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POWERS PLAN SCHEME THAT SAVES PORTE

MANY NATIONS TO UNLOAD TROOPS IN THE CITY

OCCUPATION BY BULGARS WOULD THEN BE FORESTALLED

Austria Continues to Push Forward Her Obnoxious Armies and Capture of Certain Ports Would Institute War at Once—Big Powers Believe Scheme Would Work Out Right.

Paris, Nov. 11.—Joint occupation of Constantinople by the British, French, German, Russian, Austrian and Italian bluejackets to prevent the Bulgars from occupying the city is the reported plan of the powers. Turkey approves the plan. It is believed the landing of foreigners will soon be ordered, and it is reported the government is disarming the populace at Constantinople.

It is believed that King Ferdinand will not dare occupy the city if the sailors land. It is stated that Russia is desirous of preventing the Bulgars from occupying on account of the difficulty of dislodging Ferdinand.

Turkish Victory Claimed.
Constantinople, Nov. 11.—It is reported the Turks have recaptured Rostislav, an important seaport. It is also claimed that Turkish warships bombarded and landed three thousand troops and routed the Bulgars in disorder.

The Russian battleship Rostislav, and the British cruiser Hampshire, the Austrian scout ship Admiral Spaun, passed through the Dardanelles, the Porte granting permission today.

Austrians Confine Advance.
Bulgaria, Nov. 11.—The vanguard of General Yankovitch's Serbian army has reached the Adriatic and is expected to seize Durazzo Wednesday. It is reported that this move will precipitate an European war.

Unconditional Surrender Aim.
London, Nov. 11.—It is reported that fighting is in progress at Tchatalja forts, strengthening the belief that the allies demand unconditional surrender of Constantinople before making peace overture. Nazim pasha is not seriously resisting the attack, believing the city is doomed.

ROOSEVELT CARRIES CAL.

San Francisco, Nov. 11.—Colonel Roosevelt gets the state between 875,944 votes, according to various computations. The total vote is estimated at Roosevelt 281,887, Wilson 280,943.

Washington, Nov. 11.—It is reported that President-elect Wilson expects to appoint Charles Crane as ambassador to England, and Rudolph Spreckels of San Francisco to Germany or France.

Princeton, Nov. 11.—"It is interesting to observe that the consensus of opinion favors an extra session," commented Wilson today. "I do not see the necessity at present of an announcement and I do not intend to make one until my return from a vacation the middle of December." Referring to the proposed department of labor he said "I have been told it will surely be created in the short session this winter, and I hope so."

Coal Case to Trial.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Nov. 11.—After several years spent in efforts to evade trial, George W. Dally, Wilberforce Sully, Rufus P. Ireland and several associates of New York are under arrest to appear here this week as defendants in the cases brought against them by the federal government for the cancellation of patents on valuable coal lands in the Big Horn country. The cases involve 9,500 acres of land and have been appraised by government experts at \$150,000. It is alleged that the lands were filed upon by dummy entrymen for the benefit of coal companies controlled by the defendants.

Huge Salmon Meet Death

SEGREGATION PROCESS ON AT THE HATCHERY.

Oari Has many Friends

Monsters, Weighing 10 Pounds and up, Taken From Grounds.

Tomorrow afternoon when the Wallowa train arrives Deputy State Game Warden Oari will have more friends than he can count, for he is coming with at least 150 well developed, strong, husky Wallowa hatchery salmon. It is a case where the hatchery has more of a family than it can care for and the old heads have to make way for the younger generation. As a result of scientific segregation he has about 150 salmon weighing from ten pounds up which he is bringing to La Grande. Just what he will do with them the Wallowa wireless sayet not, but it is very likely that Charlie, who always remembers his friends, will distribute these choice fish. The state is not in the fish business hence there is no sale. It will be up to Charlie to determine the matter when he reaches La Grande.

GRAIN BAGS IN DISREPUTE

TRI-STATE MEETING OF UNION MEN HELD.

Chief Topic at Successful Meeting Is Grain Bag Prices.

