

DEATH AND DISASTER AT RACES

THREE KILLED IN 500-MILE INTERNATIONAL AT INDIANAPOLIS YESTERDAY.

HOWARD WILCOX WINNER OF \$20,000 FIRST PRIZE

Arthur Thurman Killed When Machine Overturned—Lecocq and His Mechanician Burned to Death Under Car—De Palma Shattered Track Records for First 200 Miles.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 31.—Howard Wilcox, of Indianapolis, today won the seventh annual international sweepstakes race of 500 miles at the motor speedway, his time being 5:24:21-75. Two drivers, Arthur Thurman and Lewis Lecocq, and his mechanic, R. Bandini, were killed and two others injured.

As a result of his victory, Wilcox wins a prize of \$20,000. Fifty thousand dollars was divided among the first ten drivers. Other drivers who finished, in order named, were Hearne, Goux, Guyot, Alley, De Palma, L. Chevrolet, Vail, G. Chevrolet, and Thomas.

Wilcox's Average 87.12 Miles.

Wilcox and Guyot were team-mates. Wilcox assumed the lead as the contest approached the half-way mark and drove consistently throughout. He had two stops, one for a tire change and one to take on gasoline, oil and water and to repair a loose steering knuckle. His average was 87.12 miles an hour. All records for the Indianapolis speedway were shattered by Ralph De Palma for the first 200 miles. Long stangs in the pits, however, put him almost entirely out of the running and it only was by terrific speed that he managed to nose L. Chevrolet out of sixth place.

Thurman's Car Turned Over.

Arthur Thurman, driving a car he had reassembled himself, was killed when his machine turned over on the back stretch before the race had progressed 250 miles. He was dead when found. His mechanic received a fractured skull and was rushed to the hospital where he was operated on.

Lewis Lecocq and his assistant, R. Bandini, were burned to death when their car turned over and caught fire at the north turn. The machine rolled over three times before it stopped, pinning both driver and mechanic under it.

HORRIBLE DEATH OF LECOQ AND MECHANICIAN BANDINI

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

INDIANAPOLIS, May 31.—The 500-mile international automobile road race started today under a sweltering sun. De Palma, driving a Packard, led at the first hundred miles; Ballot, in a Ballot, second; L. Chevrolet, in a Fontaine, third. All previous records of the speedway for that distance were broken, the average speed for the first hundred miles being 92.7 miles per hour.

Arthur Thurman's machine turned over on the north turn on the forty-fourth lap. He was killed and his mechanic, M. Molinaro, has a fractured skull.

There are thirty-three drivers in the race and the purses aggregate fifty thousand dollars. This is the first international race since 1916.

Burning Gasoline Covered Men.

Lecocq and his mechanic, Bandini, were burned to death when their car overturned. Gasoline covered both the unfortunate men and burned for five minutes before the fire was extinguished. The burning gas spread over the track while the men were burning to death and several of the speeding racers were compelled to dash through the blaze.

The accident is one of the most serious in the history of the track. Lecocq and Bandini are said to be from Los Angeles. A Ballot car, driven by J. C. Hainsagne, a relief driver, was turned over and Hainsagne was slightly injured. His mechanic, A. Romigore, was slightly hurt.

At 200 miles, Wilcox, in a Peugeot, had taken the lead, and was driving furiously.

AUSTRIA TO GET PEACE TREATY AT NOON ON MONDAY

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PARIS, May 31.—The secret plenary session of the peace conference this afternoon decided to present the peace treaty to the Austrians at noon Monday. The small powers made reservations on the financial and reparations clauses.

The session was largely attended. It developed a spirited discussion. Premier Rapadino, of Roumania, Mr. Trumbitch, of Serbia, Premier Venizelos, of Greece, and the Czech-Slav delegates presented reservations on the financial and reparations terms.

M. Clemenceau, replying to criticism regarding lack of time, pointed out that more time had been granted than had first been asked.

President Wilson made a conciliatory speech, pointing out that the great powers had borne the principal responsibility.

OPPOSE REPEAL LUXURY TAXES

SUPPORTERS OF PROPOSAL CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS.

Separate Tariff Measures to Be Offered to Congress Soon.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, May 31.—Unexpected opposition to the repeal of the luxury tax section of the war revenue bill developed today in the house and sponsors of several other proposed repeals, ready to offer substitutes, feared postponement of final action until next week. Its supporters said adoption was certain.

