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## U. S. CONSULS IN MEXICO ARE LEAVING POSTS

### STAFF DEPARTMENT WANTS ALL TO RETIRE FROM SMALL TOWNS ESPECIALLY

### LAST NIGHT'S WARNING MAY NOT BE OFFICIAL

Situation in Mexico Becoming More Critical and Notices are Posted in Various Mexican Towns Urging Citizens to Arm Themselves With Guns and Ammunition.

Washington, June 17.—Secretary of State Lansing is considering bringing from Mexico the remainder of American consuls in the small cities. Most of them returned several weeks ago for a border conference, and haven't gone back.

Trouble is Brewing The war department has received private advices today saying notices were posted in Chihuahua and Juarez urging civilians to supply themselves with arms and ammunition. The department transmitted the dispatches to Wilson. Lansing has admitted he is anxious to learn whether Trevino is acting under Carranza's orders in sending a note of warning to Pershing last night. The Mexican embassy branded the published text of the Trevino message as a fake. War department officials belittled Trevino's message and doubted if the text printed in morning papers was correct.

General Bell today denied official knowledge of the alleged Carranza threat to attack Americans.

Tightening of American communication lines is reported and precautions taken against Carranza attacks along the 280-mile front. The Mexican embassy criticized "certain army officers" who circulated the unfounded stories.

San Antonio, June 17.—An American detachment fired at a band of Mexicans eight miles east of San Benito, Texas, General Parker reported this afternoon.

### CONVENTION IS CLOSED.

### Dr. Hinson Speaks at Baptist Church to Big Audience.

Last evening Dr. Hinson's address at the Baptist church officially closed the Eastern Oregon convention which had been in session three days. Dr. Hinson said in part:

"The text is from II Cor. IV. 2. 'The face of Jesus Christ.' Luke assures us that it was a set face. And it assuredly had to be or he would never have gone for our salvation through Gethsemane and along the Via Dolorosa to the cross of Calvary. And we must learn from Him to have the set face of determination. And it was a sad face, for though the Master must have smiled many times yet the habit of His soul was sadness even saddened with the sorrow born of His knowledge of and love for all. Further it was a scorned face, for he was despised, and rejected, the man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And the spittle and blood marred the countenance of the Christ.

Shining was the countenance of the Master as John saw it in the Apocalyptic vision on the Isle of Patmos. And shunned also will that face be. We learn from the same Book of Revelation, for in the doom day many will call on the mountains to hide them from 'The Face of Him that Sitteth on the Throne.'

### DEFENDANTS WINNERS

### French War Horse Case Settled When Jury Brings Verdict

Finding for the defendants, the jury brought the French war horse case to an end this morning. The outcome is that the French army horse buyers need not pay Duncan McDonald other fees than those for such horses as he provided for the general buyers. He was suing for a commission on all horses sold in the county to the general agents. He alleged a contract to that effect.

While another case is set down for Monday it is very probable it will not be tried now, and if such proves true, the June term will adjourn at once.

### Harlan Stewart Hurt.

Union, Ore., June 17.—(Special)—Harlan P. Stewart was the victim of a painful accident yesterday evening. He was up-set in some way from a wagon seat and fell to the ground sustaining a fracture of the collar bone.

## TODAY'S HEAT SETS A RECORD

### GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS SHOW NO CLOSE APPROACH

#### Three Successive Days Have Set June Heat Records in This City

Today is the hottest June day of which there is any La Grande record and records run back about 15 years. Not only that but yesterday and the day before that set new June heat records. Ninety-six was the maximum climb of the mercury in La Grande yesterday but that mark is being bettered Saturday, the government instruments recording 98 at high noon today. About 2:30 or 4:00 p. m. will see the highest mark of the day and indications are it will reach 98.

Weather Observer Mackey's records show that 93 in the hottest June day of which there is any previous knowledge. This has been reached but twice before since 1901. Quite often 90 or 91 have been reached. The heat wave, which is general over Oregon, commenced three days ago and has climbed assiduously since. Predictions are the crest of the heat wave is reached today and that hereafter it will sink.

### La Grande Hen "Busy"

The following communication deals with a La Grande poultry farm:

Scene—A bright morning in June. The farmer's poultry yard, which is divided into runs or small yards, with netting to separate the different strains of fowls—the Black Minorcas here, White Leghorns there, and the Rocks who were to act as mothers, in together as near as possible and seem together a snear as possible and seem to be discussing the question of pure food, ventilation, trap nests and other things of interest in their world.

