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HOSPITAL FIRE BURNS ADULTS AND CHILDREN

**HORRIBLE SCENES ENACTED
BEFORE TERROR-STRICKEN
CROWDS ON STREETS.**

25 CHILDREN INJURED JUMPING TO PAVEMENT

**Farham Hospital in Quebec Destroyed
by Fire Which Quickly Shuts Off
Escape—Burning Stairways Drive
Children to Safety Via Windows.**

Farham, Que., Oct. 26.—(United Press)—Five are known to be dead, and it is estimated 22 others perished, while 15 are missing as the result of a fire in St. Elizabeth's hospital this morning. Twenty-five children were injured jumping from the third floor to the pavement.

Escape Fights Wild.
Three hundred and fifty inmates were unable to reach safety before the flames surrounded the patients and employees who fought in wild attempts to gain the exits.

Fire escapes were blocked and couldn't handle the crowds.
Tots Huddle in Groups.
Burning stairways trapped a group of children on the third floor, and the little tots huddled in groups. Some dashed to the windows and jumped to the pavement—others stood still awaiting their doom.

The origin of the fire was not announced.
In the debris this afternoon frantic search is being made for bodies, and check is taken on those known to have been in the building and those known to have escaped. Authorities admit the deathlist may be even worse than 27.

By-standers Horrified at Scenes.
The heart-rending scenes during the burning of the structure drove by-standers into hysterics. Unable to assist the little ones and the sick, the crowd stood without watching their friends and relatives perish.

Spooky Hilarity At "Y" Hallowe'en

Even Furnace Room Utilized to Entertain Guests the Night Goblins Come to Town.

One of the coming events that will no doubt be of much interest and pleasure to the La Grande people, is the Hallowe'en social at the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday evening October 31 under the direction of the teachers of the public schools and the Social committee of the Y. M. C. A.

Several committee meetings have been held by the various sub-committees and each committee is out to have their part of the program a decided success. Spooks and creepy feelings will be rampant that night. The program committee has outlined a tour that will make even the bravest shiver a little. Every available place in the Y. M. C. A. building will be in use—even the furnace room will harbor some of the thrills. Four of the dormitory rooms will be used for the fortune telling booths and it will be possible to have your fortune told in four different ways. The fortune tellers will be experts.

This social event will be open to all the members and friends of the association and will also be a reception to the visiting teachers coming to attend the Teachers' institute. Apples, cider and pop corn will be in abundance and a good time is in store for all who come.

The committees appointed by George T. Cochran, chairman of the Y. M. C. A. Social department, are as follows:

Program—Misses Sarah Smith, D. B. Smith, Mitchell, Hindman.
Refreshments—Messrs. Dixon, Ralston, McNeill.
Decorations—Misses Janet Jones, Sharp, Boggs.
Pumpkins—Messrs. Prince, Ingle and Cochran.
Corn—Messrs. Happersett, Binger and Hampton.
Music—Messrs. Price, Murphy, Cooper, and Miss Hindman.

Sinnot and Jack Rabbit Hat Stump

Ten-day Trip Through Eastern Oregon Begun Last Evening at North Powder—Comes Here Nov. 3rd.

N. J. Sinnot, The Dalles congressman, and his jackrabbit hat went into Wallowa county today to campaign for the Republican party. He speaks at Wallowa tonight, Enterprise tomorrow, Elgin Saturday afternoon, Imbler Saturday night, Union Tuesday; Wednesday and Thursday in Baker county and Friday Nov. 3rd in the Elks' old hall this city. Local candidates and speakers will accompany him on a complete tour of this county.

Last evening Mr. Sinnot and George T. Cochran spoke at North Powder to good crowds. They spoke on the tariff, the Mexican situation, the Panama canal and Rural Credits.

A Big Event Coming.
Don't forget to buy your ticket for the Pauline Miller Chapman concert, the best thing of the season and the cheapest to get in to hear—only 50 cents. Tickets are selling rapidly. Everybody will be sorry if they do not hear this wonderful mezzo-soprano Monday evening, October 30th, 8:15 p. m.

2 CANDIDATES SEEKING VOTES

**GOVERNOR HUGHES STARTS
FOR OHIO WHERE PRESIDENT
ALREADY IS.**

**Hughes Enthusiastic and Vigorous—
Wilson Gossips With Cheering
Crowds En Route to Cincinnati.**

New York, Oct. 26.—(United Press)—Mr. Hughes has started the final campaign drive. He left at 8 this morning en route to Connecticut, Massachusetts, Ohio and Indiana for eight days with 30 speeches. He was vigorous and enthusiastic. He intends to emphasize protection of American lives and property at sea and aboard, and preparedness.

