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## REPEAT MESSINA HORROR IS FEARED

COURIERS BRING WORD OF AWFUL DEVASTATION.

Tensand Believed to Have Been Killed by Falling Buildings or Swallowed Up in Crevices—Entire Country Front is Changed in Southern Italy Government Ready to Send in Supplies if Reports prove true—Evil-dently Awful.

Rome, Oct. 22.—Fear of another Messina disaster is now awaiting the world. This time the disaster is from the southern end of the Sicilian island and the uneasiness of the lack of definite news and the fear of the very worst is growing hourly. The Italian government is preparing to rush relief to the stricken people is the disaster proves to be anything near what has occurred in the district of Cantania.

Earthquakes of long duration, during which the earth rocked and opened in great crevices, have been reported in the vicinity of Mount Aetna. There is no way of obtaining information of the extent of the damages at this time as all communication has been destroyed. It is said that at least one person was killed in every house that was wrecked in the town of Ael-beale, and that included practically every house in the town, which is the only place that has been heard from. The government is now expecting a long death list.

In Baluchistan. Quetta, India, October 22.—Exhausted tribesmen, arriving here today report the wholesale destruction of

Northeastern Baluchistan and Western Punjab, by a terrific earthquake the likes of which have never before been known. Hundreds of people are dead, the loss of life being terrible.

According to the statements of the half crazed refugees, the entire face of the country between here and Khelat, the capital of Baluchistan, has been completely changed. The earthquake was continuous and lasted for a long time. Plains have been transformed into low ranges of smoking mountains and hills have been transformed into boiling lakes of mud and water. In the village of Kurani, a crevice opened through the main portion of the town swallowing a great majority of the buildings and people. The crevice was of an enormous width and engulfed the majority of ten thousand people and almost all of the principal business sections of the place. There are no news from any of the stricken districts except those mentioned. From the meager details that have been gathered from the fugitives it would appear that this will prove to be one of the most destructive earthquakes in history.

### BIG DAY MONDAY.

Commig of Simmons to Local Camp Signal for Important Event.

Next Monday will be a memorable day for Woodcraft in this city. On that day J. W. Simmons, head of the state department of the M. W. A. will be here to visit the local camp. In addition to the local members a large delegation from other camps in the county are expected.

After the address which Mr. Simmons will deliver in the lodge hall Monday evening there will be a banquet in his honor. This banquet will be held in the Model restaurant. Members of the order in the county are looking forward to Monday as Mr. Simmons is one of the big men of the state.

## COUNTY LAWYERS WILL ORGANIZE

ALSO GIVE SPECIAL PAINS TO SENATOR LA FOLLETTE.

Meeting of Local Lawyers to Give La Follette the Glad Hand When he Arrives—Incidentally Lawyers take Steps to Form County Bar Association. Knowles Temporary Chairman of the County Organization—Several Committees Named.

A committee to meet Senator Robert L. LaFollette at the train when he arrives in La Grande next Tuesday, an automobile ride through the valley and a 5 o'clock luncheon were the plans agreed upon by the lawyers of the city this afternoon at a meeting held in the Commercial Club rooms. The appropriate committee for the carrying out of these plans were appointed. Judge Knowles was the chairman of the meeting and C. E. Cochran secretary.

Upon the motion of Attorney Ivanhoe all the attorneys of the county will be invited to be present to participate in the reception to their distinguished fellow lawyer from the Badger state. In addition to the lawyers of Union county some are coming from Pendleton and Wallawa counties to meet the famous senator here.

At the same meeting the lawyers of the city this afternoon took the initiatory steps for the purpose of forming a permanent organization to be known as the Union County Bar Association. The following attorneys were at the meeting and from that number committees for carrying out the plans

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## SEEKING REST IN HOUSE THEFTS

SEVERAL ATTEMPTS BUT NO SUCCESSFUL "STUNTS."

One Suspect Fired at by Jerry Proe Which Was Caught Meddling with Door to East La Grande Home—Residents Take Extra Precautions to prevent Entrance—East La Grande Scene of Numerous Searches to Round up Suspects.

Occasional fusillades aimed at suspected robbers, were the thrilling features of last night, and though none of the bullets went true or notwithstanding that no suspects have been arrested, house thievery which has been so prevalent during the past week, took a lull last night. So far as ascertainable, no houses were robbed though a few attempts are believed to have been made. From 7 o'clock in the evening until late at night, residents of East La Grande saw people and actions which they deemed suspicious at various houses and notified police headquarters.

Fred B. Hasten met a group at Seventh and Washington which to him seemed to be suspicious characters. He tried in vain to meet them face to face and immediately reported it to the police. A search revealed that the birds had flown.

