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LA GRANDE WOMAN IN A BIG HOLDUP

GALLANT YOUTH TAKES LOOT ONLY FROM MEN IN THE TRAIN.

ONLY SHOT FIRED IS OF WARNING NATURE

Green River Posse on the Search But no Trace Found—Robber Compelled all on Train to Hold Hat Into Which the Loot was Poured as Gathered up—Only Money Wanted.

Cheyenne, Feb. 10.—The Cheyenne holdup began with Mrs. Rhoda Marks of La Grande. She was the first person the robber encountered and as he aimed the gun at her he said: "Sit still, I won't disturb you." He kept the gun pointed at her for a time, but soon his attention was attracted elsewhere and Mrs. Marks was left to her self along with the other passengers in her end of the car, much frightened but unharmed.

Mrs. Marks referred to in the above United Press dispatch, was formerly Mrs. Cull Smith. She left on No. 18 two days ago for Denver to visit relatives. Mrs. Smith is a recently married after having divorced her husband in Walla Walla where he was in business for some time.

Mrs. Marks' husband is a horse-buyer, and during a protracted stay in Walla Walla county became quite well acquainted and favorably known.

The Observer late this afternoon was unable to get in touch with Mrs. M. A. Harris, mother of Mrs. Marks. While the message doesn't say so, it is presumed that Mrs. Marks was not robbed as the United Press conveys the information that the robber relieved only men of valuables.

Cheyenne, Feb. 10.—A posse is pursuing a young highway man who last night boarded the Union Pacific train No. 18 at Green River and robbed the men in the smoker and two pullmans before he became frightened, and stopped the train. He escaped near Rock Springs. He didn't molest any women passengers but politely assured them he intended no harm. Only one shot was fired and that merely as a warning. It went wide over the conductor's head. A white mask imperfectly hid his smooth-shaven face.

Encountering a flagman in the smoking compartment the highwayman forced him to hold a hat into which he ordered the passengers to drop only cash. He obtained sixty dollars from the smoker.

In the midst of operations in the second pullman from the observation car, the conductor entered from the diner, and drew the fire of the revolver. The conductor threw up his hands. The robber thrust his head into the berth to get the passenger's money and the conductor fled.

The highwayman later pulled cord, stopping the train and he then ran back to the observation car, and dropped off in the darkness.

The sheriff at Green River and officials at Rock Springs formed a posse but found no trace of the bandit.

BUSINESS KEEPS GOOD.

La Grander Returns From Buying Trip—Saw Fashion Show Open.

Business is "Skookum" in all parts of the country especially for merchants, avers Mac Wood, president of the Golden Rule company, who returned home this morning from a buying trip to Chicago. That point was the farthest he got east, but at his meetings with businessmen from all parts of the country attending the R. M. C. sales, he had opportunity to feel the commercial pulse of a large area. He is much satisfied with the outlook.

Mr. Wood was in the center of a cold grip while away but saw little or no snow until he came west.

While he witnessed the style show carried on in the Great Northern hotel last week, he was unable to see but the opening night of the Fashion Show which opened Monday, and which Mrs. L. L. Shodgrass of La Grande is attending. He pronounced the displays at both shows marvelous.

"I was too much engrossed with the business of my trip to talk politics or stop to hear it discussed," said Mr. Wood this morning on his return when asked of political gossip in the windy city.

"As to business I must say that I found it good everywhere I went and wherever people lived to whom I made inquiries concerning it."

TWO AMBASSADORS WHOSE DIPLOMATIC LOADS HAVE BEEN EASED MUCH.



Baron Zwiedinek, Charge of Austrian Embassy. Count von Bernstorff, German Ambassador.

The two Teuton ambassadors to America whose jobs here were made more secure by apparent certainty that the Lusitania cases will be disposed of amicably at once. This is the first photograph of the two taken together. It shows them after the first speech of President Wilson in his campaign for preparedness. The German ambassador wore his usual jaunty air, while the Austrian Baron was a little subdued.

G. N. TRAIN HAS ACCIDENT

CARS TOPPLE BUT NO ONE IS HURT.

