

La Grande Evening Observer

VOLUME VIII.

LA GRANDE, UNION COUNTY, ORE.,

THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 1909.

NUMBER 157

ALL FOREIGNERS IN DIRE DANGER

SULTAN SURROUNDED AND CANNOT ESCAPE TURKS

Messages From Smyrna and Tarsus Say Hundreds of Prisoners Have Been Released by Fanatics—Americans in Danger of Assassination—No Description Can Depict The Horrors of The Massacres Carried on Today.

SMYRNA, April 22.—Messages from Aysa say rioting is gruesome; rioters broke into the jail and released 40 prisoners there. Pillaging, robbery, arson and murder is general. At Tarsus, 5000 are homeless. Easily 200 were murdered by the rioters, and 200 houses burned.

Five American women are in danger of being murdered by Armenian fanatics at Hadjin. Miss Lambert and missionary, sent a telegram today saying the town is filled with rioters, threatening the lives of all foreigners. All surrounding villages burned and a large part of Hadjin is ablaze.

SOFIA, April 22.—A detachment of Young Turks has crossed the sea of Marmora today, and is now occupying the Asiatic side of Constantinople, thus completing the investment of the city. It is now impossible for the Sultan to escape and join the loyalists in Asiatic Turkey, as was supposed to be planned.

WILL TEST TRAIN.

A test train composed of regulation tonnage on new cars, will be taken over the mountains by high company officials this week. Every department and sub-department of railroad transportation will be inspected during the trip. All the equipment will be new that the test will be made without a flaw.

FISH FOR HATCHERY.

ELGIN, April 22.—Although much closer to the fine fishing of the Looking Glass, Minam and lower Grand Ronde than the La Grande nimrods, Elgin sportsmen have realized the necessity of keeping the supply of trout up, and accordingly made requisition of the department a short time ago for fry to place in the small streams in this vicinity. Accordingly there were received from the Ontario hatchery yesterday about 25,000 small trout which were planted in Clark's and Indian creeks.

CLUB CLOSES FOR SEASON.

NEW YORK, April 22.—The West End Woman's Republican Club holds its first meeting for the season tonight at the Hotel Astor. The officers elected at the annual meeting will be installed.

AERONAUTIC EXHIBITIONS

RACES IN AIR AND PARADES TOO, IS. PRESENT PLAN

BERLIN, Friday, April 22.—Preparations for the international aeronautic exhibition, to be held at Frankfurt next July, are fast approaching completion. Dirigible airships of rigid and non-rigid patterns, aeroplanes, and spherical balloons, will be seen in flight, and facilities will be offered to visitors to make trips in airships starting from the exhibition grounds. During the exhibition there will be races and other competitions of a sporting and military character. Experiments with aeroplanes will be carried out on a specially prepared velodrome in the grounds and there are already numerous entries. The Zeppelin and the Parseval airships will journey to Frankfurt by air and take passengers on excursions along

PATTEN'S LIFE WAS IN DANGER

FLED FROM PIT TO AVOID SERIOUS THREATS

King of Wheat World is Speeding to Trinidad Where he Will Recuperate—Denies he is Looking After Wheat Conditions—Said That he Has Received Threatening Letters Since His manipulations Began in Pitt.

CHICAGO, April 22.—It was learned today that James Patten, the wheat King, who fatally ruined scores of rich men, disappeared during the heat of the battle of the pit and fled in fear of his life. During the past few days he received many threatening letters. Patten denied statement he is making a tour to investigate the wheat crop. He said he was going to the ranch of a friend near Trinidad to recuperate from the intense strain under which he is living.

HUTCHINSON, Kas., April 22.—Patten passed through this city today en route to Trinidad, Colo. He said the object of his flight was to escape reporters.

the Rhine. During the races communication will be kept up by means of the exhibition's own wireless telegraph system and carrier pigeons. Numerous prizes have been offered.

The honorary committee of the exhibition in cludes F. Cortland Bishop, president of the Aero Club of America; Count Zeppelin, Major Cross, Major von Parseval, Professor Burley, Prof. G. Hergesell, Col. Schaeck, last year's winner of the Gordon Bennett balloon race, Comte de la Vaux, Prince Borghese, Major-General Kowanko, chief of the Imperial Russian Balloon Park, and Capt. Amundsen, of Stockholm.

