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## GERMAN EAST AFRICA IS GOAL OF COLONIALS

GENERAL NORTHAY PENE- TRATES 20 MILES ALONG BIG FRONT.

## GREECE INVADDED BY A BULGARIAN DETACHMENT

Lively Exchange of Shots Occurs When Greeks Attempt to Halt the March of the Invaders—Two Attacks at Cumiries Has Different Viewpoint to Berlin and Paris.

London, May 29.—General Northay has marched his British colonial troops 20 miles into German East Africa, according to dispatches received today. The British are surging forward along the whole front between Lakes Nyassa and Tanganyika. General Smuts' main British column has captured Ipiana.

### Berlin and Paris Differ.

Paris, May 29.—Two terrific German attacks east of Cumiries have been repulsed following a five hour battle, it is officially announced.

### Cumiries Attack Fails.

Berlin, May 29.—Two French attacks at Cumiries in the night were repulsed, it is officially announced. Violent artillery fighting on both banks of the Meuse is reported.

### Bulgarians Invade Greece.

London, May 29.—Brisk fighting between Greeks and Bulgarians is in progress today following a Bulgarian invasion of Greece. A detachment from Fort Rupel fired on Bulgarian troops, the latter returning shots with no serious results to either side. Greece has warned her border commanders to prevent serious encounters. It is believed the army of Bulgarians which entered Greece did so to guard against an Allied attack.

### PARK TENTS IN DEMAND.

Nearly All Old Reservations for Chautauqua Have Been Taken.

Parkkeeper "Tap" Thomas reports that practically all the former campers at the park grounds for chautauqua season have made their reservations. This means of course that there will be a much larger number of campers this year than during any previous chautauqua season and consequently a much larger attendance. A good part of a month still remains and it is certain that a large number have not yet attended to the matter of securing camping sites. What has been designated as the regular "city," which means the grouping of tents leased by the association, will be enlarged this year by the addition of a street or two, so there will probably be no lack of room. Those who have their own tenting equipment and have season tickets are given camping space without charge and those who desire to lease tents may do so by applying to Mr. Thomas or to Mr. C. J. Black. The rate as before stated is \$5 for the season and until after the Fourth and this also includes electric lights and free wiring for the same to all the tents located within the "city," and free electric current to those who do their own wiring outside the "city."

### FIRE WRECKS HOME

Building At Extreme West End of 7<sup>th</sup> Street Badly Damaged

Fire originating from an overheated stove spread to the roof of the Mrs. Cartier home on the extreme end of K street at 3 o'clock this afternoon and had a tremendous headway before the alarm was turned in. After making a fast run and straggling three blocks of hose the department got control. Practically all the equipment, owned by Leo Davis, was saved, but some unsecured provisions burned. The house was insured.

### HILL'S DEMISE PUTS BANK IN POWER.

New York, May 29.—It seems certain the National City bank, closely allied with Rockefeller will exert a mighty influence on the Great Northern Railroad, now that James J. Hill is dead.

J. P. Morgan holdings in the Northern Pacific may thus bring two lines to competition.

Hill prevented this during his lifetime.

## SHOW FOLKS ARE WITHOUT AN AUTO

FIRE DESTROYS MACHINE WITH GREAT SWIFTNES.

Chauffeur Out for a Spin, Loses Car Near Palmer Mill Yesterday Afternoon.

Catching fire while the chauffeur was at work on the engine, a valuable automobile belong to Mr. and Mrs. Bauscher of the Bauscher-French Amusement company which is in the city, burned up with a huge puff of smoke yesterday evening near the Palmer mill. The destruction was complete.

The driver was the regular chauffeur for the owners who arrived with their show on the noon train yesterday. The machine balked while the chauffeur and another man were headed into town, from the road north of the river leading to the Palmer mill after a pleasure ride. The blow-up and fire was over in a jiffy. The car was insured.

### MRS. CLAYCOMB HONORED.

Tamale Supper Served in Compliment to Wisconsin Lady.

Complimenting Miss Marjorie Claycomb—who is leaving Sunday for her home in Wisconsin a hot tamale supper was served Wednesday evening at Riverside park. After dinner the time was spent in dancing, popping corn and toasting marshmallows. The guests were Misses Marjorie Claycomb, Irma Aikin, Agnes Leslie, Nell Grimmer, Zoe Bragg, Ruth Russell, Messrs. L. J. French, W. C. Froman, Frank Wilde, Leo Reynolds, E. W. Cox, Dick Claycomb, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Recken.

