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LLOYD GEORGE 'FINISH FIGHT' POLICY LIKED

ENGLISH PRESS UNANIMOUSLY
WARNS NEUTRALS TO KEEP
HANDS OFF WAR

GERMANS BACK HOLLWEG'S
REICHSTAG ENUNCIATIONS

"America, Spain and Rome" Specified
as Three Who Especially Should
Keep Hands Out of European
Troubles—"Mountains of Corpses"
Blamed on England.

Berlin, Sept. 29.—Reichstag, by a big majority, has enthusiastically approved Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's opening speech yesterday. Hollweg said this morning:

"The enemy's desire for territorial conquest is responsible for mountains of corpses. British wish to crush our national existence. When England does not fear competition, when France bleeds to death, when all allies are England's slaves, then the British dream of world supremacy becomes a reality. Germany will persevere until the war ends victoriously."

"We offered peace December 9th, 1915. England is adding one breach of international law to another. England is our most egotistical, bitter and tenacious enemy."

Neutrals Must Keep Out
London, Sept. 29.—British press unanimously support Lloyd-George's statement that war must continue to a "knockout." The Express calls the interview "Really a historic manifesto." It said:

"American politicians eager for hyphenated votes, undoubtedly would suggest mediation, asking the belligerents to kiss and forget. To all would be peace-makers—America, Rome and Spain—the war secretary bluntly says, 'Keep out of the ring.'"

Afternoon papers called Hollweg's Reichstag address a "Gigantic sequel." The Globe said: "Germany's punishment has begun. No interference will be tolerated until Prussian despotism is irreparably broken. Hollweg's speech shows he knows the cause is lost, and it carries a tone of vicious complaining, infused with fear."

Somme Offensive Slackens
Berlin, Sept. 29.—The allied Somme offensive has slackened. British attacks at Ceurelette were repulsed. Teuton invasion of Transylvania is progressing.

British Advance Continues.
London, Sept. 29.—British advanced from Courcellette early this morning and captured the strongly defended farm southwest of Lesaures. French advanced between Morval and Frigicourt and swept eastward to squeeze Germans from Peronne. British grenadiers attacked a Hessian trench.

Few Complaints Filed.
Five complaints to assessments as made this year constitute the total objection of the valuation placed on Union county property. While the board of equalization has not adjusted the matter the members have examined most of the five properties in dispute. One complaint came from the Refrigerator Car company on its ice plant valuation at North Powder, another came on some lots in Elgin, another on the Miller Bros. ranch near Cove, another on some pasture land on East Mountain.

THREE GOVERNORS AT FAIR
Exhibits May Continue in Place Over
Sunday for Public Benefit

Salem, Sept. 29.—Governors' day at the fair saw a large crowd. The people cheered Governor Lister of Washington, Alexander of Idaho, and Withycombe of Oregon. The fair board is considering extending the exhibits over Sunday, but closing all concessions that day.

EXPERT TO MEET FIREMEN.
Volunteers Will Have Lessons of First
Aid Explained to Them.

Monday evening at the fire station Dr. Lipscomb, field worker for the American Red Cross society, will lecture to members of the volunteer fire department on first aid to injured. The Y. M. C. A. is directing the arrangements and Sec. King has secured the doctor's consent to lecture to the firemen at that time. In his lectures and demonstrations, he brought extremely practical lessons to their attention and firemen anticipate like lessons of use.

Hughes Backers Meet Monday

Union County Branch No. 1, National Alliance, which is composed of all voters desiring to aid in the election of Charles Evans Hughes as president, without regard to previous party affiliations, will be permanently organized next Monday night at the be present. Two prominent women, Mrs. Vincent Palmer and Mrs. Colan R. Eberhard, are temporary president and secretary of the organization conducting the permanent arrangements.

LAY PLANS TO PREVENT FIRES

NATIONALLY-OBSERVED EVENT
TO BE MADE MUCH OF IN LA
GRANDE.

School Superintendent and Fire Chief
Working Toward Draft of Instructive Program.

With the return of Superintendent McCullough from Walla Walla county, the city schools and La Grande fire department will begin laying plans for fire prevention day exercises in all the rooms of the city schools.

The anniversary of the Chicago conflagration is October 9th and nearly every state in the Union will observe this as "Fire Prevention Day." The Insurance Department of Oregon urges the observance of this day and earnestly requests the municipal officers to call the attention of the citizens of their community to the need of fire prevention.

