

LEADERS OF N. P. LEAGUE CONVICTED

A. C. TOWNLEY AND CO-DEFENDANT, JOSEPH GILBERT, DECLARED GUILTY.

CLAIM CHARGES EFFORT TO INJURE THE LEAGUE

Jury Returned Verdict of Conviction Late Last Night—Request of Townley That He Be Allowed to Argue His Case Before the Jury Was Refused By Judge Bean.

By Associated Press to The Observer

JACKSON, Minn., July 12.—The jury in the trial of President A. C. Townley and Joseph Gilbert, of the Non-Partisan League, late tonight found the defendants guilty of the charge of conspiracy to teach disloyalty in violation of the Minnesota law.

The defense asserted that speeches by Townley and Gilbert at mass meetings in Minnesota early in 1913 were not disloyal and detrimental to the government and the prosecution of the war. The speeches were made in the presence of the indictment, together with circulation of the Non-Partisan League's so-called war program over Townley's signature.

During the three weeks of the trial the defense has made repeated charges that the case was the outgrowth of an effort to injure the Non-Partisan League. Testimony along this line and also by Representative James M. Baer and North Dakota state officials concerning the loyalty of Townley and the league was excluded by Judge E. C. Bean.

JACKSON, Minn., July 12.—When Prosecutor E. H. Nicholas completed his argument shortly before 8 o'clock tonight in the case of A. C. Townley and Joseph Gilbert, charged with conspiracy to teach disloyalty, Townley made a personal plea to the court that he be permitted to argue his own case to the jury.

Townley, standing in the crowded court room, told Judge Bean he had dismissed his attorney, that the co-defendant, Gilbert, had waived the right of further representation by counsel and that he asked for himself the privilege of speaking on the ground that he felt the Non-Partisan League was on trial.

Prosecutor Nicholas spoke nearly four hours before he closed his argument.

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TO INVESTIGATE SHIPPING BOARD

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE WALSH.

Accounting of Expenses of U. S. Shipping Board and Emergency Fleet Corporation Asked.

By Associated Press to The Observer

WASHINGTON, July 12.—Investigation of the operations and expenditures of the shipping board and the Emergency Fleet corporation by a special house committee was proposed in a resolution introduced today by Representative Walsh, Republican, of Massachusetts, in agreement with Republican leaders.

The resolution provides for an investigation of contracts, leases, expenditures, receipts and any and all transactions of the said United States Shipping Board, the Emergency Fleet Corporation and any other corporations, firms, individuals or agencies in any way associated with or controlled or regulated by said boards of Emergency corporation.

The resolution was referred to the subcommittee, which will be asked to make a special order of business after the prohibition legislation is passed.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For Oregon: Sunday, fair, moderate weather.

ENVER PASHA DOOMED TO DIE

TURKISH COURT MARTIAL CONDEMNS SEVERAL LEADERS.

Pasha and His Associates Fled Several Months Ago From Turkey and Whereabouts Are Unknown.

By Associated Press to The Observer

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 12.—Enver Pasha, Talaat Bey and Djemal Pasha, leaders of the Turkish government during the war, were condemned to death today by a Turkish court martial investigating the conduct of the Turkish government during the war.

Enver and his associates in the Young Turkish government fled from Turkey several months ago and their present whereabouts are unknown.

Several other officials of the government were sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment while others were acquitted.

HARD FIGHT TO SAVE KAMELA

HOTEL AND TWO HOUSES BURNED FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Citizens Fought All Night To Save Town and Keep Fire From Getting Into the Bush

KAMELA, Ore., July 12.—Kamela had a disastrous fire late yesterday afternoon, when the Modine boarding house and two dwellings were burned. The fire started about 5 o'clock from cause unknown, and burned nearly all through the night. It was only by the most heroic efforts that the citizens of the town were able to keep the flames from destroying every structure in the place and they had an all night job on their hands to keep the fire confined to the three buildings which were destroyed. It was feared for some time that the fire would get beyond control and spread into the bush about the town, but the fire fighters, realizing the catastrophe that would surely result should this happen, labored unceasingly and with superhuman efforts to prevent it.

The dwellings were occupied by Harry Clark and by Engineer Walker. They managed to save most of their household effects.

WATER SUPPLY IS IN A BAD WAY

SWIMMING TANKS CUT OFF AND LAWS TO USE LESS WATER

Emergency Exists and People Must Conserve Water from this Date

By Associated Press to The Observer

At an emergency meeting of the city commission last evening it was decided to make a strenuous appeal to the people of La Grande to use less water.

This becomes necessary because the pumps are being overworked and the capacity of the system with the auxiliary pumps will not supply a sufficient amount of water for the city under present dry conditions if lawns and gardens are to claim an unlimited supply of water.

