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WILDE HURRIES TO OREGON LINE

GOVERNOR READY TO SIGN RELEASE FROM STATE

WEST'S ALLEGED STATEMENT ANGERS GOVERNOR JOHNSON

San Diego Banker Will Be Taken to Portland at Once—Bunker Is Ready to Go and Is Not Fearing Ultimate Outcome of Trial—Decision of Governor Reached Last Evening.

San Francisco, July 28.—Prepared to sign extradition papers asked for by Oregon for Louis Wilde, the San Diego banker, wanted for alleged embezzlement, Governor Johnson replied to the castigation given Johnson by Governor West, saying: "I can hardly believe the governor of Oregon could have made the statement imputed to him because no governor could be so petty, contemptible or asinine as to make such remarks."

West said that if Johnson didn't honor the requisition it might be a good scheme to allow California to keep Wilde as Oregon's exhibit at the Panama exposition.

Wilde Not Alarmed.

San Diego, Cal., July 28.—Declaring he hasn't any objection to returning to Oregon and that he won't feel the outcome of the trial, Louis Wilde, today is preparing to leave for San Francisco to meet the Oregon officials tomorrow.

Wilde is wanted for embezzlement of \$90,000 in connection with the wrecking of the Oregon Trust bank at Portland by W. Cooper Morris. He fought extradition but Governor Johnson last night signed the papers after causing a great deal of controversy.

The charges against Wilde were aired in a hearing before Governor Johnson before the decision was granted.

PHOENIX INSURANCE BANKRUPT

Oregon Branch of the Company Has \$2.75 on Hand.

Portland, July 28.—The Phoenix Mutual Fire Insurance company went into voluntary bankruptcy today to prevent the authorities from taking court actions against it. Liabilities are about a quarter of a million and cash on hand \$2.75. The company had been warned previously to conduct its business differently.

To Wed on Pike's Peak.

Colorado Springs, Colo., July 28.—Miss Nona Sloan of Los Angeles and Mr. Meyer Lewis of Omaha have completed arrangements for their wedding ceremony which will be performed at the top of Pike's Peak at sunrise tomorrow morning. The couple will spend their honeymoon in Colorado Springs, after which they will return to Omaha to live.

YOUTH KILLS MILLIONAIRE

BELL BOY CONFESSES TO YESTERDAY'S CRIME.

"Hop" Now Heart Broken and Repentant for His Deeds—In Jail.

New York, July 28.—Cowering in his cell in the city jail, weeping and praying that he be saved from the gallows, Paul Geldel, aged 71, and a bell boy at Iroquois hotel, arrested for the murder of Jackson, millionaire, yesterday, makes no denial of the crime.

He alleges he got \$6.75 cash and a gold watch which he pawned for \$15. The boy says that robbery was the sole motive and he did not expect to kill.

Mississippi's Lively Campaign.

Meridian, Miss., July 28.—Mississippi's strenuous and picturesque senatorial campaign, which will culminate in the state primary next Tuesday was further enlivened here today by a monster barbecue at which many head of oxen were roasted and eaten. The affair was arranged by the opposition to ex-Governor Vardaman, who is one of the leading senatorial candidates, and was intended to offset the big demonstration of July 4, when 80 head of oxen, drawing a wagon in which was seated ex-Governor Vardaman, was a feature.

Recruiting British Americans.

Los Angeles, July 28.—John De Guepelt, the pretender to the British throne, today extended invitations to all British colonial army officers on the retired list and other British subjects in the United States and Canada to send in names for enrollment in organizing here an imperial army corps for contingent service in the event of war between England and Germany.

DEATH CLAIMS PRIZE BABY

WINNER OF RIBBONS AT BABY SHOW SUCUMBES.

Eight Months Old Child of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Harris Dead.

