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RAINS OPEN NEW MENACE

ROTTING BODIES IN FRANCE
CAUSE ALARM WITH ADVANCE OF SPRING.

WEATHER MAPS READY
TO GUIDE BIRD MEN

Thousands of Bodies Lying in Open Spaces Between Trenches are Rotting and Danger of Epidemic is now Great—Other Thousands Have Only Thin Earth Covering Over Them.

London, April 17.—With Spring rains drenching portions of the battle front and approaching warm weather, allied and German armies are facing a greater menace than shells and bullets. Dread of an epidemic due to thousands of rotting bodies, is great.

All along the battle front stretches of vast fields of dead bodies have lain in open spaces between hostile trenches for weeks and even months. Thousands of other bodies are covered only with a thin layer of earth.

Aviator Captured.
Berlin, April 19.—Roland Garros, the noted French aviator was captured by Germans, the war office has announced.

British and French claims of victory in the Western front are sheer inventions according to an official statement.

Raid Chart Prepared.
An official chart prepared by the German war office shows the weather conditions as they are expected to prevail in the capital of allied countries from now until April 30. Preparation of this chart is acceptable as indicating the opening of a general aerial attack by the German flying squadron.

WEST EXONERATED
Jury Finds in His Favor at Baker Saturday

Ex-Governor Oswald West passed through La Grande Saturday evening enroute to Portland after being in Baker nearly a week to stand trial for his actions while governor in the Copperfield episode.

Oswald West's action in seizing the property of William Wiegand at Copperfield in January, 1914, when the saloons were closed by the militia on the order of the ex-governor was vindicated by a Baker county jury, nine of the 12 men hearing the trial which was concluded in circuit court yesterday, signing a verdict in favor of the defendant in the damage suit brought by Wiegand. The report of the verdict was made to the court shortly before 8 o'clock, about seven hours after retiring. It was said that eight were in favor of the verdict before going to dinner at 6 o'clock, and that the one necessary to render the decision in favor of West was swung into line shortly after the evening deliberations of the jury started.

E. B. Carille, T. C. Huff, A. Pratt, David H. Turner, T. B. Moore, Bert Rogers, D. W. Heard, J. B. Heminger and R. R. Sparks were the nine jurors who found in favor of the ex-governor, the verdict not being signed by Amos Hotell, Milton Eddy and James Dalton, the other three.

A big crowd waited around the court house all the afternoon after the jury retired, but giving up hope of an early verdict left when the jurors were taken out to dinner at 6 o'clock. When the verdict was read to the court there were not over a dozen people in the court room, aside from the attorneys, court officials and newspaper men.

Commenting on the verdict in his favor, West said:

"I do not want to crow about it. I am a good loser and I hope as good a winner. It is gratifying to have my actions at Copperfield vindicated by a Baker county jury, and I felt that when the facts were presented the result would be as it was. I wish to say that I appreciate my treatment in Baker on the part of the court, the press and the people. I was given a fair trial and the issue decided on its merits. I may surprise you with the statement that facts of the Copperfield affair were not all laid bare and they never would be, no matter how it had been decided. As to the law in the case, I may say that before

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WASHINGTON BELLE WILL BE BRIDE IN JUNE.



MADGE PICKETT STOKES

ANOTHER NAME HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE ALREADY LONG LIST OF WASHINGTON BELLES WHO WILL BE BRIDES IN JUNE. MISS MADGE PICKETT STOKES, DAUGHTER OF

MR. AND MRS. SYLVANUS STOKES, HAS ANNOUNCED HER ENGAGEMENT TO R. KING STONE, ALSO OF WASHINGTON.

BANKERS HOSTS TO BANK CHIEF

ASSISTANT GOVERNOR OF SAN FRANCISCO COMING.

Two Counties will Have Representatives Here to Meet Banker.

When Russell Lowry, assistant governor of the regional reserve bank at San Francisco arrives tonight on the 8:30 train, he will be greeted by the principal national bank cashiers and presidents of this and Wallowa county. He will be escorted to the Foley grill where dinner will be served in his honor, and it is expected that the bankers will get first-hand information relative to the features of the regional banks as far as their practical appliance to the rural sections are concerned.

Local bankers and bank directors will be present, and it is anticipated that several Wallowa county bankers will come. National banks of this county will be largely represented in the gathering.

Palace Restaurant Closed

Saturday afternoon officers closed the Palace Restaurant on Depot St. and attached its entire contents for debts owed by the institution. It has been run by Chinese and was formerly property of Low Young, a Chinaman who took French leave of La Grande several weeks ago turning his property over to other members of his race.

Jake Bieber Scores

Jake Bieber, who has never been recognized as expert fisherman before now has Adolf Newlin, Bert Hughes and the rest of the professionals worried, for he went out Saturday and hooked a 26 1/2 inch trout. And this gentle act was committed near Hilgard where most of the fishermen believe big fishing does not exist.

