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GREEKS ARE BUTCHERED BY THE TURKS

MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN SAID TO HAVE BEEN SLAIN.

FEW DETAILS KNOWN BUT REPORT IS BAD

Many Refugees Appear at Athens Nearly Starved and Tell Tales of Revolting Crimes Committed Upon the Greeks by Turks—Date of the Butchery is Not Clear to Any.

Athens, June 16.—That Turks have butchered more than a hundred Greeks including men, women and children at Phokia, near Smyrna, was the news brought here today by three or four thousand refugees.

Not many details are known nor was the date given of the butchery. Many of the refugees were wounded and nearly starved.

Apparently this starts the war that has been ready to break for some time and the Turks have been expected for a long time to inflict punishment upon the Greeks whenever the opportunity presented.

WOODSHED BURNED UP.

Believed That Children and Matches Caused the Small Blaze.

A woodshed and its contents, owned by J. J. Brown on North Fourth street, was destroyed by fire this morning at a loss of about \$75.00. There was no insurance. The origin of the blaze is not definitely known but is thought to have been the fruits of some children playing with matches in or near the structure.

The fire department made a pretty run to the blaze and with little difficulty kept adjoining buildings from being scorched.

No Clue Yet.

Portland, June 16.—Although searchers for the balloon Springfield, Pilot Donaldson and Aide Henderson, numbered hundreds, no trace of the aircraft or the men was found up to late this afternoon. The western slope of the Cascades for a hundred and fifty miles south of the Columbia river is being combed.

Rain Does Not Stop Game.

New York, June 16.—Despite last night's rain the second game of the International series for the polo cup was in progress at Meadowbrook park this afternoon. The British lineup is not changed.

Ned York, June 16.—England won the polo game. Final score, England 4, America 2-3-4.

SEVEN MEN MET DEATH IN FIRE

SCORES INJURED WHEN BOARDING HOUSE BURNS.

Old Frame Building With No Fire Escapes is Trap.

Milford, Mass., June 16.—Seven men perished and a score was badly burned, while three score were injured by jumping from windows here early this morning when fire destroyed Peter Copaliam's boarding house. The building was built in 1860 and was originally intended for a shoe factory. It had no fire escapes, no fire extinguishers and no watchman. The corridors were all of wood and the stairways very narrow. The doors were soon jammed with American workmen making it impossible for many to get out. The building burned so rapidly that it was almost an explosion.

Trouble at Butte Is Expected Soon

SITUATION IS REGARDED AS VERY CRITICAL.

TROOPS ARE HELD AT DIFFERENT CITIES

Western Federation and Miners' Union Meet Tonight in Butte.

Butte, Montana, July 16.—While outwardly conditions seemed normal, the situation is regarded as critical. Trouble is looked for tonight when the Western Federation of Labor and the Miners' Union meets. The two factions have been at loggerheads since the rioting of Saturday. Military companies are stationed at Bozeman, Billings and other cities awaiting the orders to move into this district to protect life and property.

Supreme Court Affirms.

Salem, June 16.—The convicted editor, J. E. Hosmer of Silverton, who is charged with having criminally libeled the Mount Angel convent by publishing an alleged confession of Mary Laseaman, a nun said to have escaped from the institution, will be forced to take his punishment as the supreme court has just affirmed the verdict of the lower court.

PARIS STORM KILLS TWENTY

FRENCH CAPITAL VISITED BY TERRIFIC RAIN.

Streets Cave in and City is Disorganized.

Paris, June 16.—That a number lost their lives in last night's storm and that the number will be at least twenty is the opinion of the police here today.

Majority of those who met death were caught when streets caved in from the terrific downpour of rain. Some pits in the city are a block long and reach from house to house across important thoroughfares. The depth of many is twenty-five feet.

Four bodies were recovered from one of these single chasms at the intersection of Rue Trochet and Rue Aber. On the boulevard intersection of Rue El Boetie and Rue du Faubourg street Honor a dozen people who had sought shelter from the storm under the eaves of the church of St. Philippe de Roule were drawn in the cave-in and probably perished. Nine corpses have been recovered.

TENNIS MATCHES SLATED.

La Grande Will Hook up With Imbler Next Saturday.

Next Saturday a group of local tennis sharks will enter into combat with a similar group of sharks from Imbler, on the Imbler courts. A return match is to be staged in La Grande shortly afterwards.

It has not been decided who will represent the La Grande tennis contingent, but just as good a team of doubles and singles as can be recruited in the brief time allotted, will be sent against Imbler.

Union also has asked for a tournament here, and there, later on, and it is believed some interesting matches between town may be expected.

