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MINERS PROVE MILITIA HEADS DISCRIMINATED

SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE CONVINCED THAT MINERS HAVE PROVED THEIR CASE.

STRIKE ZONE NOW QUIET

Records Show that Courtmartial Acquitted Private, But Sentenced Miner to Year and Heavy Fine—Arrests Made Without Authority Except Martial Code.

Chaleston, W. Va., June 11.—The senate subcommittee that is probing the Charleston martial law in the mine region was convinced that miners had proved their case of discrimination on the part of the military authorities. The records showed that the first courtmartial acquitted Private Long accused of murdering a miner, but convicted a miner for carrying concealed weapons, sentencing him to a year and a \$1000 fine. The records also showed that in every case but one, in which civil authorities had jurisdiction, that discrimination was freely exercised.

Judge Advocate Elliott said that conditions in the strike zone were quiet. He admitted all arrests were without warranted authority except that conferred by martial code. He insisted that martial law became necessary as the civil authorities were unable to cope with the situation. Senator Borah of Idaho, dominated the situation and conducted the cross examination of the military witnesses.

This morning was devoted to military witnesses. The miners were heard this afternoon. "Mother" Jones was placed on the stand this afternoon. The records for all courtmartial for the year were read, showing every case the strikers claim to be unconstitutional under the state charter.

NEW ORLEANS RIOTS SERIOUS

Unionists Fired Upon By Police, and Exchanged Shots for Hour.

New Orleans, June 11.—Fifteen were hurt, 5 seriously in a riot on the levee here today. Three hundred unionists, it is alleged, attacked the strikebreakers employed by the United Fruit Co. Most of the strikers were foreigners. They were fired on by policemen who were sent to quell the disorder.

The battle raged for nearly an hour, upwards of 100 shots being exchanged. The police finally arrested 113 rioters.

PASHA GRAND SLAIN

Riddled by Bullets From Another Touring Car.

London, June 11.—Assassination of Mahmud Shekhet, Pasha Grand Vizier of Turkey, is reported in news agency dispatches from Constantinople. Later advices confirm the assassination of Shekhet. He was killed as he motored to Sublime Porte. His companion, Ibrahim Bey, was also slain. With two servants, Shekhet and friend were met by another motor, causing a fusillade of bullets. Grand Vizier, riddled, died instantly. Ibrahim died in a few minutes.

GOVERNOR W. H. P. HUNT.

Arizona Executive Who Fought in Anti-Slavery Legislation.



Boy Tries to Fake Court

SHERIFF INTERCEPTS LETTER TO CHUM DISCLOSING STALL

Parents Not Living

Writes Letter to Chum Asking Him to Answer for Parents.

The young man who yesterday was considered almost certain of a parole from the Oregon state penitentiary, due to the leniency of Circuit Judge Knowles, is today preparing for the trip to that institution without any chance of a remittance of his sentence. His sudden change of conditions was brought about when Sheriff Hugg opened a letter addressed to a chum of the young man in St. Louis. In it he asked his chum to intercept a letter he had written to his supposed parents and to answer it for them. The facts in the case as brought out by this communication are that the prisoner probably has no living parents, and was merely trying the "mother love" stall on the court. Although the young man claims to be only 17 years of age it has often been remarked that he appears much older, and in all probability is about 20 years old.

BUYS JORRIS FARM

Eight Acres on Ladd Creek Purchased by James Sterzer.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sterzer of Portland, who purchased the 80 acre farm of Geo. W. Jorris of Ladd Canyon, arrived this morning and went out to their new home. Mrs. Sterzer was formerly Miss Sylvester, whose father in early history of valley was a businessman of Union. Mr. and Mrs. Jorris are arranging to move to this city where they will make their home. The deal was consummated through the Geo. H. Currey real estate agency.

KILLED BY ENGINE

Call Boy Run Over by Switch Engine at Umatilla.

Umatilla, Oregon, June 10.—(Special)—Lorraine F. Anthony, aged 19 a call boy for the O. W. R. & N., was killed here at 2 o'clock this morning by being run over by a switch engine upon the front of which he was riding. It is not known just how the accident occurred. He was hit on his side and injured internally, dying instantly. The body has been shipped to The Dalles.

RESTRICTED DISTRICTS MUST GO JULY FIRST

Mayor Hall Issues Orders to Comply With State Law, Giving Inmates a Month's Time to Take Leave of La Grande.

Restricted districts are to disappear from the maps of La Grande on July first. The official order demanding removal of bag and baggage, girls and landladies from the Jefferson street "district" were issued today by Mayor M. K. Hall. Nearly a month's time will be given the present inmates to take peaceable leave but by the first of July the houses must be empty and must not in future be occupied for immoral purposes. The order is keeping with the policy that has recently been developed elsewhere in the state. Other cities have also taken the initiative but La Grande is probably the first city in Eastern Oregon to issue the edict without pressure from state officials.

The ukase is based on the state law passed last winter prohibiting occupation of a building in this state for immoral purposes. That law is sufficient to cover the order issued by Mayor Hall today, according to the mayor's interpretation of the law, and without touching upon the moral questions involved, the city's executive

has simply said the word that eradicates the restricted district.

Problems confronting regulation of immoral women with the restricted district gone, have yet to be met, but Mayor Hall has ruled that the state laws must be obeyed, and hence the order.

Opinions of public officials have always differed on the efficacy of eliminating restricted districts, but that is a subsequent issue now, for the state laws in this respect are to be enforced in La Grande, commencing July first.

SHERIFF WILL ASSIST

County Sheriff Hugg Will Assist Mayor Hall.