Wilson Greeted Vigorously.
Chillicothe, Ohio, Oct. 26.—(United Press)—Several thousand greeted Mr. Wilson en route to Cincinnati. Stores were closed and clerks cheered the President. Many railroaders demonstrated. "I had a lot of fun here when I was a youngster" called Mr. Wilson.
The crowd replied: "Better stay a while."
A woman cried out: "With you the country remains peaceful," and he replied: "I certainly hope so."

Germans Receive Wilson.
Cincinnati, Oct. 26.—(United Press)—A crowd including many Germans cheered Wilson and was among the greatest receptions ever received.
Germans were prominent on the reception committees.

Hughes Reception Tremendous.
Hartford, Oct. 26.—(United Press)—Crowds tremendously cheered Hughes at Newhaven, Meriden and New Britain.

Roosevelt in Lincoln's State.
Dekalb, Ill., Oct. 26.—(United Press)—Roosevelt told several rear platform crowds: "Here is Lincoln's home state. I come to preach straightout Americanism, not the fifty-fifty brand. I want no British-French-German-Americanism. If any man has divided loyalty, let him get out."

WANTS PARTIES ABOLISHED

**Washington Men Institutes Petition
To Do Away with Partisanship.**
Seattle, Oct. 26.—(United Press)—Councilman Oliver Erickson has started for Olympia to file an initiative petition abolishing state partisan elections. He organizes volunteer workers next week throughout the state to circulate the petitions. "I expect 100,000 signatures. The day has come to shed political slavery. Washington will be the first state to lead progressive march," he said.

Bridal Couple Returns.
C. A. Riley, a member of the fire department, and Mrs. Riley returned last night from a wedding tour to Dayton, Wash.

Portland Shipbuilding Brisk.
Portland, Oct. 26.—(United Press)—Figures made public this afternoon showed Portland ranks next to San Francisco in ship building. Seattle is third, Astoria and St. Helens fourth.

EUROPE'S BEST BRIDGE BLOWN UP BY BALKANS

**HISTORIC DANUBE'S SPLENDID
STRUCTURE, COSTING MIL-
LIONS, DESTROYED.**

SLAVS ESCAPED OVER IT BEFORE TEUTONS ARRIVED

**Petrograd Declares Mackenzien's
Blows Weaken in Dobrudja—In the
West Comparatively Little of Mo-
ment Occurs—English Minesweeper
Hit by U-Boat.**

London, Oct. 26.—(United Press)—Rome has sent a wireless that Roumanians have dynamited the Cherna-voda bridge over the Danube, which was Europe's greatest. It was built in 1896 and cost several millions. It was 14 miles long.

Slavs Escape Before Fall.
Berlin, Oct. 26.—(Via Sayville)—(United Press)—Semi-official news agencies report that portions of the Russo-Roumanian forces escaped over Europe's historic bridge before Mackenzien entered the city and before it was destroyed.

War Bulletins.
Paris, Oct. 26.—(United Press)—Germans artilliered the Vaux sector northeast of Verdun but attempted no counters. French defeated Bulgarians near Monastir. Serbians captured the Cerna river heights. French cavalry took bridges and two villages southwest of Lake Presbaw. Petrograd has reported Mackenzien's Dobrudja attacks are apparently weaker.

London, Oct. 26.—(United Press)—The admiralty has announced the British minesweeper Genista has been submerged. Seventy-three sailors and all the officers were drowned. Twelve were saved.

Insane Robber Dead.
Seattle, Oct. 26.—(United Press)—John Hildebrand, 36, a paroled convict, died in the city hospital as the result of wounds suffered September 5, when Patrolman Arbogast shot him while robbing a pedestrian.

First Aid Class Keeps Enlarging

**Red Cross Representative Brings In-
teresting Message of Practical Sort
to Big Class in Y. M. C. A.**

The Y. M. C. A. classes in emergency work met again yesterday. In the afternoon the ladies' class was organized with an attendance of about 20. In the evening W. B. Pickens, President of the men's class, made a short, clean-cut, direct speech; he being that type of speaker who says much in few words, a rare production especially in a campaign year. James Bingham, elected secretary, called the roll. Dr. Lipscomb discussed the 11 chief types of accidents and diseases which fall under the heading of unconsciousness, including that from drowning, electric shock, gas and smoke suffocation. He made the point that a physician should be called in these cases, but that a large responsibility rests on by-standers to begin artificial respiration immediately in drowning and asphyxia from other causes. The statement was made that too much reliance has been placed in mechanical devices for such, and often fatal delay in waiting for same. The Schaefer method was the one given preference. Methods of breaking "strangleholds" of a drowning man were shown, also tricks of rescue from live wires.

The subjects followed by the two classes will be much the same.
Local physicians are cordially invited to visit these demonstrations.
The doctor is a rapid talker. This method he finds a preventative of "chair slumber," also is required by the number of subjects necessary to be covered in a specified time.

