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AMERICAN FLAG INSULTED ON HIGH SEAS BY ENGLISH

CIVIL SERVICE PENSION BILLS LAID ON TABLE

MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS RECALLED FROM HOUSE AND SENATE POSTPONES.

HOUSE CEDES CRATER LAKE TO GOVERNMENT

Complete Control of the National Park Now in Hands of Federal Government—Effort to Re-refer Pension Memorial to Committee Falls and Vote is Put Off Indefinitely.

Salem, Jan. 19.—On motion of Senator Ragsdale, the memorial passed by the senate Saturday, urging congress to enact a law providing for a pension to civil service employees who have been long in the service, was recalled from the house today and the vote reconsidered. After efforts to re-refer to the committee, the senate voted to indefinitely postpone it. The house today passed a bill ceding to the federal government absolute jurisdiction over the Crater Lake national park.

He Would Abolish Station Porters.

Chicago, Jan. 19.—Insistent demands will be brought to bear on hotel keepers and station masters throughout the United States to abolish the railway station porter, if the plans announced today of C. A. Wooley, of Chicago, are successful. Porters demand exorbitant tips and enforce their demands by roughly handling the baggage. As an institution they are a "survival of obsolete conditions," says Wooley. "Why should young men and women who must travel be assailed wherever the stop by a crew of men yelling like maniacs and trying to snatch their baggage away?" The movement has the backing of the United States Commercial Travelers.

Legislature Runs Smoothly.

Reporting that the legislature is running smoothly, J. H. Pearce, returned yesterday from Salem and Portland where he has been spending a few days. While there he visited his daughter who is one of the stenographers at the legislature.

Railroad Head Visits Hot Lake.

F. A. Blackwell, president and general manager of the Idaho & Washington Northern railroad, passed through the city yesterday on his way to Hot Lake where he will spend several days this week.

Walter Johnson, Chicken Fancier.

Washington, Jan. 19.—With some coops shown by Walter Johnson from his Kansas farm, the annual show of the Capital Poultry association opened today.

FRANK'S CASE AGAIN HALTED

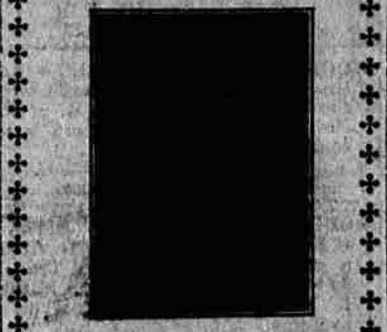
EXECUTION IS STAYED BY SUPREME COURT.

Atlanta Murder Mystery Given Further Chance to Clarify.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The Supreme court today ordered that the execution of Leo Frank of Atlanta, be stayed and directed that he be held in custody until further notice.

Had the Supreme court not intervened, he would have been executed next week for the murder of Mary Phagan. That he is innocent is universally believed, and great interest is manifested.

LATE EX-CONGRESSMAN W. R. ELLIS



Recent likeness of well known Eastern Oregon law maker who died in Portland yesterday.

FRIDAY MADE "MOTION DAY"

INCREASED LITIGATION COMPELS NEW RULE.

Judge Knowles Endeavoring to Clear Away Heavily Congested Docket.

By reason of his enforced absence in Walla Walla county, where he has been almost continuously since convening the November term of Circuit Court there, the work of the Circuit Court in Union County has not received much of his attention, and an examination of the Union county docket has disclosed to Judge Knowles that he has an immense amount of work pending before him. In order to expedite matters as much as possible, Judge Knowles has decided to adopt a motion day on one day of each week, until further notice, upon which day attorneys may argue a number of cases, which will leave the remaining days of the week to the judge for consideration and decision of these matters. In this way Judge Knowles is attempting to meet the congested condition of the Circuit Court work in Union county in the manner most likely to produce the desired results; but local attorneys point out that the absence of the Circuit Judge from Union county while holding court in Walla Walla county, where the work is also increasing, makes it a huge task for the judge to entirely catch up with his work for a considerable time to come. The determined effort that the judge has made to keep the work imposed upon him by the law as near current as possible, is shown by the fact that he has foregone any vacation for several months, and entirely abandoned his usual fall hunting trip, for which he had made many plans and had looked forward to with pleasant anticipation.

Heretofore a great deal of the time of the judge has been required in hearing motions, as a single case has often occupied several hours, breaking into the better part of half a day, and it is believed that the new system will be more satisfactory for the attorneys as well as for the court.

Litigation on Increase.

Judge Knowles, in his announcement of the new motion day to the attorneys of the local bar, reminds them of the increase in litigation, and says in part:

"Owing to the increase of litigation it is necessary for the court to set apart one day of each week for the hearing of demurrers, motions, etc., and I have designated Friday of each week as such day. On Friday, January 22nd, the following cases will be heard upon motions, demurrers, objections to cost bills, etc., now pending: J. I. Case Co. vs. C. H. Law et al, 9 A. M.; Legal Adjustment Co. vs. Howard Davis, 10 A. M.; Security Land & Savings Co. vs. Bauch, 11 A. M.; West vs. McDonald, 1:30 P. M.; Porter vs. Hamilton, 2:30 P. M.; McMaster vs. Ruby Company, 3:30 P. M.; Smith vs. Oregon Washington Orchard Co., 4:30 P. M.; Nibbe vs. Hall, 4:30 P. M.

