

CASEMENT BRAVE TO THE END

HELPS EXECUTIONERS ADJUST ROPE AROUND HIS NECK.

"I DIE FOR MY COUNTRY" WERE HIS FINAL WORDS

Only Few Officials Witnessed Hanging—Was Permitted to Wear His Own Clothes Instead of Prison Garb—All Efforts to Save Case-ment's Life Proved of No Avail.

London, Aug. 3.—Roger Case-ment's last words were "I die for my country."

These were spoken while he fear-lessly awaited the "drop."

Only a few officials witnessed the hanging. Case-ment died in 10 min-utes. The Pentonville prison bell sounded at 9:07 indicating the trap had been sprung.

Case-ment wore his own clothes in-stead of the prison garb. He helped the executioners adjust the noose and to pinion his limbs. When all pre-paration for death had been made he exclaimed: "Lord have mercy on my soul."

The coroner's inquest returned a verdict of "death by hanging." Pris-on Governor Davis testified that death came instantaneous.

Will Speak in Union.

Dr. Winters, district superintendent of the Methodist church received word yesterday from Dr. Carl G. Doney, president of Willamette University at Salem, Ore., that he will be in Union Saturday for the Epworth League convention. Dr. Doney will give three addresses, one Saturday evening and two on Sunday. Dr. Doney is a strong speaker. Do not fail to hear him.

County Court Finishes Term

The August term of county court began yesterday on business of the usual character. It is expected that the work for the term will be completed this evening.

John A. Cates Injured In Accident

John A. Cates is confined to his home on account of injuries sustained a few days ago. While at work picking cherries at the farm of his son, C. C. Cates near Alice, he fell from the tree. It has developed later that the injury is much more serious than at first supposed and a slight paralysis has been a result of the shock caused by the fall.

Raises Divorce Question

Alleging his marriage to Mable Young is void because the ceremony was performed before the six months required by Oregon laws had expired following Mrs. Young's divorce from Cecil C. Young, her first husband, Grover Young of Dallas, has filed suit for divorce. He says he was deceived into believing the required six months had elapsed. Both are well known here.

Officers Get Six

Salem, Aug. 3.—Officers are believed to have captured six of the escaped convicts who stole an automobile at Silverton and escaped to the hills with arms after breaking away from the Flax department of the penitentiary.

John Brown Elected

Portland, Aug. 3.—The Knights of Pythias in Supreme lodge today elected John Brown of Vandalia, Illinois to the office of Supreme Chancellor. Election of other officers is on this afternoon.

Charles S. Davis, of Denver, was elected supreme vice chancellor of the Knights of Pythias on the first ballot. William Ladew, of New York, was elected second vice chancellor.

Body Found Today

Milwaukee, Ore., Aug. 3.—A body was found today in the Willamette river. It is supposed to be the body of Harry Gammie, a prominent athlete who was drowned near Oregon City some months ago.

PEACE-MEN NAMED.

Mexico City, Aug. 3.—The Mexican government formally appointed the following members of a commission to meet American representatives and discuss the border situation: Louis Cabrera, president; Agnacio Bonillas, Alberto Pani, Juan Rogo, secretary. The party starts for America as soon as possible.

Sheep from Willamette.

That the farmers of the Grande Ronde are becoming more and more to appreciate the sheep either in large or small bands, is shown by the way Warren Chandler and Tom Johnson are selling the "woolies." They have shipped in quite a number from Willamette valley points and can scarcely supply the demand among the ranchers. They sell any number from one sheep up to hundreds.

Salvation Army Reinforcements.

Lieut. Ella Scott, daughter of Col. Scott, of Seattle, has been appointed to assist Ensign Childers and Lieut. Conrad in the local work. Miss Scott has just completed her course in the Salvation Army training college in Chicago. Her welcome meeting will be held this (Thursday) evening.

First Pay Day of Militiamen.

McAllen, Tex., Aug. 3.—This is scheduled to be the first pay day for New York militia troops on border protection duty for Uncle Sam. They will receive pay only for the days they have served the federal government, not for the time they spent waiting regular army officers in armories at home, for which the state must pay. Hundreds of the guardsmen asked that the government send their pay direct to their families, where cash is most needed. The government declined to do this saying it was impossible under army rules. The men will have to wait until their money gets here, then reforward it to New York.

GIRDLER GETS A DIVORCE

CUSTODY OF CHILDREN HAS BEEN DIVIDED.

Court Orders Mr. Girdler to Support the Two Children.

"From a purely cold-blooded legal standpoint neither the plaintiff nor defendant is entitled to a divorce. But from the evidence I am inclined to believe this couple could never live peacefully together after this trial, and I therefore believe that a divorce should be granted."