"Come, come, get busy," said a pompous Black Minorca of glossy plumage, thinking no doubt that they had gossiped long enough. "It is time we were paying our board; the farmer has been feeding us on this high priced food for six months or more." "Yes," said one plump pullet, "I am very fond of oat meal, with clean, clear buttermilk and some lettuce, alfalfa or beets for a relish and I do like charcoal." "And I," said a fat hen, "like pure cold water, good wheat, screenings, corn with some beef scraps, and in winter, cabbage or beets and I must have grit or shell—no rusty corn or wheat and no decayed vegetables for me." "He won't let me scratch in the manure pile either," said a little chick, at which they all looked wise and confused. "Plenty of clean straw to scratch in, to find choice morsels, plenty of dust to roll in which is quite necessary, although our farmer is very careful of our comfort and our ventilation is perfect so that we sleep well and are healthy and happy."

At that moment with a cheerful cackle a large Rock hen announced that she had laid her "fifteen eggs in 15 days and have raised a brood of chickens besides." "Well," so have I," said another Rock. "Well, well, listen," said Minorca, whose voice had been unheard in the noisy chatter. "Do you know that all this food is high-priced and that eggs must be high, too, or the farmer will get no profit from his labor, but now that eggs are selling for 30 cents a dozen he may get a little profit." "Thirty cents, and is that so strange at this time of the year?" they exclaimed. "There must be signs of better times in the political outlook. Listen, for the first time since June, 1910, have they been that price in June."

In June, 1911, they sold in La Grande for 25 cents; in 1912, 20 cents, excepting the last three days when they were 25 cents. In June, 1913, 20 cents; in June, 1914, 25 cents; June, 1915 the average was 28 cents. In March 1915 eggs were 18 cents, in December of 1912 and 1915, they were 50 cents, January, 1914 and 1915 averaged 39 cents and January, 1916, 50 cents. In recent years eggs have sold as low as 15 cents and as high as 60 and 75 cents in La Grande.

The profit per hen per one year is at least \$1.50 under favorable circumstances. But, as conceded by the fowls as a unit, there must be pure food, and pure water or milk, good range with alfalfa, lettuce or beets for green stuff, clean apartments with proper ventilation, then the farmer can bring his customers the large, white egg of the Minorca and Leghorn and the large brown egg of the Rock full of nutritious meat.

"Let's get busy," said all of them and they went their way singing contentedly.

### Wallowa Pioneers Will Meet.

Joseph, Ore., June 17.—(Special)—The annual meeting of Wallowa county pioneers will be held at Wallowa Lake park on June 30th and July 1st. A program is being arranged and there will be a number of addresses from pioneer residents. A large attendance is anticipated.

### Good Sized Hog Shipment

Although the weather conditions are not specially favorable for hog shipments, Warren Chandler will start for Portland tonight four carloads of porkers. One car is loaded out from Enterprise, two from Wallowa and the fourth will be picked up this evening at Island City.

## VIRILE WOMAN OF 88 COMES TO CONFERENCE

### EMMALINE B. WELLS, EDITOR AND SOCIAL WORKER AT CHURCH FUNCTION.

### CONNECTED WITH L. D. S. RELIEF OVER 72 YEARS

One of Foremost Women of L. D. S. Church Takes Active Part in Church Now Under Way Here—Other Salt Lake Dignitaries Among Visitors.

The regular quarterly conference of the Union stake, convened this morning in the tabernacle at La Grande for the transaction of regular business and convened again at 2 o'clock as usual. A special program has been prepared and the meeting will be under the auspices of the Stake primary and Relief society boards. The regular sessions of the conference will convene at 10:30 a. m., and 2 p. m., tomorrow. The public is invited to attend.

Music for the sessions to be held tomorrow will be provided by the Baker choir of the L. D. S. church. This organization is widely known for its able musical work.

Those in attendance from Salt Lake City include Elder Rudger Clawson of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, Dr. Seymour B. Young, of the First Counsel of the Seventy, and Mrs. Emmaline B. Wells. Mrs. Wells is 88 years of age. She has been a worker in the Relief society upwards of 72 years. She acted as secretary of that organization for over 25 years, when she became its President about six years ago. She has been editor of the Woman's Exponent, an official publication of the Woman's National Relief society, for more than forty years. While she has been a very active woman all her life, she is enjoying good health and is one of the prominent members and strongest supporters of the organization she represents.