Parts for the chlorination plant have been ordered but it will require a few days for them to reach the city and the city manager desires to pump as little water as possible into the mains until those parts arrive and the plant is put in operation again.

Men are at work on the pipeline which is now carrying less than half enough water for the city. It is not expected that the pipe line supply will be materially increased. The pumping plants are dependent upon to save the city from a water famine and with the pumps working more than capacity now the commission has issued more than a request, for it is almost a command that less water be used on lawns, parks and gardens.

DAYLIGHT SAVING LAW IS RESCUED

PRESIDENT VETOES AGRICULTURAL APPROPRIATION BILL CARRYING IT AS RIDER.

SUNDRY CIVIL BILL ALSO GETS WILSON'S VOTE

Congress Leathes to Accept Veto of Daylight Saving Repeal Measure. Although Realizing That Necessary Two-thirds Majority to Pass Could Hardly Be Mustered.

By Associated Press to The Observer

WASHINGTON, July 12.—The daylight saving law was rescued from repeal today by President Wilson's veto of the agricultural appropriation bill.

The President also vetoed the sundry civil appropriation bill, because he said by restricting funds it crippled the work of rehabilitating and rearing disabled soldiers and sailors to civil life.

The latter veto apparently was accepted by congress without contest and the sundry bill will go back to the committee to be reformed. The veto of the daylight saving was not accepted so readily, although the prevailing opinion was that a necessary two-thirds vote to repeal it would not be mustered.

President Wilson said the repeal of daylight saving would be a very great

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CELEBRATION FOR LABOR DAY

WORK BEGUN TO MAKE BIGGEST EVENT OF KIND

Horse Racing, Balloon Ascension, Horse Show and Drilling Contests Booked

That La Grande is to have the biggest Labor Day celebration ever held in the state outside of Portland, and in many ways will surpass some of the efforts Portland has put forth, was the verdict of the Central Labor Council at its last meeting.

There will be nothing done in a half hearted manner, for the people are set for the big things this year and all organized labor will celebrate in a way that will be appreciated.

Already the parade committee has not only been appointed but it has plans at work for the greatest industrial demonstration ever staged in a small city. The committee is well aware of the fact that a good parade takes time in preparation and for that reason work has already begun on it.

The main events will be held at the fair grounds and it is expected that a week of horse racing, with Labor day as the beginning date, will be held. Today it is known that Mountain horses are ready to look for the race and the Shelburn pony section for the big parade has also been pledged. On Labor Day Union people will stage a horse show in front of the grand stand, according to members of the committee who have the program in charge.

Added to the racing the prize rock drilling team from Sumpter have promised to give an exhibition here. The loggers from the pine forests will have log rollings and other woodmen's sports.

The city commission has given its consent for a week's carnival and one of the large carnivals companies is now being figured with. Three bands are said to have been engaged for the occasion and other labor councils in neighboring cities have consented that delegations will be present from the cities that do not hold celebrations of their own.

Offers are being made to airplane men, but it is requested that a law be passed insuring the airplane at all times on Labor Day. A large ascension has been planned for as have many smaller ascensions.

Every organization is being called upon to do their best to make Labor Day a great occasion and in their effort they should have the hearty cooperation of La Grande as a community.

NO GOVERNOR AT OLCOTT DINNER

WHO BLUNDERED AND BALLED THINGS, IS THE QUESTION.

Secretary Nelson Says It's Up to Paul Spillman to Explain the Situation.

Who, oh who was it that so flagrantly violated the confidence of La Grande people and caused them to gather around Billy Vogel's festal board in banquet form?

Who was it that announced the coming of Governor Olcott on a tour of experimental farm inspection, which announcement caused local politicians to prick up their ears and when banquet seats were announced, caused them to dig deeply into their pockets and put up the price of a plate so they "could meet Ben and have a talk with him."

Oh, yes, the stage was set in such a way that Governor Olcott could have had a most delightful time for half a day discussing state questions, and he might have been able to dispense a little patronage—possibly to fill the place vacated by Harvey Wells, or the one that will be vacated by Carl Shoemaker, maybe.

Friday's Observer told of the coming of the Governor and party which included several ladies. Immediately La Grande ladies responded to duty's call and arranged a fine dinner at the Sommer hotel for Mrs. Olcott and other lady members of the party, while the men were to banquet at the Foley Pine. Everything was running in full time—each of the twelve cylinders was hitting. And then it was stated that had roads had caused slight delay to the governor's automobile party this side of Pendleton, for they were journeying overland and would arrive in due time, possibly a little late.