Opponents attacked the proposal declaring it would only remove costly articles, including wearing apparel, from taxation, which could be borne without financial injury to the consumer. Advocates of the repeal declared the tax was levied in time of war to discourage expensive purchases and prevent their manufacture, but admitted that the loss of \$85,000,000 revenue expected to result from the levy would be keenly felt by the treasury.

During debate Chairman Fordney announced that separate tariff measures designed to protect American industries developed during the war would be offered soon to congress by the ways and means committee. He named the potato, the dye and the laboratory glass industries as among those to receive first consideration. He also declared his desire to shift the excess profit taxes from corporations to stockholders, declaring that such action would encourage industry and increase employment.

ISOLATED HOME IS NOW NEEDED

SMALLPOX HITS LA GRANDE—NURSES VICTIMS OF DISEASE

Small House in North La Grande Used As Rest House but Conveniences Very Poor

The imperative need for a isolated home for patients afflicted with contagious disease has now asserted itself in a way that every citizen is brought face to face with the facts.

A short time ago an operative case was brought to the Grande Ronde hospital where the operation was performed and in a few days the patient broke out with smallpox. Very soon Miss Louisa Witty and Vera Hus, two of the hospital nurses, took the disease and were removed to an old house in North La Grande where Miss Ashby, another nurse, is attending them. These followed an old lady, patient of the hospital who was too feeble to move from the institution and she was isolated in a room that is completely separated from the remainder of the institution.

Just how far the disease will spread no one can guess and it is very apparent that the city and county should have the isolated home for those afflicted. This has long been talked of but now comes the dire need for such a place.

NC-4 ENDS FLIGHT AT PLYMOUTH

LAST LEG OF JOURNEY ACROSS THE ATLANTIC TO ENGLAND MADE YESTERDAY.

MAY ATTEMPT DIRECT FLIGHT BACK HOME

Wild Welcome at Plymouth Greeted American Eliers On Completion of Wonderful Air Journey—Landed at Place Where Pilgrim Fathers "Took Off" Three Centuries Ago.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PLYMOUTH, Eng., May 31.—The seaplane, NC-4, pride of the American navy, crossed Plymouth Sound this afternoon, circled the place from where the Pilgrim fathers sailed in their cockle shell ship for the New World in 1620, and alighted in the catta-water, her epoch-making trans-Atlantic flight ended.

As she came into view through the western haze England, gave her the splendid welcome she deserved.

Leaving Ferrol, Spain, at 6:27 this morning, the NC-4 covered the distance of approximately 500 miles to Plymouth in less than seven hours.

Despite adverse winds and weather

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SACRED HEART COMMENCEMENT

GRADUATING EXERCISES OF CLASS TO BE HELD TONIGHT

Right Rev. Joseph McGrath, Bishop of Baker City, Will Preach and Award the Honors

The twenty-fourth annual commencement exercises of the Sacred Heart Academy will take place this evening in the church of Our Lady of the Valley at 7:30 o'clock.

Right Rev. Joseph M. McGrath, Bishop of Baker City, will preside and award the honors to the graduates. The baccalaureate session will be followed by benediction. The class is composed of the following young ladies: Louise O'Connell and Mary Beaudette, of La Grande; Georgiann Gough of Minam.

The academy orchestra will play the professional and recreational and vocal numbers, will be rendered by Mrs. J. F. Corbett and Mrs. P. A. Foley.

COL. MAY SENDS RESIGNATION IN TO GOV. OLCOTT

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PORTLAND, May 31.—Col. John L. May has tendered to Governor Olcott his resignation, which is to become effective tomorrow. He will return to the Southern Pacific company, as superintendent of the Portland division.

No announcement is made of his successor. Col. May said that Governor Withycombe had asked him to take charge and straighten out the military affairs of the state and that this work is now completed.

SESSOR ANNOUNCED SOON SALEM, May 31.—Governor Olcott said that he would announce May's successor soon and may recommend changing the adjutant's office from Portland to Salem for the sake of economy and coordination.

WEATHER FORECAST.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) PORTLAND, May 31.—Fos Oregon: Sunday, fair and warmer, light to heavy frost eastern portion, in early morning.

