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LASSEN POURS OUT MUD UPON NEARBY FARMS

WHOLE BARNYARD AND STOCK SWEEP AWAY BY TIDE OF MUD.

BIG AREA COVERED FROM FOUR TO SIX FEET DEEP

Forest Rangers Warn Farmers and All Save One Family Escapes—Women and Children Get Away in Night Clothes—Veritable River of Mud Emitted From Volcano.

Redding, Cal., May 21.—Mount Lassen, the California volcano, is sending forth a veritable river of mud which is burying farms along Hat creek from four to six feet deep.

Barns and Stock Swept Away. People in that vicinity are fleeing from their homes to find safety in the hills. The warning reached here last midnight from forest rangers. W. G. Hall failed to receive the warning in time and his house and barns were swept away. He reports members of his family escaped in their night clothes. Hall said every head of stock was killed excepting one of the horses.

Last night the first appearance of the eruption was witnessed from distances with much interest but today the situation has become serious to surrounding farms and timber.

BULL SHIPPED OUT.

Fine Master of Joseph Dairy Herd Sent to Tillamook.

Yesterday evening's train from Joseph brought out a 1500-pound bull formerly head of a splendid dairy herd at Joseph, and now to be owned by J. E. Reedy of Tillamook. W. Al Jones formerly of Joseph was the former owner of the animal.

"Dozens of blooded calves, bulls and milkers go through La Grande from various points bound for Tillamook," declared Mr. Buck local American Express agent here this morning. "This animal was one of the largest to come to our notice however, and was a beautiful specimen. Ordinarily fancy blooded stock is shipped into Wallowa county but of late breeders elsewhere are filling their wants, it appears, from herds in Wallowa county."

Transferring the crated bull to the midnight train meant that the whole express office force had to meet the midnight train.

Cross Country Walkers Active Denver, Colo., May 21.—These are great days for the cross country hikers. With the Panama-Pacific Exposition in view, more walkers than ever before are passing through Denver from Eastern points, going to the Fair shanks' mare. Not all are forced to walk; most of the hikers are hoofing it just from choice for the fun or exercise or for the experiences.

Women are well represented in the transcontinental travelers. Recently three girls, ranging in ages from 18 to 21, passed through here, revolvers dangling from belts. They were: Maud Bridson, Ethel Rockwell and Ruth Harsley, all of Chicago. Miss Bridson, is a teacher, Miss Rockwell, a "hello" girl, and Miss Harsley manager of a cafeteria. Each had received several proposals on the trip but wouldn't stop their hike for such a little matter as a proposal.

Field Day Postponed.

The annual field day which the Union stake of the L. D. S. church was to conduct tomorrow and in which all the L. D. S. organizations of M. I. A. in this section were to participate, has again been postponed on account of undesirable weather.

Today's Oddest Story.

Fort Wayne, Ind., May 21.—Little Sammy Greenland, whose father happens to be General Manager Greenland of the Fort Wayne & Northern Indiana Traction company, was the innocent cause of a lot of mean jokes on his dad. Greenland is getting plenty of bantering anyway, in these jitney bus days. Some kid asked Sammy if he didn't want a sign on his little red go-cart, and Sammy did. He was proud of it until his father saw it. It read: "South Wayne Jitney Bus—All Aboard."

BERLIN ANXIOUS TO MEET AMERICA

"MORE THAN HALF WAY" IS TENOR OF RUMORS.

Secret Advice Received from Berlin Being Considered by Wilson and the Cabinet Today.

Washington, May 21.—President Wilson and his cabinet today considered confidential reports from Ambassador Gerard at Berlin regarding America's note.

It is understood the reports from the ambassador were comparatively optimistic in showing Germany desires to meet the United States more than half way.

CHURCH DELEGATES RETURN.

La Grande Episcopals Recognized by Convocation.

The Rev. Upton H. Gibbs, Messrs. James D. Slater and L. H. Russell returned last night from The Dalles, where they had been attending the convocation of the Missionary jurisdiction of Eastern Oregon of the Episcopal church. They report a most enjoyable time as they were royally entertained by the local parish. There was only business of a routine nature to be transacted but this was interspersed with addresses and papers. A notable address was made on Wednesday on "Christianity and the World Crisis" by Prof. Coleman of Reed College. Mr. Slater was reappointed chancellor of the district, which constitutes him legal advisor to the bishop. Mr. Gibbs was continued also as member of the bishop's council of advice and ex-acting chaplain.