### TWO CRANES INSTALLED

Picnickers at Park Will Have Conveniences Hereafter

Yesterday saw an end put to the inconveniences attending boiling of coffee at Riverside park fireplace. W. H. Bohnenkamp has installed two two-irch pipe cranes, swinging over the fire from each direction. Each crane is supplied with hooks and suspenders so that any sized coffee pot or kettle can be suspended at any desired height from the flames. The new convenience will be greatly appreciated by the public.

## BOY IS BURNED AT ROCK CREEK

LA GRANDE MAN WITNESSES DISTRESSING SCENE.

Clothing Ignited in Cook Stove—Died in Three Hours.

L. L. Morgan, a La Grande grocer, yesterday was witness to one of the most distressing events of his life. He was in the Rock Creek neighborhood in Baker county, and witnessed the fatal struggle of a one-year-old boy burned in a Rock Creek home. Mr. Morgan was the first man on the scene. It seems that Mrs. John Yankee had stepped out of the house leaving her one-year-old son in the kitchen. It is deemed likely that the boy's clothing caught fire from the stove. When she returned he was wrapped in flames. Screaming for help the woman did all she could. Mr. Morgan was about thirty yards away but so badly was the boy burned when he reached the house that nothing the two might do could save the lad. He died in about three hours.

### STUDENTS HONORED

Two Union County Boys Among Honored Graduates At O. A. C.

Union county schools and Union county students held up the prestige of scholastic proficiency in institutions of higher learning this year. At O. A. C. H. L. Lantz of Cove, and Winfield Eckley of La Grande stand high in the honored 25 of the class of 268 which is about to be graduated. Mr. Lantz majored in agriculture and Mr. Eckley in engineering. Union county frequently has representatives in this honor roll at O. A. C. and is especially proud of having two of them this year.

### WILL BUILD NEW LAUNDRY.

George Gilbert of La Grande to Build in Enterprise.

Confirming reports to the effect that he would give Enterprise a modern, up-to-date laundry within a short time, George Gilbert today said the story was true and that in a very short time he would begin to assemble a first-class plant for Enterprise.

### Home from Grant County.

Ray Logan, who has been over in Grant county on business, arrived home yesterday. He says the interior is in fine shape and that the high prices for all ranch products is making some very heavy bank accounts among the men who have stayed with the ranches.

## MEXICANS IN EL PASO GET WARNING NOTE

POSTERS SAY BREAK WITH AMERICA MAY COME WITHIN WEEK

## OFFICIALS SCOFF AT THE SENSATION BILLS CAUSED

Source of Bulletins Not Made Public, and Mexican Officials Profess to Know Nothing of it—Fresh Caches Found Containing Loot—Watch for Bandits Kept Up.

El Paso, May 29.—General Gaviña has denied knowledge of the source of bulletins posted in the Mexican quarter requesting Mexicans to register at their consulate because a break between the United States and Mexico appeared imminent. He said the warning was "ridiculous". Notices stated trouble might come to a head within a week.

### Fresh Caches Located

Namiquipa, May 29.—(Radio to Columbus, N. M.)—Search for other Villistas caches is in progress following discovery of 10 machine guns and 200 rifles in Balzes, a bandit rendezvous. The American hunt for small bands and watch upon suspected Villistas in hiding places has not been relaxed.

Good condition of the loot found in the canyon suggests Villa probably cached it on his retreat from Columbus.

### Germans in Mexico Worried.

Mexico, City, May 29.—Foreigners, with Germans leading, today notified General Hill, auxiliary commander, that they would close shop and seek protection of their governments unless he rescinds the anti-high price order. Hill has again threatened to export all violators of the rule.

### Carranza Agent in Capitol.

Washington, May 29.—Mexican representative Arredondo has announced that the Carranza agent, Mende, had arrived from Mexico City, but that he knows nothing of the note he is reported to be carrying to President Wilson. Arredondo explained he is expecting a transcript of the Scott-Oregon conference which possibly led to the report. Carranza is sending a note demanding withdrawal of American troops.

### ROSLYN EDUCATOR HERE

Washington Man of Scholastic Fame Visits City

Linden McCullough, superintendent of schools at Roslyn, Wn., is in La Grande today. Mr. McCullough is rated as one of the big men in scholastic circles of Washington, and physically stands six feet eight. He is a close friend of J. G. King, new Y. M. C. A. secretary.

### Returned From Auto Tour

Henry T. Hill got back home yesterday evening from an auto tour of a week and covering about seven hundred miles in Idaho. In the principal fruit districts the hope of a crop is abandoned, but in the lower altitudes along Snake river there will be an abundance of peaches and apricots. Cherries are also promising and are just beginning to change to a tinge of red.

