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BRYAN OPENS PEACE SCHOOL THROUGH PRESS

WILL LAUNCH CAMPAIGN OF
EDUCATION TOMORROW
FROM WASHINGTON.

WILL DISCUSS PHASES
AT PRESENT A SECRET

Final Announcement of Bryan's Future Made at Washington this Afternoon—Will Not Sign Up With Chautauqua People at Present or in the Near Future but Talk Through Press.

Washington, June 10.—W. J. Bryan will start immediately upon a campaign of "education of the American people" regarding the exact relations between the United States and belligerent powers, especially Germany. Bryan made this announcement in the first definite detailed statement of his future activities. Tomorrow, simultaneously with publication of Wilson's rejoinder to Germany, Bryan will take up phases of the note which he said he didn't feel at liberty to discuss before it had been made public. For the present Bryan said he would continue his peace campaign exclusively through the newspapers.

He hasn't accepted nor will he accept in the near future engagements for the chautauqua or peace organizations. The statement from Bryan declared he would make every effort to present his conceptions of methods that should be followed in dealing with the present international situation.

TWO FAMILIES LOCATE.

Families Purchase and Locate on Palmer Lands This Week.

T. W. Owsley and C. E. Heagy together with their families have purchased farms on the Palmer lands on the Looking Glass and are busy building houses. Geo. H. Currey the selling agent states that Surveyor Curtis with a crew of men are now surveying the entire tract, which comprises several thousand acres establishing the corners of every 40 acres. Quite a number of the purchasers have been waiting for the survey in order that they can construct their fences on permanent lines.

Six Million Roses in Floral Review.

Portland, Ore., June 10.—Portland today paid homage to the Queen of Flowers when more than 6,000,000 roses were seen in a grand floral review.

The occasion was the decorated automobile and vehicle parade, held in connection with the Rose Festival. The parade was the greatest of the kind ever held in the country. Hundreds of automobiles and vehicles of all kinds, motorcycles, and members of the Portland fire apparatus, all rose bedecked, produced a beautiful spectacle.

It required more than 1,000,000 roses alone to decorate the fire department apparatus.

This afternoon a roller skating marathon in which 500 school boys took part delighted the juvenile population.

VANDERBILT'S BODY IS FOUND

London, June 10.—A body believed to be that of Alfred G. Vanderbilt, the millionaire American who went down with the Lusitania, was washed ashore and recovered off Fisherstreet, 200 miles from where the vessel was torpedoed off Kinsale. Dispatches stated the body was identified by papers and engraved watch in the pocket. The body was badly decomposed. Identification from published pictures is impossible.

Identity Is Doubtful.
London, June 10.—Vanderbilt's secretary has received a telegram from a representative in Queenstown stating the body bears no resemblance to the millionaire. No explanation is given as to reports of a watch and papers being found on the body.

FORMER LAGRANDE NEW JOHN BUNNY

H. L. ALEXANDER GOES TO SEE
HIS SON ACT.

Before Departure Imbler Man Again
Inspects Trees Planted by Him
Years Ago in This City.

H. L. Alexander, pioneer blacksmith of La Grande, of recent years located at Imbler, has disposed of his property in Imbler and is now retired. The retirement of this pioneer is to be followed by a visit to his son who is destined to become a second "John Bunny." As a successor to the late laugh-producer via film routes, the young man's future seems sure. He was born in Island City and sold wheat for the Kiddies for a number of years and has a wide acquaintance in Union county.

Inspects Trees First.
However, before going to see his son, the senior Alexander came to La Grande from Imbler to inspect some trees he planted years ago. These trees are the ones now gracing the Y. M. C. A. property. Years ago when Mr. Alexander owned a blacksmith shop where the Y. M. C. A. now stands, he planted some shade trees. He had a big fight on his hands. The council wanted them cut down and generally there was trouble but the planter won out. Some 12 or 14 years ago he sold the property to D. Alexander, who made a foundry of the place; then the property was sold to the Y. M. C. A. a few years ago and yesterday Mr. Alexander looked with pride on the traditional trees. He was glad they were still there and hopes they will remain. After having satisfied himself on that score he went to Portland, will visit friends in Lents and will then go to Los Angeles where his son is in the movie business. A Portland paper remarks in connection with the young man's debut as a film actor:

"Portland has 'grewed' its own John Bunny. His name is Frank Alexander and up to seven weeks ago he was a floor salesman for a Portland firm and lived at 281 Fourth street. Since that time Mr. Alexander has been at the Keystone film city near Los Angeles, figuring prominently in many funny films.