JURY TRIAL CALLED

Justice of the Peace Court Hears Litigation Over Account.

F. D. Haisten is plaintiff and E. E. Buck is defendant in a case on trial before a jury in Justice Williams' court this afternoon. The case involves alleged claims and counter claims for accounts. H. E. Dixon and W. H. Drahn, representative of the R. J. Green law office, handled the case as counsel.

EXHIBITS KEPT UP

Splendid Showing Made by Students Prompts Further Display.

Parents and friends of pupils in the various grade schools of the city this afternoon enjoyed inspection of penmanship and drawing as conducted during the school year—fruits of which were on display this afternoon. Because of impossibility for all to attend who would desire to, the exhibits will be kept open at the different grade buildings from two until five o'clock Sunday afternoon.

ROOSEVELT VICTOR ONCE BUT JURY IS OUT AGAIN

Syracuse, May 21.—At 2:45 this afternoon the jurors who heard the evidence in the case brought by William Barnes, Jr., against Colonel Roosevelt in which the ex-president was sued for \$50,000 for libel because he called Barnes a political boss, had not returned a revised verdict. The jury came out this morning, reporting unanimous decision for Roosevelt but one was found standing out for Barnes and the jurors were sent back. This afternoon rumors were current that Roosevelt's favorable verdict in the morning

would be overcome by a deadlock and that just when victory and exoneration seemed certain, it would result otherwise.

Justice Andrews announced the jury wouldn't be discharged until 10 o'clock tomorrow if there was no verdict.

It appeared the case was over this morning, but it wasn't, for there was a flaw and the jury had to go back. What should detain the jury during almost the entire day after it had

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WAR EDICT DUE TONIGHT

Washington, May 21.—Switzerland will represent Germany in Rome if Italy declares war, the German embassy has announced.

Rome, May 21.—An ultimatum may be sent to Austria by Italy before night. After a brief meeting of the cabinet this morning, a recess was taken until late this afternoon when another meeting was to be held. The senate met this afternoon to ratify the action of the Chamber of deputies in approving the government's war program. It is understood the ministry will take decisive action after the senate adjourns.

Von Beulow Still There. Prince von Beulow, Baron Macchok, German and Austrian ambassadors, have not left Rome this afternoon as was announced last night. At the embassy it is stated neither

forsaw diplomatic incidents "likely to involve immediate rupture."

Attaches expressed the hope Italy wouldn't begin hostilities without giving Austria an opportunity to make fresh overtures.

Austria Internes Italians.

Venice, May 21.—Austria has begun internment all Italian males of military age. Fifty thousand boys and men between the ages of 17 and 60, in and around Barbariga, Dignan and Marzana, have been placed aboard trains for concentration camps established at Carniola and Croatia, according to advices received here. Leading Italians at Pola have been arrested and others terrorized by Austrians.

Italians Seize Greek Ship.

Naples, May 21.—Italian authorities have seized the Greek steamer carrying a cargo of 21,000 tons of rice consigned to Germany.

PRZEMYSL'S FATE HANGS IN BALANCE

THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND MEN FIGHT OVER IT.

Rains Cease in Flanders and There is Sharp Renewal of Fighting On Western Front.

Petrograd, May 21.—Three hundred thousand men are locked in a great battle north of Jaroslau which may decide the fate of Fort Przemysl. In the face of a terrible artillery fire, the left wing of the Austro-German army forced a crossing of the Lubacovka river near Radaca. Enormous losses were suffered by the enemy in the advance which proved to be but a temporary advantage. Strong counter attacks by the Russian forces hurled the Austrians and Germans back across the river, where they are now declared to face annihilation or capture.

Flanders Has Good Weather.

Paris, May 21.—Rains which have prevailed for two days in Northern France and Flanders, have ceased. Heavy fighting is again breaking out around Ypres and Arras. Attacks by Germans along the Yser canal were renewed with the greatest desperation when the weather cleared. Braving a heavy fire from machine guns the Germans drove allied troops from their advanced positions north of Ypres yesterday, but the war office declares strong counter attacks by the French drove the enemy out and won for the allies new ground.

Brooklyn Big Pageant

New York, May 21.—The twenty third Regiment armory, at Bedford Avenue and Pacific street, will be the scene tonight of a giant indoor pageant of early American history. The principal guests will be school children from the public and high schools. The purpose of the pageants is to keep fresh in the minds of the younger generation the great events of the country's early history.

