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FEDERAL JUDGE CHARGED WITH BAD BEHAVIOR

WILSON PROMISES INVESTIGATION OF CHARGES PRE-ferred BY UNIONS.

JUSTICE IN HIS HAND CLASSIFIED AS FARCE

Labor Unions Classified By Federal Judge As Criminals and Conspirators to Which Unions Resent and Send Delegation to President Wilson to Demand Investigation.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Assurances that formal charges against Federal Judge A. G. Dayton of the Northern District of Virginia, will be fully investigated by the department of justice, was given by President Wilson today to a committee representing the United Mine Workers. This committee preferred the charges.

It is complained that Judge Dayton used spiteful language against the labor unions. It is said he asserts labor unions are made up of criminals and conspirators against the peace and welfare of the community.

The committee further charges that the judge discriminated against members of the labor organizations at every opportunity and that justice in his hands was a farce because of his prejudice against unions.

IMPERIAL IKFIR HERE.

Knights of Korassans to be Given Coaching To-night.

Gus Meese, of Spokane, who is imperial ikfir of the Knights of Korassans, who will have the only temple in Oregon outside of Portland instituted here Friday evening in connection with a magnificent initiation of Eastern Oregon votaries-apparent, arrived today and will spend the rest of the week here. As imperial ikfir he will install Khaled temple, but between now and Friday he will coach and drill the local divan in a perfected lesson of initiation into the Arabic mysteries. The first of these rehearsals comes tonight commencing at 8:30 and will be repeated tomorrow evening.

PORTLAND MERCHANTS LOOK FORWARD TO LA GRANDE TRIP

Indicative of the extent to which Portland merchants are extending themselves to attend the state Merchants' convention in La Grande next summer, is an item in the current issue of the Oregon Merchants' magazine. It sets out the details of the recent theatre party held in Portland where money was raised to charter a special train to La Grande during the convention. The article goes at length into a description of the details of the party, and concludes with a list of merchants assisting in the show, showing to what a large extent the big wholesale interests of Portland are behind the movement. The magazine article goes on to say among other things:

The formality generally accompanying a theatre party was entirely

Funk Plot Case Tried

WITNESSES IN FRAME-UP GO TO TRIAL.

STAR WITNESS TALKS

Aftermath of Lorimer Affair Ends In Perjury Case.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—Hopes that the "higher ups" in the alleged conspiracy to ruin Clarence S. Funk, former general manager of the International Harvester company, following his important testimony in the Lorimer senatorial investigation, might be dragged into the lime-light, were renewed today when Miss Alice Heppner, the "woman of mystery" in the fake alienation suit against Funk, was placed on trial for perjury and conspiracy.

Miss Heppner, a pretty nurse, was "star witness" in the suit brought against Funk by John G. Honning, who alleged alienation of his wife's affections. She testified that she saw Funk and Mrs. Josephine Henning together in the Grand Pacific hotel. Her testimony, however, was refuted by other witnesses whom she said were with her at the time. The alienation suit collapsed and Henning and his wife, who were located after a search of several months, confessed the suit was a "frame-up" against Funk and that they were paid for their parts. Miss Heppner, Attorney General Donahoe, and Isaac Stiefel, a private detective, were then indicted for conspiracy. Donahoe was convicted and fined \$2,000 and Stiefel acquitted. The trial of the two men, however, failed to develop who paid the money that caused the Hennings to play their roles in the plot to defame Funk.

FIRE AT UNION

Eph Lindsey Home Destroyed and Contents Burned Last Night.

Union, Feb. 18.—Fire last night destroyed the Eph Lindsey home in this city with heavy losses. About midnight the fire was discovered, having at that time gained a substantial foothold in the garret and the upper story. Only a few minor belongings were removed before the whole house was in flames. Mr. Lindsey was in La Grande and his family was calling on friends at the time the fire broke out. Mr. Lindsey is a prominent L. D. S. member.

inconspicuous on the evening of January 28th when all factors in the trade showed a fine spirit of co-operation in their successful attempt to assure a gratifying result of the La Grande theater party held at the Orpheum theater. The knowledge that all profits derived from the event would be used exclusively to charter a special train to La Grande in June doubtless invoked the general spontaneity of enthusiasm which contributed both to the financial success and the enjoyableness of the evening.

Never in the history of the Orpheum Theater has there been assembled together so many prominent

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CASTILLO IN PRISON; HIS CASE WORRIES

GOVERNMENT UNABLE TO PUNISH BANDIT WHO CAUSED RECENT HORROR.

DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ADMIT THEIR QUANDARY

Americans Can't Punish Him—Uncle Sam Can't Recognize Federals, and Neither Can They Turn Desperado Over to the Rebels to Be Shot By Them, It Appears.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The state department officials are stumped by the problem of what to do with Maximo Castillo, the Mexican bandit responsible for the Cumbri tunnel horror, whereby a great many Americans were killed a week or two ago. Castillo was captured with six of his men by American troops near Nachita, New Mexico, last night, but to try to punish him for a crime committed in Mexico, it is agreed, is out of the question.

It is pointed out that he couldn't be surrendered to the federals without reversing the president's non-recognition policy. Because the rebels have no official standing it is said the prisoner could not be turned over to Villa to be shot.

FINE SPAN SOLD

John Smith Sells High Class Team to Salesman For \$550.

W. L. Skipton of Salem, today shipped out a carload of horses which included what is said to be one of the finest spans of horses sold here in some time. He purchased the team from John N. Smith and it cost him \$550. The team is said to be exceptionally fine and will be sent to Salem. Several other horses were sent out by the same car.

WOMAN WHIPS INNOCENT OLD ENGLISH LORD

LORD WEARDAL KNOCKED DOWN—DOG WHIP IN WOMAN'S STRONG HANDS.