With these words Judge Knowles in his chambers at 9 o'clock this morning entered the prelude to his order which order severed the bonds of marriage of John and Nellie Girdler, gave the baby Lewis to the mother and also gave her custody of the 6-year old boy for nine months in the year and to John Girdler three months in the year; caused \$50 a month to be paid for nine months in the year and \$25 a month for the other three months toward the support of the children by the father. Looking into the future the court included in the order that the father was to pay all expenses of transporting the children to and from him during the summer vacation.

Very few cases have attracted the attention that this case has because of the high standing of the participants. John Girdler came to La Grande two years ago as superintendent of schools and his strong character and marked ability as a school man gave him a hold on the people here that was of some consequence. When he sought a larger field for his work, which is recognized to be of exceptional merit from an educational point of view, La Grande people regretfully joined in offering to him the highest testimonials. He was employed by the Ogden board of education to head their schools and preparations were being made to move to the Utah city when divorce proceedings stopped the wheels of progress and turned one of the brightest educational careers La Grande has ever known into the courts. The superintendency at Ogden was resigned and today the court hands down its mandate of separation, which draws the final curtain on one of those unexplainable domestic conditions that causes heart aches and regrets among the numerous friends of each of the principals, for it can very truthfully be said both Mr. and Mrs. Girdler are well liked by scores of people here.

VERDUN FIGHTING AGAIN DRAWS ENTIRE ATTENTION

London, Aug. 3.—Fighting at Verdun again took the center of interest. Statements from Berlin frankly admit that French penetrated German defenses in three places. Berlin and Paris statements made apparent that French activity has developed into a general offensive against the army of the Crown Prince.

Petrograd, Aug. 3.—German attacks have been repulsed, according to official statements from the war office. The Russians discovered gas clouds approaching and rushed in reinforcements. Many Germans died attempting to penetrate the barbed wire entanglements. Finally the Germans retreated abandoning machine guns and rifles. The Russian army is within twelve miles of Kovel.

Allies Checked, Says Berlin.

Berlin, Aug. 3.—British and French attacks have failed, according to official announcement made here today. The statement said: "Strong English attacks on both sides of the Albert-Baupume road east of Trones wood collapsed. French advances near Barleux were easily repulsed."

BULL MOOSERS IN SESSION

MAY PUT OUT TICKET OR MAY NOT IS INDICATION.

Suggested to Use Electoral Vote to Aid Most Progressive.

Indianapolis, Aug. 3.—The national Progressive conference met at noon today. John M. Parker, Progressive vice presidential nominee, said the conference must decide whether or not a national ticket should be placed in the field.

Mr. Parker said with great firmness: "We will not endorse either Wilson or Hughes."

It was suggested that Progressives concentrate their fight in doubtful states, elect presidential electors and then swing their votes to the candidate making the most Progressive concessions. The conference adjourned at 1:30 until 3 o'clock.

Will Pension Employees

Chicago, July 31.—Swift & Co., packers, today announced a \$2,000,000 pension plan for employees, including those in the main plants here and in branch houses all over the country. A notable feature is that employees do not contribute to the fund. Swift officials estimated that \$400,000 a year, in addition to the income of the \$2,000,000 initiatory fund will be required to conduct the system. About 38,000 men and women will come under the plan August 1, 1916, when it will go into operation.

Men in the employ of the company 25 years who have reached the age of 60, may be pensioned. When they reach the age of 65, they must retire on pension. Women's ages are fixed at five years less. Pensions for incapacitated employees who have served less than 25 years are provided.

No pension will be less than \$240 per year and none over \$5,000 a year. In general pensions are to be one-half of the average salary received by the employee for the five years preceding retirement.

Former La Grande Girl a Matron.

Word has been received of the arrival in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Naulte of Seattle of an eight and a half pound son, born on July 22d. The mother was known in La Grande as Mary Tait, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Tait, former well known residents. Miss Tait was for a long period a teacher in the La Grande schools and has many friends here to join in felicitations over the son's arrival.

Jack Stedman Accused

Portland, Aug. 3.—Federal Judge Wolverton today ordered Jack Stedman sent to Seattle from Portland to face a grand jury investigation on the charge of having brought Becky Miller to Seattle from British Columbia for immoral purposes.

BOYS MUST DESIST.

Warden Walden Says Shooting Around Town Must Be Stopped. Boys have been shooting robins near the court house of late and Game Warden Walden wishes to serve notice on all the boys that they must quit this practice.

English Boat Sunk.

