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LIMITING ARMAMENTS.

According to dispatches printed in New York Maximilian Harden, the noted Berlin editor, is urging limitation of national armaments at the close of the present European struggle. Harden is quoted as saying in his paper, Die Zukunft, that "Competition in armaments will be impossible after this war. * * * Ideas are the only conquerors whose work lasts."

It is conceivable that European nations will be so weakened by the war that at least for some years competition in armaments will be difficult if not impossible, and that such competition will cease or become negligible. But, if so will not Europe find herself at the mercy of Asia?

In this struggle only Europe is bleeding and going bankrupt. Asia is losing no men, is making money, is gathering formidable strength where Europe is wasting prodigally. It is inconceivable that European statesmen will ignore this condition. The nations of Europe will be compelled either to go armed until the Orient disarms or to bow to the will of the armed hordes of Asia.

To talk about limiting European armaments in the face of these facts is to indulge in only the vaguest generalizations. Europeans may ostensibly cease to arm in competition with one another, but they will go right on arming against the Orient. And the Asiatic will be able to raise the limit at will.

The end of the European war won't be followed by disarmament in whole or in part of any existing nation, unless all signs fail.

THE BAY STATE TRIES AN INCOME TAX.

Massachusetts, noted as a pioneer in governmental ways, is about to try a taxation scheme which other states will watch with interest. Gov. McCall has signed the bill which provides for a state income tax of six per cent on incomes from business, and professions, with \$2,000 as the figure below which incomes are exempted.

Tax experts have frequently suggested that inasmuch as the federal income tax is so light, the states ought

to use this tax as their main source of revenue, leaving property taxes to cities and towns. Massachusetts' federal income tax, though the third largest in the country, is under \$3,000,000. This a mere bagatelle for a state as rich as the Old Bay.

The main difficulty about an income tax is its enforcement. The Massachusetts law demands that a return be made similar to that made to the United States government, and provides a heavy penalty for evasion. If fear of the law induces Massachusetts citizens to declare property which they have hitherto been successful in hiding, the tax will be divided in equitable fashion. It remains to be seen whether such declaration will be made, or the state is forced to institute inquisitorial procedure. The federal law has worked well in this respect, but many a man who respects the power of the Washington government believes that he can bluff a state's officers. Wisconsin has pioneered along similar lines, but it has not been definitely established that her income tax is a success.

Over in New York whenever anyone starts to telephone he wonders if it is the police or the gossip neighbor who is listening on the line.

Sir Edward Grey says the Germans are not getting the truth about the war. And sometimes we wonder if anybody is.

Another advantage in the return of the six ring circus is that you can go back this year and see one of the other five rings.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Mackey, of Akron, Ohio, have arrived in La Grande for a summer visit with their son, Fire Chief Claude Mackey.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Atkinson, of South La Grande are home from a trip to Portland.

Evan Gofseth left on No. 18 last night on a trip to his native land, Norway.

Engineer J. F. Logue, who is in charge of a yard engine at Huntington, came down to La Grande last night and is on a layoff for a day or two on account of indisposition.

Mrs. A. E. Jones, who has been on a visit of several weeks in La Grande, left this morning for her home in Portland, the return being hastened by receipt of word that her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Robert Jones, is seriously ill.

Francis Hills, one of the high school graduates in the class of 1916, left this morning for Menmouth, where she will enter the summer normal course.

Mrs. Harriet McCaulley and baby Helen arrived last night from Astoria for a visit with her father, I. W. Faulk.

Mrs. F. H. Brownlee, of Wallowa, is in La Grande for a visit with friends for a few days.

C. C. Clinton, at one time on the mechanical staff of the Observer, now traveling out of San Francisco for the Intertype company, is a La Grande visitor today on business for his firm.

Aracade—"Fatty and Mabel Adrift"—One big scream.—Adv. 6-15-16

BAPTISTS HAVE GOOD CROWDS

DR. HINSON BEGINS SERIES. THIS EVENING.