### Lumber Carrying Vessel Planned

Portland, May 26.—Four lumber carrying vessels to be propelled by motor power will be built at Vancouver, Wash., it was announced here today by the Motor Boat Construction company, which was incorporated at Olympia, Washington, yesterday. The cost of the four vessels will be \$648,000. Construction will begin immediately. Two will be built for an Oregon lumber company and two for an eastern concern. The capacity of the Oregon owned motor boats will be 1,750,000 feet of lumber each, while the others will be able to carry 1,250,000 feet each.

### INITIATION TONIGHT

Last Touches Given to Big Neophyte Group Prior to Conclave

This evening, beginning promptly at 7:30, Red Cross Lodge No. 27 will administer the first and second rank to a group of neophytes who will appear for exemption of the third rank next Friday evening when the district convention is held here. In order that business may not drag the first rank initiation will begin early, it followed by work in the second. This rounds out a large class for the Friday night performance.

## FAMOUS J. J. HILL IS DEAD

THE LATE J. J. HILL AND HIS SON LEWIS.



Likeness of Empire Builder (right) who died this morning and his son (left) who is developing into a genius of the new school. The picture was taken a few months ago.

St. Paul, May 29.—James J. Hill, one of the last of America's empire builders, died at his home here at 9:43 this forenoon, following an operation for removal of a carbuncle. On account of his age—he was 78—he was unable to resist successfully the shock of the operation.

The Hill funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday, from the Hill mansion on Summit avenue.

James J. Hill, one of the greatest and most successful railway builders and organizers and one of the most remarkable financial geniuses of his time, was born on a back woods farm in the vicinity of Rockwood, Wellington county, Province of Ontario, on September 16, 1838.

### 50 Cents Daily, First Pay.

Although descended from a long line of hard working tillers of the soil and in spite of the example set to him by his thrifty father, young Hill never liked manual work of any kind. Particularly did he dislike farm work. Neither threats nor persuasion could induce him to turn from his beloved books to the necessary work in the fields.

When his father after many abortive attempts at persuasion and coercion came to the conclusion that Jim could not be induced to do farm work, he decided to send him to school and make of him a Presbyterian minister. Young Hill was sent to the Rockwood academy, where he devoted himself to his task of acquiring a classical education for ten years. When the boy had reached his eighteenth year he came to the conclusion that he was not cut out for the pulpit. He abandoned his studies and obtained a position as clerk in a local general store.

Young Hill performed his duties so conscientiously and well that his employer soon placed him in sole charge of a branch establishment in the neighboring city of Guelph. His ambition, however, was too great to be satisfied with success in such a small way. Soon he gave up his position and started on a trip of observation through the country.

### St. Paul Without Railroads.

At that time St. Paul had no railroad, but it was, nevertheless, full of life and activity, being the terminal of a number of steamship lines, connecting the head of the river with the prosperous towns and districts on the middle and lower Mississippi. Young Hill soon found employment as a levee clerk with J. W. Bass & Co., agents of the Dubuque & St. Paul Packet company, at a salary of 50 cents a day.

### Was Military For a Time.

When the war broke out Hill became infected with the excitement then so prevalent, and, together with E. Y. Shelley, organized a company of cavalry, which he offered to the State. Minnesota did not want any cavalry at the time, however, and Capt. Shelley, with the majority of the command crossed the line into Iowa, and entered the service of that state. Hill returned to his regular employment

### Quail Makes Himself at Home.

At a farm house north of the river one of the family hens has established a nest in the brush near the house. A quail has taken up quarters in the same locality and almost every day there is a fresh, new quail's egg in the hen's nest. What the two families will do when the hatching season comes remains to be seen.

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## MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM IS AN ELABORATE ONE

BUSINESS TO HALT WHILE HOM- AGE IS PAID SOLDIERS ON DECORATION DAY.

## SPECIAL SONG WRITTEN FOR MEMORIAL OCCASION

Dedication of Shaft to Known Soldiers Dead Cemetery Will Be Morning's Chief Function—Afternoon Program at Methodist Church To Be Elaborate and Fitting.

Memorial day will have special significance in La Grande tomorrow and arrangements for a municipal dedication of the new monument to "Known Soldiers Dead" have been completed. The cavalcade will leave K. of P. hall at 10:30 o'clock for the cemetery where the new shaft will be unveiled and dedicated. The W. R. C. tribute to "The Unknown Dead" will be exemplified there. The detailed program for the entire day has been prepared. Autos are needed for conveyance of veterans, and offers for this purpose are requested. Anyone having flowers to donate may leave them at the K. of P. hall before 10 o'clock.