Great Northern on S. P. & S. Tracks Goes in Ditch.

Portland, Feb. 10.—The Great Northern train No. 1, detouring over the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad was derailed two miles east of Grand Dalles, Wash. Three coaches, an express and a baggage car were turned over.

No passengers were seriously hurt but the road was blocked several hours.

DOCTOR GOING EAST.

Dr. Bouvy Will Spend Some Time in Eastern Clinics.

Intending to remain six weeks or two months, attending conventions and eye, ear and nose clinics in New York City, Dr. Harry M. Bouvy, eye, ear and nose specialist, leaves Saturday night for the east. Mrs. Bouvy will not accompany him, she in the meantime enjoying a visit with her sister, Mrs. C. G. Dougherty of San Jose who arrived last night to spend a couple of months in La Grande.

DEATH OF DR. McNAUGHTON

Deceased Was Well Known Resident of Elgin.

Elgin, Feb. 9.—(Special)—Dr. Thos. McNaughton died at his home in Elgin at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon, after an illness of several weeks. The deceased was about seventy years of age and has been a resident of Elgin, where he was actively engaged in the practice of his profession, for many years. The surviving members of the family are his wife, seven daughters and two sons. The two latter and two daughters are all the children who are residents of Elgin at the present time.

NOT US.

For several weeks stories have been sent out from La Grande to the Portland Telegram and Portland Journal and in many instances inaccurate accounts and half told truths have infuriated local people and local business concerns. This office has in several instances caught the blame, and we wish here and now to state that no one connected with the La Grande Observer is nor has not been for some time past, a correspondent to either the Telegram or the Journal.

RED CROSS WILL TEACH TIMBERMEN

MILLS CONTRIBUTE TO EXPENSE OF TEACHING.

Vitally Important Reorganization of Big Association Ratified by Meeting Here Yesterday.

While Eastern Oregon Lumbermen, belonging to the East Oregon Lumber Producers' association didn't get through a complete schedule of business before them yesterday afternoon, and the annual election of officers was deferred, the lumbermen did enact much important business. Among the matters brought to head and acted on was a movement to contribute liberally to the American Red Cross association to cover costs of sending a Red Cross instructor into the lumber camps of this section to teach foremen and men themselves, some simple, yet vital, things about first aid to injured. George M. Cornwall, a trader-paper editor, put this matter before the conference, and all lumbermen agreed to contribute to the cause. The speaker set out that very often injured timbermen die for want of the right treatment at the right time, before the doctor comes or the hospital is reached, and it was contended, if all lumbermen had some schooling in what to do when some of their number are injured, many lives would be saved during the course of a year.

Future Conferences Draw. Still another matter that Mr. Cornwall was instrumental in bringing before the conference for affirmative action was the matter of sending liberal representations to the Forest Products conference to be held in Portland Feb. 23-25 at the same time that the Western Readers' association meets there. The Forest Products conference will draw from the entire Pacific coast, and promises to be of vital importance.

Spokane Man Speaker. Another outside man that was heard yesterday was A. W. Cooper who came from the secretary's office of the

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MINERS WANT PEACE, NOT STRIKE

Philadelphia, Feb. 10.—No general strike of anthracite coal miners is expected to result from the miners wage increase battle with operators' representatives here today. Neither President White of the United Mine Workers, nor the miners themselves want a strike. The operators do not want a strike and authorized representatives of the biggest financial and commercial interests in this country and England are here to do their best to avert a coal strike, which might seriously tie up the manufacture of munitions and other supplies for the Allies.

Probably however, there will be a stiff fight between the miners and operators over the hard coal miners demands, formulated at the Indianapolis convention of the U. M. W. of A. and formally presented to the operators' representatives here today. The wage scale committee of the United at Indianapolis reported favorably on the proposed demand for a 20 per cent increase in wages for hard coal miners and the institution of the mine run basis for the payment thereof.

WILLAMETTE FLOOD FILLS SALEM CELLARS

DANGER OF PESTILENCE SEEN IN CONDITION OF SALEM SEWERS.

