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VAST TIMBER INDUSTRY IN THE BALANCE

LA GRANDE'S PAYROLL

ITEM IS MENACED

BY FELS PLAN

ANNIHILATION OF BIG

MILLS FIRST EFFECT

Slaughtering of the Best Timber of All Companies' Holdings and Then Leave State, not to Return, Is Certain to Be the Effect of Graduated Tax Scheme.

Believing that every reader of The Observer should understand as nearly as possible what the proposed Graduated Tax measure would do to La Grande and Eastern Oregon business institutions, this newspaper made a special request to George Palmer, of the George Palmer Lumber company of this city, for his opinion on the matter.

In reply to that request Mr. Palmer said:

"I have no disposition to offer an opinion with desire to shape the political sentiment of this community. So long as men and measures before the people of Oregon are matters of judgment as to efficiency I have little to say and merely cast my vote the way appears best, as every citizen should.

"But when a measure is proposed that is so radical as Graduated Tax it is time for us all to reason together and see what the effect of the passage of such a measure would mean to the state and each individual community. As I read this proposed tax measure it offers nothing but chaos and bankruptcy for every business concern that is handling timber. Search as I may there cannot be found anything in it that offers the least ray of hope for the man who is getting a start in the world, the man with a small amount of money or the organized business concern that is now operating.

"We have ceased buying timber because of this proposed measure. I personally know of large amounts of money being kept out of the state at the present time because of it. Often we receive letters from stockholders asking if there is any possibility of such an act being passed and expressing the greatest anxiety over it.

"You ask what will happen if Graduated Tax should pass?

"Well, the best that I can see now would be for every concern owning timber to put in temporary mills, cut out the best of their timber and leave the state at the earliest possible time, for it is impossible to pay the tax imposed under the Graduated amendment. This will not only deplete Oregon's most substantial resource, for it is admitted by all that her timber industry is the best resource she has, but it will affect other industries. Take the railroads, for instance. An acre of timber produces more tonnage than an acre of wheat land can produce for many, many years. Railroads will naturally curtail and seek the business level that will prevail. The money paid by the lumbering concerns for supplies of almost every description will cease.

"Bear in mind it is not an experiment that can be tried and then the industry be re-instated. For once the industry is taken, there will be no large plants put in operation for the remaining portion of the standing

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Crucial Battle Rages With Constantinople In Danger

If Bulgarians Victorious Constantinople Falls, and if Turks are the Butchered--Battlefront 10 Miles

Paris, Oct. 23.—With on one hand, and the ernment the weight balance on the other, the Turks are locked in the largest and most important

BECKER DEFENSE ARGUES

Witnesses for the State Held up by McIntyre.

New York, Oct. 23.—John F. McIntyre, chief of counsel for Lieutenant Becker, started his argument before the jury at 10:30 this morning. "The vile conspirators," shouted McIntyre, referring to the prosecution witnesses "lawless degenerates, reeking with filth and infamy. When the case is over, they will be free again to murder."

He asserted that Becker would be a victim of District Attorney Whitman who was after some "higher-ups."

McIntyre scathed Morris Luban, a witness testifying he had heard Becker tell Jack Rose that the latter must "get" Rosenthal.

"Luban," said McIntyre, "is a murderer at heart and a criminal by instinct. An eighteen karat crook prosecution dares to bring this scoundrel, manacled from a New Jersey prison, to testify against Becker."

Jack Sullivan of the defense, was a witness who was praised.

GREEKS RUSH TO GET ARMS

BULGARIANS AND OTHERS LEAVE OREGON

Over Two Thousand Have Already Taken Departure for War Zone

San Francisco, Oct. 23.—Two hundred and fifty Greeks left this morning for their native country to fight the Turks. Escorted by crowds, they marched to the ferry building, headed by a brass band.

Not only are Greeks, Montenegrins and Bulgarians employed in and about this city, Baker and Pendleton, leaving for the East to take up arms against the Turks, but great numbers are going from Portland.

