

## MYSTERY VEILS SUICIDE OF M'GEE

### WOMAN THAT UNWRITTEN LAW WAS INVOKED NEAR ENTERPRISE LAST NIGHT

### DRUMS SAY PLAIN SUICIDE

McCormick Sawmill Scene of Mysterious Death of Sam McGee, formerly of Kentucky who Followed his Cousin to Wallowa County—Infatuated with Her and Death May Have Been Plain Murder.

Enterprise, July 16.—Special.—Officially a suicide, but believed by some to have been murdered, Sam McGee, a former Kentuckian, was found dead near the McCormick sawmill this morning with a .22 bullet wound in his skull. "Met death by his own hand," is the verdict of the coroner's jury, but notwithstanding this opinion of the inquisitors, there is an undercurrent prevalent in Wallowa county today to the effect that McGee was shot by some one else. Reports and rumors are not backward in implicating James Hales who lives at the mill.

**Infatuated with Cousin.**  
McGee has been infatuated with Mrs. James Hales for many years. Though she is his first cousin he has made repeated advances towards her, and followed her from Kentucky to continue his suit. Neighbors say that she was continually having trouble with the fellow and it is rumored and whispered about that the untimely death is the outcome of the persistency with which he "made love" to his cousin the wife of James Hales. Evidence indicates suicide and it may have been suicide, but nevertheless it is thought by many that the unwritten law was invoked by Mr. Hales.

No arrests have been made and it is not believed any will be made. McGee was not very well known throughout Wallowa county being a resident who not long since came there to make his home only by reason of the presence of Mrs. Hales. When found he was lying near the Hales residence and the supposition is that if shot by Hales, he had been prowling about the premises.

## MERCURY SAILS TO RECORD

### HIGHEST POINT OF YEAR IS REACHED TODAY.

#### Government Machine Shows Record of Ninety-Eight Degrees.

Mercury scored high this afternoon, setting a new record for Union county in 1910, when at 2 o'clock it touched 98 degrees and was still climbing. This is two degrees higher than the fluid has been this year, and the government records have been practically in harmony with ordinary instruments down town. Government Weather Observer Worstell reported a great dearth of air this afternoon. For occasional breezes, felt down town this afternoon the heat would have been very oppressive. As it was, a great many were not aware that the heat was greater than some others during the past few days when humidity made it appear all the more intense.

### CUMMINGS IN PORTLAND. Says Purpose is to Unite Irish to Free Ireland from English Rule.

Portland, July 16.—President Matthew Cummings, president of the Ancient Order, accompanied by other national officers, arrived today prepared for national convention which convenes here Tuesday.

In an interview Mr. Cummings said this year's convention is to unite all Irish societies with the ultimate purpose of freeing them from England. He criticizes Roosevelt, saying that Roosevelt's Guild hall speech was "unpatriotic and cruel," because he advised England to be cruel in ruling the colonies. He said that Ireland does not recognize George V as King and won't.

## FEAR STRIKE IS GOING TO BE SPREAD

### FIREMEN AND ENGINEERS IT IS FEARED WILL JOIN

#### Strike on Pennsylvania Line Grows More and More Likely

Philadelphia, July 16.—The only hope of averting a strike of the railroad men on the Pennsylvania line east of Pittsburg, is the outcome of a conference with the employees of the railroad working west of Pittsburg. There seems but little outlook toward a settlement. Men and officials are both preparing for a break at any time. Trainmen believe the conference was made by officials to gain time in preparing for a strike which might start within two days. A conference between General Manager Peck and Western employees is watched interestedly. There is a great chance for complication as firemen and engineers are ready to go out with conductors and brakemen. This situation is not yet developed in the Eastern end of the line.

## CRIPPEN CASE IS GROWING MORE MYSTERIOUS

### POLICE HAVE MORE SUSPICIONS TO WORK WITH.

#### Crippen's Companion Thought to be in France and not With Him.

London, July 16.—Baffled by the ingenuity of the murderer of the woman supposed to be Mrs. Hawley Crippen, police and detectives today are being scored by the press as bunglers. Scotland Yard has nothing but a web of suspicions to enmesh Crippen.