### Aged Wallowa Woman Dead.

Wallowa, Ore., June 17.—(Special)—The funeral of "Grandma" Wolfe, who died Thursday at a very advanced age, was held today. She is survived by her husband, who was a captain in the civil war in a Tennessee regiment. Both Captain Wolfe and his wife were among the very early settlers of Wallowa county.

## VIRGINIA IN THROES OF A REFORM FIGHT

### TELEPHONE, TELEGRAPH, AND TRAIN CREWS AND ALL INDUSTRIES ATTACKED.

### ANTI-REFORMERS MAKE OLD LAW RIDICULOUS

Prohibitionists in Control of the State—Old Law Will Be Enforced to the Letter and Catches Ball Players, Bathers, Golfers and Even the Newspapers.

Richmond, Va., June 17.—Authorities plan to enforce the blue laws throughout the state tomorrow. Prohibitionists are in power, but declare anti-prohibitionists are trying to make the reform laws ridiculous by strict enforcement.

Officers will arrest locomotive engineers, chauffeurs, telephone and telegraph operators, boot blacks, confectioners, amusement places newspapermen, baseball players, golfers and bathers.

Officials were instructed to apply the letter of the law.

The statute was passed in 1790.

### DEATH OF JOHNNY HALLEY

#### Former La Grande Resident Dies in Portland After Long Illness

Word was received in La Grande this morning of the death of Johnny Halley at his home in Portland. Death came after a long period of severe illness and for many weeks the worst has been feared. The deceased was about forty years of age and was the oldest son of Jas. P. Halley, of this city. He leaves a wife, who was formerly Miss Hattie Heritage of Union, and two children. They have been making their home in Portland the past four or five years.

Mr. Halley the father, left for Portland last Tuesday evening to be at the bedside of his son and Mrs. Halley, step-mother of the deceased, and her daughter went to Portland last night. The funeral and interment will take place in Portland.

### PARTY UNION PROGRESSES

New York, June 17.—A conference toward union of Progressives and Republicans is progressing satisfactorily. George W. Perkins announced this afternoon after a two-hour conference with Roosevelt.

## "AL AND ETHEL" GET POSTCARD

### SOME LA GRANDE FAMILY BY THAT NAME WANTED.

#### Little Girl Is Coming from Portland Tomorrow—Advance Card Goes Astray.

Who are "Al and Ethel?" Better still, who in this city expects arrival today or tomorrow of a little girl from Portland?

The answer is vital.

June 15 "Mother" at Portland mailed a postcard without addressing it. From a rather unlegible note on it, it was learned, seemingly at the Portland postoffice, that the letter was destined for La Grande and the contents led the postmaster there to take a chance. So he mailed the unaddressed card to Postmaster Bragg and he is today trying to find the persons to whom the card was addressed.

"Dear Al and Ethel" seems to be the salutation, but that isn't clear, and there is no further name.

The card goes on to mention a Mr. Long, and says that either Doris, or Lois—the name isn't plain—will be put on the train at Portland and will arrive here tomorrow on No. 4. "Be sure and be there to meet her" admonishes the note. But who is to be there? Postmaster Bragg has turned the card over to Chief Ardrey and he will have someone at the train unless the La Grande people interested are located in the meantime.

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ASTOR WIDOW TO WED.  
Madeline Force Astor Will Marry Brooklyn Editor Soon.

New York, June 17.—Madeline Force Astor, widow of the late John Jacob Astor, who died on the Titanic, will marry William Dieck, next week, according to the Brooklyn Times this afternoon. Dieck is part owner of the Times.

EMPLOYEES APPEALED TO  
Pennsylvania Line Wants Others Than Trainmen to Stay

Altoona, Pa., June 17.—Indications that the railroad companies do not intend to give in without a fight to demands of trainmen for concessions, are seen in announcements made here today following the recent termination of conferences between trainmen and railroad operators. General Manager Long of the Pennsylvania line issued an appeal to all employes not engaged in the train service of railroading, to stand by the company during the threatened strike.

The statement contains a promise to all who stay, that they will retain positions assigned them.