Returning from the Tri-state meeting of the Farmers' union, E. S. Norris, Vogus Welch, J. F. Irby, W. O. Parks, J. L. McKinnis and A. J. Welty all pronounce the gathering one of the best ever held and each is sure that commercial results will follow the action taken at Walla Walla by the union.

One of the chief topics of discussion was the grain sack situation. June grain bags, the kind commonly used in this section, are now quoted at nine cents on the coast. The farmers refuse to pay this high price and made an offer of seven cents, at the same time guaranteeing to take one billion bags at this price.

The cotton bag was brought to the center and its merits looked into. It was found that it would answer the purpose just about as well as the June bag and a committee was appointed to get detailed information regarding its use. The cotton bag is considerably cheaper on the market. "It is generally believed," said Mr. Norris, "that the day of the grain bag is about over. Anyway, steel tanks and elevators will be built by many local unions and if they prove successful the bag system will be done away with entirely. I cannot see why we farmers of the west cannot use the tanks and elevators with success the same as the farmers of the middle west have done for years. Another feature to be considered is the completion of the Panama canal, when cargo freight will be more popular which means that elevators and grain cars will act in conjunction to place the wheat directly in the boat. For the present bags must be used to a great extent and we hope to save considerable money by adopting the cotton bag."

Southern Women to Meet.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 11.—An unusually large attendance is promised at the nineteenth annual convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, which will be held at a four-day meeting here this week. Especial interest attaches to the convention from the fact that it will be the first that the society has ever held north of the Mason and Dixon's line. The opening session will be held tomorrow morning in the Continental Memorial hall. In the afternoon the delegates will go to Arlington to attend the laying of the corner-stone for the Confederate monument there. President Taft will receive the delegates at the White House on Thursday. The next day the Maryland daughters will entertain the visitors at Annapolis.

ENGINE PLOWS THROUGH CARS KILLING SCORE

NEW ORLEANS WRECK GRUESOME IN THE EXTREME

SEX OR COLOR OF VICTIMS OFTEN OBLITERATED

Excursion Train Engine Stops to Take Water and Train Is Hit From Behind—Destruction of Live Is Enormous, Six Dying Shortly After Removal from the Wreckage.

New Orleans, Nov. 11.—Thirteen were killed instantly, six died later, and 54 were injured early this morning in a collision between an excursion train and a freight near Yazoo, on the Mississippi Valley railroad line near Montzalar. The freight plowed through several coaches heavily loaded with passengers.

Passengers Are Ground Up.
So complete was the destruction of human lives that neither color nor sex of some of the victims could be determined on account of the mutilation. All the bodies and pieces of bodies were taken to the morgue.

Six Die Later.
While 13 met instantaneous death, the injuries to six others brought death in a short while. Later it was learned that 54 may not cover all the injured list. The dead included seven whites.

A misunderstanding of orders was the cause. The excursion train engine was taking water when the freight, running 50 miles an hour, telescoped the rear. The freight engine grinding 13 persons to pieces.

Hospital reports say that 20 of the injured will probably die.

BAKERITES COMING.

Inspection of La Grande's Fire Car to Be Made This Week.

A committee from the city administration of Baker is coming to La Grande this week to inspect the new fire car. They will see demonstrations and make reports back as to the advisability of buying a similar machine. La Grande is the first city east of Portland to install so complete a fire and alarm system as is now going on here, and several communities will probably visit this city on similar inspection tours as the need of improved fire prevention and fire fighting service is apparent.

Canadian Club Dinner.

New York, Nov. 11.—Elaborate arrangements have been completed for the eighth annual dinner of the Canadian club of this city, to be given tomorrow night at the Hotel Astor. The notable speakers will include Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson, President W. C. Brown of the New York Central railroad, President David R. Morgan of the National City bank of Chicago, Sir Edmund Walker, president of the Canadian Bank of Commerce and Sir Alexander La Costa, former Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals of Quebec.