Honors and ribbons won at the recent baby show in connection with the Cove Cherry show have proven disastrous to the life of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Harris' babe. The little boy, eight months and 17 days old, named Oswald Joseph, won the blue ribbon for the fattest baby at the Cove show and above that, took the red ribbon for the prettiest baby. But, it is believed, the trip to Cove resulted in the little one swallowing a cherry pit. The baby died of inflammation of the bowels and it is thought the cause was as stated.

The bereaved parents, who reside at 406 Fir street, are receiving sympathetic expressions from their many friends.

The funeral arrangements are set for Sunday at 10:00 o'clock.

WATER HEARING HEATED.

North Powder Litigants Present Their Claims This Week.

North Powder, Ore., July 26.—(Special)—The hearing of the big water contest over the water rights in the North Powder valley was begun here this week. Last fall and summer the state made a water survey of the entire valley and in the winter a meeting was held and all the water rights adjudicated. This was satisfactory to the farmers of the valley, but it was contested by the Haines Pipe Line company, which claims it has been deprived of its legal amount of water.

The contest is resisted by 100 farmers and the case is being bitterly contested. Seven lawyers from Baker are in attendance. The case is arousing interest over the entire country for the result in this case will have a bearing upon the Powder river valley the waters of which are being surveyed this summer preparatory to an adjudication this winter, and if the state can not make its adjudication withstand attack the promised relief from continuous irrigation litigation vanishes.

The development of the Powder valley has been hindered by the large number of conflicting water rights and the courts have been crowded by such litigation.

Third Degree Opposed.

Richmond, Va., July 28.—Judge Carter Scott visited the city jail today and declared he would remove Buelah Binford held in connection with the murder of the wife of Henry Beattie, Jr., from the reach of the police unless third degree examinations were discontinued.

RIVAL NATIONS READY TO WAR

FRANCE AND ENGLAND PREPARE FOR ACTION AT ONCE

FINAL DECISION REACHED BY KAISER THIS EVENING

France Sends Fortifications to Frontier Posts and Is Ready—English Navy Stands Ready to Fight—Tone of Relief Is Seen Everywhere Today in Germany—Press Silent.

London, July 28.—After a night of incessant activity the first division of Great Britain's home fleet, including the Dreadnoughts are reported today as coaled and provisioned ready for the sea at a moment's notice. Should war come the navy is prepared. The work of coaling was started last night, as soon as orders were received.

Easier Feeling Prevails.

Berlin, July 28.—Presumably awaiting a cue from the government, the press today is practically silent on Premier Asquith's statement on the Moroccan situation. Feeling is seemingly relaxed as a result of a more hopeful aspect of the Franco-German negotiations over Morocco. The feeling is growing that war may yet be avoided.

France Prepares Army.

Paris, July 28.—Despite statements emanating from the foreign office that the Franco-German difficulties over Morocco will be amicably adjusted the war office is very active. Military preparations are proceeding speedily, and indications point that whatever the diplomatic outcome is the country will not be caught napping. Provisions and ammunition have been rushed to fortifications along the German frontier and troops are in marching order.

Kaiser to Decide Tonight.

Berlin, July 28.—Whether Germany will fight or back down, will probably be decided at Swinemunde tonight. The Kaiser confers with Chancellor Von Bethmann Hollweg and the foreign secretary there.

Vienna Entertains Americans.

Vienna, July 28.—The delegation of the Boston Chamber of Commerce engaged in a tour of Europe has reached Vienna and met with a hearty reception. The municipal government of Vienna has joined with the commercial organizations of the city in arranging for the entertainment of the visitors. The program covers four days and provides for the inspection of the leading commercial and manufacturing establishments of the city, together with dinners, theatre parties and automobile rides to the nearby mountain resorts.

Pope Is Ill.

Rome, July 28.—That the pope is seriously ill is admitted at the vatican today. As a result of laryngitis his breathing is difficult and has aggravated his heart trouble. He also has chronic gout.