UNION CHURCH BURNS; ARSON JOB IS RUMOR

BELIEVED TORCH WAS APPLIED TO CHURCH PROPERTY AT UNION.

CONGREGATIONAL STRIFE WAS RAPIDLY HEALING

Institution Which Has Been Much in the Limelight Burned and Arson is Suspected Evidence of Such Being Reported Discovered—Trustee Issues Now in Court for Final Settlement.

Union, May 21.—(Special)—Incendiarism, it is believed, placed a torch to the Christian church of Union at 3 o'clock this morning and the structure is a complete loss today. The piano and a few benches were saved from the burning building but otherwise all contents of the church home were consumed by fire. Inter-congregational squabbles, lawsuits and general confusion over legal ownership of the property have served to keep the church and its membership in the limelight for a considerable period of time.

Candle Found, is Report.

It is reported that when the fire was discovered and men had broken into the burning building this morning to save as much of the property as possible, that lighted candles were found; another report is that chunks of burning pitch found inside the building and one thing is certain, the belief is firmly grounded here that human hands purposely touched the torch to the structure. It is hinted that criminal prosecution will be instituted in the event tangible evidence is unearthed. No church functions had been held in the building recently and no origin other than arson can be brought forth.

Litigation is pending as to the settlement of the much-mooted trustee question of the church. When the late Mr. Nodine deeded property to the church some 20 years ago, he actually deeded it to three trustees who were to name their successors. One of the three died, one moved to California and a third to Missouri. No trustees were named by them. A few months ago the church congregation was torn asunder with internal strife, but this has been largely healed over. For a time a preacher named H. E. Reed preached for the Nodine faction of which the widow of the original owner is the head; then a preacher named Marsten preached a few Sundays for the faction which now seeks to have the court name three trustees in order that there may be established a regular business head to the institution, for really there is now no legal trustee board. However these two pastors were soon let go and the differences began to heal, until at the present time there was no actual hostilities between the two factions, and the settlement of the suit would no doubt have completely healed all these differences.

John Scarborough, J. E. Patterson and W. T. Davis are the three men who one faction wants the court to name trustees.

The church was built nearly 20 years ago, and cost \$1800 when lumber was cheap, but the furnishings and the increased value of property has brought the church and contents to where it was generally rated at \$4000. The insurance amounted to \$1000, and in view of the fact the trustee question has not been definitely settled, it may develop upon the court to adjudicate this matter as well. The congested conditions of the circuit court docket means there will be no settlement of the issues in court for some time to come.

FORMER RESIDENT DEAD.

Ashes of Marie Frazier Marshall to Be Interred in this County.

Marie Frazier Marshall, aged about 26, and as a child a resident of Union county, died in Gerard, Alabama, a few days ago and the remains will be cremated at Cincinnati and expressed to Summerville for burial. This is the word received today from George Frazier, a brother of the deceased, at Portland, by Turner Oliver. The McDonald families and Mrs. Turner Oliver are second cousins of the late Mrs. Marshall. George Frazier will arrive from Portland within the course of a few days to await the arrival of the ashes, but just what day it will be, has not been determined.

Marie Frazier was the daughter of the late Con Frazier, who owned the property occupied by Chas. Playle, pioneer of Union county. Shortly after her father's death a number of years ago, she moved away and has of late been making her home in Alabama. Her husband and two children survive, but it is not known if they will come here to attend the funeral or not. The cause of death is not contained in information at hand here.

PRINCIPALS IN THE BARNES-ROOSEVELT TRIAL



Top row—Justice W. S. Andrews, presiding judge; W. M. Ivins, chief counsel for Barnes; John M. Bowers, chief counsel for Roosevelt. Bottom group—Theodore Roosevelt, William Barnes, Jr. Jurors in the case—Top row: F. W. Pierce, carpenter, Republican; Leonard K. Hungerford, painter, Progressive; Franklin S. Rhoades, farmer Republican. Second row: Walter J. Zuall, manufacturer, Progressive; Irving J. Mills, woodworker, Republican; Henry Hoag, clerk, Republican. Third row: Peter Bencke, coal dealer, Democrat; Edward Burns, motorman, Republican; George E. B. Bottom row: John W. Brown, farmer, Republican; Ray Tanner, farmer, Democrat; Warren W. Sommers, grocer, Republican.