London, Aug. 3.—The unarmed liner Britannica was sunk during the last 24 hours, according to announcement of the admiralty. The vessel was not a huge White Star liner but was the property of the W. H. Cocke-rtine company. It was of 3400 tons. A torpedo is presumed to be the cause.

London, Aug. 3.—Commander Haig reported the British continues to consolidate all ground recently gained. Constant artillery fire is being kept up by both sides. Germans exploded a small mine near Souchez this morning at dawn but there was little damage done.

Paris, Aug. 3.—Sergeant Chanat, of the French aeroplane corps destroyed two German machines at the Somme front. This makes a total of eight machines destroyed by the sergeant since trouble begun. Another German aeroplane was defeated near Chauny. Today's communique gives detailed report of French gains south of the Fleury. French have captured seven hundred Germans.

BAND BENEFIT FRIDAY NIGHT

EVERYTHING READY FOR HOME TALENT PRODUCTION

Big Street Parade and Concert to Precede Performance

All is ready for big home talent production. Everything is ready for the big vaudeville show to be given for the benefit of the B. P. O. Elks' band at Sherry's theatre tomorrow evening.

The program will consist of nine big acts, each act a feature in itself. The casts are in the hands of the best La Grande talent, that have been under the direction of Jack Champion and Grace Richmond for the past two weeks, and all are "at home" in their respective parts and when the curtain rises tomorrow night at Sherry's the audience will witness one of the best local performances ever staged in this city.

The band will give a parade and concert on the main streets tomorrow at noon and in front of the theatre at 7 o'clock tomorrow night.

Get your seats at Young's the tickets are ready.

Will Not Fight Astoria Rates.

Portland, Aug. 3.—Without opposition from the railroads, rates to Astoria on a parity with Puget sound will become effective September 15, as ordered by the Interstate Commerce commission.

The tariffs, in fact, are now being checked in. The railroads will be obedient to the commerce commission's order wiping out the 90-cent-a-ton's differential which has operated against Astoria and for Puget sound in respect to traffic movement to and from the Inland Empire.

The Northern Pacific and Great Northern, parent lines of the S. P. & S., have no desire to fight the case further. These lines see no hope of success should they undertake to appeal to the United States supreme court from the order of the commission. They are not even certain that they could secure a temporary restraining order preventing the rate from taking effect pending a review of the evidence before the commerce commission on a question of fact.

The S. P. & S., the principal in the Astoria rate case, as the only road operating to the mouth of the river, will energize itself to build up business under the conditions which will be created through the Interstate Commerce commission's order. High officials of the line do not deny that through the lower rate to the mouth of the river a larger amount of tonnage will be diverted by shippers through the Columbia gateway.

The O.-W. R. & N. will take the same position as the northern lines and the S. P. & S.

The Southern Pacific, perfunctorily a party to the litigation before the Commerce commission, is not affected by the parity order and will do nothing.

Formal announcement of a traffic agreement between the northern lines, the S. P. & S. and O.-W. R. & N. as to handling traffic between Portland and the sea is expected soon, the result of conferences between traffic officials.

APPARENTLY SAFE.

Norfolk, Aug. 3.—The German merchant submarine, Deutschland, has vanished. A single disappointed British warship lay off Cape Henry's lighthouse this morning. No other vessel was visible. The Deutschland submerged a mile outside the Capes. The nearest blockader was five miles away. The tug Timmons witnessed the submerging and then returned to Norfolk this morning.

New Quotations on Flour.

The following changes have been made on the retail flour quotations by the 50-lb. sack, in La Grande, viz: Gold Medal—\$2.50. Upper Crust—\$1.55. Invincible—\$1.40. Best of the Best, patent—\$1.35. Best of the Best, straight grade—\$1.25.

Today's Baseball Freak.

Chicago, Aug. 3.—Jimmy Archer of the Cubs, premier backstop of the National league, broke the first finger on his right hand recently when he went after a foul. Now Jimmy's throwing better than ever, and he says it's because he is able to bend the finger. "I've been trying to bend that finger ever since I broke into the big leagues," he said.

Cloudburst Kills Nine.

Middlesboro, Ky., Aug. 3.—A cloudburst hit Barren valley today and nine corpses have been recovered.

Middlesboro, Ky., Aug. 3.—A cloudburst in Barren valley killed 25 people and 14 are missing.

Zeppelins Did Little Damage.

London, Aug. 3.—Official announcement today stated that last night's Zeppelin raid did little damage. "Damage was astonishingly small," says the report. Seven airships dropped eighty bombs in east coast counties killing nine horses and injuring three. The air raiders visited Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Kent. British anti-aircrafters scored several hits.

