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Tuesday and Thursday, probably rain.

### JUDGE GARY AND STEEL OFFICERS FACING CHARGES

Indictments are Returned Against Them by Grand Jury After Probe of East Youngstown Strikes.

### LAWLESS CONDITIONS FOUND

Affairs of Steel Industry Indicate Disregard for Rights of Justice to Laborers or Public in General, Declares Jury; Indictment an Outrage Declares Gary.

NEW YORK, March 8.—Judge Gary today termed the indictment against him an outrage.

There were no acts to justify the indictment against the United States Steel corporation, the Carnegie Steel company or any of their officers. So far as I know, there were no grounds for indictments against any other steel corporations. This is an outrage and a travesty on justice.

YOUNGSTOWN, March 8.—The Mahoning county grand jury today indicted Judge Eibert Gary and officers of six large steel companies on a charge of violating the state anti-trust law. Charges of conspiring to keep down the wages of common laborers are also made.

The indictments are the outgrowth of the strike riots in East Youngstown. They contain 62 counts. No foreign government was responsible for the trouble, the grand jury found.

Alleged guards of the Youngstown sheet and tube company perpetuated the riots. The indictment reports that evidence from 562 witnesses taken during the month showed a "lawless condition of affairs in the steel industry, indicating a disregard either for the rights of justice to the laboring class or the public generally by the indicted individuals and corporations."

One hundred and fourteen persons connected with the corporations were indicted.

### LAST WORD GIVEN BY GERMANY OVER ARMED MERCHANTMEN

NOTE IS HANDED LANSING GIVING REASON FOR TONITONIC DECREE.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The American government will not warn citizens against traveling on armed liners, regardless of what action is taken in the pending controversy, it was authoritatively asserted at the state department this afternoon.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Ambassador Bernstorff today handed Secretary Lansing a memorandum on the armed liner controversy, fully explaining the reasons for the decree ordering submarines to torpedo armed merchantmen without warning. The allied violations of international law necessitated the decree, the memorandum said. England was named a special offender. It said America had acknowledged the violations. It asserts Germany's willingness to operate submarines under naval warfare rules provided England will make concessions regarding arming merchantmen and cease her blockade.

The memorandum declared England's blockade was contrary to international law because it kept neutral trade from German ports and made the export of German goods impossible. The blockade hampers trade.

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### Chicago Market is Down Slightly Today

CHICAGO, March 8.—(Special.)—May, opening \$1.13 3-4, closing, \$1.10 7-8. July, opening, \$1.10, closing, \$1.08 7-8.

Portland, Ore., March 8.—(Special.)—Merchants' Exchange prices today, club, 93 bid, 95 asked; blue-stem, 98 bid, 100 asked.

Liverpool, March 7.—Wheat—Spot No. 1 Manitoba, 14s 1-2; No. 2, 14s 3-4; No. 2 hard winter, gulf, 12s 5-8; No. 2 red winter, 12s. In American terms the Liverpool price for spot No. 1 Manitoba is \$2.14 per bushel.

### C. S. Jackson Suggests That All Roads Be Guaranteed to County; Urges a Thorough Investigation

In a letter to a local friend, C. S. Jackson, owner of the Portland Journal, offers some road building advice, based on the experience Multnomah county is having. One of his chief suggestions is that the work done be guaranteed, without expense to the county, to endure for a term of years. The following is the substance of Mr. Jackson's letter: "It is not to enforce any plan that does not guarantee a full dollar's worth of road for every dollar to be spent. Second, the party that builds a hard surface—or even a 'metal road'—should be required to guarantee his work for a term of years, without any expense to the county. Third, to secure this service at reasonable cost a 'bunch' of those who are to pay for these roads, should 'get together' and post themselves, so that their knowledge will be a barrier to the successful scheming of contractors, and a factor of protection, to the county. You cannot get results without alertness and knowledge on the part of the public spirited citizen. Fourth: When a few patriotic citizens—say ten or twelve—are willing to acquire this knowledge, at some sacrifice to themselves, and work together for the best interest of the county, then get in touch with some engineer—somebody like Bowly—late state road engineer—who knows how to build a road from many attempts—a dollar's worth of road for every dollar spent—have him advise you how best to proceed. This will be the best investment you ever made. If you are to spend anything like a million dollars for roads—particularly if the dollars are to be borrowed. Fifth: Have your 'bunch' of public spirited citizens from different parts of the county, go studiously to work, in touch with your engineer, carefully selected—no cheap fellow—and determine upon a well matured plan, determine where the roads should be built, with the view of putting them to the most fruitful use to the interest of the people who are really to pay for them—the workers, the consumers—not always taxpayers. (Continued on page five.)"