Home from Wallowa

Chas McCrary and wife returned yesterday from Wallowa county where they have been spending several days while Mr. McCrary was talking up his Haynes. Mrs. Ward Fowler of Enterprise accompanied them home, the auto party arriving here yesterday evening.

Party Thursday Night

The O-W Safety First association gives a big party at Zuber hall next Thursday evening. A program of dancing and refreshments has been outlined for the members of the association, and their friends.

PORTLAND FIRE LOSS SEVERE

WHOLESALE PAPER HOUSE
LOSES \$150,000 ALONE

Pulmotor Restores Life to Four of 39 Overcome Firemen

Portland, April 19.—Losses in the Blake-McFall company fire last night and early this morning will not exceed a quarter million. The wholesale paper dealers lost \$150,000.

Thirty-nine firemen were overcome by the smoke and four of them had to be resuscitated by the use of pulmotors. No facts concerning the origin have yet come to light.

Will Attend Fair

Ed Bussey the veteran cab owner and driver, and his wife expect to leave this week for San Francisco to attend the Panama exposition and Mr. Bussey's sister, for the first time in 28 years.

ANTI RABIES VACCINE ON WAY FROM DETROIT LABORATORIES

The first of three installment of vaccine for use in treating Mrs. J. B. Fisher who was bitten Saturday by a coyote, was shipped from Detroit yesterday and should reach here by the middle of the week. Doses for seven days are contained in each shipment, and local physicians will apply the vaccine. Mrs. Fisher's wounds show four distinct marks of the animal's teeth, one penetrating the skin sharply.

CLEANUP WEEK BEGINS FAVORABLY

Residents of South La. Grande where cleanup week's activities began, took hold this morning of the project with a vim. By eleven eight loads were loaded and had worked their way North to G street. The encouraging part of it was that the citizens have taken hold with determination. Only in one block was there failure to adhere to sacking or boxing regulations. Where the refuse that went burn is not sacked or boxed, the wagons will not haul it away. All combustible matter must be taken to the police station.

While the people are cleaning the streets and allies the police and pound department are working havoc with numerous dogs. Twelve bit the dust Saturday, and this afternoon

FRANK LOSES IN FIGHT FOR A NEW TRIAL

UNITED STATES SUPREME
COURT DENIES WRIT OF
HABEAS CORPUS.

EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY
CAN ALONE SAVE HIM

Famous Atlanta Murder Case Settled in Supreme Court where Motion for New Trial is Overruled—National Interest Has Been Aroused in the Case Because of Questionable Evidence.

Washington, April 19.—Leo Frank must hang for the murder of Mary Phagan of Atlanta, unless executive clemency is extended.

The United States Supreme court today denied the appeal of Frank for a new trial. The decision was upon the writ of habeas corpus, through which a new trial was sought. All of Frank's grounds for seeking a new trial were overruled.

The defendant is charged with the murder of a girl employe in his factory though circumstantial evidence alone is used in the case. National interest has been aroused because of the general belief that Frank is innocent. Numerous detectives sent to the scene to gain more evidence against Frank have resigned their posts and avowed their belief the man was innocent.

TROUT TAKES ATTENTION

Season's Catch Starts With Excellent Beauties.

Phil Corbett son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Corbett, set the brain of every fisherman in La Grande whirling Saturday by landing a beautiful specimen of the trout family. It was on display in the Newlin drug store window Saturday evening and attracted as much attention as a good sized circus. Mr. Corbett admits that hereafter he will be known as "the father of Phil," for such a trout gives Phil a higher place in the minds of the fishing fraternity than could possibly be attained by any act in the commercial world.

HESSE IS DOING WELL

Mastoid Operation Proves to Be Very Successful

William Hesse, who underwent a mastoid operation late Saturday afternoon, is reported doing very well. He is at the Grande Ronde hospital and the operation was performed by Dr. Bouvey, of this city.

LIBEL SUIT AGAINST ROOSEVELT IS STARTED

HEAT RECORDS BROKEN

Today's maximum heat record of 88 degrees at noon, breaks records for at least 15 years and probably farther. In 1910, April 19, showed a record of 80 degrees, and the average is in the seventies. The mark yesterday noon of 79 was likewise a record for April 18th in the 15 years records have been maintained by the weather bureau here.

CLIMATIC DATA.
Climate data, based on readings for 24 hours ending last night at 6 o'clock:
Maximum, 79; Minimum 40.
Temperature at 12:30 today, 88.