"In the argument of these demurrers, etc., thirty minutes will be allowed on a side. If attorneys wish to file written briefs in addition to the oral argument, they may do so. The cases will be taken up promptly at the time set."

Union Jack Displaces Stars and Stripes, Reports Captain

Berlin, Jan. 19.—Charges of insults to the American flag, improper interference with vessels, etc. were transmitted to Secretary of State Bryan today by Captain Farley of the American steamer Greenbrier, now at Bremen.

Farley declares that on December 30, while off the German coast, a

British cruiser fired solid shot across her bows, and that after examination of her ship's papers, by the officer of the cruiser, he ordered the American flag lowered and a British ensign to take its place. Upon refusing, Captain Farley says, the crew from the cruiser took charge of the vessel and hoisted the Union Jack and proceeded to Kirkwall, England, where

he was ordered to resume command of the vessel and go to Leith.

Farley again declined to sail under a British flag. After three days, the American says, he was allowed to hoist the colors and then he proceeded to Leith where he was soon allowed to continue to Germany.

The Greenbrier was loaded at Colon for New Orleans.

WAR BULLETINS

Petrograd, Jan. 19.—Bloody fighting for possession of a section of the province of Plock in Russian Poland, has resulted in decisive defeat of the Germans, it is said here. The enemy was forced back to the frontier and the statement adds that reports are coming in of artillery duels and sporadic infantry fighting east of Mlawa.

Paris, Jan. 19.—Sinking of a French submarine, the Sapphire at the entrance of the Dardanelles, January 15, is announced today. It is stated in official reports that a Turkish vessel rescued a part of the crew. News of the disaster first came in official bulletins issued at Constantinople and sent out to Berlin Sunday.

Paris, Jan. 19.—Capture of additional German fieldworks in the for-

est of Laprete and Southwest of Metz are reported in the official war office statement. This leads to the belief that further progress by the French in the Laprete region will cause a complete withdrawal from the woods.

Soissons Battle Less Vigorous.

Fighting at Soissons, the point of greatest contact in weeks, has apparently become less vigorous. This is considered ominous of renewal of German attacks in these woods. Desperate assaults are expected at any moment, with the enemy attempting to force a gap in the lines.

For several days there has been heavy artillery firing in that region. The lull suggests that the Germans are bringing up heavy infantry reinforcements to be hurled against the French when the proper moment arrives. No other important gains are reported today.

RUMORS OF "OPEN TOWN" POLICY PROVE GROUNDESS

Alarm and speculation have been running rife in La Grande the past few days over the report that restricted districts had been re-established in Baker and Pendleton and that such was to be the case in La Grande. If city and county officials can prevent it, however, such rumors insofar as they effect La Grande, are idle.

County Prosecutor John S. Hodgins avows that he will apply vigorously the state law in the matter, and City Manager F. J. Lafky has

given instructions to the police force to prevent "The line" reforming on Jefferson avenue or in any other specific quarters. That women of the underworld have been ready for some time to form such a "line" at the first opportunity is generally conceded, and the city and county authorities will be called upon to keep them out of line.

"The state law is clear and specific."

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OPEN "Y" FOR MANY LINES



New La Grande Y.M.C.A. Building.

According to plans which have just been made public by officials of the local Young Men's Christian Association the new building here will be formally opened to public use with a week of special programs commencing next Monday. Such was the decision arrived at after a meeting of the board of directors in conjunction with a special committee composed of a number of business men of the city which decided that the proper course to pursue just at this time was to proceed with the opening under the most economical conditions possible.

A house committee composed of Mac Wood, A. A. Wenzel and E. G. Adcock named for the purpose of outlining a plan of procedure after the building was opened, have recommended that the main lobby of the

building shall be opened, one side to be reserved for the use of the boys and the other side for the men, that the gymnasium shall be opened for games and calisthenics, that the shower baths and the plunge shall be placed in use and that the social room shall be opened for the use of the bowling alley, billiard tables and pocket billiards for the men. The decision of the house committee to open the social room also carried with it the recommendation that an extra man be employed to assist secretary Rudd in the management of the building, and W. F. Ashman, of this city has been selected as the assistant.

The schedule for the classes in calisthenics provided for classes for the business and professional men of the

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DEATH CALLS MRS. J. HOPPER

MOTHER OF 15 CHILDREN NOW AT REST.

Pioneer of '65 Passes After Illness of About One Month.

Mrs. Joshua Hopper, a pioneer of Oregon since 1865, died last evening at 8:05 o'clock. She has been critically ill for 28 days, having been brought to La Grande from Nolan, in Umatilla county, a few days ago. The husband and several children survive the esteemed lady. The funeral will be held Thursday from the Baptist church at 1 o'clock.