Sheriff Hugg this afternoon stated to an Observer representative that the entire machinery of the sheriff's office and the county will be at the mayor's disposal if he should need it in the effort to make a general cleaning up of La Grande and community.

FERNANDEZ TO FAIR BOARD IS GRAND JURY WELL ORGANIZED

SLAYER, SUSPECT, OF GIRL WIFE HELD FOR INVESTIGATION

Coroners Trial Develops Falsity of Husband's Stories.

F. Fernandez has been held to the grand jury to answer charges relating to the death of his girl-wife, formerly Miss Ruth Burnett of La Grande. The following from the Morning Astorian, relates the incidents at the coroner's trial.

In cold legal phrases, the coroner's jury inquiring into the death of Ruth Burnett Fernandez, the 17-year-old wife of Fernando Fernandez, who, with her dying breath, claimed responsibility for the act that was soon to end her life, yesterday disproved her statement and fastened the blame on other persons or person, presumably the husband she had lied (?) to shield.

While no evidence other than that already published was brought to the testimony of the witnesses went far to prove the impossibility of accidental death, as claimed by the husband while the testimony of Dr. Forsstrom made the theory of suicide almost entirely out of the question. James S. Burnett, brother of the dead girl, said that his sister was right handed. The wound, according to Forsstrom, was high on the right breast, the knife blade entering between the first and second ribs and the stroke vertical. It would have been impossible, in the opinion of the physician, for the girl, holding the knife in the right hand as it is presumed she would, to have struck a blow with sufficient force to drive

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MRS. W. W. ROCKHILL

Wife of the American Ambassador at Constantinople.



Timber Men Will Meet

STATE FORESTER ISSUES CALL TO ALL HOLDERS OF TIMBER

Meeting in Near Future

Owners Will Save in Parole Expense If They Organize.

F. A. Elliott, state forester, was in La Grande yesterday making preliminary arrangements for a meeting of all timber holders in Union county to be held in the Commercial club rooms some time in the near future. The purpose of the call is to effect an organization of local timbermen to supervise the control of patrolling the timber in this county. Under the law all timber lands must be paroled, and if the owners will unite and have this done of their own accord they can effect a considerable saving from the amount the state would assess if it were compelled to look after the matter. All timber owners of 40 acres and over are urged to attend this meeting, the date for which will be announced in a few days.

At a recent meeting held in Baker City, the timber owners of that county arranged for a one cent per acre assessment which is four cents less than what the state would charge if it were forced to make the parole.

George Cleaver of Imbler, W. H. Weatherspoon of Elgin.

Grain, Grass and Vegetable Committee—C. D. Huffman, George H. Currey, Robert Withycomb of Union. Draft Horse Committee—Sam Brooks of Imbler, W. D. Grandy, Fred Gaskill, N. K. West, Frank Conley.

Cattle and Hog Committee—Andrew Blockland, Jim Hutchinson Jr., Ralph Reynolds.

NO LECTURE TONIGHT

Mrs. Wallace Fails to Arrive, Cause Unknown.

The lecture announced for the M. E. church South this evening will not take place due to failure of Mrs. Sena Wallace to arrive in La Grande. No word has been received as to why the date was not fulfilled.

Damage Case Continues.

Today was occupied in the hearing of the damage case brought by Greenwood against the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company. The case was still in progress late this afternoon.

TARIFF BILL IS NEARING COMPLETION

"WILL TAKE WEEK TO FINISH WORK OF MAJORITY MEMBERS"—SIMMONS.

DEMOCRATS ARE TIED UP

Opposition From Northwest Against

Free Cattle and Wheat—Protests Reported From All Over That Section—Wilson Refrains From Answering Objections.

Washington, June 11.—Final consideration of the Underwood tariff bill before presentation to the Democratic caucus began at 10 today before the senate committee on finance. "I think a week will be required to finish the work of the majority members," said Senator Simmons, chairman of the committee. "We then hope to get the bill through the caucus in another week."

Indications point to trouble in store for the Underwood tariff bill, coming from the northwest. It is probable that Democrats from that region will hold out against free cattle and wheat. Congressman Hammond of Minnesota, protested to Wilson today upon these items. He said that he had received protests from all over the northwest. The president refused to give any definite answer to Hammond's representations.

The action of the Democratic caucus on the bill will be binding except on Louisiana senators who pledged to fight free sugar. Republicans plan to debate six weeks on the floor of the senate, regardless of whether the Democrats reply or remain silent.

"Insidious Investigation Continues."

Washington, June 11.—The subcommittee of the senate judiciary committee, investigating Wilson's "insidious" lobby took up the activities of the Hawaiian sugar interests on behalf of the tariff rate on that product. The first witness was Royal D. Mead, of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters association. He said he had received \$1000 a month for work in Washington. His efforts were confined to gathering sugar statistics. He said that \$15,000 would cover his annual expenses. He denied that money was used for advertising to influence the editorial policy of newspapers.

OPENING CONCERT TOMORROW

La Grande Band Will Render Entertainment on Street.

Tomorrow evening the La Grande concert band will render its first evening's entertainment to the people of La Grande from some corner on Adams Ave.

The program has been issued as follows:

1. March—The Battle Roly.....Thos. S. Allen
2. Overture—"Orion".....F. H. Losey
3. Waltz—"Upon the Sea".....C. Alvarado
4. Patrol—The Blue and the Gray.....C. W. Dalbey
5. Overture—Poet and Peasant.....F. V. Suppe
6. Golden Rod.....A. Karama
7. March—Berry's U. S. Republic Band.....C. E. Doble

Ball Game Friday.

The Spuds will be home Friday to finish the series with the Bears on the local grounds. Both teams started off the week with class "a" ball. The opening game in La Grande will undoubtedly attract a good attendance.