CRATER LAKE IS THE GOAL

LA GRANDE PEOPLE START ON LONG JOURNEY.

Will Likely Visit California Before Returning to La Grande.

With grub boxes made and filled to order, with every oil cup of the big Cadillac Eight glistening with oil, and with happy faces in anticipation of the pleasant journey ahead, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bohnenkamp and Mr. and Mrs. E. Polack started this morning for a trip through Central Oregon with Crater lake as their objective point. Before returning they will visit many points in California.

"We are not going out to smash any speed records," said Mr. Bohnenkamp as he sat at the wheel of the big car. "Neither are we going to try to bring laurels on any tire manufacturer, but we are leaving for the central Oregon and Crater lake country to have a good time for about three weeks and see the sights that nature has placed there. We will take it slowly and try and have a good time every minute," and with that remark he pressed his foot lightly on the "tail" of the Eight and glided away.

Mrs. Hal Bohnenkamp and sister accompanied the party as far as Pendleton where they will visit for a few days before returning home.

HICKS ON THE JOB.

O.-W. R. & N. Co. Has New Man for Miller's Place.

H. W. Hicks, but he it known that he is not the weather prophet Hicks and claims no relation with him, has been employed by the O.-W. to represent that company in the capacity of traveling passenger agent and today Jack O'Neil, dean of the passenger game in the west, is introducing Mr. Hicks to La Grande people and assuring them of the good qualities of the new man, among which Jack avers, asserts and proclaims that he (Mr. Hicks, not Jack) does not smoke cigarettes. The new passenger agent will have charge of the Seaside business out of Eastern Oregon for the next few days.

Two Boys Drown at Albany.

Two boys were drowned at Albany Tuesday less than five hours apart and within 200 yards of each other. They were George Daggert and Paul Bratner.

PRESIDENT TAKES HAND IN STRIKE

ASKS FOR CONFERENCE WITH COMMISSIONER

TIEUP OF RAILROADS WOULD CAUSE PRIVATION

Situation Seems to Appear from

Washington, Very Dangerous and the Belief that Has Heretofore Existed to the Effect There Would Be No Strike Apparently Has Been Supplanted with Belief That There Will Be One.

Washington, Aug. 3.—President Wilson has requested a conference with the commissioners of the arbitration board. It is believed he intends to discuss the threatened railroad strike. Administration officials do not hesitate to state, their belief that the strike situation is very dangerous. If the railroads are tied up nation wide privation is believed to be certain.

Harry Wheeler, chairman of the chamber's committee on railroads, said he had recently attended a meeting of representatives of the employers and employees in New York, and that as a result his conviction was deepened that an amicable settlement was remote. "I am assured," he added, "there will be no modification of the attitude of the roads. Neither is it expected that the representatives of the men, with the new powerful strike vote in their hands, will recede from the position which they have taken heretofore."

"The United States Board of Mediation and Conciliation may come into the matter at this point, but without effect, in my judgment in bringing these contending factions together. Finally, arbitration may be discussed, and the break will come when the roads absolutely refuse to arbitrate the demands of the men and the men refuse with equal force to admit into the arbitrations the contingent proposals of the roads."

No Ray of Light Seen.

"I must confess in this situation, after talking most earnestly with both parties to the controversy, that I see no ray of light nor any possibility of averting a serious catastrophe."

"In a message to the heads of the railroad brotherhoods, Mr. Wheeler said he hoped he was wrong in his view of the gravity of the situation, but that "the public interest is a definite and tangible third interest in the controversy and the public has a right to know whether any increase in cost of operation arising from an adjustment of the differences between the brotherhoods and the railroads is to be passed on for final payment by an increase in rates for transportation."

In anticipation of a general conference here on the question, the chamber has sent to all commercial bodies in the country copies of the letter to the President, with a request that each send a representative to such a meeting.

SHIP SHEEP BY AUTO

Baker Packers Employ New Method of Transportation

Baker, Aug. 3.—Transporting sheep by auto trucks, instead of driving them across country, is the latest idea in livestock shipping. Ninemire Bros., of this city, are using the plan, and are finding that it is cheaper to bring 100 head of yearling weathers to Baker from Pine Valley by gasoline power, than it would be to drive them here. In addition to this fact that the animals arrive at the packing plant in much better condition than if they had just finished a drive lasting over several days.

Four trips are necessary in bringing the sheep to Baker, 25 being taken at a load. Hauling is being done at night.

Keeney Takes Vacation.

J. H. Keeney and family left last night for Bayocan where they will remain for some time enjoying the pleasures of the resort.