Mrs. J. Hopper was born August 22, 1848, and was, therefore, 66 years of age at the time of her death. Her childhood home was in Jefferson county, Illinois, and she was married to Mr. Hopper March 22, 1865, coming to the Grande Ronde valley the same year after crossing the plains in the primitive method of those days. They resided in this valley continuously until seven years ago when they moved to Nolan.

Fifteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hopper. They are Albert B., who passed away in 1888; Mrs. Joe Stratton, of Seattle; Mrs. J. L. Corbett, of Ashland; Mrs. J. P. Stack, of Phoenix, Ariz.; Ed., of Pendleton; Walter, of La Grande; Oscar, of La Grande; Mrs. John Synhorst, of Miles City, Mont.; Mrs. Wesley Andrews, of Baker; Thomas R. of Mt. Hood; Ben, of La Grande; Mrs. C. W. Strayer, of Los Angeles; Cleve, of La Grande; Mrs. Bert Wait, of Seattle; Mrs. C. L. Dainard, of La Grande. Most of the children were with her at the time of death.

SLEEPER SIDESWIPED.

Pullman Damaged at Hilgard Last Night—No One Hurt.

As a result of a misunderstanding of signals it is said, a light engine "sideswiped" westbound passenger No. 19 at Hilgard just after midnight last night. The accident occurred on a cross over, the light engine striking a Pullman sleeper about midway of the train and damaging it so badly that it was necessary to cut the car out and bring it to this city in a freight. No one was injured as there happened to be no passengers in the particular sleeper that was hit. The light engine was in charge of Engineer Barnwell and Conductor McShane. As a result of the accident No. 19 was delayed about 30 minutes.

Will Lecture at Union.

Thursday afternoon and evening Claude C. Cate, county farm expert, will lecture at Union on dairying, organization of it, tests, silos and feed. The meeting will be held in the city hall.

Division Foreman Inspects W. U.

A. G. McLean, of Portland, division foreman of the Western Union telegraph company was in the city yesterday evening for a brief inspection of the company's interests here, going out this morning to Pendleton where he will visit the office in that city.

O.-W. Officials in City.

J. F. Graham, superintendent of motive power of the O.-W. and J. P. Langley, assistant superintendent, are in the city today from Portland in their special car on business connected with their department of the road's work.

BUSINESSMEN LOOK AT THE SILVERY SIDE

ANNUAL COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETING UNIQUE AND FULL OF GINGER.

HOME INDUSTRIES ARE GIVEN LIBERAL AID

Walter Pierce, Famous Feminist, Comes Out of Shell and is Now a Full Fledged Optimist—Speakers Discuss Business Situation—Show is a Good One.

Commercial moves on the checkerboard of existing and prospective business in Union county were made last night at the annual meeting of the La Grande Commercial club. Business depression was looked squarely in the face without squinting but on the new year the speakers trained the spotlight on golden and silvery linings to the beleaguered horizon, and when it was all over, the 100 men present went away more thoroughly inculcated with the virus of optimism than when they went there.

Furthermore, booster howlers fired "Jack Johnsons" right and left at such men as did not support made-in-Union-county industries, and bombarded without mercy the investment of surplus funds in wild foreign schemes abroad. "It was a good show from the start and one that will leave a lasting impression upon the businessmen of La Grande."

In between after-dinner speeches, the directors were elected for the coming year. The men upon whom will fall the burden of steering the commercial craft through the straightens during 1915, are:

John Collier, A. V. Andrews, E. S. Norris, J. G. Snodgrass, George Young, C. D. Emahiser, F. B. Curry and H. E. Dixon.

H. E. Dixon was an affable toastmaster. As soon as the men could be torn away from a most delicious repast of chicken pie served in a highly satisfactory manner by the Guild ladies in the basement of Honan hall, the speeches and reports began. John Collier, vice-president of the club, told of what the club has done during the past year and hoped to do in the next. Inaugurating light rate adjustment litigation, introducing the split drag on county roads and looking after the myriad volume of small details that come to a club each day of the year, were a few of the things done in spite of the depression in business and commercial selfishness. Many other desirable projects were begun; such as building an exhibit hall at the depot and providing literature for the Exposition traffic and inaugurating a "Made-in-Union-County" campaign.

F. J. Holmes was the next speaker and very pointedly told why every businessman should belong to the commercial club. It was a good argument that he presented.

Walter M. Pierce, pastoral philosopher, farmer, statesman and orator, gave the longest address of the evening, and as a masterpiece in diction,

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ITALY AGAIN FEELS SHOCK

SOUTHERN PROVINCES FEEL SEVERE TREMOR.

Thousands in Wild Panic When Shock is Felt.

Rome, Jan. 19.—Another violent earthquake shook Southern Italy today, throwing thousands of persons in the province of Calabria into a wild panic.

No casualties are reported but considerable damage was done at Villa Luzzi, eleven miles north of Cosenza, capital of the province.