Program Carried Out in Close Conformity to Schedule.

In spite of the big flood of humanity flowing toward Union today, the Grande Ronde Baptist association convention which is now in its second of a three-day session, had a good attendance.

The events last evening followed the program closely, and it appears very likely that the pre-arranged program for today will be carried out in toto. Here it is:

Thursday Morning, Institute Day, 9:00—Bible Reading, "Gethsemane," D. E. Baker.

9:30—Evangelism, A. K. McRae.

10:00—Recruits for Service, C. A. Woody.

10:30—Honoring the Veterans, J. J. Tickner.

11:00—Informal Discussion.

11:30—Quiet Hour—Devotional Talk, A. R. Willett.

Afternoon.

1:30—Bible Reading, H. L. Boardman.

2:00—Baptists and Education, C. A. Woody.

2:30—Why an Annual Income of Six Million Dollars for Missions, A. M. Petty.

3:15—Conference on Affiliating the Churches with the Five-Year Program, O. C. Wright.

3:45—Quiet Hour—Devotional Talk, Consecration, A. R. Willett.

Dr. Hinson Coming.

One of the foremost events of the week in a religious way will be lectures by the famed Dr. Hinson each night commencing tonight and ending Sunday. His appearance will take place at the Baptist church and he deserves a big attendance.

Many Delegates Here.

Among the delegates represented this morning, with more to come for later sessions, were:

Baker—Mrs. H. A. Watts, Mrs. Orin R. Osborne, Mrs. W. H. Browning, Mrs. T. N. Proffit, Rev. A. R. Willett, J. H. Howard.

Burns—Tribby Whitaker, Rev. A. K. McRae, Mrs. A. F. Jameson, Mrs. J. H. Kennedy, Gleny Kennedy, Evert McRae, Mrs. Emma Wisdom, Mrs. L. A. Read.

Cove—Mrs. Blanche M. Love, W. J. Gilpin, J. B. Love, I. M. Love, Mrs. A. B. McLain, Rev. E. O. Otto, Mrs. Lee Childers, Rev. R. L. Robinson, Mrs. L. R. Robinson, Mrs. George Miller, Mrs. George Gray, George Miller, Elgin—Rev. H. T. Willis, J. R. Weaver, Mrs. J. B. Harvey.

Haines—Rev. A. M. Williams, Mrs. J. H. O'Bryant, A. F. Birchett, Miss Ellen Long, Mrs. E. W. Coles, Miss Mary T. Taylor.

La Grande—C. D. Huffman, Ed Damon, Frank J. Jester, Mrs. C. E. Happersett, Mrs. E. P. Day, John C. Starba, Mrs. Loretta Starba, Rev. J. J. Tickner, J. W. Oliver.

Ontario—Rev. D. E. Baker.

Mt Pleasant—Rev. H. L. Willis, Frank O. Hamison, J. H. Betchel, J. Elvin Witherspoon. Alternates, John Scott, Albert Scott.

HUMAN CRUSH

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Prizes—\$20 and \$10.

Ladies' Relay race: Bertha Blancett, Pendleton, first.

Ollie Osborn, Union, second. Time 3 minutes 30 seconds; and 3 minutes 26 seconds.

This is a three-day race.

Prizes—\$80 and \$35.

Novelty Race (walk, trot and run): Walk quarter, trot quarter and run half.

Maud (ridden by Ralph Hancock) first.

Christie (ridden by Bert Woods) second.

Cismoteler (ridden by Ed. F. Clark) third.

Time 3 minutes 4 seconds.

Prizes—\$10 and \$5.

Gentleman's Relay: Del Blancett—3 minutes 59 seconds.

Fred Spain—3 minutes 59 1-5 seconds.

Three-day race.

Prizes—\$125 and \$50.

Half-Mile Dash: Company Maid (Mike Palmatøer rider, W. A. Green, Haines, owner), first.

Time 52 2-5 seconds.

Oregon Rube (Del Blancett owner, Herman Rettig rider) second.