Colonel Dines With Lee.

London, June 16.—Major Arthur Lee gave luncheon in honor of Colonel Roosevelt today at which he presented a number of prominent Liberal politicians.

Pay Checks in the City.

Railroad men are today cashing their pay checks. Instead of going to the ticket office for them, the men obtain their money from a coach, run on a side track.

FINAL REFUSAL GIVEN SALOON ROUNDUP FOR CITY'S GUESTS

BROWN & DUNN'S PLACE WAS CLOSED TODAY BY CITY.

Two Others Held Up Are Given Licenses—New Application In.

Brown & Dunn, proprietors of a saloon on Jefferson Avenue for some time past, have been finally refused a renewal of their license. Two others held up at the last session of the commission, have been granted, and Grant Lincoln and John Jordan, are therefore, doing business today. The Brown & Dunn saloon was closed this morning. Violations of the saloon regulation ordinance is alleged, and given as reason for refusal.

J. D. Kerr has presented an application for a license, and it will lay over until a week from tomorrow.

All saloons that are doing business today are now operating under the renewed licenses.

TO ARGUE DIVORCE CASE.

Trial Which Ran Opposition to Movies Will Be Heard Further.

A divorce case which broke up the moving picture and "vaudeville" shows of Enterprise a few weeks ago, will have another session in La Grande tonight when attorneys in the case will present arguments before Circuit Judge Knowles, who presided at the trial. Ora L. Linn of Enterprise charges his wife Anell Linn with cruel and inhuman treatment, and the Enterprise courthouse was far too small to accommodate the crowd at the trial. When it went over to an evening session, moving picture houses were deserted. J. A. Burliegh and A. Fairchild are the attorneys who will argue the case tonight.

YOUTH IS APPREHENDED

Deputy Sheriff Uses Motorcycle and Horse to Arrest Boy.

Claycombe Mills a youth of 16 years, is under arrest today after a long motorcycle ride to Summerville and then horseback journeys over the hills toward Meacham by Deputy Sheriff Williamson. The boy is charged with stealing a saddle from a man named Hill, living between Elgin and Summerville.

Bids Not Let.

Bids were not let last evening for the construction of the new Catholic church, as planned, for the reason that F. L. Meyers a member of the committee is out of town. The bids will be let later in the week.

JUNE 24 TO BE BIG DAY AT FAIR GROUNDS.

Spain Brothers and Zeek to Stage Wild West Show of Merit.

A round up of such proportions as will stagger the ordinary Oregonian will be put on for the edification of Oregon merchants when they have completed their business affairs in convention assembled here next week. The local entertainment committee has spent several hundred—close to a thousand in fact—to put on this performance at the fair grounds. Spain Bros. and Zeek of Union are the men who will put on the fun, and they have a line of it that is thrilling. It will feature a string of bucking contests, relay races, chariot races, Roman races, bulldogging, pony races, and all that goes with a roundup. That these three men can produce the best there is everyone knows.

Businessmen to Attend.

It is planned to close up the city air tight that afternoon and let the local businessmen attend the performance and enjoy it along with the visitors. Visitors and home people alike will be thoroughly tired out from three days of hard labor, and the relaxation will be a physical enjoyment and also will allow the visitors and home people to hob nob.

TAXI TURNS OVER.

Mrs. McCarty Has Arm Broken in Accident.

Perry, Ore., June 16.—(Special)—Mrs. Leona McCarty resident of the Upper-Flat district met with a serious accident yesterday afternoon. She and her grandson Henry Gray, and Mrs. Johansen were coming home from La Grande in a taxi. Just above the Upper-Flat bridge, the driver stopped his car to let Mrs. Johansen out and in doing so the engine was stopped, so before starting, the engine, had to be cranked. In making the start the gears were reversed and the car backed down grade toward the river, turning completely over. Mrs. McCarty was thrown out breaking her arm just above the wrist, but the driver and Mr. Gray were unhurt. Just by good luck the machine did not roll into the river, but was stopped by a projecting plank close to the bank.

Twenty-five to One a Winner.

Ascott, June 16.—J. D. Rothchild's "Broadwood" won today the Ascott stakes at twenty-five to one. H. Bushwood's "Asparagus" was second and H. C. Rallan's "The Guller" was third. Twenty-four started in the race.

Bryan Says All's Well at Niagara

BELIEVES RESULT WILL BE SATISFACTORY.

SPEED IS NOT WANTED

Secretary of State Does Not Comment on Mediators Note.

Washington, June 16.—"I consider that satisfactory progress is being made at Niagara Falls," said Secretary Bryan today. "In matters of this kind speed is out of the question."