People were seen prowling about the Mac Wood residence on Washington but dogs scared them away. Lights were seen in the Ralston back yard opposite the street from the Woods home, but a search from the police of both premises failed to reveal any traces or clues.

### Shots Fired at Suspect.

Jerry Proe had the experience of coming face to face with what was probably a would be robber. On his return home in East La Grande, he saw a man at the front door trying to effect an entrance. Thinking it to be a relative, he thought nothing of it until his approach to the door alarmed the fellow and he ran to secluded spot and lay down. Mr. Proe followed, demanding to know the man's identity. A bold breakaway and run resulted. Proe opened fire with a revolver but the bullets only increased the fugitive's speed.

The unexpected cessation of real activities is no doubt due to the fact that wide publicity has been given the robberies through the papers and the residents either left their lights burning or took other precautions to prevent entrances.

### Walsinger House Scared.

Robbers mutilated the front door of the Walsinger home on Ninth street, also in East La Grande, by cutting the screen. The house was not entered but the evidence of the attempt is only too plain.

### Bevier Home Entered.

The residence of Pete Bevier which for Wednesday night was deserted, was ransacked thoroughly, but nothing of any value was taken. Mrs. Bevier was the guest of relatives in the city while Mr. Bevier was in Portland. He returned today to find the place topsy turvy.

### Find Origin Of Candles.

It is very evident that most of the candle drippings which have marked the robbers progress are from candles stolen from the W. H. Bohenkamp residence last Sunday night when a watch was taken from one of Hail Bohenkamp's rooms soon after he had returned from Caldwell. The candleabra in the parlor of the Bohenkamp home was shorn of all its candles and it is thought that these are the ones used about the city, subsequently.

P. H. Spillman of the expert station of Union passed through the city this morning enroute to Elgin to view the fruit show at that place.

### A WELCOME RAIN.

Moisture Permits Fall Seeding—General Rejoicing in Umatilla Co.

Among farmers and business men as well there has been great rejoicing in Pendleton today over the heavy rain that ensued for a portion of the day. The rain was badly needed in order to permit of fall farm work and it will be vastly beneficial. Up to this time practically no fall seeding has been done and presumably the rain will now make seeding possible. To the few who have already seeded the rain will be especially pleasing.

### PEERAGE FOR FISHER.

London, Oct. 22.—Admiral Sir John Fisher, senior naval Lord of the Admiralty, retired from active service today. He will be elevated to the peerage with the title of Baron Tethford.

The new peer was born in 1841 and entered the navy in 1851. He was promoted to lieutenant in 1860. He took part in the capture of the Canton and Peiho forts and served in the Crimean, China and Egyptian wars. He became a rear admiral in 1890, Lord of the Admiralty in 1892, commander-in-chief of the North American and West Indies Station in 1897, commander-in-chief of the Mediterranean Station in 1899 and First Sea Lord of the Admiralty in 1904.

### COMMERCIAL EXECUTIVES.

Rochester, N. Y. Oct. 22.—Arrangements were made today by the Industrial Exposition management to observe tomorrow as Commercial Executive's day, in honor of the National Association of Commercial Executives, which will hold its convention here during the next few days. The meeting brings to Rochester the secretaries and presidents of most of the important chambers of commerce and boards of trade of the country. The visitors will be given first hand information and demonstration of how to run an industrial exposition.

## SPOKANE SQUAD COMES TONIGHT

KENNEDY'S STARS REINSTATED TO PLAY LA GRANDE.

Big Team Coming Tonight to Meet the Local Team Tomorrow.

Tonight's train will bring the formidable Spokane high school team and immediately upon its arrival here the squad of 16 men will be put up at the Foley. The strength of the visitors will be the best available to be had in Spokane. La Grande is an unknown quantity to Spokane.

The game will start promptly at 2:45. Provisions have been made to police the grounds well, which will prevent the crowds from pouring out onto the field, and in order to see all of the game, the crowd should be seated or have their places of vantage at that hour, that there may be no delay in the starting and speedy completion of the contest.

The officials named are Doctor Zimmerman, E. E. Bragg and A. W. Nelson of La Grande and Mr. Shadler of Elgin.

The line-up which Coach Wall will send on the field, follows:

- Left End, Myers.
- Left tackle, Heidenrich.
- Left guard, A. Bean.
- Center, V. Bean.
- Right guard, Grout.
- Right tackle, Ingle.
- Right end, V. Bolton.
- Quarterback, Irwin.
- Left half, Childers.
- Right half, Earls and Hanson.
- Fullback, Williamson.
- Utility, Rice, C. Bolton, Blystone, Grady, Bohenkamp and Lottes.