In addition to appropriate drills etc., in the schools, the exercises that day are intended to make it clear that fire prevention means good housekeeping; the cleaning out of attics, store rooms, closets and basements; the proper disposal of rubbish; repairing defective flues and chimneys; repairing gas fixtures and electric light cords; making heating plants and stoves safe; and proper storage of gasoline.

"Try fire prevention once and you will find it is to your interest. I am sure the cleaning up of places will mean sanitation as well as fire prevention," says Harvey Wells, insurance commissioner for Oregon.

Within a few days a complete program will be drafted for the occasion. Chief Mackey of the fire department has signified his willingness to lend every possible aid to the school authorities toward making the day instructive to parents and children alike.

BIG NIGHT AT "Y" OCT. 2ND

The annual fall opening of the physical work of the Y. M. C. A., Monday October 2nd, will be celebrated in the form of "A Night of Sports." It is customary in many associations to open the physical education work with some sort of a jubilee, after the hot summer months the men and women are ready for the sort of physical exercise under systematic training rules, to keep them well and happy during the more strenuous winter and spring months. At a recent meeting of the social department of the Y. M. C. A. it was decided to co-operate with the physical department and make the event somewhat of an informal social affair. A short musical program has been arranged and it will be held in the lobby of the Association. The secretary will give a five minute talk regarding the plans that have been outlined for the association's activities for the coming season. The social department also promises several boxes of apples for the refreshment end of the program.

The program arranged under the physical work committee will be of a very interesting nature. The juniors will play a game of indoor baseball and will give number of relay races. The seniors under the leadership of Messrs. Harvey Larson and Fritz Lottes will play a game of basketball and will give a number of relay of new players on the floor, such as Niles, Murphy, Barton, Brownell and King. The businessmen under the leadership of Messrs. F. L. Meyers and Geo. T. Cochran will give one of the famous exhibitions of volleyball, professional men vs. the businessmen. A bowling match will be an attraction and will no doubt be a good exhibition, with such leaders as Messrs. S. D. Crowe and Don T. Scott. Another attraction of unusual merit is the volleyball game between members of the ladies' class. The secretary of the association has never in his sixteen years of the Y. M. C. A. work seen so proficient a number of good volleyball players as the ladies of the Y. M. C. A. The game is not an easy one to play by any means, and it will be worth the while of anyone to come and see this exhibition. All the members and friends and any one who wishes are cordially invited to attend this opening of the Physical and Social work of the Y. M. C. A.

MAN SHOT BY GIRL; INSULT GIVEN BLAME

NEWSPAPER WOMAN AT THOMPSON'S FALLS, MONT. UNDER ARREST FOR ACT

VICTIM DIES WITHOUT MAKING PUBLIC STATEMENT

Well Known Politician of Sanders County, Montana, Shot Through the Abdomen and Died Soon After Reaching Hospital—Girl Refused Bail—Newspaper Fight Waged.

Missoula, Sept. 29.—E. C. Thomas, chairman of the Sanders county Republican Central committee, died today as the result of wounds inflicted last night by Edith Colby, Miss Colby last night said Thomas had insulted her. The shooting took place at Thompson Falls, but Thomas reached Missoula before he died.

The woman, who was a newspaper woman at Thompson Falls, has been arrested without bail. She was formerly in Spokane politics and Thomas has been a leading Sanders county politician for 15 years. A three months' newspaper fight led to bad blood between the two.

TRAMPS BLAMED FOR BARN FIRE

Cigarette papers found in the E. L. Bussey barn at No. 1521 Madison St. a few days ago, leads to the belief that tramps have been sleeping there and set fire accidentally, to the Bussey barn at an early hour this morning. The undiscovered flames were mounting so high that the fire department could see them from their quarters and were on their way when the alarm came in. It required hard work by the department to save adjoining buildings, located close to the burning structure. The Bussey ambulance, fortunately, was not in the building at the time. It is understood the loss is about \$3000.00 with insurance of about \$1500.

The burned barn for a great number of years housed the team and rig owned by Mr. Bussey when he operated a cab service in this city.

TITLED WOMAN CHARGED WITH FRAUD.