The secretary had no comment to make on the note of the mediators to Carranza declaring they would not receive his envoys unless he consented to an armistice.

Slate Wanted With Bucks.

Manager Al Lodell of the Pendleton Buckaroos took his team to Baker today noon. While here he made arrangements to give Slate of this city a tryout with the Bucks and if the youngster decides to accept, he will report at Baker. Lodell's pitchers have been going back of late, and he wants to strengthen up. Fitcher the speedboy with the La Grande club last year, and "Naughty" Naughton also a former Spud, are with the team.

KENDELL MAY BE TO BLAME

SINKING OF SHIP NOW UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Anderson of the Storstad May Be Exonerated.

Quebec, June 16.—With Lord Mersey presiding over the Royal Commission investigation has begun into the sinking of the Empress of Ireland. The first matter considered was the form of procedure best calculated to bring out the facts. Later witnesses will be called and it is expected that among the first will be Captain Kendell of the ill-fated ship.

While popular sentiment tended to exonerate Kendell and throw all of the blame on Captain Anderson of the Storstad, there may be a reversal of this sentiment according to experts, for they will hold Kendell to some extent responsible for the disaster and exonerate Captain Anderson.

MRS. RICHARDSON ILL.

Wife of Indian Fighter Quite Seriously Ill at Daughter's Home.

Mrs. Richardson of Lower Cove, wife of the well known rancher, J. Q. A. Richardson, an Indian fighter of Oregon pioneer days, is quite seriously ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Keenan on Z Avenue. Mrs. Richardson has been indisposed for some little time, but has grown slightly worse of late. She will probably not be able to attend the Pioneer reunion at Imbler next Saturday.

Gold Nuggets Attract.

A handful of gold nuggets which the owner, Mr. Salisbury, knows the origin of and claims to be Baker county, attracted a good deal of attention this morning. The paystuff was rich in quantity and rich in quality say men who are versed in the merits of the yellow lucre.

CLIMATIC STATISTICS.

(Readings taken from Government instruments by Observer Benham at 1 o'clock and cover the past 24 hours.) Maximum 88, minimum 41.

HILL CHOSEN DIRECTOR TO SUCCEED SELF

WHITE BUILDING CAN BE SOLD BY DIRECTORS, MAJORITY.

ANNUAL REPORT SHOWS FINANCIAL SITUATION

Large Number of Voters Get Out to Express Choice for School Director and to Act Upon the Sale of the White School Building—A. T. Hill Elected by a Big Margin.

HOW THE VOTE STOOD.

For Director:
A. T. Hill 241
Angus Stewart 60
Scattering 7
Not counted 1
Total vote 309
Regarding sale of White building:
Yes 269
No 9
Majority for sale 260

Three hundred and nine taxpayers of School District No. 1—the La Grande school district—yesterday voted at the annual school election, and elected A. T. Hill to succeed himself on the board of education, and voted to allow and authorize the school board to sell the White school building. The lot, including an even block, is not included. The building itself has outgrown its usefulness as a school building.

The vote was brisk, especially toward evening.

Annual Report Read.

The annual school report was read by School Clerk A. C. Williams early in the afternoon. The report showed that the board had as cash on hand one year ago \$30,826.66 and that its total receipts and cash yesterday was \$77,579.43. The disbursements for the year included these items: for 45 teachers employed, \$38,874.15; for fuel \$6,522.31; New school house built, \$20,170.32. Total expenditures \$77,140.35.

The bonded indebtedness to date is \$12,800.00 and the district has property valued at \$190,000.00.

The number of persons residing in the district under 20 years of age on November 25, 1913, was: Male, 936, female 997, total 1933. The enrollment over the eighth grade was: Male 117, female 144, total 261. Number of school houses built 1, library books in circulation 2367; number of new books bought 117.

The board meets tonight to discuss the manner of disposing of the school building.

THEODORE HARM DEAD.

Old German Passed Away Yesterday Afternoon.

Through mistaken names over the telephone yesterday The Observer recorded the death of Peter Larm when the one who died was Theodore Harm. The deceased was of German descent. He was born in the old country in 1838, came to America and located in Wisconsin in 1869. His residence in and around La Grande dates back to 1886. His wife survives him. Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Bohnenkamp chapel by Dr. B. Fyke of the Methodist church.

"Uncle Sam" is Here.

A. S. Mishkind, one of the prominent business men of Boise and known all over Southern Idaho as "Uncle Sam", is in the city for a few days. He is proprietor of the Uncle Sam Loan Office in La Grande.