STRANGER FALLS TO HIS DEATH

ONE LONE WITNESS TO SUDDEN DEATH AT HILGARD

What is Presumably a Tramp Was Killed at Hilgard This Morning—Was Seen Falling From a Freight Train—Was not Run Over But Fatally Injured by Fall—Inquest Held Late This Evening—Name is Fred Miller.

Fred Miller, presumably a young man stealing a ride on a freight train west, was almost instantly killed at Hilgard this morning. Exact particulars as to how he met his death may never be known, though it is possible the coroner's inquest to be held late this evening here if possible, may ferret out some additional facts. The most clear-cut story of the killing comes from a young fellow standing in the hotel at Hilgard idly watching two freight trains getting on the side-tracks to 1st No. 6 pass. Suddenly he saw a man falling between the cars, but did not know whether he fell from the top or from the coupling.

The train was stopped, but as the unconscious form lay between two tracks it is not known which of the trains he fell from. A parcel which he carried, and his hat fell between the tracks, but he fell between the two tracks. Though still alive, he was unconscious and after being hurried toward La Grande in charge of Conductor Cherry, he died while the special was passing Perry.

It is believed he was on No. 55, the west bound freight.

The remains were at once removed to the undertaking parlors of Henry and Carr, where they were care of.

In one of the pockets of the man's clothes, a pawn ticket, issued upon a watch by F. D. Young, of Baker City, on the 8th of April, was found, and also an order from an employment agency, bearing the same date addressed to a Mrs. Woods, of Salisbury. Salisbury is on the Sumpter Valley railroad.

On the right side of the head the scalp was torn for several inches, and on the upper right forehead there was a severe bruise. The right shoulder is also broken. Neither of the head wounds would seem, from a superficial examination, to have been sufficient to cause death.

A pawn ticket and the note from the employment people give the dead man's name as Fred Miller, and in a cheap memorandum book indicate that he was a cook. Farther than this nothing is known of his antecedents or his manner of living. The face bears no marks of dissipation.

WANT FREIGHT RATES LOWERED.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 22.—Representatives of the different railroads in Missouri, have assembled in meeting here today to have a hearing of the railroad commissioners of the State in their demand that freight rates be lowered.

Rates are included for freight generally, extending to all classes and commodities, even including those articles named in the maximum freight rate law which law has been enjoined by Judge McPherson of the federal court. The move is in accordance with the views of the Attorney General Mayor that the railway commission has the right to make reductions in freight rates, so long as they do not make a rate equal or lower than the rates enjoined by Judge McPherson. This gives the board considerable latitude and great reductions can be made on certain classes of freight and the railroads will be compelled to obey unless they again invoke the aid of the federal courts and any reasonable rate should not be enjoined even by a federal judge.

There will be two sections of No. 5 this evening. The first is 40 minutes late and the second 1:30 minutes late.

SHRINERS AT CHARLESTON.

CHARLESTON, S. C., April 22.—Today fully 1,500 Shriners and their ladies have come into the city. The combined membership of Oasis Temple, of North Carolina, and Omar Temple, of South Carolina, have contributed to the pilgrimage to Charleston for the second "reunion" gathering of the Shriners of the two States.

COTTON STATES BASEBALL.

JACKSON, Miss., April 22.—The Cotton States League opens the season today and closes Sept. 6.

At a meeting of the directors here, Columbus was welcomed back into the league with open arms, making the sixth club and taking the vacancy left by Gulfport.

Columbus is the town succeeded by Algiers, but her return to the fold has no effect whatever on the Algiers franchise.

JUNGLES MISSING THINKS COLONEL

ROOSEVELT GIVEN BIG RECEPTION DINNER BY NATIVE HOSTS

MOMBASA, April 22.—Roosevelt was given a rousing reception at a spread in his honor today.

He was cheered three minutes when he arose to make a brief speech. His hunting plans will probably start tomorrow.