"Movie men noticed Alexander as he was going about the city with his salesbook taking orders. They remarked about his great build—he

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John Mahaffey Murdered in Fisher Saloon; Motive Is Deemed to be Robbery

John Mahaffey, aged about 45 or 50, and for many years a respected citizen of La Grande, was instantly killed last night when an assassin, presumably seeking plunder in the Julius Fisher saloon, where Mahaffey was night bartender, shot Mahaffey through the heart at close range. Previous to being shot, someone had hammered him over the head with a blunt instrument, probably the butt of a revolver. A half dozen or more men have been rounded up and jailed.

The shooting occurred about 11:20 last night. At 11:10 Night Officer Eberhard stepped inside the saloon and passed the time of night with Johnnie Mahaffey. There was no one in the saloon then. Just before 11:20 the crime occurred.

The coroner's inquest today brought out many facts in connection with the case, but while several saw portions of the scene, none saw the bullet fired. Several heard it. A man was seen to dash behind the bar and out again; another witness saw a man bolt from the saloon the instant the shot was fired, but in neither case did the witnesses get clear-viewed views.

Of the six or so arrested, three have been practically eliminated. One of those under arrest is lame, and it has not been claimed that the person in the saloon was lame. A group of two strangers had trouble with Mr. Fisher yesterday, because they abused a cat in the saloon, and these two men have been seen by Lee Jones, who saw the man bolt from the door, and he claims that neither of them is the one.

While robbery is the motive no doubt, no money was taken. No weapon has been found.

Late this afternoon a report came in from Ladd Canyon that two men were seen together there this morning headed east.

Another possible clew has been located. Yesterday two men who had been camped on East Adams avenue under tramp-like conditions, moved closer to town; they were in the Fisher saloon several times yesterday and were seen there just before 11 o'clock.

The coroner's jury substantially found that Mahaffey met his death at the hands of an unknown man or men. It is generally believed one man did all the beating and the shooting, yet it is possible that there may have been two.

Robbery Suspected.

Julius Fisher, owner of the saloon, credits the robbery theory. "It is my belief that a man entered from the

back and either told Johnnie to throw up his hands and that Johnnie refused and bolted for the door, the robber striking him with the revolver over the head as he went, and that the robber's pal met him at the door and shot Mr. Mahaffey at close range from in front, or that the robber went directly to the first till after having told Mahaffey to hold up his hands, but finding nothing but stamps had gone around the bar to the front again, and there hit my bartender as he stood by the stove, the shooting coming as before mentioned.

"The money was in the main till near the front plate glass, and it was not molested, probably because it was so close to the open light. Only stamps are kept in the till nearer the back door."

Blood Spots Mark Trail.

The trail of blood tells where the

affair began and where it ended. There was one drop near the stove which is at the back of the bar. At three other different places, the trail toward the front door is marked with blood. The fatal shot was fired so that Mr. Mahaffey fell about six feet from the front door.

Andy Bergeson's Statement.

Andy Bergeson, a cement worker employed with Contractor Kelley on work of repairing the freight office, was the first man to the seat of the tragedy so far as known. He was going down Fir street toward the Fisher rooming house, over the saloon where the shooting took place, headed for bed when he discovered the tragedy. This was about 11:30, that hour missing it but a minute or two either way, according to his own statement. He saw, through the window, a prostrate form on the floor and hurried into the saloon. He learned at once that it was Mr. Mahaffey, but presumed, at first glance, he had fallen in a fit.

"I called to him," said Mr. Bergeson, in an interview this morning, "and he didn't answer, so I examined him more closely and found he was dead. I hurried to Geo. Weissenberger's in the same block, and told them to call the police. On my way to bed I had noticed the proprietor of my rooming house in the Chris Wright saloon and I told him of what I had found. The alarm was given to Mr. Fisher, and that is about all the facts in the case that I know."

Richter Heard Cry.

H. Richter, a member of the La Grande ball team, witnessed a small fringe of the affair, and his story throws the impression that the robber stopped to return to the till after Mahaffey had been shot.

"I was in my room up stairs in the Montana rooming house directly opposite the saloon when I heard a noise," said Richter today in an interview. "I would classify it more as a cry, a scream or something like that, than the report of a gun. I hurried to my window and looked out. I saw through the window a man enter the space back of the bar and hurry toward one of the tills, and I saw him go out from behind the bar again. Shortly afterwards I saw one man run down the South side of Jefferson street going west. I saw no other person in the saloon and saw no bartender.