FLOOD'S CREST DUE IN PORTLAND FRIDAY

Unless Columbia Takes Sudden Rise There Will be Comparatively Little Damage Done at This Time in the Willamette Valley—Cellars Fill up and Sewers Back Up.

Portland, Feb. 10.—With the Willamette still rising, many docks and waterfront houses are flooded today. The crest of the flood has passed Salem and is expected to reach Portland tomorrow at which time the present floodstage will reach its highest.

Salem Feels Flood.

Basements at Salem are flooded and sewers are backing up. The situation is such that the city earnestly fears pestilence may result from the trouble.

Unless the Columbia makes a sudden rise, only slight damage will be done in the Willamette valley at this time, outside of that which has already been inflicted.

The Grande Ronde river has swollen comparatively little since yesterday. The stage today does not measure the rapid thaw that went on in the hills and valley last evening while a sharp chinook wind was blowing.

Railroaders returning from the west say the Umatilla is roaring, dark with mud washed from adjoining wheat fields.

In La Grande conditions are normal, with further indications that the deep snow will wash away with no serious harm.

Valley roads are on the whole passable, but muddy and in some instances flooded. Until the river overruns its banks, no harm is anticipated anywhere.

NATIONAL SALMON DAY

March 10 Be Observer in Honor of "King of Fish"

Portland, Ore. Feb. 8.—Pacific Northwest salmon carriers have taken the lead in celebrating National Salmon Day, which has been set for March 10. Salmon exhibits will be opened on that day in all the principal cities of the northwest. The campaign will be carried into the East to secure publicity for the "king of fish."

74 ESSAYS IN.

Good Roads Topic Brings Forth Generous Competition From Students.

When the Commercial club handed up prizes for the best essay on good roads, to be written by grade or high school pupils of the county, they did not realize fully just what they were inaugurating. There are at present 74 essays on the subject in the office of the county school superintendent ready to be judged by the board. Various items, principally blockades, hindered the essays coming forward on time, and the day of judging was shifted to correspond. Now that mail service is fully established to all parts of the county, practically all have had ample time to get their essays in, but the judges cannot well begin reading the papers until early next week.

"Conditions make it such that a decision will not be reached until the middle of next week, some time," pointed out Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, county school superintendent, in speaking of the proposition this morning. "All that is necessary is for the writers to be patient, and the judges will have their decisions shaped as soon as possible."

More Armenian Massacres

WANTS WILSON'S PLACE.



Austin Colgate.

Austin Colgate's ambition to be the Republican candidate for governor of New Jersey, and sit in the chair Woodrow Wilson occupied, has led him to buy an interest in the two Newark newspapers of James Smith, Jr., sold when the Democratic politician went into bankruptcy. These are the Newark Morning Eagle and the Newark Evening Star. While Mr. Colgate's name does not figure publicly in the sale he is believed to have put up considerable of the money.

HUGHES WARNS AGAINST BOOM

VIRGINIA REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE GETS LETTER.

"Am Totally Opposed to Any Nomination" Says Letter.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Representative Slem, chairman of the Virginia Republican committee, made public a letter today from Justice Hughes, declaring: "I am totally opposed to use my name in connection with the nomination and election, or any instruction of any delegation in my interest directly or remotely."

GREAT TOE BROKEN.

Joe McHugh Stops Heavy Casting with Foot—Calls Doctor.

While working with a heavy casting at the La Grande Iron Works this noon, Joe (Red) McHugh stopped the downward crash of the casting with the great toe of one foot. He was hurried to Dr. A. L. Richardson's office for treatment. The bone was broken well back toward the foot, but fortunately the fracture was a simple one.

Called to Mother's Bedside.

Mrs. C. J. Aperule left last evening for New York where she had been called by the critical illness of her mother. She took No. 18 out of here and hopes to have good luck getting through to the east.

Kansas Woman Campaigns

Topeka, Kan. Feb. 10.—Declaring for national roads, river improvements, old age pensions, rural credits and nation wide prohibition, Dr. Eva Harding of Topeka, is out for the democratic nomination for congress in the first district. Dr. Harding holds that men and women working together can turn out better laws than one sex legislates for both. In her announcement, Dr. Harding declared against the "growing spirit of militarism in this country."

