed.

Johnson Named As Envoy To China

SHANGHAI, Nov. 11 (AP)—A
spokesman for the foreign minis-
try of the Nationalist government
today stated that the United
States had submitted the name of
Nelson Johnson to be American
minister to China, succeeding John
V. A. McMurtry. It was consid-
ered a certain that Johnson would
be acceptable to China.

HOOVER PAYS TRIBUTE TO HERO OF WAR

Places Wreath of Chrys-
anthemums on Tomb of
Unknown Soldier.

PRESIDENT WILL
SPEAK TONIGHT

American Legion Taking
the Leadership in Amer-
ican Observance of
Armistice Day.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11 (AP)—
President Hoover paid the tribute
of the nation at the tomb of the
unknown soldier today by laying
a wreath of white chrysanthem-
ums upon this hallowed place in
Arlington cemetery.

The president was accompanied
to the cemetery by Mrs. Hoover
and the secretary of war and the
secretary of the navy. After the
president had placed his wreath
on the tomb, Mrs. Hoover stepped
forward and laid four smaller
chrysanthemums, also white, beside
the offering of the chief executive.

The ceremony was brief, simple
and strictly in accordance with
that custom established during the
years since the unknown soldier
was buried. The army band saluted
Mr. Hoover as he entered the
national amphitheater and
then played the "Star Spangled
Banner." When the president's
party entered the cemetery grounds
a presidential salute of 21 guns
was fired.

NATION OBSERVES DAY
WASHINGTON, Nov. 11 (AP)—
pride in America's achievements in
the cause of world peace and pay-
ing impressive tribute to the World
war dead, the government's offi-
cialdom, headed by President
Hoover, joined with the rest of the
nation today in observing the 11th
anniversary of the signing of the
armistice.

Opening the commemoration was
the recital of burial services over
the still marble slab in Arlington
cemetery under which lies Amer-
ica's unknown soldier, and then as
the most notable exercise of the
afternoon, a memorial service at
the tomb of Woodrow Wilson, the
war-time president, in the national
cathedral. President Hoover will
deliver an address tonight under
the auspices of the American Leg-
ion to a distinguished audience
of government officials, diplomats
and World war veterans.

Throughout the nation exercises,
parades and addresses formed the
program of commemoration.

London, Takes Leadership
The 12,000 posts of the Ameri-
can Legion, numbering 850,000
war veteran members, took the
leadership in ceremonies through-
out the nation.

As the first event of the na-
tional capital's observance came a
repetition of the simple and digni-
fied burial service at the tomb of
the unknown soldier by the two
chaplains who originally read it on
November 11, 1921, when Amer-
ica's unknown warrior was in-
terred. The chaplains are Colonel
John T. Axton, former chief chap-
lain of the army, and Rabbi Mor-
ris S. Lazzaron, a World war chap-
lain. A delegation of American
Legion members, headed by Major
O. L. Bodenhamer, national com-
mander, together with representa-
tives of the principal World war
veteran organizations, then arranged
to lay wreaths upon the tomb.

At 11 o'clock Washington was
called upon to join with the rest
of the nation and the former war-
ring countries in two minutes of
silence, the tribute of the world to
the heroes who sacrificed their
lives on the battlefield.

In the afternoon the annual me-
morial service in honor of Wood-
row Wilson was arranged at the

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600 Nimrods Shoot Only 35 to 40 Elk

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Nov. 11
(AP)—Too many hunters saved
the elk here yesterday when open
season on animals opened in Jer-
rison national forest, 35 million
southeast of here.

A general slaughter of elk was
expected, but six hundred Nimrods
took the 140 square miles of hunt-
ing area and loosed a veritable
harrage of rifle fire at long range.
The net result was 35 to 40 ani-
mals.

Though the season does not close
until Thursday, the frightened ani-
mals were driven into a part of the
forest designated as a sanctuary.