OPERATORS MAY STRIKE MONDAY

LABOR LEADERS THREATEN A NATION-WIDE WALK-OUT.

Telegraph and Telephone Operators and Electrical Workers Going Out If Demands Not Met.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

ATLANTA, Ga., May 31.—Differences between the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company and its employees, which, according to labor men will cause a nation-wide strike of telegraph operators and telephone and electrical workers, unless settled by Monday, have been referred to the government with operating board in New York for adjustment.

President J. E. Brown, of the Southern Bell Company, in making the announcement tonight, denied there had been discrimination against employees because of union membership.

Leaders of the union committee which presented to the company today demands calling for the reinstatement of 14 operators, who, they declared, had been discharged because of membership in the Commercial Telegraphers' union, said a nation-wide strike would be called Monday at 5:00 p.m. unless the demands were met.

POLISH FORCES HAVE OCCUPIED STANISLAU CITY

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

BASEL, May 31.—The Poles have occupied Stanislaw, Galatin, 75 miles southeast of Lemberg, according to official announcements from Warsaw. The Ukrainian garrison at Stanislaw was disbanded.

CONDITIONS SEEM WORSE IN WINNIPEG

RETURNED SOLDIERS JOINED UNION MEN IN THE VISIT TO PARLIAMENT.

SITUATION MORE SERIOUS YESTERDAY THAN EVER

Labor Crowds Demand That Something Be Done at Once—City and Federal Officials in Manitoba Capital Consider Advisability of Calling for Military Police Forces.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WINNIPEG, May 31.—A parade of 200 or more returned soldiers and union men, opposing the labor side of the general strike in Winnipeg, today swept through the provincial House of Parliament and then marched to the city hall where they broke up a council meeting.

Inside the buildings speakers, using violent language, charged that Premier J. G. Norris and Mayor Charles E. Gray were not dealing properly with the strike situation, and urged that "something had better be done soon."

Strikers Sore at Norris This was the second parade to Parliament in two days. The marchers

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BISHOP M'GRATH PREACHES TODAY

DISTINGUISHED BAKER CITY CHURCHMAN IN CITY

Paying First Visit to La Grande and Preaches This Morning in St. Roman Catholic Church

Right Rev. Joseph McGrath, Bishop of Baker City will pay his first visit to La Grande today. He will preside at the morning services in the church of Our Lady of the Valley and will deliver the commencement address to the graduates of the Sacred Heart Academy in the evening.

CARRANZA CALLS TROOPS OFF

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

NOGALES, May 31.—Carranza has countermanded his order of yesterday for troops to march on Chihuahua City, saying that the situation there had quieted.

FAN-GERMANS SAID TO WANT WILHELM BACK

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

LONDON, May 31.—The fan-German union proposes to introduce in the German national assembly a resolution inviting the former German emperor to return to Germany, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Berlin.

BEEF PRICES DROPPING.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) CHICAGO, May 31.—The American Meat Packers association announced a decrease in the price of beef "immediately," due to cheaper grass fed cattle moving to market and exports practically ceased since the government stopped buying.

MENTIONED FOR WARDEN'S JOB

(By Associated Press to The Observer) SALEM, May 31.—Only two men are mentioned thus far for warden of the penitentiary. They are Til Taylor, of Umatilla county, and Former Sheriff William Each, of Marion county.

TORONTO FACING GENERAL STRIKE

CITY FIRE FORCE THREATENS TO WALK OUT.

Over Ten Thousand Additional Workmen Said to Have Joined Strikers Yesterday.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

TORONTO, May 31.—With no progress made toward settlement of the strike of metal trades workers called yesterday, unionized members of the Toronto fire department issued an ultimatum that they would walk out Tuesday unless wage demands are granted.

The unionized firemen, who are affiliated with the International Fire Fighters of America, declare that they can call out 92 per cent of the department's personnel. The city council is expected to act on their demands Monday. It is said that between 8000 and 12000 additional workmen have joined the ranks of the strikers today and additional walkouts Monday are predicted.

Much interest attached to the meeting tonight of street railway employees. The carmen's demands, which have been drafted for submission to the council, call for a reduction in working hours from nine and a half to eight hours and a substantial wage increase. A large body of strikers attended a mass meeting tonight.