PROMINENT ARCHDEACON IS HERE

The mission at St. Peter's church was auspiciously opened yesterday morning by the Reverend Dr. Webber-Thompson. Beginning with the celebration of the Holy Communion he led the people to spiritual heights where later he presented to their vision the Lord transfigured before them. He addressed the Sunday school and held the interest of the children from which it may be gathered that his special services for them during the week will be well attended. Dr. Webber-Thompson has a powerful and mellow voice and his singing of Mendelssohn's "But the Lord is Mindful of His Own" touched the

J. WAYLAND EDITOR DIES BY OWN HAND

STRUGGLE IS TOO SEVERE SAYS LAST NOTE

CHARGES AGAINST WARREN EDITOR, FILED

Fear of Indictment Not Cause of Suicide, However, Says Warren—Brooded Over Death of Wife a Year Ago—Appeal to Reason Out With Exposure of Charges Before Suicide.

Girard, Kansas, Nov. 11.—"The struggle under the competitive system is not worth the while," reads a note found in the home of Julius Wayland, owner of the "Appeal to Reason," the Socialist publication, who suicided by firing a revolver into his mouth. The note was in Wayland's handwriting. The grand jury convened at Fort Scott, to consider the charges against Fred Warren, the editor, but was advised by Warren that fear of indictment did not cause the suicide. Wayland, his friends declare, was brooding over the death of his wife in an auto accident a year ago and this may have caused the act.

"The Appeal to Reason" went to press just before the suicide, containing the alleged exposure of a plot to wreck the paper. The article alleged that the government hoped to indict Debs, Wayland, Warren and E. L. Pfifer, an editorial writer, and that the Los Angeles Times had planned to devote an edition exclusively to charges against the "Appeal" for country-wide distribution.

ATTORNEY GREEN INVESTS.

Purchases Three Lots Opposite High School and Will Build.

Attorney R. J. Green has purchased three lots of Thomas McConnell through the Geo. H. Curry real estate agency and expects before the wintry winds begin to blow to have an up-to-date modern bungalow enclosed. Several months ago Mr. Green invested in some La Grande real estate and not a few friends thought they could read between the lines but he sold it at a handsome advance a little later and this recent purchase may or may not be an investment. Time will tell.

College Deans in Conference.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Nov. 11.—A conference of the deans of women's colleges and universities throughout the country was begun today at the University of Michigan. The conference will be followed later in the week by the national convention of the association of Collegiate Alumnae.

King of Italy 43 Years Old.

Rome, Nov. 11.—King Victor Emmanuel's forty-third birthday anniversary was celebrated today by the populace throughout the kingdom. The King and other members of the royal family appeared on the streets and were cheered enthusiastically.

Women Must Be Sworn In

LA GRANDE WOMEN TO CAST THE FIRST BALLOTS.

Astoria Comes Second

Municipal Election to Permit Suffrage Vote in La Grande.

Wanted, scores of groups of men each to swear in—not at men who may want to vote at municipal election December 10th per rights conferred upon them last Tuesday. La Grande women are going to gain distinction December 10th as they will be the first women in Oregon to cast their vote. At Astoria on the day following women will exercise their newly acquired right, but La Grande sets the pace. Because it is now past the time to register women will have to be sworn in by six freeholders, and no doubt the job will be more pleasant and less obnoxious than "swearing in" men is because the women this time can't help themselves. Hereafter women who try to vote without having registered will be classed in the same general nuisance class as men who overlook that duty. At any rate La Grande women can vote in this city December 10—47 they are 21 years of age, have lived in the state six months, in the city three months and in the precinct 30 days.

HEAVY BLOWS DEALT IRISH

HOME RULE BUDGET IS TURNED DOWN.

Great Excitement Follows When Administration Won't Resign.

London, Nov. 11.—By a vote of 228 to 206 the house of commons defeated the financial clause in the administration Irish home rule bill. If the usual course was followed the administration resigns and a new election followed, but they refuse to resign. If the liberals lost the election the home rule lost. If the cabinet had resigned, it means a fresh start in the new parliament.