### Stores Generally Closed.

Practically all the stores will be closed tomorrow remaining open until 10:30 in time to let early deliveries be made and still allow those who wish to witness the ceremony at the cemetery time to reach the scene of the program. Some few stores will probably be open at all. The barbershops remain closed all day.

### Postoffice Closed.

Memorial day will be observed as a holiday in the postoffice. The city carriers will make one delivery in the morning. There will be no rural delivery. The general delivery, stamp and registry windows will be open one hour from 9 a. m. to 10 a. m.

### Dedication To Be Solemn.

At the cemetery the veterans and the public will listen to a dedicatory address by F. S. Ivanhoe who will be the chief speaker at the unveiling ceremonies.

The program in the afternoon at the Methodist church at 2:30 will be as follows:

Organ Prelude—Mrs. Winters. Prayer—G. A. R. Chaplain. G. A. R. Exercises.

"Lincoln's address at Gettysburg"—Rev. J. W. Oliver. Piano Solo, (Selected)—Mrs. Helena Williamson.

Recitation, "Barbara Frietchie"—Mrs. J. G. Holm.

Vocal Solo, (Selected)—Mrs. T. J. Seroggin.

Recitation, "My Flag and Your Flag"—Rosa Maier.

Recitation, "Memorial Day"—Muri Gore.

Recitation, "Decoration Day"—Bertha Nelson.

Violin and Piano Solo—Donna and Floyd Smith.

Vocal Solo—An Original Ode—C. P. Ferrin.

Recitation, "A Patriotic Mother"—Irene Swauger.

Vocal Solo, "Those Songs My Mother Used to Sing"—Mary Fitzgerald.

Recitation (Selected)—Wilma Gore. Recitation, "The Soldier's Cradle Hymn"—Florence Nelson.

Violin Duet, (Selected)—Floyd Smith and Clark Fitzgerald.

Pantomime, "The Star Spangled Banner"—Ten young ladies; sung by Mrs. Helena Williamson.

Recitation, "Sweet Home"—Gertrude Brieling.

Vocal Solo, "I must Leave You Mother Dear"—Wilma Wade.

Recitation, "The Women Who Went to the Field"—Miss Clara Gore.

Song, (Selected)—Mary Fitzgerald, Donna Smith, Lucile Walgamood and Dorothy Cascy.

Recitation, "Memorial Day"—Cecil Morgan.

Address—Col. F. S. Ivanhoe. Song, "America"—Audience.

Special Song Written.

F. C. Bramwell has composed a patriotic poem which will be sung to the tune of a familiar air by Mr. C. P. Ferrin as a solo at the services tomorrow afternoon. The words were composed and arranged as a special tribute to the G. A. R. and W. R. C. posts in this city. The words follow: Have you ever heard the story of our own United Land?

I'll tell you how our Patriots fought our battles hard in hand. No wonder that we're proud of our Old Glory's stripes today For its honor many fathers fought and gave their lives away.

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## NEW HEAD OF Y. M. C. A. HERE

WELL-KNOWN ATHLETE-DIRECTOR ON THE JOB.

Reception This Evening Serves Dual Purpose to Public.

J. G. King is on the job at the Y. M. C. A. as secretary to succeed R. J. Clark who leaves tonight for Astoria to become secretary of the association there. Mr. King arrived Saturday night and is much impressed with the layout as he finds it. "The building is bigger and more complete than most plants in towns of La Grande's size," declared the new secretary after a cursory inspection of the situation. He begins his duties at once. He is, probably, the most efficient man in physical direction that has yet been in the institution and by fall it is believed he will have a big variety of athletic departments in full swing in addition to the usual functions of an association.

Reception This Evening.

As a fitting tribute to the splendid work done by Mr. Clark, and to properly introduce Mr. King to his new surroundings, the Y. M. C. A. directors will be hosts this evening to an informal reception at the Y. Refreshments of a light sort will be served, and the public is cordially invited to drop in during the evening to bid good-bye to one and greet the other.

Mr. King comes here from Roalyn, Wash., but for the past month has been resting in California.

### BUILDING NEW BRIDGES.

Island City Structure Is Largest of Three on Branch.

Three steel bridges are to be built at once on the branch line. Material is rolling eitherward for construction of a large bridge at Island City, one at Cabin Creek and another at Looking Glass. The O.A.W. has let a contract to Wakefield & Co., of Portland and the work is to be prosecuted vigorously.

The bridges will be of a permanent type and will increase efficiency of the branch line.

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