### Homer I. Watts Re-elected Mayor of Athena; Sunday Closing Ordinance Beaten

(East Oregonian Special.) ATHENA, Ore., March 8.—At the most spirited election ever held in Athena, Homer I. Watts was yesterday re-elected as mayor, three councilmen were chosen and the proposed Sunday closing ordinance was beaten by a majority of 15 votes. The balloting for mayor resulted as follows: For David Taylor, 121. For Homer I. Watts, 177, a majority of 56 for Watts, who is the present mayor. For councilmen, the vote stood as follows: Charles Kirk, 142, W. P. Littlejohn, 157, Harold McFarland, 155, William McLeod, 210, H. O. Worthington, 110, R. W. Ware (a dark horse) 65. Those elected are Littlejohn, McFarland and McLeod. For treasurer the race was between Mack Johnson and Ernest Zerba, Zerba being elected by a vote of 157 to a vote of 129 for Johnson. B. B. Richards was elected as city recorder by a vote of 236. The Sunday closing ordinance, which was defeated in a general way to the state Sunday closing law, was defeated by a vote of 173 against, to 104 for the ordinance.

### Senators in the Big Fight



SEN. BORAH-IDAHO SEN. LEWIS-ILLINOIS



SEN. STONE - MISSOURI + SEN. GORE - OKLAHOMA



SEN. REED - MISSOURI + SEN. JONES - WASH.

These members of the United States senate figured in an important way in the fight over the question of recognition of the German right to torpedo armed merchant vessels with-

### GERMAN TROOPS PRESS IN UPON CITY OF VERDUN

Jaws of Giant Nut-Cracker Closing More Tightly Upon French Lines; Regneville is Captured.

### OTHER VILLAGES ARE TAKEN

Paris is Optimistic in Admitting Advances of Teutonic Forces; Heavy Artillery Duelling Continues on Both Banks of the Meuse; French Claim Few Gains Made.

BERLIN, March 8.—A statement today said ten cannon, 3,277 men and 48 officers were captured in last night's gains, the largest since the battle of Verdun began. West of Regneville, the Germans stormed a front of three and a half miles for a gain of nearly two miles.

LONDON, March 8.—Capturing Regneville and advancing on the Woivre Plain, the jaws of the giant German nut cracker closed more tightly on Verdun today. Berlin claimed the capture of Regneville in hand to hand fighting from the wrecked houses. Berlin also announced the capture of Forges, which Paris admitted yesterday. Twelve miles southeast of Verdun in Fresnoe, also reported entirely in German possession.

Paris failed to confirm the German occupation of Regneville or of the French positions in the Cumerles woods. Severe bombardments were reported there, but infantry fighting was called unimportant. It is thought possible the French merely withdrew a short distance from Regneville, which stands on low and soggy ground in the Meuse river loop.

PARIS, March 8.—Heavy artillery duelling continued last night on both banks of the Meuse, a communique said. The situation north of Verdun is unchanged. The commanding is the heaviest northwest of Verdun. The Germans are believed preparing to attack the two hills. Infantrymen remained in the trenches northwest of Verdun while the Germans shelled the French positions.

East of Maison De Champagne, we recaptured trenches which the enemy took Monday and took 30 prisoners.

Along the Manheulles railway several German attacks broke down under artillery fire.

### S.P. WOULD MAKE A COMPROMISE FOR 10 MILLION IN GRANTS

### WOULD RELINQUISH ALL CLAIM TO OREGON-WASHINGTON LANDS

WASHINGTON, March 8.—For a consideration of ten million dollars, the Southern Pacific today offered to relinquish all claim to the Oregon-California grant lands. J. P. Blair, general counsel for the railroad, made the offer to the house public lands committee. He pointed out the railroad now claims the right to remove all timber, worth from thirty to fifty millions, but is willing to compromise to avoid further litigation.