BARONESS
DE PALLANDT

It was William Pinkerton, detective, who called the baroness, formerly May Dugas of Menominee, Mich., the most dangerous woman he had ever met. Now the baroness is being sued in her old home town by a girlhood friend, Franc Gray Shaver, who charges she deprived her of property worth \$99,000 through fraud and false promises. Testimony is expected to cover the baroness' adventurous past and will include, it is said, stories of "badger games" worked in the underworld of American cities by the baroness and her brother. The baron, who was master of hounds for the Prince of Wales when Victoria was queen, gave her \$10,000 for a divorce, charging her with fleeing his friends.

LABOR TO ISSUE NEW CALL

New York, Sept. 29.—Labor leaders plan a meeting Monday for the purpose of issuing another general sympathy strike call.

Leaders have declared the fight is still on, but have admitted unions failed to obey the strike orders this week. Police Commissioner Woods said today: "It's all over."

UNION FIRST FOR BEAUTY

STATE-WIDE HONORS WON BY MR. SPILLMAN'S ARRANGEMENT AT SALEM.

First Place in the Third District Lost by a Margin of Only One Half Point.

Union county's showing at the state fair at Salem is even greater than meagre press dispatches originally indicated. Paul H. Spillman, county agriculturist, of Union county, who is in charge of this county's exhibit at the state fair, has informed County Judge J. F. Phy that Union county took first prize for the entire state of Oregon for beauty of display. Two days ago the Observer announced that the Union county exhibit had taken second place in the third district for general display. This is true, but first place was lost only by half a point to Wasco county.

Thus with first place for beauty of display, and second in the district for general display, Union's showing is indeed remarkable—and there remains a fine group of show horses to hear from.

THIRTY-SEVEN ON EXCURSION

Thirty-seven La Grande people went to Enterprise on the special train this morning and before the special had reached the limits of Walla Walla county it carried a large number of other Union county visitors to the Enterprise fair. Recognizing the need of co-operation in county functions of this sort, numerous businessmen laid aside their private affairs for the day and joined in the visit to Enterprise and Walla Walla county.

Twin Cities Like Ice Cream.
Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 29.—Minneapolis consumed 6,000,000 dishes of ice cream during the summer, sustaining Minnie's girlish reputation. Brother Paul, across the river, drank 4,500,000 glasses of beer, in the same time.

NEW LAW IS PUT TO USE

THREATENING TO KILL CHARGE HEARD 'MID CONFLICTING TESTIMONY.

Justice Williams Discharges Harry E. Canfield of Serious Charges Following Neighborhood Quarrel.

At the preliminary hearing of Harry E. Canfield in Justice of the Peace Williams' court last evening on a charge of threatening the commission of a felony, alleged to have been done by telling Geo. A. Chadwick, the complaining witness, that he would "kill him" and other like words, some very conflicting testimony was produced. The affair occurred last Monday, on the defendant's farm in Mt. Glen, in the presence of three others. Chadwick and his partner, who together had succeeded to a tenancy of the farm expiring that day, swore that Canfield drew down a high power, loaded rifle on Chadwick and threatened to kill the latter; while Mr. Canfield denied this and positively swore that he neither pointed the gun directly at Chadwick or said anything more than to order them off the premises, as he considered they were no longer rightfully there. In these statements, Canfield was corroborated by two young nephews, one of whom told District Attorney Eberhard, on cross-examination, that his uncle had taken him out for a witness, as they expected trouble.

Justice Williams expressed his quandary in the premises, it being the first case under such a law ever brought to his attention, or before him; but under the very conflicting testimony he felt unable to find that a crime had been committed and hence discharged Mr. Canfield from custody.

COLONEL STARTS SPEAKING TOUR

New York, Sept. 29.—Col. Roosevelt starts for Battle Creek this afternoon to speak in behalf of Mr. Hughes. En route he will confer with Ralph D. Cole regarding other speeches. He probably will speak at Indianapolis, Cleveland, Columbus, Chicago, and Pacific coast points.

HUGHES IN HOME STATE
Touring New York For First Time Since Anti-Racing Campaign

Oneta, N. Y., Sept. 29.—Governor Hughes is stumping his own state for the first time since the anti-racing campaign seven years ago. His husky voice is gone and his gestures are briske. He attacked "Surrender to force" in the Adamson bill passage.

GIRL'S HORSE RUNS AWAY.
Imbler Student Has Exciting Time Returning to Her Home.