Time—53 3-5 seconds.

Fondo (N. L. Halsey, Harry Halsey) third.

Prizes—\$35 and \$20.

Roman Race: Ben Corbett—Time 1:02 2-5, first.

Del Blancett—second.

Prizes—\$15 and \$10.

Shetland Pony Race: Arch Simmons on Ado, first.

Reed Dollin on Firefly, second.

Kenneth Wilson on Happy, third. Time—15 1-5 seconds.

Chariot Race: W. H. Malone—first.

H. W. B. Smith—second. Time 1 minute 59 4-5 seconds.

Prizes—\$50 and \$25.

Cowboy Race: Jim Fleetwood—first.

Henry Moss—second. Time 53 seconds. Prizes—\$10 and \$5.

Potato Race: Won by John Spain's "bunch". Exhibition Riding done by Johnnie Douglas, from Lower Powder.

Bucking: John Spain, Ollie Osborn, Robert Burke, Pat Moss, George Carlton on John Spain's bull.

Lee Caldwell, world champion buckaroo, rode the first day. He will ride the wild "Corkscrew" Thursday. Ollie Osborn will ride bucking

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Pongee Silks

The prettiest and most practical wash material there is for waists, dresses, middies, children's wear, kimonos, etc.—very popular this summer—we are offering several pieces which are special values—of fine natural lustre, good weight, 34 inches wide, yard 50c In dozens of the newest Summer

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Pretty creations that have won the approval of those women who want the newest in neckwear. Of sheer organdies, of fine voiles, of georgette crepe, embroidered, plain, lace trimmed effects, hem-stitched, etc. Collar and cuff sets and separate collars 25c, 50c

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horse Thursday. Fred Spain bulldogged a steer and E. C. Lany rode the trick mule.

Elks Make Showing With a bull elk at the head, the Elks band and a marching club, the Elks from La Grande made a big showing in the parade this afternoon.

The Imber equestrian club was another feature.

Bull Runs Amuck One of John Spain's bulls ran amuck at the grounds this morning and there was a lively scramble for higher seats. The incident created plenty of diversion but no one was injured or seriously threatened by the amuckness.

Money to Loan. On improved real property in Union county, no delays, current rates. La Grande Investment Co.—Adv.

Our Want Ads bring results.

City Manager's Report.

General manager's report for the week ending June 10th, 1916: There were no fires last week.

The Police arrested six. Two were drunk and ragging at a dance; one was disorderly, and three were speeders. Fines amounted to \$20. Served 18 meals. Had one sleeper.

The water superintendent spent \$25.75 cleaning the reservoir; \$11.50 on repair work and \$17.25 on putting in new taps.

The street superintendent spent \$28.50 for one team and driver and \$15 for White wing. Had three days work done by prisoner. Repaired hydrant wrench for 75 cents. Cleaned the gutters and sprinkled the macadam streets and flushed two days.

The macadam streets being water bound need sprinkling twice a week to keep them from getting dusty and from working holes in them or unravelling. It will save so much on the repair bill next spring.

The recorder received \$20 fines; \$2 pound fees; \$25 rent for septic tank

farm; \$11 dog licenses and \$1.50 for three building permits. He issued two dry licenses on Treasurer's receipt for \$10.00. He issued a park warrant for \$5.20 on voucher No. 65; General fund warrants for \$27.50 and \$12.50 Road warrants on Labor Certificates.

The treasurer collected \$1116.80 water rent; \$556.43 Imp. District Installments; \$236.65 Imp. District Interest; \$1.25 interest District No. 99, and \$10.00 for dry licenses. He paid \$5.20 park warrant; \$69.50 road warrants; \$26.37 Imp. District Interest and \$207.50 principal and \$23.67 General Fund warrants.

The manager begs to recommend that a resolution be passed that the treasurer pay the general fund warrants now held by the Beaver Creek Pipe Line Sinking Fund that have been called. This makes a formal record of the transaction.

Respectfully submitted, F. J. LAFKY, General Manager.