Saturday Half-Holidays Begin

The United States landoffice officials and their clerical force commenced today on the usual Saturday half-holidays. This is in accordance with an order from the general land office which went into effect a few years ago. The land offices are kept open until 1 o'clock Saturday afternoons and then close until the following Monday morning. The half-holiday period extends over the three summer months.

Cow Killed By Auto

City and county officials are investigating a matter wherein a cow was killed and another one was seriously injured by what appears as a case of having been run into by an automobile. This happened Thursday on the Cove road east of La Grande. It is not given out as to who was the owner of the cow and an investigation is under way to find out the owner of the machine. On these particulars the officials are not at present fully advised.

RECLUSE IS INSANE

Enterprise Man Lives After Run-in With Insane Recluse

Frank Riley, a recluse who has lived in squalor and retirement on the government forest adjoining Alder Slope out from Enterprise, was taken through La Grande last night to the insane hospital at Pendleton after a sensational shooting affair near his home. Angered over a line fence he fired a bullet at the forehead of Tom Murray, a farmer whose place adjoins the forest reserve, but because the assailant was standing at a lower level than the man shot at, the bullet glanced off Murray's forehead leaving but a scalp wound. Riley is declared to have been weak minded for some little time, and he was formally declared insane after the shooting.

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SCHOOL MEETING MONDAY.

J. A. Russell Is Candidate to Succeed Dr. Bacon as Director.

The annual meeting for school district No. 1 will be held at the Central school building Monday. The principal business of the meeting will be the election of a director to serve five years and to succeed Dr. Bacon, whose term will expire. Dr. Bacon is not a candidate for re-election and the one who is most prominently mentioned in connection with the place is J. A. Russell, former president of the La Grande city commission.

## DUNKIRK AND OTHER TOWNS HIT BY SHELLS

### FRENCH AND GERMANS ALIKE STRIKE BLOWS AT CITIES WITH AIR MACHINES

### NUMBER KILLED AND HURT REPORTED LARGE

Avocourt Is Hotbed of Strenuous Fighting and in Deadman's Hill Vicinity Is Called an Inferno During the Night—Destroyer Sunk in Channel.

Paris, June 17.—German flyers bombarded Dunkirk, Pontamousson and Barleduc last night, killing four and wounding 15, says a communique and claims French aviators bombed Longuyon, Montmedy and Audin.

Violent artillery attacks are continuing on both banks of the Meuse. The duel of big guns at Avocourt is particularly heavy. Deadman's Hill last night was an inferno of shell fire. German grenade attacks at Avocourt were easily repulsed. In the Vosges region a French detachment penetrated two German lines, killing many defenders and taking some prisoners. The attackers returned without suffering losses. The communique denies Germans drove French from fresh-trenches on the southern slope of Deadman's Hill. The French insist they still hold the gains.

Destroyer Is Sunk

London, June 17.—The destroyer Eden sank in the English channel immediately following a collision, the admiralty has announced. Thirty-one of the crew were saved. Normally, she carried 70.

Vienna, June 17.—New combats have started on the entire Volhynian front, it is officially announced. Several Russian attempts to cross the Styx failed. The Slave suffering heavily.

Mr. Morelock Improving

The condition of E. B. Morelock, the pioneer resident of Elgin, who was reported in a very dangerous condition a few days ago, is steadily improving. In fact his relatives and friends are much less apprehensive as to the outcome of his illness.

New Dentist Comes.

Dr. R. T. Murphy arrived from Portland Tuesday and will be connected with the office of Dr. H. S. Brown-ton. Dr. Murphy having made a special study of correcting the irregularities of the children's teeth, and the treatment of pyorrhea will devote his time largely to that branch of the work.

Change in Program.

Because it will be impossible for certain ones of the contestants in the Declaration contest to reach here for Wednesday, the program committee has been requested to change the contest to Saturday and Mrs. Hartford's lecture will accordingly be given Wednesday.

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MAY BE THE FIRST LADY OF THE LAND.



MRS. CHARLES E. HUGHES.

Mrs. Charles Evans Hughes was Miss Antoinette Carter of New York, Her marriage to Hughes took place in New York in 1888 when he was practicing law there. Mrs. Hughes says her children are her chief interests. She is the mother of three daughters—Elizabeth, 9, Katherine, 13, and Helen, 25, and one son, Charles Evans, jr., who is married and has two children.