Imbler, Sept. 29.—Miss Grace German while on her way home from the Imbler high school Thursday afternoon, participated in a runaway which fortunately resulted in only slight injury. Her horse became frightened when a shaft broke and began running. The buggy was upset when the front wheel hit a post and Miss German accompanied the buggy top and seat in a hurried departure from the buggy, the horse and part of the rig continuing down the road a short distance and stopped near a barn. Miss German was bruised considerably, her clothing badly torn, but it is not believed she sustained any serious injury.

VILLISTAS WIN ONCE MORE.
Important Point Scored—American Mine Agent Flees for Life.

El Paso, Sept. 29.—United States government agents have received a report that Villa won the Cusiuhua battle and occupied the city last night. Carranzistas evidently were severely defeated. A Mexican manager of an American mine nearby telegraphed that Villistas forced him to abandon his property and flee on a gasoline speeder over the railroad.

OCTOBER TERM CONTAINS FEW STATE CASES

HOWLAND SUIT AGAINST THE CITY FIRST ON DOCKET AND OF GENERAL INTEREST.

POLYGAMY CHARGE WILL BE AIRED LATER ON

No Unusually Big Damage Suits or Big Criminal Cases Thus Far Docketed for October Term—Several Cases Disposed of Out of Court—Two Weeks Taken Up.

When circuit court takes up the October docket next Monday morning, several important cases of more than usual interest will come up, but to date there are comparatively few criminal cases of importance to be tried. One of the leading criminal matters will be the state case against Harry Grover alias Tom Harlan, who is accused of polygamy. Another case that is attracting much attention, and which by the way will open the term, is the L. D. Howland suit against the City of La Grande technically described as Howland vs. F. J. Lafky, as Mr. Lafky was at that time city manager. Mr. Howland sues the city for \$1250 as fees as supervising engineer of the Beaver creek dam built a year ago. After attempting a settlement with the city fruitlessly, Mr. Howland carried the case into court. The city contends that his salary of \$100 per month should cover the engineering fees but made a tender of a special fee considerably less than the amount asked for. This tender was refused.

Following the Howland case will be heard the West vs. Johnson case in which N. K. West brings replevin proceedings.

Huddleston vs. Lindley, involving some rentals, follows that case. Monday, October 9th, court will take up State against Graner; Tuesday, State against Newlin; Wednesday, Morgan vs. Johns; Thursday, Kaster vs. Hall; Friday, Boudette vs. Phy; Saturday, Campbell Electric company vs. Holt.

Cases which have been removed from the docket for one cause or another, and therefore settled, include the following: Fisk vs. Mayo; Hill vs. Lane; La Grande Grocery Co. vs. Simonsen; Leighton vs. Cleaver; Meyers vs. Cochran; U. S. National Bank vs. Hug; Van Buren vs. Campbell; Vanderpool vs. See; Bugg vs. Upton; Gripp vs. Stoop; Graham vs. Graham; Harsch vs. Galloway; Larsen vs. Larsen and Snook vs. Wagner.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gaskill were visitors in Baker yesterday.

Superintendent Veach of the American Express company is up from Portland today on official business.

Dr. J. D. Gillilan, who was called from Boise to officiate at the Breakenridge funeral, returned home on the noon train today.

Shop Foreman Ed. Thomas went over to Reith today to line up some work in the railroad mechanical department.

City Manager Foley and City Engineer Roscoe Neal have gone to the Beaver Creek in-take to investigate the requirements for the retaining dam.

Wm. Watson, a farmer of North Powder and a former La Grande resident, returned home today after attending to some business matters in this locality.

Warren Chandler went up to Durkee today to attend to the loading of some stock which he recently purchased to be sent out on the regular Saturday shipment to the Portland yards.

Mr. Phil Merrifield of Three Forks, Montana, returned to his home today having come to La Grande to attend the funeral of Edna Breakenridge. He is not a relative but is a life-long friend of the family.

Superintendent M. J. Buckley arrived from Portland this morning and today is on a tour of inspection over the branch line to Joseph. He is accompanied by S. A. Hering, superintendent of car service.

Captain Lee M. Clark, who spent a week in Pendleton recruiting for the national guard, has returned to La Grande. Navy and marine departments were also in Pendleton after recruits during the week.