Dr. Pepper refuses to state that the body is that of Mrs. Crippen.

The inquest scheduled for today was postponed until Monday. The police say now that Crippen fled with \$250 in money and \$25,000 in jewels belonging to his wife. They say Mme. Levee is not with him but is hiding in France.

#### Woman Socialist Orator.

A large crowd listened to a woman orator last evening on Depot street. She handled the Socialist problem with considerable knowhow and the large audience heard her through. Had a man been on the box, the crowd would likely have been considerably smaller.

## CANON NOW ON HOQUIAM SCENE OF WORST FIRE IN YEARS CHAUTAUQUA PLATFORM

### TAKES LECTURE TRIP FOR FIRST TIME IN LIFE, COMMENCING THIS MORNING

### FLAYS ALL HIS CRITIZERS STEVENSON IS THREATENED

**Claims to Have Been Grossly Misrepresented—Call Burton and His Crowd a Lot of Ignorants Who Pose as Publicity Speakers—Upholds Aldrich—Payne Tariff Bill—Rules Have Never Been Fairer.**

Winfield, Kas., July 16.—Speaker Joseph Cannon, for the first time in his life, at Chautauqua today, vigorously defended the old house rules, and declared he had been grossly misrepresented. He speaks ardently for the Aldrich-Payne tariff. He characterized the new rules as iniquitous and insurgents who led the movement against him, particularly representative Murdock of Kansas, as ignorant publicity speakers. He said the insurgent criticism is in the same class with faults that a hobnobber finds when stealing a ride on a limited with engineer. "Rules never were partisan," said Uncle Joe. "It has always been the minority attacking the rules and it is certainly the easiest way of attracting attention to make up for defections in legislative work. We have had another season of hysteria over rules, abounding in more ignorance than knowledge. A small percentage of the majority supported the minority thus creating a majority. The postal savings bank legislation was the only real important piece of legislation enacted by the last session of the legislature under the special rule. I hope Murdock becomes less interesting and more frequently right in his work."

**Indiana Printers.**  
Indianapolis, Ind., July 16.—Hoosier printers are holding their annual session here today. Delegates will be selected to attend the International Typographical convention in Minneapolis next month.

## MEADOWBROOK IRRIGATION COMPANY WILL SELL TO NEW LOCAL IRRIGATION DISTRICTS

### Out of chaotic and lethargic states. business. This plan has been elaborated upon before.

The Meadowbrook stockholders today empowered the directors to sell the assets of the company at cost, to the new district as soon as it is formed, and to go to any necessary expense in holding the bond election.

A decidedly new and encouraging spirit was manifested at the meeting. Perfect accord with the district plan was evidenced on all sides and there will scarcely be a negative vote, it is believed, when the bonding issue comes to pass. The same purpose which animated the Meadowbrook company is behind this one but the same ends will be accomplished through a much different channel. It looks like irrigation in Grande Ronde on a large scale, after all.

**Wire Weavers Meet.**  
Springfield, Mass., July 16.—The American Wire Weavers' Protective Association convened here today and will remain in session probably until they will be elected to transact the business through next week.

### Mrs. Eddy's Birthday.

Boston, July 16.—Christian Scientists throughout the world are today centering their thoughts and affection upon their "spiritual mother", Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, this being the anniversary of her birth. Mrs. Eddy was born in Bow, N. H., eighty-nine years ago today, July 16, 1821, the youngest child of Mark and Abigail Barnard Baker.

### Birthday of Baby Prince.

Paris, July 16.—Little Prince Charles De Sagan, heir to the historic title of Duke of Talleyrand-Perigord, is one year old today. His mother, Here Serene-Highness, the Duchess of Talleyrand-Perigord, who was Anna Gould of New York, has a fixed, undisputed position in the foremost rank of Parisian society now that her husband has become the fifth Duke of that historic line.