There was great excitement at adjournment, the vote to defeat came on question from Sir Frederick Bantony, a conservative providing a sum approximating \$12,000,000 as a relief limit, providing Ireland was unable to support itself by taxation.

Premier Asquith declared the amount was too small and that \$30,000,000 was needed. When the vote was announced the Conservatives said they would not resign. The cabinet met hurriedly to discuss the situation.

CLARK COLVER BUYS.

Sold Out Two Years Ago and Declares Grande Ronde Is Good Enough.

Clark Colver who sold a farm near Summerville about two years ago after looking over the greater portion of Oregon has come to the conclusion that Grande Ronde is the best place after all and last week purchased the Fred Jensen farm near Summerville and is happy once more.

SOCIALISTS TO MEET.

Convention to Name City Ticket Will Be Held Here Tomorrow.

With the purpose in view of naming a city ticket, the Socialists of La Grande will meet tomorrow. It is presumed the ticket will be complete from the top to the bottom.

WOMEN TO JOURNEY.

Prominent Club Members of This City To Attend State Meeting

Several La Grande women leave tomorrow for Portland where they will attend the annual state meeting of the Federated Women's clubs. The Neighborhood club is sending a full quota of representatives, Mrs. J. D. Stout, Mrs. F. G. Schilke going as delegates and Mrs. N. Molitor and Mrs. F. S. Ivanhoe as alternates. The meetings promise much interest and probably more than the regular delegates will attend.

POSTMASTER POSITION IN UNCERTAINTY

ANALYSIS OF SITUATION FAVORS A DEMOCRAT

E. E. BRAGG HAS LEAD

ON OTHER DEMOCRATS

Discord Between Bourne and Taft Must Be Healed Before Republicans Can Obtain Appointment of Party Man to Any Oregon Position—Local Job Is Sought After Freely.

Out of the exultation and remorse resultant from the landslide less than a week ago has developed a series of political enigmas and conundrums in the state and in Union county that even Sam G. B. couldn't commence to "dope" out without occult guidance. The political chess game in Oregon is brought to La Grande by the necessity for appointment of a postmaster to succeed G. M. Richey of this city. It happens that this particular job is soon to be housed in a new cosy, government-built edifice, and, too, commands a salary of something like \$2400 which a good many men won't sneeze at. Consequently there are plenty of runners up for the position, both Republican and Democratic, but the outlook for the Republicans is critical and indeed extremely dubious. The average reader is not aware probably that the old-time method of allowing the congressman from Oregon districts to recommend the postmasters was broken when the Oregon delegation "sat down" on A. W. Lafferty only a short time ago, and now precedent in this respect has been battered into an awry, discarded habit. Lafferty is confined to fourth class appointments. That puts the recommendation in the hands of the senior senator—Jonathan Bourne, Jr., who is, incidentally, chairman of the committee on post-offices with oceans of power over postoffice appointments, and will remain so until March 4th. Bourne and President Taft are at odds and the senior senator no longer basks in the president's smiles. Meanwhile any recommendation Ralph E. Williams urges upon the president will probably be made but will not be ratified in the senate unless Bourne so allows. Therefore Bourne, Taft and Williams have to smoke the pipe of peace, unless another possibility accuates Bourne, to wit: Bourne may want to pay off political debts and favors before he joins the lame duck brigade March 4. In that event he may fill up offices now with that purpose in view and obtain the ratification of several of these before he retires. In that event a Republican can become postmaster here by virtue of a recess appointment and ratification—hence, to recapitulate, a Republican cannot be appointed unless President Taft and Senator Bourne bury the ax, either on general principles of the lame duck brotherhood, or by virtue of overtures for peace by Bourne for his own political and sufficient reasons.

Several prominent Republicans are said to be pinning faith to development of such a state of affairs and are taking active steps to push the appointment of someone through. But Richey's office hangs until January, and Taft and his administration cannot make appointment in December in this case. So that without conciliation, any postoffice appointment made

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