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BYRD, SPOKANE DESPERADO, CAPTURED

MURDERER OF 3 TAKEN WITH- OUT EFFORT

BOLDLY WALKS FROM BARRICADE
AND IS ARRESTED WITHOUT
RESISTANCE.

BUNDLED OFF IN AUTO

Spirited Chase Through Hills Out From
Spokane, June 12.—"Bill" Byrd, the
desperado, who has eluded many pos-
ses for days, and who is accused of
triple murder, was captured without a
struggle this morning when he left
Mica, where he was surrounded last
night—and went to a nearby farm-
house for breakfast. He left his gun
in the bushes and apparently decided
that the siege was so effective that it
would be useless to attempt to stand
off the posse after they had him sur-
rounded. This occurred last night after
a pursuit that lasted from Friday
until last evening.

Arrest Is Made Without Violence.
He made no effort to resist arrest
and was quickly bundled into an auto
and started toward Spokane.
Last Thursday, inspired, it is said,
by jealousy of G. H. Whipple's wife,
for whom he worked, Byrd went to the
building at Dispan and shot Whipple,
John Manski, a contractor, against
whom he held a grudge, was also killed.
When the posse chased him he shot
Justice of the Peace Meisner through
the lungs. Meisner died Saturday.

Byrd took to the hills after the fracas
Thursday and in the dense brush
was able to elude pursuers until Sat-
urday evening when, augmented in
numbers, the hunters were able to
gain tangible clues and run them
down.
Care was taken to get Byrd into
Spokane without meeting with riot
provoking crowds.

In Session in Buffalo.
Buffalo, N. Y., June 12.—About one
hundred delegates are attending the
annual convention of the New York
state organization of the United Mas-
ter Butchers' association, which be-
gan in this city today. The sessions
will last until Thursday.

Famous Autographs at Auction.
London, June 12.—One of the most
interesting and important dispersals
of autographs in recent years was
commenced at Sotherby's today, when
the famous Huth collection of auto-
graph letters and documents was
placed on sale. Among the many
valuable items in the collection, all
of them of great historical value, are
letters written by Queen Elizabeth,
Katherine of Aragon, Charles I.,
Henry VII, Edward IV., and Mary
Queen of Scots. Among the literary
celebrities represented are Robert
Burns, Henry Fielding and Oliver
Goldsmith.

MINOR CASES IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

JURY SENT OUT AT NOON, HAS
NOT REPORTED AT 3.

Suit Over Sale of Some Hay Occupies
Attention This Afternoon.

A jury to try the case of J. F. Bragg
vs. the Grande Ronde Cash company
was secured by noon today and the
trial started this afternoon. Bragg is
suing to recover on some hay sold for
him by the Cash company.

The case of Annie Arthur vs. H. D.
Spencer went to the jury this morning
but no verdict had been reached this
afternoon.

CORNELIUS VANDERBILT.

Considered as Possible
Ambassador to Germany.



SURF DELIGHTS OBSERVER'S TOURISTS

RETURN TO PORTLAND FOR IM-
PORTANT FUNCTION.

Gallo, Italian Harpist, to Serenade
Tourists Tonight.

Portland, June 12.—(Special)—After
three days at Gearhart by the
Sea the Observer contest party ar-
rived in Portland at noon. Tonight they
will receive their Portland and East-
ern Oregon friends at the home of Mrs.
Phoebe Brock, mother of the contest
editor, and will be serenaded by Gallo,
Italian harpist and soloist, and by
Prof. Schneaeffer, one of the leading
pianists and baritone singers of Port-
land.

All Wallowa and Grande Ronde val-
ley people who are temporarily in
Portland and who can be located to-
day, are invited to a reception tonight
so that the affair will be a reunion as
well as a reception. The party will
arrive in La Grande Tuesday evening.
The entertainment and diversions at
Gearhart hotel were superb and the
girls enjoyed themselves in the break-
ers immensely.

Commencement at Tome School.
Washington, June 12.—Many nota-
bles attended the commencement ex-
ercises today at the Tome School for
Boys. The address to the graduating
class was delivered by Dean Le Bar-
on Russell Briggs of Harvard uni-
versity.