### Gill Re-elected Mayor of Seattle

SEATTLE, March 8.—Hiram Gill was re-elected mayor yesterday by a majority of 16,000. Practically complete returns give Gill 34,671; Griffiths, 28,598.

### NEWS SUMMARY

General: Judge Gary and officials of big steel companies are indicted by grand jury in Ohio. German forces are beginning to press in on Verdun. Canadian plant is wrecked; one man is killed; others missing. Local: Ground broken on new harvester plant in city. Achievements of Commercial Association in 1915 shown to be notable. Another good roads meeting to be called to hear all plans.

### CANADIAN PLANT WRECKED; 1 MAN LOSES HIS LIFE

Score are Missing and May Also Have Been Lost in Explosion Which Shatters Nitrate Works.

### INGENDIARY BELIEVED CAUSE

Series of Violent Explosions Precede Fire; Flames Still Raging And May Spread to Storage-houses; Entire Plant May Be Destroyed; Most of Men Believed Escaped.

NIAGARA FALLS, March 8.—One man was known to be dead early today while a score are missing in a fire still burning in the plant of the Niagara Electro-Chemical company. It started with an explosion shortly before midnight. Twelve or fifteen other violent blasts followed in quick succession. The city rocked like an earthquake. The peroxide plant was blown to pieces. At nine o'clock this morning a new series of eight explosions shook the plant. They developed a new fire which rapidly approached the storage houses. Should the blaze reach the store houses explosions demolishing the entire plant are feared.

The company was engaged in the manufacture of nitrate, a by-product for powder companies. Officials are unable to estimate the number of men in the building, but they were believed to be 100. Their escape through poisonous gases was considered miraculous. The plant contained an apparatus for the manufacture of chloroform.

Officers of the company expressed the belief the fire was incendiary.

### New Head of Commercial Club Says Question of Securing Quarters Should be Supreme

That he will make the matter of securing new and up-to-date quarters one of the principal issues of his administration was the inaugural statement of W. E. Brock, new president of the Pendleton Commercial Association who took office last evening. He declared no sufficient reason exists for postponing this needed action any longer.

The house committee, which is investigating the matter of new quarters, reported through C. P. A. Loneragan, that there is a possibility of securing quarters now occupied by another club during the early summer. It was also reported that the Knights of Columbus stand ready to take the present quarters and to buy, probably, the present furnishings.

Damage Claim Presented. One of the matters of importance

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### Commercial Association Accomplishes Much Good Work During the Last Year

If anyone doubts the value of the Commercial Association to the community, let him peruse the summary of achievements of the organization during the past year as contained in the annual report of Secretary K. K. Oranston, submitted last evening to the members. The report was surprising even to many of the members and evoked a great deal of congratulation for the officers and the club.

Right now the association is engaged in securing for the city a combined harvester plant and last night made the guarantee that started the

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### Another Good Roads Meeting to be Called Here Next Week

J. P. Robinson, president of the Good Roads Association, before leaving for Portland today made the following announcement: "I have arranged with the committee for another good roads meeting for some day next week, after my return from Portland. At this meeting we are going to have a bigger representation than at the last and we are going to ask all those people who have substitute propositions to come out by the open meeting and spread their cards out on the table. Let them give the people a chance to see just what their proposition is, discuss it and think about it the same as we have with the proposed bond issue.

"We are not trying to force this bond issue on the people. We are open to conviction and if there is any one or any set of men or organization that has a better plan or a better system we are anxious to hear the full details concerning it. We are going to put our bond issue plan before the people fairly and squarely on its merits and leave the people to decide whether or not they favor this system of building good roads or whether they favor some other system of whether they are opposed to good roads altogether. "At this meeting next week we ex-

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### WORK ON HARVESTER PLANT IS BEGUN; COMMERCIAL CLUB TO SECURE REST OF THE MONEY

### Round-Up Will be Made Chief Event on Pacific Coast

To make the 1916 Round-up the chief attraction of the Pacific coast this fall was one of the big propositions discussed at a meeting of the board of directors with Wm. McMurray, general passenger agent of the O.W.R. & N., and Mr. Robert Burns of the passenger department, in the rooms of the Commercial Association this morning.