Chamberlain at the Dalles.
The Dalles, Ore., Oct. 26.—(Special)—Senator George E. Chamberlain will speak here Friday.

THIRD WOMAN OF NATIONAL NOTE ARRIVES

**LA GRANDE FAVORED WITH
TRIO OF NATIONALLY FAM-
OUS WOMAN LEADERS**

WOMAN'S PARTY AGENT WILL SPEAK THIS EVENING

**Mrs. Sara Bard Field Comes to De-
liver Her Message on Politics With
a Picturesque History—Speaks To-
night at Elks' Old Hall.**

Bearing the message of the newly created Woman's party, Sara Bard Field, one of the most picturesque figures in the world of women's affairs, arrived today noon to deliver a lecture this evening at the old Elks' hall on "Why the Woman's party opposes Wilson."

The meeting will be called to order at 8 o'clock.

La Grande has had a remarkable week of visits by remarkable women. First came Mrs. Hanley of Medford—a new figure in state politics; then came a national lodge officer yesterday and today a woman upon whom the whole country looks as unique and picturesque.

Mrs. Field motored across the country from San Francisco to Washington, D. C., bearing a petition signed by 1,000,000 voters, most of them women, demanding justice for American womanhood. She spoke in behalf of the women voters to the President before the Democratic convention committee and before the Judiciary committee in Washington. She spoke before the Resolutions committee in St. Louis at the Democratic convention. She is now completing a tour through the free states. She speaks in Baker, La Grande, Pendleton, Hood River, The Dalles and Portland and other places in Oregon before proceeding to her home state to finish the campaign. Her talk is an inside view of the workings of the Democratic convention. She tells of the workings of the leaders from President down are most interesting. People are enthralled over her witty stories and her intimate knowledge of Party government.

Mrs. Field was received by a committee and is being entertained this afternoon informally.

Insurance Fund Short.

Salem, Oct. 26.—(United Press)—State Insurance Commissioner Wells has asked for an additional appropriation of \$8400 to finance the regular annual investigations of local and foreign insurance companies operating in Oregon.

Comes Out for Wilson.

Wichita, Kan., Oct. 26.—(Special)—Victor Murdock has come out in support of President Wilson. He is editor of the Wichita Eagle and a Progressive.

Non-Partisan Meeting.

A non-partisan meeting will be held at Elks' old auditorium tomorrow (Friday night) at which G. O. Barnhart, general chairman B. of L. E., and J. B. Rhodes, general chairman, O. R. C., will explain the Adamson eight hour law.

NEW GAS FRANCHISE SLEEPING

**Probabilities Are It Will Come Up
Later—Commission Meeting Brief**

Comparatively little out of the ordinary came up at last evening's meeting of the City commission. The gas franchise which has been ready for final reading and passage three weeks has had no friends present in that length of time, and it now seems possible it will come up for amendment at the instance of the city which wants the premium to apply on a gross receipt basis rather than net.

The collection of delinquent assessments came up again for consideration. A big list of delinquents has been prepared and the order to collect forthwith has gone forth once more.

The North Second street crossing which seems certain of construction is again in status quo, the commission balking at the company's proposal, and the company in turn being silent on counter proposals.

Children's Welfare Exhibit Next Week

**State and Local Organization Will In-
troduce Marvelous Exhibit of Child
Welfare Propaganda.**

Panels or screens each two and a half by five feet treating cripple children, dependency and delinquency, child hygiene, schools for the deaf and feeble minded, literature covering various subjects, and a most exhaustively prepared campaign of education, will be on exhibit at the Neighborhood club rooms next week under local direction of the Neighborhood club and by the courtesy and supervision of the Oregon Child Welfare commission.

The exhibit which contains a wonderful amount of illustrations and figures, also carries a statement of the case, a remedy and other information. The exhibits are free, and of vital interest in propaganda looking toward suitable child welfare legislation.

The exhibit was prepared at the suggestion of the Federal Children's bureau at Washington. Besides the cost of \$400 much labor was connected with it from state agencies, boards and institutions. It was shown 20 places before being shown at the state fair. The exhibit will arrive Oct. 28 and leaves Nov. 2.

VILLA NOW AT SANTA YSABEL

**Withdrawal of American Troops
Thought One Way to Get Bandit In-
to Open Fight—Fugitives Get
Away.**

Chihuahua City, Oct. 26.—(United Press)—It is officially announced Villa has established headquarters at Santa Ysabel, 30 miles southwest. Many people are leaving. A train carrying 46 started for Juarez last night.

Juarez, Oct. 26.—(United Press)—Villa continues his retiring movement in the Santa Ysabel district. He is carrying considerable equipment and supplies.

Refugees have reported disorderly skirmishes but Trevina refuses to open battle, fearing another Villa trap.