## JEFFRIES BACK TO NATIVE SOIL

PROMISES TO FIGHT THE NEGRO ANY TIME HEREAFTER

Welghing 232, the Big Glove Artist Returns to America today—Thousands Give the Fighter an Ovation—Talks Fight Like a Bulldog and has Money to bet on Himself—His Appearance Encouraging to New York Fight Fans.

New York, Oct. 22.—The greatest fighter the world has ever seen is in New York today. He is looking for a fight and if Johnson will use some of the gasoline wasted in San Francisco, in a record-breaking run New Yorkward, it will be better to the liking of the San Franciscans, and incidentally to Jeffries and the fight fans of the world. Looking fit and ready, Jeffries arrived on the Lusitania this morning. He said: "I am ready to enter the ring at any time and am also ready to sign articles with the Big Dingo. I tip the scales to 232 and am feeling better than ever before. Just leave all of this talk about upholding the supremacy of the white man to me. When I get the alleged Galveston cyclone into the ring somebody is going to get his head knocked off and it will not be Jeffries. There is going to be a fight unless Johnson does the 'Crawfish act'. We can't get together too soon to suit me. I could enter the ring tomorrow and clean up this alleged champion, but I will be at my best after two months training."

Thousands ovationed the hero of the hour.

Everybody sought to grasp the paw of the fighter as he came down the gang plank and the police were compelled to make a way through the enthusiastic fans.

When he had reached the carriage that was in waiting for him, the crowd blocking the approach to the pier refused to move until Jeffries arose in his seat and spoke as follows:

"Gentlemen! The main thing that the American public wants to know is, whether I am going to fight Johnson. I should say that I am. What do you think that I have been getting myself in condition for all of this time? All of this hard work that I have been doing for the past six or seven months has been to get myself into condition so that I can whip that big negro and I am going to do it. When he gets into the ring with me I am going to make him pay for all of the insults that he has put on the white race of fighters by injudicious use of his mouth and he will pay for every exertion I have had to go through in my hard training in order to meet him. I have plenty of good American coin to bet Johnson on myself provided that Johnson does not go broke paying fines for speeding that big red automobile of his through the streets. I wish to say that I will take all the side bets that are brought to me." With this short speech, Jeffries took his seat in the carriage and the crowd amidst wild cheering broke away and allowed the big fighter to continue his way.

Jeffries looks almost like another man. He is clear of eye, has a fine color and walks as elastic and upright as he did in his youth. In fact he looks in much better shape than he did during the last year or two that he spent in the ring.

### Cyclone in Illinois.

Decatur, Ills. Oct. 22.—Two men were probably fatally injured and a dozen or more hurt this afternoon by a cyclone which partly wrecked the McKinley Interurban shops.

## EXTRA SPECIALS For Friday and Saturday



**\$1. and \$1.50 Petticoats - 89c**  
A sample line of Black Satteen Petticoats, well made and trimmed with tucks and accordion plaited ruffles. All are good servicable materials and good values at the regular price of \$1.00 and \$1.25. On sale for

**89c**

**SATURDAY EVENING WE SELL CHOICE CANDIES SUCH AS IMITATION ALMONDS, GOOSEBERRIES, VICTOR CREAMS, LEMON DROPS, JELLY BEANS, CREAM NUTS, SMOOTH ALMONDS, CREAM ALMONDS, COCOANUT BON BONS, MINT CREAM WAFERS, PEANUT WAFERS, DAIRY DROPS LOTTIE CARAMELS, CREAM COVERED DATES, DUTCH GUM DROPS AND JELLY STRAWBERRIES AT THE REMARKABLE LOW PRICE OF**

**TRY OUR CANDIES AND YOU WILL KEEP COMING.**

### Just Received

A fine line of Spatt's fleece lined leggings and the Ponta Legginette. Something new in the line of protection from the cold. Would be pleased to have you call and examine them. Our prices are right.

### \$2. Comforters - \$1.49

A special offering of interest to all economical buyers. A fine line of heavy weight comforters that sell regularly for \$2.00. On sale for

**\$1.46**

### 15c Gingham - 11c

A choice collection of patterns in fancy dress gingham. Come in checks stripes and dots. The very best grade obtainable and actual 15c values, on sale for

**11c**

### \$1.25 Kimonos - 85c

An opportunity to supply your winter needs at a big saving. Ladies short flannelette kimonos. Made of good, heavy flannelette and a large variety of patterns to select from. All sizes. Regular \$1.00 and \$1.25 values on sale Friday and Saturday for

**85c**



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