WALLOWA LAKE CLAIMS VICTIM WHO GOES BATHING, OVERHEATED

Joseph, July 28.—(Special)—Icy waters of Wallowa lake last evening punished violations of natural laws by claiming the life of James Lane, a well known young man of Joseph who overheated, sprang into the lake to bathe. The sudden immersion caused heart failure and the young man sank. He was surrounded by several friends at the time but because of the trouble with the heart, there was no way to

COALITION ON WOOL MEASURE

INSURGENTS TO STAND BY DEMOCRATS IN HOUSE.

CONFERENCE WILL DECIDE ULTIMATE OUTCOME OF BILL

La Follette's Magazine Wants to Know Who Is Victor in Reciprocity Fight Assuring Consumer He Is Not — Points Out What He Calls Fallacies of the "Tariff Outrage" of Congress.

COALITION MEANS PASSAGE.

Washington, July 28.—Progressive republicans in the senate today pledged themselves to stand by the democrats in whatever compromise the conferees on the wool bill may reach. The adoption of the conference report is also assured in the house. This is the bill fathered by La Follette.

Madison, Wis., July 27.—Under the head of "Whose Victory," Senator La Follette in his magazine today bitterly denounces reciprocity. "A piece of private legislation, enacted in supreme obedience to the presidential mandate" is the magazine's characterization of the bill. It asserts the measure is a worse "outrage than the Payne-Aldrich law."

The article continues: "Its passage is a victory for the railroads which may gain increased traffic as Canadian wheat flows to our mills, and agricultural implements, motor cars and other manufactures go from our mills to farms and Canadian homes. The millers are given free access to the Canadian fields, and handed a club with which to beat down prices which the American farmer receives for his grain. It is a victory for the big industrial transportation interests. Mr. Ultimate Consumer, the victory is not yours."

Centenary of Famous Singer.

New York, July 28.—Mid-summer days among the idle thespians along the Rialto are always a season of reminiscences, so it is hardly surprising that one of the old timers dug up the fact that today marked the centenary of the birth of Giulia Grist, the world famous opera singer, whose appearances here are still remembered by some of the old New Yorkers whose memories go back to the days before the war.

Grist was born in Milan July 28, 1811, and received his first musical instruction in a convent at Florence. She made her debut at Bologna, and was then engaged for a season at La Scala, Milan. It was in 1832 that she made her first appearance in Paris. She then sang in Rossini's "Semiramide" and made a brilliant success. A few years later she married Girard de Melcy, but the marriage was not a happy

one. After their separation she married Giovanni Mario, one of the world's greatest tenors.

In 1854 Grist and Mario made their first appearance in New York. James H. Hackitt, the agent, brought them to the United States. He cleared \$60,000 on the venture. The opening night of their engagement was at Castle Garden, which was the fashionable opera house. The people of New York found it a long haul to and from Castle Garden, and so the Academy of Music had been built and it was opened Oct. 2, 1854, with Grist and Mario in "Norma." It was a notable occasion, and the audience is said to have been an unusually brilliant one.

After completing their engagement in New York Grist and Mario appeared in Boston, Philadelphia and several other cities. As many great singers do, Grist delayed her retirement from the stage beyond the highest period of her powers. Her death occurred in Berlin in 1869. Her body was taken to Paris and lies in the famous cemetery of Pere la Chaise. Mario survived her and lived until 1883.

N. P. MAINLINE IN FIRE PATH

SNOQUALMIE FOREST AFIRE AND IS BEYOND CONTROL.

General Conditions in Oregon Improved, Say News Reports.

Portland, July 28.—Reports this afternoon at the forestry office say the Snoqualmie forest fire in Washington is beyond control of the fire fighters. It has burned, already, an area of five by six miles. It is near the main line of the Northern Pacific and late reports from other parts of the northwest show the general fire conditions are improved.

FOREST FIRES CONTROLLED.

Oregon Forests Not in Serious Danger Right Now.