United States authorities believe withdrawal is the strategic plan as Villa fears to hold Chihuahua on account of Pershing's nearness. He wants to draw the Carranzistas into his own country. Villa boasted he will have control of the state of Chihuahua a month after Pershing withdraws.

Referee Question Undecided to Date

**Pendleton Wants Walla Walla Man,
and Added Expense Frowned Upon
—Team Has Huge Task Cut Out
For It.**

To date no agreement has been reached in the matter of officials for the Pendleton-La Grande high school football game to be played here Saturday afternoon of next week. Pendleton is holding out for Applegate of Walla Walla while the home management can't see the expediency of going to the expense of bringing Mr. Applegate to La Grande. La Grande has suggested "Chuck" Reynolds, "Ted" Ludlam or Father Driscoll, but to date no actual agreement has been reached.

The team is having its rough edges pruned by Coach Miller in preparation for what looks to be the hardest game of the year. Walla Walla beat La Grande 86-0 and Pendleton 12-6 so that it is easy to compute the comparative strength of Pendleton and La Grande. The home team has a huge handicap to overcome.

La Grande team is beginning to develop into a real team. The boys are getting back their fighting spirit that has marked their work in previous years. Each night the team is out working hard for the coming game and a spirit of "do or die" prevails around the school.

This game is to be the most important of the season and every man on the team and every substitute feels that on him depends the outcome of the game. If this spirit lasts throughout the game there will be little doubt as to the outcome.

Pendleton is known to have a big fast team; their showing against Walla Walla makes them a big favorite over the local boys. But the team that represents La Grande Saturday cannot be compared with the team that played Walla Walla and Pendleton will have a very unpleasant surprise in store for them.

ADAMSON BILL DEEMED A BASIS OF SETTLEMENT

**GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR-
MEN LOOK UPON IT AS
GOOD LAW**

SOME FAULTS ADMITTED BUT MERITS PREVAIL

**When Adequate Punitive Clause Is
Added, Employees Will Be Satisfied
Chairmen Claim No Extra Cost to
Companies Need Accrue Under the
New Law.**

"Out of the Adamson bill which without a punitive clause is only a basic eight-hour law, and doesn't attain the complete ends we sought, will soon come a measure that will protect the railroads and guarantee the employees shorter hours they seek, and for all time settle hour disputes between company and employee. The Adamson bill is a corner stone upon which will be built, in time, a comprehensive measure that will prevent future demonstrations of the August type, and yet guarantee to all concerned adequate protection and rights."

Such, in effect, are the words of George Barnhart, veteran Spokane engineer, who is chairman of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers' Grievance committee, and who is in La Grande today. J. B. Rhodes, chairman of the Conductors' Brotherhood, is also with him from Spokane and the two are calling upon the brotherhood members, discussing their interests in an informal way.

Mr. Barnhart is an optimist. He announces that a meeting of managers and chairmen for the whole country is likely to be called before January 1st with the idea of reaching mutual understanding as to how to apply the law.

Mr. Barnhart wants the wage and hour question settled once for all. In discussing the question he pointed to the inefficiency or arbitration, citing the condition that always exists. "If a railroad employee is named as a member, he probably could not be neutral; neither could a railroad official family man, although each might be entirely above reproach in character. Therefore a neutral person is called in and we find him wholly unschooled in the railroad business yet called upon to decide momentous railroad questions."

Answering the query if in their minds the Adamson bill was a step toward government ownership, both Mr. Barnhart and Mr. Rhodes admitted they didn't know, but thought it might be another brick in that wall. "I haven't made up my mind that I would personally welcome government ownership but one thing is sure it would eliminate excessive hours, a condition we all would hail with delight," said Mr. Barnhart.

Coming back to the Adamson bill, Mr. Barnhart, who was one of the 640 chairmen who conferred often with President Wilson last August, said that the railroad employees gave in to the proposition that the basic eight-hour law be tried with the understanding that a commission investigate the punitive clause later. The bill as it now stands provides insufficient penalty for overtime, and, reduced to the last analysis, simply substitutes "8" for "10" in the wage and hours agreements. The chairman is inclined to believe the bill is constitutional but declared that so great an undertaking naturally would not be perfect in its original form, but, as stated, he confidently expects full and complete solution of the hour and wage question, using the Adamson bill as a medium, adding to, changing, subtracting, revamping, until in the end both sides of the great question are protected and satisfied. Admitting the bill's faults and at the same time propping upon its merits faith in future legislation, Mr. Barnhart is anything but gloomy, anything but downcast; on the contrary deems the future certain of mutually efficacious legislation. The Brotherhood officials point out:

Under certain conditions employees could be worked full 16 hours without drawing overtime. The conditions under which this might be brought about

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