Owing to the wide and favorable publicity which the Round-up has received during the past six years and the fact that there is no other big attraction on the coast this fall, the board of directors felt confident this particular show could be made a great drawing card if properly advertised throughout the coast. All transcontinental lines are this year bending their energies toward securing the tourist travel for the Pacific coast as the European route is closed and the Pacific northwest and Alaska will be the new fields to be opened.

The members of the board went over all the plans for the coming exhibition in September with Mr. McMurray and Mr. Burns and the situation was canvassed from all sides and everything points to one of the biggest shows and biggest crowds ever known. There was no doubt in the minds of any one present at this meeting but what this could and would be done.

### Necessary Funds Have Been Raised With the Exception of \$2400 Which Now Has Been Promised.

WORK WILL BE RUSHED AHEAD

First Unit of Plant Will be Concrete Building on Lot Purchased Opposite the Round-up Grandstand; Equipment Will be Installed for Early Operation.

New Subscriptions. David Nelson ..... \$500 R. L. Barron ..... 100 E. P. Tulloch ..... 300 E. P. Strangh ..... 300 Amount to be raised, \$2400. With all the money raised excepting \$2400 and the Commercial Club having assumed the task of securing the remainder, actual work on the construction of the first building for the Blewett Harvester Company's plant was started here this morning. The work will be rushed as swiftly as possible so as to get the company in position to turn out a large number of harvesters for the coming summer.

The company has purchased the vacant tract of land opposite the Round-up grandstand and has plans all perfected for getting into shape for manufacturing work. The first unit of the plant will be a concrete building facing on Ash street. This building will be 150 by 60 feet. The concrete work is to be done by L. E. Twitchell and preliminary work is now underway. C. A. Lansdowne, of Spokane, has charge of the work for the company and his first step on arriving here this morning was to take out the necessary building permit.

Under the plans formulated by A. R. Blewett, head of the company, the entire tract of land will eventually be brought into use. The company's office, surrounded by a grass parking, will be located at the corner of Court and Ash streets. When needed a concrete building will be erected on Court similar to the one now being constructed facing on Ash street. The company's warehouse will be located south of the first unit and the foundry will be built on the southwest corner of the tract. This arrangement will leave a court in the center which will house the assembling sheds. For this year these sheds will be temporary in character.

As soon as the first building is sufficiently completed the company will begin installing its equipment so as to get into early operation. Though the time is short it will be sufficient to permit of the constructing of 21 Blewett harvesters for the coming season. The company has much material now on hand at its Spokane plant and this will be shipped here at once.

Financial Arrangements. At the Commercial Club meeting last evening the subject of the Blewett factory was one of the big topics for consideration and there was much rejoicing over the success of the enterprise. As chairman of the soliciting committee J. V. Tallman reported that all but \$2400 had been pledged the company and said the committee would continue to work until the full amount is raised. In order to permit the Blewetts to go ahead with their construction work the club passed a motion assuming the obligation of raising the remainder of the fund.

The Commercial Club also took action requesting the Northern Pacific and the O.W.R. & N. Co. to build spur lines to the factory so as to provide rail facilities. The location of the plant is such that these accommodations may be provided at very nominal expense.

The papers providing for incorporation of the company with \$150,000 capitalization were a great hit last evening and today forwarded to the

OPEN CHALLENGE IS OUT FOR HORSE-SHOE CONTEST

Checkers is not the only old time pastime that is experiencing a revival in this county. Some new Jack (this-dred) and Giant Ehrhart of this city with an open challenge to meet anyone on pitching horseshoes. They do not confine their challenge to the teachers of the county. It is open to the whole world and it seems chances they are a hot proposition in making in so much territory. Let the doubter go up to the Ehrhart's shop and watch them at their play. A shoe cast that is not a throw is a bad cast for them, and consequently, the Iron shoes pile up three and four deep on the stakes.