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KING GEORGE, OF GREECE IS ASSASSINATED

ACTUAL CONFIRMATION OF REPORT LACKING AND HOPE HANGS THEREBY.

REUTER SERVICE CERTAIN

King George While at the Head of His Army Is Slain if Rumors to That Effect Are True—Berlin, Paris and Other Centers Get Word of the Reported Assassination.

London, March 18.—King George of Greece was assassinated at Athens today, according to unconfirmed dispatches received here from Salonike. The Greek legislation admitted it has heard rumors of the assassination but declared no confirmation exists.

Reuter's agency carried an unqualified dispatch to the effect that the king was assassinated at Salonike, where he was at the head of a division of the Greek army.

News of the death has been received at Paris, Berlin and other capitals simultaneously, but confirmation is still lacking.

Washington in Doubt.

Washington, March 18.—Up to four o'clock the Greek legation had received no official notification of the reported assassination at Salonike of King George of Greece. The Greek charge d'affaires is anxious, and is making frantic efforts to get some definite word from Athens.

PORTLAND FIREMAN RETURNS

J. W. Stevens, Battalion Chief, Returns to Portland After Visit.

Concluding a brief visit here with his father-in-law, C. A. Lenhart of the Model bakery, J. W. Stevens and two sons, Lawrence and Jay Wesley, have returned to Portland. Mr. Stevens is battalion chief of the Portland fire department, and in addition is manager of the fire department band of 34 pieces which leaves this summer for New York on an extended tour. Master Jay Wesley is the official mascot of the band which is said to be the only organization of its kind in the country.

Mrs. Wertman Buried.

The funeral of Mrs. E. E. Wertman was held yesterday afternoon at two o'clock from the residence at 1601 T avenue. Mrs. Wertman was 50 years of age. Death was due to nervous prostration. Rev. R. E. Close, First Baptist church, officiated.

Mrs. Wertman leaves a husband, E. E. Wertman of this city, and a daughter Mrs. H. Van Gordon of Cove to mourn her loss.

PRISON MINISTER GRAFTS OFF PRISONERS TO SUPPORT FAMILY OF SEVEN; CONFESSES TO ALL

San Quentin, March 18.—Confession that he collected \$1500 in graft money from prisoners in the state penitentiary under the representation that he would use it and his influence for their pardon or parole, is on file today at the voluntary suggestion of Rev. William J. Call, chaplain of

DISGRACE LOT PORTIONED TO SOCIETY GIRLS

SACRAMENTO SCANDAL AIRED IN FEDERAL COURT FOLLOWING ARRESTS.

TWO MEN ARE FRIGHTENED

Elopement and Disgrace of Two Prominent Society Girls of Sacramento, Ends in Charges of White Slavery Preferred Against Married Men With Whom Girls Eloped.

Sacramento, March 18.—With the transfer of the cases against Mauri Diggs and Drew Caminetti from the county court to the federal court on charge of violation of a Mann white slave act, comes new complications in the notorious society scandal here today. Martha Harrington and Lola Norris, society girls with whom the two men eloped and with whom they were caught in Reno will now have to tell their story of shame in open court. Had Diggs and Caminetti been tried under the state law for wife desertion and contributing to the dependency of their minor children, the girls would not have been forced to the humiliation of a public confession. The girls are at liberty on \$1000 bail.

Diggs and Caminetti are still in the county jail, awaiting the arrival of federal deputies with warrants for their removal to Stockton where they will be arraigned before federal commissioners. Both have declined any offers of bail, preferring to remain in jail rather than face public indignation.

They are afraid of violence at the hands of the fathers of the two girls whose lives they have ruined.

Mexican Arrested.

Miguel Carrona, a Mexican, was fined \$25 in police court today for resisting arrest light night. The Mexican is not a stranger to the local bastille for he was in limbo a few days ago for being drunk and disorderly and last night he was obnoxious again. Officer Avant had a lively tilt of 20 minutes before he landed him in the jail but because the Southerner is a little fellow the officer refrained from clubbing him. It has been Avant's luck the past several days to pick up a group of fighting machines and he has had several lively tilts during the past few weeks.

Starbuck Woman Here.

Mrs. J. F. Quinn of Starbuck, Wn., arrived in La Grande this morning to visit with her daughter, Mrs. Lester Quinlan on X avenue. Mrs. Quinn has a restaurant at Starbuck.