Albany, Oregon, July 28.—The forest fire situation is considerably improved. The Mill City blaze is practically extinguished and the Thomas creek fire is controlled. No new fires are reported.

Spasmodic and unserious fires are reported in the forests south of La Grande by mountaineers coming to La Grande today. There have been several fires of small areas, but as yet the danger has not been menacing or the damage extensive. Many of the rangers are not carrying insurance but are going through the formalities as rapidly as possible, fearing disastrous fires again this summer.

To Discuss Reciprocity.

Chatham, Ont., July 28.—Arrangements have been concluded for a big liberal conservative meeting here tomorrow, when prominent speakers will be present to address the farmers and other residents of this section on the proposed reciprocity agreement with the United States.

Suicide Theory Refuted.

San Rafael, Cal., July 28.—Believing the missing ring and broken teeth of the 16 girl, whose body was found near Bolinah, point to murder, the authorities here refuse to accept to suicide theory. An autopsy, however, showed no other marks of violence.

Rescued from White Slavery.

San Francisco, July 28.—Rescued from the white slavers who kept her imprisoned in a lonely cabin in the Santa Cruz mountains 12 days, Helen Whitson, aged 17, is safe at home today. The girl bears traces of her sufferings. The authorities hope to capture members of the band responsible for the girl's abduction.

TRUST GOBBLES PLANT AT NIGHT

L. G. HANNA TELLS OF A MIDNIGHT CONFERENCE

MORE CORROBORATION OF HINES GRAFT STORY

Brother of Late Senator Hanna on the Stand and Tells of Midnight Conference With J. P. Morgan to Grab the Tennessee Coal & Iron Company's Holdings During Money Squeeze.

New York, July 28.—L. C. Hanna, brother of the late Senator Hanna, today resumed his testimony before the Hardwick Steel trust investigating committee. He said he owned 10,000 shares in the Tennessee Coal and Iron company, stock which was purchased with a view of developing the property. He related a story of a midnight conference at the home of J. P. Morgan which resulted in the trust gobbling up the company during the financial depression, when the banks called in loans and compelled them to sell.

Graft Story Corroborated.

Washington, July 28.—Evidence tending to confirm the reports that Hines, the Chicago millionaire lumberman, accused of having corruptly caused the election of Lorimer, boasted of his activities, was given today before the investigating committee by Albert McCredie, a lawyer. He said Hines made boasts to a Duluth lumberman, a client of his.

English Football Team Coming.

London, July 28.—With the cheers of many enthusiasts ringing in their ears, 15 members of the Corinthian Football club sailed away on the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Britain today for America, where they are to engage in a series of gridiron contests during the next two months. The team will land in Quebec and will cross Canada to the Pacific, playing in a number of the principal cities, such as Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary, and Vancouver. On the return journey the team will make a digression into the United States, where matches have been arranged at Chicago, Philadelphia and New York.

National Regatta at Saratoga.

Saratoga, N. Y., July 28.—The placid waters of Saratoga lake were ruffled today by the darting shells of several score of oarsmen who have gathered here for the 39th annual regatta of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen, several elimination events of which were contested this afternoon. Tomorrow will come the finals and the long-looked-for championships, which will bring together many of the foremost oarsmen of both the west and east and a few from Canada.

RECALL BEE AT SEATTLE BUZZES

MAYOR INSTALLED BY RECALL IS NOW OBJECT OF ATTACK.

Instigators of the Movement Want the Sheriff to Be Mayor.

Seattle, July 28.—"Recall the present mayor, George Dilling, and elect Robert Dodge, now sheriff, in his stead" is the slogan of the Recall association which has been working for the recall of Dilling for a month, because he failed to institute jail reforms. Mrs. Catherine Stirtan, the moving spirit of the association, says that within ten days she required 15,000 names will be on the recall petition. Dodge, who is a candidate for governor, says he will not run for mayor.