## JOHN A. IS SHUT OUT OF GERMAN BORDERS

### COMMITTEE OF CITIZENS WOULD KEEP SMOKE AWAY

#### Negroes in Germany in Deplorable Condition Since the Fight.

Berlin, July 16.—Jack Johnson is not wanted in Berlin nor anywhere in Germany, according to a committee of Berlin citizens who are preparing to keep Johnson out of the country. The committee says the few negroes in Germany are in a deplorable condition since the fight and that Johnson's appearance in the country as a great attraction, would make the negroes worse.

### More Fruit Condemned.

Fruit Inspector Stillwell is given consistent time to the prevention of the sale of bad fruit and today condemned some more boxes of shipped-in fruit. A yard orchard was also ordered cleaned up this morning.

## FATAL EPIDEMIC TAKING TOLL HERE TODAY

### FATAL DISEASE WITH ADULTS IS SPREADING THROUGH CITY

#### Two Adults Ill and One Dead Makes Serious Situation Here

Gordon McMasters, aged twenty-five years, of La Croose, Idaho, and a brother of Doctor A. J. McMasters of that place, died at 2:15 this afternoon of acute anterior poliomyelitis, an inflammation of the spinal chord, not infrequent in childhood and infancy. It is not fatal as a rule with children, but leaves permanent paralysis, either partial or complete.

Several children less than two years of age have been seized with this disease in this locality during the past two months and they have all recovered. With adults it is generally fatal. "There are two other cases of adults now in the city," said Doctor N. Molitor this afternoon, in speaking of the matter. "In Umatilla county they are suffering with the same epidemic. Two deaths have occurred there in the last few days."

Doctor Molitor and Doctor Bacon (Continued on page 8)

## EUROPE SMILES AT TROUBLES IN GERMANY

### ENGLAND, FRANCE AND OTHER COUNTRIES DELIGHTED AT GERMAN EMBROGLO

### AMERICAN TRADERS HURT

European Countries Have Been Subjected to German Branding Irons for Some Time Since Kaiser Adopted Aggressive Tactics and They Smile, now That Uncle Sam Has Felt the Irons.

Washington, July 16.—The state department has announced today that steps will be taken immediately to protect William Pittman and Dr. Lawrence Burghim, Americans imprisoned at Madrid. Announcement was made by telephone after a conference with Taft at Beverly.

Washington, July 16.—Unofficially, United States popularity is in the "bad," and a half dozen other countries that share similar relations are delighted. European capitals do not relish German aggressiveness, so there is little doubt but that the United States would have their sympathies should affairs reach an acute stage.

The characteristic display over the Madrid note is on a par with the Kaiser's meddling with colonial policies of his European neighbors, according to court circle gossip. This aggressiveness has created a bitter sentiment in England, France and other smaller countries bordering the North sea.

They now rejoice that America has been touched with the same branding iron. Generally it is believed the German attack will harm American merchants in South America and rebound a benefit to Germany.

#### Conference on Issue.

Washington, July 16.—President Madriz has sent special envoys to Washington to discuss the Nicaraguan situation with the state department, according to a report here today. The envoys are headed by Modesto Barrios, former Nicaraguan minister to Great Britain, and are due to arrive July 23. The growing belief is that the intervention of the country, or some other method of bringing peace, is imminent. It is rumored envoys will suggest a special presidential election, supervised by the United States.

## ELK BOOSTS FOR GRANDE RONDE

### J. H. PEARE PUTS LA GRANDE TO THE FOREGROUND

#### With Natty Badges He is Able to Command Newspaper Attention.

Past Exalted Ruler J. H. Peare of this city is doing some effective boosting for the Grande Ronde at Detroit, according to the Detroit Free Press, which in a recent issue, compliments the La Grandite for his energy in spreading the Grande Ronde gospel. The boosting is done through the medium of natty badges, which were devised by the local lodge and the Free Press describes at some length the appearance of the badges. It says a wreath of apple blossoms encircles an Elk's head and a pendant shaped like an apple is suspended from the head. The paper explains how "Jack" is passing out the badges to Detroit and visiting Elks.