FRUIT GROWERS WILL GUIDE COMMERCE

IMBLER FRUIT GROWERS WILL
EXTEND PURPOSES.

Commercial Club's Affairs to Be Han-
dled by Fruit Growers, Too.

P. F. Robinson went over to Imbler
today and while there he will confer
with the Imbler Fruit Growers' as-
sociation and learn upon what date that
organization can conveniently meet
the La Grande Commercial club to
further arrangements for making a
boosting club of the fruit growers.

It has been said that the Fruit Grow-
ers' association of Imbler will assume
all the duties of a Commercial club in
Imbler in place of organizing a sepa-
rate club for that purpose.

When the La Grande Commercial
club meets with the Imbler Fruit
Growers' association in Imbler the
matter of the two county Development
league will be taken up and the Fruit
Growers' association asked to join in
exploiting the advantages of Union
and Wallowa counties to the mutual
benefit of all concerned.

Colorado Sunday Schools.

Pueblo, Colo., June 12.—A small
army of enthusiastic religious work-
ers has invaded Pueblo and will re-
main in possession of the city three
days, during which time the annual
demonstration at Mineral Palace to-
night will be followed tomorrow by
the opening of the regular business
season tomorrow. One of the big
features of the coming week will
be Flag Day on Wednesday, when it
is expected that fully 5,000 Sunday
school children and teachers will
march in the procession.

State Would Tax Mrs. Eddy's Legacies.

Concord, N. H., June 12.—A hearing
will be had in the probate court here
this week on the petition of the state
treasurer of New Hampshire asking
the court to determine the question as
to whether the legacies contained in
the will of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy,
the founder of Christian Science, are
subject to the New Hampshire inher-
itance tax. Pending the determination
of the question the executor of the
will has been restrained from remov-
ing or transferring any of the Eddy
property in New Hampshire.

Convention of Beavers.

Biloxi, Miss., June 12.—The national
convention of the Supreme
Dam of Beavers, a fraternal organiza-
tion with a membership extending
throughout the country, met in Biloxi
today for a three days' session. Mayor
Glennan gave the visitors a welcome
this morning and response was made
by G. A. Canale of Memphis. Sup-
reme President L. E. Vallott deliv-
ered his annual address this after-
noon.

Montana Shooting Tournament.

Hunter Hot Springs, Mont., June
12.—The eighteenth annual shooting
tournament of the Montana Sports-
men's association opened here today
and will continue until Thursday. The
participants include many well known
shoots, from Anaconda, Billings, Butte,
Livingston, Helena, Great Falls, Mis-
soula, Bozeman, Deer Lodge and
other cities and towns of Montana.

To Vote on Commission Plan.

Bayonne, N. J., June 12.—Much in-
terest is manifested in the special
election to be held in Bayonne to-
morrow when the voters will decide
upon the adoption or rejection of the
commission form of municipal gov-
ernment.

Coney Island's \$5,000,000 Fire Turned Into Profit by Showmen



Fire photo by American Press Association.

CONEY ISLAND is unique in many ways, and one of its most prominent
characteristics is the great resort's optimism. Before the ruins of
Dreamland and other amusement enterprises had ceased smoking the
task of turning the disaster into a profit had been started. The ruins
were searched for relics that could be sold as souvenirs. Twisted bits of
metal, small china articles that had been partially fused by the heat, pieces of
plaster—all these were collected and sold. A crowd estimated at from 300,000
to 400,000 flocked to the island the day after the disaster and visited the shows
that were doing business or watched the ten acres of ruins that had marked
the spot of the world's most expensive amusement section. The body of Black
Prince, the huge lion that had escaped into the crowd as Dreamland burned,
was placed in a tent, and thousands paid to see it. Coney Island set its eyes
on the future and paid no attention to the past. It is not likely that Dream-
land will be rebuilt. It cost about \$4,000,000 and had never been tremendously
profitable. There was only \$500,000 insurance, and this was carried as part
protection for a mortgage of \$750,000. Owing to the grimy character of the
buildings the insurance rates were prohibitive. The loss in the region covered
by the flames was total; nothing was left. The picture shows a view of a sec-
tion of Dreamland before the fire and what it looked like after the flames had
got the flames under control.