The hour had arrived for the feed. The Foley lobby was filled with citizens waiting for their governor, but no governor came. Finally as the noon hour slipped past, Ed Coolidge, who was the master of ceremonies, suggested the party adjourn to the banquet room. This was done and after a reasonable wait, it was decided to leisurely proceed with the dinner. Mr. Coolidge called on first one citizen and then another to while away the time until the governor should appear.

When the "coffee, nuts and cigars" line on the menu had been reached, an

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NIGHT SHIFT IS NOW CONSIDERED

LABOR BUSINESS REACHES FURIOUS DEMAND

If Organization Can Be Perfected It is Possible Mills May Run Nights

It has been a long time since the musical box of the saws in local mills has been heard in the night time. It has been a long time since saw mills of La Grande assumed an active appearance at night at during the day.

But it is coming back. That is, indications point to a possibility of the brick days and nights of lumber manufacturing returning soon. The George Palmer Lumber company has new logs rolling in now than ever in the history of the institution. Both ponds are chock full of fine pine logs making a slight that would gladden the heart of any man who ever touched a peevy or saw a faller or bring down a tree. The loggers and the company apparently are in fine shape for each day more and better logs come in.

The only possible drawback to extra shifts would be in securing labor and it is believed that can be done. No trouble is experienced by any of the mills as to market, for the orders are coming thick and fast.

For some time past the Stager have had a bunch of crabs in their timber holdings up the Grande River. While nothing has been given up by that concern there is an existing belief that with lumber prices as high as they are a move will be made to begin manufacture of lumber from the large logs which they own in this county. A Stager is expected here in a short time and will spend some time in the county and enjoying himself, but quite likely also have some thoughts regarding the Stager's possession.

OBJECTS TO COMBINING THE ROADS

FORMER PRESIDENT OF UNION PACIFIC ON RECORD AS AGAINST MERGER.

LOYETT DEALERS PLAN WOULD IMPAIR CREDIT

Congress, He Says, Could Only Allow One Road to Purchase Others, But Necessary Cash is Lacking—All Roads in Few Systems Would Be Too Unwieldy For Efficiency.

By Associated Press to The Observer

NEW YORK, July 12.—Consolidation of all the railroads of the United States into a few large systems, from 12 to 25, as a possible solution of the nation's railroad problem, is opposed by Robt. S. Lovett, former president of the Union Pacific Railway, in a memorandum to congress made public here today. Judge Lovett, for a time was director of the division of capital expenditures of the government railroad administration, under William G. McAdoo, as director general.

The effect of the proposed consolidation would be in his opinion, "to impair the credit of the strong roads, instead of improving the credit of the weak roads. The inevitable effect would be to reduce the average of credit of all the railroads."

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BANK DEPOSITS BREAK RECORD

MILLION MARK PASSED IN TWO ENTERPRISE BANKS

Deposits This Year Are Over Four Hundred Per Cent Greater Than in 1913

ENTERPRISE, July 12.—For the first time in the history of the community, the deposits of the Enterprise banks passed the million dollar mark with the call of June 30. The total was \$1,927,998. This is more than four times the deposits in 1913, just before the town started its recent period of growth, when the total was \$248,139.

Business of all kinds, in all parts of the county, has grown very rapidly in the last few years so the gain shown by the Enterprise banks is not strictly a local matter. But the gain will be found much the largest recorded in the county.

Figures for the two banks, for three chief items, are: Wallawa National Loans and discounts, \$437,309; deposits, \$1,657,785; with a balance sheet of \$799,448.95.

Enterprise State Loans and discounts, \$239,452; deposits, \$461,313; balance sheet, showing \$539,935.62.

The Wallawa National was chartered in 1908 and is the oldest national bank in the county. It bought for customers \$96,200 of Victory bonds a few weeks ago, but still continues to gain in deposits.

The Enterprise State bank is less than 10 years old and has had a wonderful growth in the past 10 months, right through the period which formerly was considered the dull part of the year.

Army Reserve Corps Is Considered Big Asset Obtained From the War

WASHINGTON, July 12.—Army officers point to the new officers reserve corps as one of the big assets obtained from the war. The corps now numbers about 50,000 members, sufficient on the basis of 1 officer to 25 men to furnish the commission personnel of any army of 500,000. Officers in the corps include 22,000 lieutenants, 196 lieutenants colonels and 2,298 majors.

There are on file 24,817 applications for appointments as officers in the regular army.

JURY INDICTS SEATTLE JUDGE

SENSATION SPRUNG IN WASHINGTON LIQUOR PROBE.

Superior Judge Clay Allen, Four Deputy Sheriffs and Other Prominent Men Indicted.