EXPERTS FIND GOOD OUTLOOK

The Nations conditions, commercial and monetary, as they appear on the horizon of the future to expert financiers of New York, are set out in the current letters to Oregon Bankers. Pessimism does not enter into this expert opinion but on the other hand, a general tendency toward improvement is seen. The financial circular issued by the National City bank of New York, says among other things in current issues received by La Grande bankers:

General Business Conditions
Reports from the industries and from trade centers are of varying tenor, but a hopeful tone predominates. Bank clearings, railway earnings and offerings of commercial paper indicate little change in the situation, and the bituminous coal trade, which closely reflects industrial activity, makes a similar showing.

The steel industry is operating at a higher percentage of capacity than at any time within the last six months, but foreign business is a considerable factor. While the prices of some finished products have been advanced, pig iron has sold at lowest prices touched in several years. Considerable sales could be made abroad but for high freight rates. British costs are higher and British exports in February were only 45 per cent. of those of that month in 1914. The United States Steel Corporation has issued its report for the year 1914 which shows a falling off in tonnage of 27 per cent. from 1913. The American Iron and Steel institute reports total output of steel rails in 1914 to have been 1,945,950 tons against 3,502,780 in 1913.

The textile industries are moderately active but not doing so well as might be expected considering the extent to which foreign competitors are crippled by war. The British woolen industries are fully occupied at home and continental competitors both in woolen and cotton goods from this field but from neutral markets. February was the first month since the war began in which the mills of this country consumed more than they did in the same month of the previous years, and even in this month the excess was in the extreme southern states. Spinners have not believed the rise in cotton would prove permanent and have had difficulty in advancing the price of cotton goods to correspond with the course of the raw material. The home trade has brought in piecemeal fashion, but higher prices are being established. The reports from the export trade are better and a feature of this is an unusual demand from Canada. The woolen mills have had a good many foreign army orders, but they would be glad to see more business in sight.

The shoe business has suffered as much as any of the staple lines of trade. Apparently people are able to economize in shoes when they want to. The usual Easter business has been light, and retail distribution is said to be very much below normal. The most notable thing in the entire business situation has been the change in the position of cotton since

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DETECTIVES GUARD BOTH PRINCIPALS

FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLAR ACTION BEGUN IN SYRACUSE COURT ROOM.

BOSS BARNES ACCUSED
OF POLITICAL GRAFT

Tremendous Crowds Jam Courthouse and People Cheer Ex-President when He Arrives on the Scene—Political Skeletons to be Bared During Trial in which Roosevelt Stands Pat.

Syracuse, April 19.—Private detectives guard both Colonel Roosevelt and William Barnes when they arrived at the court house to be present at the Barnes \$50,000 libel suit against the former president. Surging crowds surrounded the court house and jammed the corridors.

Cheers greeted the arrival of the defendant.

Barnes—"Boss Barne" as he has been often called—asks the \$50,000 reputation balm for being publicly named by the former president as an alleged partner with "Boss" Charles F. Murphy of Tammany Hall, "in an alliance between crooked business and crooked politics."

Colonel Roosevelt's defense is justification. He proposes to prove his charges. Prominence of both principals in present and past political history and the overshadowing issues, with their possible result on future politics, made today's trial one of the most unique and politically pregnant in state and national fields.

Formerly friends but now bitter foes, Barnes and Roosevelt both promised merciless disclosures of past political machinations, in Albany county, New York state and even the nation.

Barnes, petition, filed in July, 1914, during the heat of the New York gubernatorial fight, when Roosevelt was campaigning for Hinman, the progressive candidate, recited Roosevelt's statement, distributed broadcast through the press. Roosevelt said Barnes and Murphy "are of exactly the same moral and political type," lie asserted that when the issue between popular rights and corrupt and machine ruled government is clearly drawn the two bosses will always be found on the same side covertly or openly.

"Yet they really form," continued the colonel, "the all powerful invisible government, responsible for the mal-administration and corruption in public offices of the state."

That Barnes worked successfully to defeat the direct primary bill of Former Gov. Hughes by an alliance with the democrats was also charged by Agnew-Hart anti-trust track bill in the colonel. Similar fate of the 1908 war was also recited. Open gambling in Albany, Barnes is alleged to rule, was also recited by Roosevelt.

Although "Boss" Murphy did not follow Barnes' course against Roosevelt, it was predicted today that he would be called to the witness stand and that relations of New York democracy, as well as republicanism would be bared.

NEW TIME TABLE

Changes In It However Do Not Effect La Grande Time

A new time table went into effect on the Oregon wing of the Union Pacific yesterday but carries no changes here. No. 4 is picked up 10 minutes earlier by this division at Umatilla but the time is distributed at points between here and there.

Exposition Golf Tourney Opens
San Francisco, Apr. 19.—The men's amateur golf championship tournament in connection with exposition championship, with five-men teams, also opened at the San Francisco Saturday.