INTREPID PIONEER OF '62 DIES AT PORTLAND TODAY; ONE OF FIRST SETTLERS

At the age of 81 years, more than
half a century of which was spent in
Union, Wallowa and Multnomah coun-
ties, Fred Proebstel, original settler
on the pre-emption claim now owned
by Mrs. Proebstel at Riverside park,
died today in Portland—thereby is re-
moved by death one of the very first
men to locate in the Grande Ronde
valley. When the late Mr. Proebstel
came to Union county, the white in-
habitants of this valley could be num-
bered on the fingers of two hands, be-
ginning with the late Ben Brown and
his wife and other intrepid pioneers,
most of whom are long since dead. Mr.
Proebstel's death in Portland today
was made known to Mrs. E. L. Eckley,
a niece, late this afternoon. Death
ended a two years' illness and last
March Mrs. Proebstel was a visitor at
his bedside. She will leave for Port-
land this evening to attend the fune-
ral.

Prominent Speakers to Be Heard.
Minneapolis, Minn., June 12.—All
signs point to a record-breaking at-
tendance at the annual convention of
the National Association of Credit
Men, which will begin its sessions
here tomorrow. The noted speakers
to be heard on the opening day in-
clude Archbishop Ireland, James J.
Hill, Governor Eberhart, Mayor
Haynes of Minneapolis and H. H. Pig-
gott of Winnetka.

Class Day at Princeton.

Princeton, N. J., June 12.—Many
visitors attended the class day exer-
cises at Princeton university today.
The customary program of exercises
was carried out, the leading features
being the planting of the class ivy,
and the Ivy oration, in front of Nas-
sau hall, followed by the cannon ex-
ercises later in the afternoon.

OPPRESSIVE HEAT FOLLOWED BY SNOW STORM

ILLINOIS WEATHER RECORD BROKEN
KEN BOTH WAYS IN
ONE WEEK.

SUMMER HEAT LOCALLY

Fringes of Extreme Hot Wave Through
Country Touches La Grande Post
Few Days—Humid Heat in Portland
Severe Yesterday—Two Killed by
Storms in the East—Snow and Cold
in Illinois.

Bloomington, Ill., June 12.—The
weather man had his joke today. An-
swering last week's prayer for relief
from the sizzling weather, he pushed
the cold weather bar over. Today
cold rains with snow flurries was on
the program. The heat and cold re-
cords for June were broken in one week
here.

Storms Kill Two.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., June 12.—Two fa-
talties are reported today as the re-
sult of severe storms which visited
this section late yesterday and early
today. Andrew Glogowski, aged eight,
was killed by lightning at the miners'
mill, and James Benson, a laborer,
was killed near Plains.

Fringes of the heat wave striking
the middle west, Portland, Seattle and
other coast towns, touched the Grande
Ronde valley the past three days, yester-
day being the hottest day of the year.
Then, too, humidity has made
the weather conditions uncomfortable,
though, contrary to other nearby sec-
tions in Oregon, the weather has not
reached the very oppressive stage as
yet in Portland. Yesterday was one
of the hottest days in 1911 and was
extremely humid.

Cotton States Tennis Meet.

Montgomery, Ala., June 12.—The
championship of the Cotton States
began on the courts of the Country
club of Montgomery today and will
continue throughout the greater part
of the week. It is thought the tour-
nament will be the most successful in
point of participants that has ever
been held in this section. Among the
entries are some of the best known
tennis experts of the south.

Professionals in Big Trap Shoot.

Eugene, Ore., June 12.—One of the
biggest trap shooting tournaments for
professionals ever held in this sec-
tion opened here today under the aus-
pices of the Pacific Indians. The
competitions will last four days.
Over \$1,000 in cash prizes, besides
many trophies, will be distributed
among the winners.

WIRELESS FIRM PRAYS FOR RECEIVER

OFFICERS OF COMPANY RECENT-
LY CONVICTED.

United Wireless Reaches Stage of
Bankruptcy at Portland, Me.

Portland, Me., June 12.—In the
State Supreme court today Judge Bird
heard arguments on a petition for the
appointment of a receiver for the
United Wireless Telegraph company,
of which the president and four di-
rectors were recently convicted in
New York on a charge of misusing
the mails in soliciting stock subscrip-
tions.