FOUR NEW RUNS ON WEST END

Frank Pike and Lou Given Two Whose Bids Win Transfer.

Bid limitations are up on the four positions for engineers created on the Portland division. While there is some uncertainty in the matter it is probable that Henry Henson of Pendleton, formerly a La Grande resident, and Lou Given of this city, will get the new passenger runs between Portland and Pilot Rock Junction. Frank Pike gets one of the freight runs between The Dalles and Pilot Rock Junction. The fourth man it seems, is undecided, although John Shea, one-time resident of La Grande is reported to be a possibility for the place. He now lives in Portland and is connected with the air brake department. The men fill vacancies on the branch line which from time to time have to be filled from the La Grande division. The men take their seniority rights with them.

Within a few days it is anticipated that final adjustment of the matter will be made. If the engineers move their respective families will likely not go for some little time yet.

GIRLS DRIVEN TO BIG HAREMS IN PORTE CITY

CONGRESS HEARS DEBATE OVER EFFORTS TO HAVE ARMENIAN RELIEF.

MONTENEGRINS DISARMED AND ROUMANIANS RETURN

Uncle Sam and Austria Have New Grounds for Diplomatic Correspondence When Standard Oil Tanker is Held up in Midea and Stores Taken by Submarine Commander.

Geneva, Feb. 10.—Dispatches printed here declare the Turks are again massacring Armenians by the thousands. Men and boys are being shot and many girls have been sent to Constantinople and sold into the harems there.

Senate Hears Discussion.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—The senate today adopted Senator Lodge's resolution requesting the president to set a day for public contributions to relieve the distressed Armenians. During the discussion Senator Borah read a press dispatch from Petrograd dated January 16, in which Dr. Jacob Stargis, an American Methodist medical missionary, who escaped from Urumiah, told of the death of Dr. Shimmun, said to be an American missionary. The dispatch said Shimmun was burned in oil.

Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign committee, resented the reading of the clipping as an attempt to give the resolution partisan color. Borah said he merely wanted to accentuate the Armenians' situation.

Balkan Soldiers Give Up.

Vienna, Feb. 10.—Montenegrins who surrendered recently, have been completely disarmed, Austria has officially announced.

Reservists Ordered Home.

London, Feb. 10.—Roumanian reservists have been ordered home. Squoniki has reported. It is declared she has compelled her people to deposit all gold in the national banks.

Oil Tanker Robbed.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Austria must explain why one of her submarines stopped a Standard Oil tanker, the Petrolite, recently on the high seas and helped herself to the stores aboard. Secretary Lansing has announced. The request, which is not a note, has been sent to Vienna. A formal demand may be made later.

Affidavits made by Captain Thompson says the submarine fired on the Petrolite when she was enroute, Alexandria to Philadelphia. One member of the crew was wounded after the ship was stopped.

The submarine commander sought provisions, and Thompson refused to sell. He then took them away with him.

It is reported Thompson's affidavit claimed the submarine fired on him while rowing to the diver to present his papers. Officials believe Austria will offer reparation.

English Ships Sunk.

Berlin, Feb. 10.—(Wireless to Sayville)—In the late raid on England Zeppelins bombarded and sank the British cruiser Caroline and the destroyers Eden and Nices, a Cologne Gassette dispatch asserts.

Mrs. Lily Invents Gossiper

Dopetown, Ind. Feb. 10.—Mrs. Lily Leathertongue has applied for letters patent on her Simplified Gossiper for Housewives. The Gossiper is designed to supersede the old Over The Fence System of Scandalous sibilation and consists of a Combination Personal Periscope and Clothesline Telephone whereby every gabbler in the neighborhood may receive and disseminate the very latest. The combination transmitter and receiver is a little double disc attached to the ear and the side of the head and connected with the clothesline system by a liberal coil of insulated wire which permits the user to go about her usual kitchen affairs while enjoying herself. The transmitter disguises the speakers voice. The Personal periscope is attached to the forehead and is guaranteed to reveal every nook and cranny in kitchens two blocks off. Mrs. Leathertongue has a record of 577 words a minute, flat.