One big feature of the passenger carrying business of western roads just now is the handling of Greeks according to G. B. Kerth, traveling passenger agent for the O.-W. R. & N. Railway company.

Already 2000 Greeks have left Portland for their native land and a large number are going from Seattle and other points. They are of all classes, railroad laborers, bootblacks, clerks and merchants and are responding eagerly to the call of the mother country now in need of soldiers. As a result of the migration of the Greeks there is promise of a dearth of laborers in this country, thinks Mr. Kerth.

Defense Plans Unfurled.

Indianapolis, Oct. 23.—It was indicated in the trial of the 47 laborites today that the defense will admit everything the government charges concerning the McNamara and Orrie McManigal, but will hold the others to know nothing of the dynamite activities.

British Ships Keep Watch.

Isle of Portland, England, Oct. 23.—Britain's third battleship squadron is preparing to leave for Mediterranean to keep in touch with the Balkan situation. It is still feared the powers will be drawn into the embroglio.

Early Settlers Here.

Mrs. W. V. Rinehart, who has been at Hot Lake for the past month with her sister, Mrs. Jennie C. Currey is a guest of her nephew Geo. H. Currey for a few days before returning to her home in Seattle. Mrs. Rinehart and Mrs. Currey had the honor at a meeting of the Washington State Pioneer association this summer of being the oldest pioneers in attendance, both having passed over the old Oregon trail which took them through La Grande in 1846, en route to Oregon City where their parents first located.

Reports of engagements at the Serbian frontier report Serbian victories. The Greek troops are meeting with success in Southwest Turkey. Turk Detachment Routed.

Athens, Oct. 23.—Crown Prince Constantine telegraphs that the Turks are in full flight toward a Turkish town in Serbia and the Greeks are in hot pursuit. The Turks fled after an all-day battle which was resumed this morning. The crown prince says the Turks were routed early in a desperate charge by his forces.

Vienna, Oct. 23.—The czar of Bul-

Governor Wilson Turns Out To Be Rattling Campaigner



Photos by American Press Association.

BECAUSE Governor Woodrow Wilson had been a college professor and president and had been in active politics only two years there were many in the Democratic party who professed to fear that the New Jersey executive would make a poor campaigner. "But just the reverse has proved true. Governor Wilson has turned out to be a strong candidate on the stump. He is making the same favorable impression in the outmost field that he did in his home state when running for governor. He is as democratic as Bryan ever was. His speeches are logical, forceful and effective. His professional training enables him to be convincing, and, last, but not least, he is amusing. His stories hit the nail on the head, and they make people listen. During the early part of October he goes on another western trip, speaking at Omaha, St. Louis, Chicago, Kansas City and Springfield. On his previous trips to the west and to the New England states he has been greeted with

DEPRAVITY AND HABITS OF JACK JOHNSON EXPOSED BY FIGHTER'S OWN RELATIVE

MURDER OF YOUNG WOMAN BY FIVE MEN IN BRIDGEPORT TRACED TO JOHNSONS CROWD — FIGHTER FACES PENITENTIARY TERM — WILL BE BARRED FROM FIGHTING IN ANY OF FIGHT CENTERS FROM NOW ON — MISS CAMERON'S TESTIMONY IS POSTPONED.

Bridgeport, Conn., Oct. 23.—Search for a motive leading five men to shoot Rose Bunnle, a young girl, to death on a lonely road near here, detectives today found in the dead girl's pocket, a card from Mrs. Alice Aldrich of Chicago, the woman pushing the prosecution of Jack Johnson. The police believe the girl was killed because she was connected with the Johnson case or because she was involved in the recent vice crusade in Chicago, and convinced her death was arranged for in Chicago.