"I am in doubt as to the color of his pants, and am not certain as to his coat but I think it was gray. He had a soft light hat on his head and was of medium height.

"I hurried to the street and across to the saloon but a man was at the door entering as I came to the scene." This man was Bergeson.

Last evening a tall man and a man with a limp were seen on Jefferson avenue's wholesale district about 10

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STATE RUNNING SMOOTHLY WITH ACTING PREMIER

LANE CONTINUES TO BE DIS-
CUSSED AS POSSIBLE SUC-
CESSOR TO BRYAN.

BRYAN'S STATEMENT WILL
GO WITHOUT AN ANSWER

Germany Again States Her Position in Regard to the Frye—Wilson Will Rest His Case with Germany and Bryan Upon His Rejoinder Yesterday—Bryan Preparing for Campaign.

Washington, June 10.—Again Private Citizen Bryan spent the day making his plans for the future and deciding upon methods for promotion of the coming peace campaign. At the state department the new administration is proceeding smoothly. Regular routine of the department was continued as though the crisis which resulted from the withdrawal of Bryan was far in the past.

Discussion as to a permanent successor to Bryan is practically confined to Secretary Lane of the interior department or Lansing.

German Version Given.
Germany still insists the matter of the indemnity for the American ship Frye sunk by a German cruiser, should be settled by a prize court. This is stated in official notes. Germany declares it cannot admit destruction of the vessel and its cargo of wheat constitutes violation of the treaty of recent date.

President Wilson will rest his case, both with Germany and in the crisis brought about by the resignation of Bryan, on the rejoinder expected to be delivered in Berlin this afternoon. The President believes the latest note will justify the position taken insisting American rights upon the sea must be respected. Consequently, there will be no answer to Bryan's statement giving his reason for retirement from the cabinet. It is understood the President's position was that the killing of the American citizens upon the Lusitania wasn't what caused the protest but the method which caused death.

Iron Cross for Minneapolis Man.
Minneapolis, Minn., June 10.—Prof. Herman Emil Zoch, formerly of Minneapolis, has just been awarded an iron cross, for his bravery in playing a piano at the front, according to word received here today. Zoch is in the German army, enlisted as a soldier, but his only activities consist of hauling a grand piano on a motor truck and playing ragtime to the soldiers. It was said here today that at times firing ceased on both sides under the magic strains of the professor's piano.

ITALIANS OFF FOR FRONT AND THEIR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.



VANGUARD OF A COLUMN OF ITALIAN TROOPS MARCHING TO MOBILIZATION CENTER AT VICENZA, IN THE PROVINCE OF VENETIA NEAR THE AUSTRIAN FRONTIER. BELOW, GEN. LUIGI CANEVA, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ITALIAN ARMIES NOW AT BORDER.

Off for Germany.

Mrs. Emma Hecke, accompanied by the little baby boy she adopted while here, has taken her departure for Germany. From here she went to Hoboken, N. Y., and on the 15th will sail on a Holland-American steamer for Rotterdam making her way from there to her home in Germany.

ITALIANS CAPTURE IMPORTANT RAILWAY CENTER IN AUSTRIA

Rome, June 10.—Italians have captured Monfalcone, the most important victory to date. With the taking of this important railway center, the fall of Goritz, one of the large cities near Trieste, is imminent.

Evacuation of Grandisca by Austrians is expected. The enemy is reported to have suffered severely.

Austrian Ship Sunk.

Lucano, June 10.—An Austrian

torpedo boat destroyer was sunk in the gulf of Trieste by an Italian submarine, according to dispatches. The crew perished.

Mr. Thorsen Low.

Late this afternoon the condition of J. B. Thorsen of Elgin, is extremely discouraging. Dr. A. E. Rockey of Portland was called into consultation today by Dr. A. L. Richardson and Dr. Kirby of Elgin.

LEADERS IN FARMERS' UNION CIRCLES ADDRESS FARMERS

One of the most important sessions of the Farmers' union in this county in some time was held yesterday at Imbler. O. F. Dornblaser, secretary of the National Farmers' union committee and the national organizer with headquarters in Texas, was one of the speakers. Others of prominence present and who spoke were J. H. Taylor of Spokane, F. A. Sykes of Milton, Prof. Hector MacPherson of Corvallis and Walter M. Pierce of

La Grande. All spoke along lines of co-operative marketing, co-operative institutions and related topics.

Mr. Dornblaser who was one of the principal speakers was the 11th man to join the union in this country, indicating his prominence and long-time affiliation.

A big picnic dinner was served, good music was provided and the day is an important one in the history of the union.