MAY HAVE BEEN TAKEN FOR PREMIER ASQUITH

Woman Thought to be Suffragette Attacks Head of British Peace Commission as He Stands at Station—Spectators Overpower Woman and She is Led to Nearby Bastille.

London, Feb. 18.—A woman, supposedly a suffragette, attacked and knocked down Lord Weardal, head of the British peace centenary commission. She applied a dog whip on his head as he stood at the platform of Euston station.

Spectators rushed to the old man's aid the moment it was seen that the woman was inflicting severe pain. They overpowered her and she was arrested.

As Lord Weardal has taken no part in the suffragette squabble and has no particular influence in that respect, it is believed that the woman mistook him for Premier Asquith. Much indignation is felt here against the woman, and Lord Weardal has never taken any part in the struggle.

Union Baby Dead.

Union, Feb. 18.—The young baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Blanchett died today of pneumonia. The little one has been ill for some time past. Mr. Blanchett is keeper of the Levy stables.

Fireman On Furlough.

"Bud" Garity is taking a ten-day vacation, having gone to Portland for a holiday. T. J. Van Vlack is substituting for Mr. Garity.

DON'T KILL THE GOOSE THAT LAYS THE GOLDEN EGG.



—Sykes in Philadelphia Ledger

Sickness At Sea No More

LOCAL MAN FINDS CURE FOR MALADY.

LINERS FAVOR PLAN

After Thousands of Miles of Travel Mr. Hamilton Finds Sure Cure.

R. D. Hamilton, who lives on a ranch in the vicinity of La Grande, has patented a seasick remedy, which is said to be a very valuable aid to persons subject to the upheavals of a weak stomach. He states that he has traveled many thousand miles in an effort to perfect his remedy, and has spent many thousand dollars to get at the real secret of the new preparation. He has in his possession letters from the Nord Deutscher Lloyd steamship company bearing testimony to the effectiveness of this remedy, from steamers plying along the Pacific coast and many other ship companies that have given it a try-out. From these one would conclude that Mr. Hamilton had something which will be welcomed by persons who dread a water trip by reason of the trying ordeal it subjects them to. Mr. Hamilton is pushing the sale of the medicine with vigor.

\$86,000 But Still "Pounds" Best.

Atlantic City, N. J., Feb. 18.—"I should worry about \$86,000 simoleons" nonchalantly remarked Motorcycle Policeman William L. Campbell today. "I must report to the station pretty soon, and wouldn't like to lose my job for not being on time." It was today that Policeman Campbell was to receive \$86,000 left him by his uncle, William Linker, of Philadelphia. Campbell's "I should worry" was in answer to the query, "Will you retire from the force and live at leisure?" Today is Campbell's birthday. He admitted the \$86,000 he was to receive on the anniversary of his natal day is the largest gift he had ever received, but, as he put it, "it isn't worrying him a bit." He said he expects to be just as happy after today as he has always been.

Kenneth Dyal In Hospital.

Master Kenneth Dyal who recently recovered from a spell of scarlet fever was taken to the Grande Ronde hospital and operated on this noon by Drs. Hall and Underwood for rupture. He is reported to be doing well and hopes are entertained for his speedy recovery.

OPERATORS ON RAILROAD TALK STRIKE

O.-W. TELEGRAPHERS MAY GO OUT ON STRIKE IN A FEW DAYS.

SIXTY-FOUR MEN IN LA GRANDE TERRITORY

Portland Advises Say That Men Have Voted to Strike Unless Demands Are Conceded—Is Not a Part of Recent Shopmen's Strike—Dispatchers Not Involved, However.

Sixty-four men, employed as operators for the O.-W. and as combination operators and station agents at small places, will be involved on the La Grande division of the O.-W. should the threatened strike of railroad operators be called. Dispatchers are not classed as operators, being officials of the company. The proposed strike was voted last evening at Portland and as yet little or nothing is known here of the seriousness of the situation. Local officials were aware that the operators had been in conference with company officials but know nothing further about the matter. Between Umatilla and Huntington, including branch line points, there are 64 men who are classed as operators—whether or not these all would go out if the strike were called is not known, of course. Two operators are employed in the La Grande office, but at places like Kamela, Pendleton, Hermiston, Baker and Huntington the number runs from three to five each.

While dispatchers such as are employed here are not included in the embroglio, operators at small points handle train orders and through this medium have considerable influence on the handling of trains aside from handling company letter telegrams, and at small points do the Western Union work as well.

A Portland dispatch says of the trouble:

E. J. Manion, of St. Louis, fifth vice president of the Order of Rail-

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TWO HUNDRED PARENTS ATTEND MEETING TO FORM ASSOCIATION

The mass meeting at the high school auditorium last night was attended by some 200 persons and the interest evinced for this movement is pronounced and effective. To judge from the tone of the various short addresses that were made one will have to accuse themselves of some neglect in the rearing of children, the live stock which has heretofore engaged almost the sole attention of many persons will not suffer neglect in the future. The gist of most of the speeches was that much of the criticism of the system of schools has a foundation that is real and that earnest co-operation will be required to remove the stigma that has been placed upon what ought to be the foremost topic in everybody's earnest endeavor.

Mrs. Ivanhoe was chairman of the

meeting and in her opening remarks briefly outlined the purpose of this movement. Superintendent of City Schools John Girdler followed with a strong statement that ought to disabuse any mind that this movement is solely for the benefit of plutocrats. The keynote of his speech was that unless it becomes purely democratic, for the benefit of all it will not accomplish the results that are promised for it. He made the significant statement that parents make an appearance at the schools solely for the purpose of registering a kick, that unless they came to the school for the purpose of inspecting the work of those to whom their children are entrusted, the school will not accomplish the sublime object of

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