Ole Buognonmo, one of three men he murdered the woman. He declared she was his wife, who came from Chicago yesterday and said the only reason for killing the woman was that he was drunk. He could not explain the presence in the girl's pocket of Mrs. Aldrich's card. The other two men captured are being sweated.

Buognonmo later admitted the girl was his sweetheart, and not his wife, convincing the police the crime was planned in Chicago.

FELIX DIAZ THE REBEL CAUGHT

REPORT TO THAT EFFECT IS CIRCULATED.

Prompt Execution Will Be His Fate if Rumors Are the Truth.

Mexico City, Oct. 23.—It is stated here on good authority that if Diaz has been caught he will be summarily shot.

While it is reported that Felix Diaz and his staff have been captured, if not confirmed, a telegram was received today which states that 3,000 federals are attacking Vera Cruz and the rebel troops to the number of 2,500 and reinforcements are coming for Beltran, the federal commander.

Nebraska Railing Upheld.

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 23.—The supreme court of Nebraska today handed down a decision unanimously upholding the district court in the ruling that Taft electors of Nebraska will be listed on the ballot as Republicans and Roosevelt electors as Progressives.

Black Again in Politics.

Everett, Wash., Oct. 23.—Judge W. W. Black, who won the Democratic nomination for governor, but was disqualified by the supreme court, today announced he would become a candidate for a vacant position on the supreme bench. Judge Main will oppose Black for the position.

JURY TRIALS OVER.

Believed Christiansen Case Will End Present Session.

The Elmer Christiansen case wherein the defendant is accused of having burglarized the Elgin depot, will probably be ended tonight. This may be the last jury trial for the present.

Chicago, Oct. 23.—Evidence and testimony that is believed certain to send Jack Johnson, the negro pugilist who has been put in the world's limelight the past few days, and several of his companions in the penitentiary for a long term, was given to the federal grand jury today by Chas. Johnson, the fighter's brother.

Had Girls at His Camps.

Much of this testimony was corroborated by a mulatto girl, Charles' sweetheart. He is reported to have told the grand jury that his brother took white girls with him in a private car on theatrical tours, and also to his training camps. He furnished the names and addresses of the girls. Charles admitted that Jack was expecting trouble and had doctored \$200,000 to his mother, two days before he was arrested.

Herbert Dean Johnson's white chauffeur, was next called and described auto trips with white girls accompanying the champion. The government asserts that love letters written by wealthy negroes, were sent to the white girls that the negroes desired to obtain. The girls were mostly of foreign parentage.

Owing to the death of the mother of Assistant Federal Prosecutor Parkins, Lucille Cameron, alleged to have been abducted by Jack Johnson, did not testify before the grand jury today, and consideration of her case was postponed temporarily. Government officials are keeping Miss Cameron in seclusion.

All during the night, lawyers and messengers from Johnson attempted to reach the girl in vain.

"If I find I am justified in revoking Johnson's liquor license, I shall certainly do so," said the mayor today.

World Bars Fighter.

San Francisco, Oct. 23.—It was announced today that Jack Johnson will be prevented from appearing hereafter in the leading fight centers of the world, with the possible exception of Paris, on account of the Lucille Cameron incident, and his boast that "he could win any white woman he wanted to."

"Johnson will never fight for me again," is the declaration of James Coffroth, the world famed promoter, today. "His insults to the women of America should not go unchallenged. The police committee and promoters will not allow him to appear here. He will never be seen in a San Francisco ring again."

New York, London and Kansas City have already barred the black pugilist, and it is believed the Paris authorities will prevent him from appearing there.

COLONEL AWAKES REFRESHED.

Wife Is Chief Nurse, Watching His Condition Closely.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Oct. 23.—Roosevelt awoke this morning, greatly refreshed. He will have the wound in his chest dressed this afternoon.

Senator Joseph M. Dixon, of Montana, and George W. Perkins are expected to come to Sagamore Hill today for a conference.

Mrs. Roosevelt is watching closely, acting as chief nurse.