By Associated Press to The Observer

SEATTLE, July 12.—Superior Judge Clay Allen, four deputy sheriffs, a former speaker of the state house of representatives, a prominent political leader and other county officials and business men were indicted by the grand jury here today in connection with an investigation of liquor thefts and alleged illegal disposition of confiscated liquor.

Twelve indictments in all were returned directly connected with the liquor probe, which resulted from the disappearance of 864 quarts of whiskey from the court room of Judge Allen on the night of June 4.

UNION SERVICES FOR ONE MONTH

SUGGESTED THAT THEY BE HELD AT RIVERSIDE PARK

Plan Talked of Among Ministers Is That One Service Be Held

Pastors of the five local Protestant churches are considering the holding of union services for a period of four weeks, commencing Sunday, July 20th. The congregations of all the churches will unite under the plan on each of the four Sunday evenings with a different minister in charge. This plan has been successfully carried out here before and it is expected that after the meeting of the Ministerial Association tomorrow morning a definite announcement will be made regarding the holding of the union services.

In this connection a suggestion has been made that the services these four Sunday evenings be held at the Riverside Park and the Community Chorus has offered to become responsible for the musical part of each of the services. These suggestions will be taken into consideration by the Ministerial Association when they discuss the plan tomorrow.

The June trial term of Circuit Court adjourned yesterday, after a session of just over a month. The docket was not cleaned up by any means, and three cases which had been set for trial at this term have been continued until the next term convenes in October. There are other cases that have come up since the June term convened and since the trial will be held over, also.

Four men arrested for burglarizing the butcher shop and drug store at Union Wednesday night were held "over" by the court until the fall term and as they were not able to furnish bail they will remain in jail.

The jury in the case of State vs. Russell Marquis diggs and Marquis, who was up on a charge of burglarizing various offices and stores in the city, was released on bail at the end of the term.

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George Moore, who said he came from Utah, was lodged in the county jail here yesterday, charged with fraudulent dealings with local parties. Moore, who is said to be German by birth, came to La Grande a couple of days ago from North Powder, where he had spent some time investigating farm lands with the avowed intention of purchasing and had closed a contract for a large ranch. He was arrested on the Blackfoot, Idaho, bank one for \$2,000 and the other for \$2,000. When arrested Moore was also charged with a charge of making blunders from a bank in Baker City for two drafts of \$25,000 and \$5,000 respectively, deposited there for collection.

Has dealings in La Grande included purchase of a Buick automobile from H. D. Bado Auto company, the local dealer. He gave a check for the Blackfoot, Idaho, bank for \$2,000 as part payment. He also bought clothing worth \$18 from C. H. Strangum, but the clothing it is said, was not the kind that a farmer would find suitable for his work.

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R-34 SAFE BACK HOME ONCE MORE

BRITISH DIRIGIBLE EXPECTED TO MAKE SAFE LANDING AT 6:00 P. M. SUNDAY

MILEAGE COVERED IS NEARLY 3,000 MILES

Adverse Weather Conditions Encountered Off Coast of Ireland, Led Airship Commander to Decide On Landing at Poulham Field, in Norfolk, England.

By Associated Press to The Observer

LONDON, July 13.—The Poulham aerodrome has received a wireless from the R-34 saying that she expected to attempt a landing there at about 6 o'clock, Greenwich Main Time, Sunday morning.

LONDON, July 13.—The Air Ministry calculated at midnight that the landing time of the R-34 would be about 8 o'clock Sunday morning.

LONDON, July 12.—The British dirigible R-34 passed over Clifden, Ireland, at 2:10, Greenwich main time, (4:10 New York time).

LONDON, July 12.—The R-34, returning from her trans-Atlantic round trip, reported her position today at 3:00 p. m., Greenwich main time (11 a. m. New York time), at 53 degrees north longitude and 15 degrees and 20 minutes west latitude.

The position showed that the R-34 had traveled approximately 2577 miles in her trans-Atlantic flight from New York and was within about 170 miles of the coast of Ireland.

LONDON, July 12.—Due to adverse weather conditions, the R-34 will land at Poulham, Norfolk, probably Sunday morning. She is off the coast of Ireland today.

ROOF FALLS IN, CAUSING DEATH OF 7 FIREMEN

PHILADELPHIA, July 12.—Seven firemen are reported to have been killed and fourteen others injured in a blaze which destroyed a five-story warehouse in this city today. The victims were plunged into the flames when the roof and the walls of the building collapsed without warning.

COURT ADJOURNS UNTIL OCTOBER

NUMBER OF CASES CONTINUED UNTIL THE NEXT TERM

Seven Prisoners Lying in County Jail in the Meantime Not Likely to Get Bail

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