REBELS AGAIN BOTTLE UP HANDFUL OF FEDERALS

Ojeda, Hero of Saturday, in Dire Need of Assistance.

Naco, March 18.—For the second time within a week General Ojeda has a little band of federals facing destruction but it is doubtful if he can escape as he did last Saturday. Stung by the defeat of Saturday, Colonel Calles, and Prefect Bracamonte, rebels, are gathering a scattered force south of Agua Prieta and before tomorrow will move toward Naco. From Nogales two detachments are coming to support Calles and Bracamonte. One of these comprising 600 men who captured Nogales is proceeding along the border.

Federals Expect Attack.

Cumpas Huasapas, Sonora, March 18.—General Rojas his federal troops from the vicinity of Cumpas Huasapas today to await reinforcements before the expected attack. Rojas' command comprises. The rebel garrison is 125 strong.

One hundred Yaquis, recruits from tribesmen who have not been pressed into federal service, are timing their March to arrive near the probable battlefield simultaneously with the other rebel troops. It is rumored the Yaquis of the federal garrison will desert to the rebel ranks and join the attack force.

Reinforcements on Way.

Agua Prieta, Sonora, March 18.—One hundred rebels under Capt. Felix Cortez left Agua Prieta by rail to reinforce the rebel garrison at Cumpas Huasapas today.

LEW SOON IS SEARCHED FOR

LOCAL POLICE ASKED TO WATCH FOR TONG CHIEF.

Recent Search of Chinese Quarters Made by Police Force.

Police search of all Chinese quarters in this city was made last night by the night police force on orders of the police department of Portland in a state-wide search for Lew Soon, the notorious bad man of Chinese Portland who, it is said, instigated the killing of two foes in the ranks of the hated Bow Leongs in Portland. Nothing was found of Lew Soon however. If the fellow is here he is in secure hiding and considerable excitement was created among the Chinese headquarter stations by the search. The hunt was thorough, the men going into every nook and corner of the several places where Chinese habitate.

Y. M. C. A. Dedication Program.

(Baker Democrat.)

The dedication committee of the Y. M. C. A. has prepared the outline of the program to be carried out for the three-days' events, which will be held within the next two or three weeks or possibly a little later, according to the success met with in collecting the remainder of the necessary funds. However, the soliciting committees are hopeful that a longer delay will not be necessary. While the details are not all arranged, still the three days' celebration has been laid out and will be carried out substantially as follows:

Friday—Public reception from 3 to 5 p. m., during which time the entire building will be thrown open to the public for inspection and the officers and various committee members will be on hand to make the reception a cordial one and explain all the details of the new institution. At 7 p. m. and until 8 the building will be open for public inspection and at the latter hour the program will open by the Haines orchestra. The speaker of the evening will be the Honorable Frank S. Dietrich of Boise, federal judge of the state of Idaho. The event will be in charge of C. H. Breck and a program by local musicians and informal addresses by Baker citizens will follow.

On Saturday morning the gymnasium and swimming tank will be thrown open free of charge to all boys in the city under the age of 15 years, and they will be given the run of the place from 9 to 12. In the

GRANDE RONDE GOES HIGHER

RED PEPPER DISTRICT SEES HIGH WATER.

Farmers Ready to Flow When Rain Comes and Minds Are Changed

LONE STAR FIELDS COVERED

Lone Star, March 18.—(Special)—The rain has caused the water to raise considerably since last night. The fields are nothing but a mass of water which has raised six inches deep over the road grades, making the roads bad to travel.

Red Pepper School District, March 17.—(Special)—The Grande Ronde river is running pretty full, and will be raising more if this rain keeps on many more days.

Several of the farmers in this district were planning on starting to plow some time this week, but the snow the latter part of last week and the rains made them change their minds.

Rains in Ladd Canyon.

Ladd Canyon, March 18.—(Special)—Heavy rain and occasional windstorms have thawed out the snow rapidly and Ladd Creek will soon be menacingly high.

evening, with Joe Heinrich and H. Sber in charge, will be given a gymnastic exhibition, including all gymnasium work, basketball, indoor baseball, water polo, medicine ball work, etc. To all these doing a general invitation is also extended to the public.