CELEBRATION OF DECORATION DAY

USUAL EXERCISES HELD IN MORNING AND AFTERNOON

G. A. R. Veterans Paid Respects to Memory of Comrades of Old Days of '61.

Decoration Day was fittingly observed Friday by the local G. A. R. veterans and the members of the Women's Relief Corps, with numbers of citizens paying tribute by their presence to the memory of the men who died in battle over half a century ago and of those who, coming safely through those bloody battlefields, have of more recent years passed on to join the greater numbers of the grandest of all armies.

There was remembrance, also, for other dear ones who have completed life's great adventure and whose graves lie near those of the soldier dead. Flowers were bestowed upon their graves.

The ceremony of decorating the graves was held in the morning. The G. A. R. and W. R. C. members assembled in the K. P. hall and then turned their procession before the meeting place. Led then by the G. W. band the parade moved to the Masonic cemetery, where the exercises were held.

In the afternoon, at the L. D. S. tabernacle, the usual Decoration Day services were held. Commencing at 2:30, addresses were given by R. J. Kitchin, J. W. Oliver and Rev. P. J. Driscoll. Three musical selections, "The Star Spangled Banner," "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground," and "Flag of the Free," were given by the Community Chorus.

LARGE VOTE LOOKED FOR ON TUESDAY

NINE MEASURES TO BE SUBMITTED TO ELECTORATE AT SPECIAL ELECTION

CITY POLLING PLACES ARE ANNOUNCED

Three Good Roads Measures Among Important Bills on Ballot—Reconstruction Bonding Measure and Service Men's Financial Aid Bill Likely to Get Strong Support Also

With good weather seemingly on the way back again, everything seems to be favorable for the polling of a large vote at the special election to be held Tuesday this week, June 3rd. Public leaders of the community and of the state count the program which will be voted on Tuesday as one of the most momentous ever submitted to the electorate of the state. It is a real reconstruction program in every sense and if it carries and if the courage and the progressive spirit of the people of the state persevere, wonderful days of development can be seen ahead.

Hard Work for Good Bills

The strongest boosting locally in connection with the program to be submitted on the ballot has been done for the good roads measure. The good roads division of the Union County Ad. Club has prepared a very ambitious program for today's road building. And its entire success depends wholly upon the passing of the two measures known as the six per cent. tax limitation amendment and the market roads bill. These have been thoroughly explained to nearly every voter in the county through the good roads meetings held at most of the towns in the county during the past month. Much has also been heard about the Roosevelt Military Highway bill, and there seems to be a strong sentiment in favor of that measure in this part of the state.

Other Also Important

Another important measure is the five million dollar reconstruction bonding amendment and still another is the educational financial aid bill. Not so much has been said of these bills, due to the concentration of interest largely on the good roads bill, and a word about them might be of value. Briefly, the purpose of the Reconstruction Bonding Bill is to bond the state for not more than \$5,000,000; to levy taxes to pay for same; also to construct hospitals at Portland and Salem, agricultural college buildings at Corvallis, university buildings at Eugene, normal school buildings at Monmouth, hospital buildings at Poppleton, to aid in the construction of armories at Marshfield, Astoria, Baker, Bend, La Grande and Medford; to construct a penitentiary in Marion county; to promote land settlement; to develop reclamation projects on arid, swamp and logged off lands; and to provide for the settlement thereon of honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines of the United States.

The principal object of the reconstruction amendment and bill is to enable the state to watch government appropriations for reclamation work, etc.

All for Service Men

The Soldiers', Sailors' and Marines' Financial Aid Bill is for the purpose of providing honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines enlisted or inducted from Oregon may attend any institution of learning, public or private, in Oregon and have their necessary expenses, not exceeding \$25 per month nor \$200 per year, paid by the state for not more than four years; levying two-tenths of a mill state tax to provide for such.

Polling Places in La Grande Precincts

La Grande, No. 1, Monroe's store. La Grande, No. 2, City Hall. La Grande, No. 3, W. D. Grady residence, Second street. La Grande, No. 4, Riveria school. La Grande, No. 5, Davis residence, 1792 V. avenue. La Grande, No. 6, Ida Blom residence, 1493 Cove and Cherry sts. La Grande, No. 7, L. A. Fuller resident, 1604 Washington street. La Grande, No. 8, court house. La Grande, No. 9, Presbyterian

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