"There are so many evidences of civilization everywhere that I am beginning to be skeptical as to the existence of a jungles" said Roosevelt. He will see antelopes and ostriches within a day, and soon have fine practice on small game as the plans of the party were changed today, so Roosevelt can spend a week hunting out the Kapiti plains, where he will camp.

VIRGINIA STATE LEAGUE STARTS.

RICHMOND, Va., April 22.—The Virginia State League starts games for the season today. The season will end Sept. 12th.

CLIMB LOOKOUT FOR PLEASURE

RACE UP SIDE OF LOOKOUT WITH AUTOMOBILES

CHATTANOOGA, April 22.—Chattanooga's great mountain climb up the historic Lookout Mountain occurs today. Great preparations were made by the Lookout Mountain Automobile Club for the entertainment of a large number of visiting automobilists. The contest has given the support of the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce and six handsome trophies have been donated by the large commercial and social organizations of the city. The program includes contests for seven different classes of stock machines and a free for all.

Lookout Mountain stands over 2,000 feet above the city of Chattanooga, and the climb will be from bottom to the summit, a distance of over four miles. The course is replete with "hair-pin," triple "S" and "W" turns, and is pronounced the most dangerous and difficult to climb ever scheduled.

Part of Committee Gone.

A portion of the committee that will endeavor to persuade Portland capitalists to take stock in the local irrigation project, left last evening for Portland and the remainder will go this evening.

MODERN HOUSES IN BIG DEMAND

DEMAND FAR GREATER THAN THE SUPPLY NOW

While Home-seekers Are Looking Here Rapidly, Few Houses of Modern Styles Can be Secured—One Firm Has Four Calls in One Day And Can Fill None of Them—Many Rentable Houses Are Not Equipped With Best Features.

There is a serious dearth of modern houses on the lease list in this city according to real estate men who are almost daily called upon to supply modern houses for housekeeping. Families are coming to La Grande and with but few exceptions are looking for modern homes in which to live, if only temporarily. The list of houses at hand without modern conveniences is also limited, though there is no great famine for that style of accommodations. One firm today had four calls for modern houses and was unable to point to a single unoccupied residence that could fill the demands.

Notwithstanding that several new homes are going up, or are about to take shape, none are built for the purpose of leasing and it is doubtful if the supply will anywhere near meet the demand for the next several months. If all rentable houses were supplied with modern conveniences, the difficulty would be alleviated in a great measure. The expense necessary for the installation of such equipment is not great and when once in, the rent would be increased 15 per cent at least, say those who give study to such matters. If the influx to La Grande continues as it has during the past two weeks someone with an eye for business will do well to build several modern cottages at once. Home-seekers looking for good locations quickly grasp the fact that La Grande is the place to come, but they must have house accommodations and as practically all who have come so far are well-to-do men, they want the best to be had.

MANY HEARINGS BY COMMISSION

VALE RAILROAD FACILITIES WILL BE REHEARSED SOON

SALEM, April 22.—The railroad commission will hold a meeting at Comstock, May 7 to determine the fairness of demands of the people of Curtin for a depot and better transportation facilities to that point. The Southern Pacific officials say Curtin is a small station, if they practice stopping at all such points, it would be disastrous to the public.

A hearing will be held at Salem May 11 regarding the double decked chutes for loading double decked cars on the Harriman lines in Oregon. The commission will also take up the matter of better depot facilities at Vale, which is a terminus of the Malheur Valley railroad, a branch of the O. R. & N.

HEARD LINCOLN SPEAK.

Mrs. Schilke reports that subscriptions are coming in frequently and to the Lincoln Farm Association, that Mrs. C. L. Pierce, who has heard Lincoln speak, telephoned in this morning that she wishes to contribute to the fund for his memory, and will take out a membership.

C. P. Ferrin is transacting business in Union today.

Were You There? Where?

At the COME and FIND OUT SALE of course

WEDNESDAY'S SPECIAL WAS

\$1.50 Black and Colored Heath Bloom Petticoats 70c

Something startling each day You will not be told until the next so you had better COME AND FIND OUT what it is for Yourself.

A New Special Each Day

THE FAIR STORE

LA GRANDE, OREGON