On Sunday the program will begin at 2:15 with a concert by the Haines orchestra, followed by an Easter Cantata by a male chorus of 25 voices under the direction of L. J. Hinkel. The dedication address will be delivered by R. R. Perkins, head of the religious work department of the Portland Y. M. C. A., and one of the real big men in this branch of the organization's work.

Of course the above is only a brief outline of the three days, the details as yet, many of them, being uncertain, but it indicates that the ceremonies attendant on presenting the new institution to the public will be of a pretentious nature not long to be forgotten and the committee members have undertaken much in planning so elaborately.

INSPECTOR SWEENEY.
New York Police Official
Named in Graft Expose.



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BRYAN VISITS IN ILLINOIS

ADDRESSES JOINT SESSION OF LEGISLATURE

Senators Are Advised to Stand by Party Pledges in Senate Vote.

Springfield, Ill., March 18.—Secretary of State Bryan and Mrs. Bryan, and Governor Dunne of Illinois arrived today. The governor refused to discuss the Illinois senatorial situation.

Bryan was given an enthusiastic welcome when he addressed a joint session of the legislature at noon. The Nebraskan insisted he spoke as an individual and not as a government official, emphasizing the fact he was not speaking for President Wilson. Bryan advised the legislators to stand by the party pledges in the election of two senators. He praised Governor Dunne's administration.

MANY PLAN JOURNEY

Visit to Pendleton by Local Knights Templar Sunday to Be Big.

About 75 local Knights Templar contemplate attending the Easter services at Pendleton next Sunday. In addition there will be many present from other Eastern Oregon towns and the customary services with pomp and fraternal ritualistic ceremonies will be carried out.

TRIBUTE PAID MRS. WORSTELL

SEVERAL LODGES PARTICIPATE IN THE FUNERAL

Services Held at Christian Church at 2 O'Clock Today.

With large corteges from the Eastern Star, W. R. C., and the Rebekahs in attendance, and large numbers of intimate friends of the family present, the remains of the late Rachel E. Worstell were laid to rest this afternoon from the Christian church. Floral contributions from friends were banked about the casket in the church where Rev. A. J. Adams officiated.

LIEN PROBLEM PRESENTED IN CIRCUIT COURT

PRIOR RIGHTS BETWEEN MORTGAGE AND IMPROVEMENT LIEN AT STAKE.

RESULT INTERESTS VITALLY

North Second Street Property Owner Again Start Action to Refuse Payment of Assessments on Street Said to Be Manifestly Imperfect in Its Lasting utilities.

Points in law vital to street and sidewalk improvement districts in the city of La Grande are brought into circuit court for judicial interpretation through an action instigated by N. K. West against H. L. Shafer and the city of La Grande. The question of priority between mortgage and improvement liens is at stake. While the issues involved in the specific case now in court are trivial, amounting to only \$79, representing the sidewalk lien which the city placed against Shafer's property when he invoked the Bancroft act in paying for the improvement, the general results of the litigation have a vital bearing to the city. It is possible that thousands after thousands of dollars worth of mortgages in small amounts may stand against property against which the city also has a lien. The priority of these two features present interesting study and the decision of Judge Knowles will be anxiously awaited. J. D. Slater is attorney for Mr. West and Jerry Rusk for the city.

In this particular case, the mortgage is prior in date to the lien and counsel for Mr. West holds that the mortgage is the prior in right. The reverse is held by Mr. Shafer and the city of La Grande. As said, the general results to the city are of vital interest, the particular case in hand being only a trivial amount. If the mortgage is held to be the prior in right, an immense amount of property thus affected in this city may become subjected to the same process and the value of the improvement liens deteriorated.

NORTH SECOND CASE UP.

Court Has Under Advisement Second Street Litigation Again.

A second attempt to get out from under the assessments created by the city to pay for the macadam work on North Second, was brought into circuit court today when the La Grande Real Estate association and numerous taxpayers and property owners along North Second brought litigation to a second focus. In the first instance where the litigants alleged that the council which ordered the assessments had made vital errors, they were sustained and Judge Knowles held that the property owners had been incorrectly and improperly assessed.

The council then went over the assessment work again, which court decision have held is a permissible course for the council to do in such cases, but the Second street property owners, smarting under manifest defects in the pavement work, again are bringing action to refute payment alleging this time that in going over the assessment work the second time the council again committed errors. The case is now under advisement in the court's hands.

Birth Record.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Montgomery March 18, a five pound son.