

ENTERPRISE SAW MILL DESTROYED

BIG BUILDING, VALUED AT \$150,000, WAS FULLY COVERED BY INSURANCE.

STATIC ELECTRICITY STARTS BLAZE AT 11:30 IN SAW PIT

Fire Burns Mill to Ground, But the Lumber Yards Were Saved—There Was No Wind to Send Blaze Over Town and Only One Run of Fire Started Towards the Yards.

A fire which totally destroyed the East Oregon Lumber Company's mill at Enterprise yesterday, burned a mill which was valued at \$150,000.

The fire started about 11:30 yesterday morning under the carriage of the mill. Static electricity is given as the cause of the fire, which soon gained such a start in the saw pit that it could not be kept from spreading.

Fortunately, there was no wind, and the lumber yards were saved, the fire only breaking away in one place, which soon was turned back.

The mill was fully insured. It was owned by the East Oregon Lumber Company, which is composed of Kansas City capitalists and some local stockholders.

The mill was built in 1914 and 1915 and was one of the most up-to-date and modern mills in the state. In a few years, the mill had built up a reputation and was doing a big business, sending lumber through La Grande every day.

Several narrow escapes were experienced by the firemen and one man narrowly escaped being thrown into the blaze when a section of the roof on which he was standing caved in and went smashing to the ground.

The East Oregon Lumber Company's holdings are large and much of the Swamp Creek territory was just being logged off, so it is probable that a new building will be started immediately.

SAM'L GOMPERS FAVORS TREATY

WOULD ADOPT PEACE TREATY AS IT STANDS.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in a statement to the League to Enforce Peace, takes issue with the opposition to the labor articles and the proposition up before the Foreign Relations Committee to strike them out.

"Hold the first world agreement among the nations," said Mr. Gompers. "Keep all of the articles and secure for labor something that advances and improves all men, women and children."

"Until ratification, the covenant and the treaty are not safe and the United States is not a party to it. Any amendment to this treaty will send it back to the twenty-seven nations, Germany included."

"This first international charter for the rights of labor should be adopted without delay."

SACRED HEART ACADEMY OPENS TUESDAY

The Sacred Heart Academy will open its school year next Tuesday morning. The academy is offering a full course this year beginning with the kindergarten class, and continuing up through the complete four year High School course. A competent staff of eight instructors will be in attendance from the start and an additional teacher is expected before the work is completed. The courses in art comprise instruction in oil and china painting as well as classes in music including piano, violin and other stringed instruments. A large attendance is expected as many applications have already been received.

SIXTY MASONS TO HOTFOOT IT

TRIP OVER HOT SANDS BY THE SHRINERS GREAT EVENT.

September Sixth is the Gala Day in Lodge Circles For La Grande—Novel Features.

Harvey Wells will be a busy man on September 6 in La Grande, for Harvey is chief Kikapoo who starts all Masons of Oregon over the hot sands of their Shriners' journey.

Sixty candidates have thus far reported for the grilling and everything is in readiness to have more fun than the proverbial box of monkeys. Nothing has been omitted. The Portland crowd from Al Kader temple will be here in a special train. Bands of music brought for the occasion will give a concert. A male chorus, the like of which La Grande has never heard before, will sing and make merry, and the oriental dancing girls will do the graceful oriental twists in the principal part of the city. It will be a shock absorber to the gray hairs and one of keen interest to everyone, for it is claimed that these "dancing girls" from Portland have no equal clear across the continent.

An all-night lodge "doins" is the way one wife of a local Mason speaks of the occasion, while another is wondering if her husband will come home in the early morning hours sound and well. As a precaution to any danger, physicians belonging to the lodge have been detailed for duty that evening and all bad hearts, tobacco hearts and fatty hearts will be put in the row with the cripples, for nothing but men sound of body and clear of brain will be permitted to tread the hot sands which lead to the shrines.

FLYERS READY TO GO INTO CLOUDS

AIRMEN TESTING EVERY PART TO BE SURE OF SAFETY.

Great Crowds Expected During the Week to See the Work of the Aviators.

Ready to mount high into the air, the Watkins-Warner Aero Circus is quivering as it were, ready to order the guy ropes cut and thus let loose the fun which is to last all week in La Grande.

The Curtiss plane has been in the city since last Thursday and during that time every part of the machine has been tested to the full and complete satisfaction of the boys who are to do the flying.

Curiosity has centered around the machine and people have come from quite a distance already to see the instrument that was developed during war's necessity and made practical for commerce. That the future holds a great air program no one will deny, for already the work of the plane is astounding the world, and it has only begun.

The Central Labor Council is responsible for bringing the airship to La Grande and it will remain here the entire week making daily flights and doing passenger work for those who are inclined to visit the clouds.

The young men attached to the aero circus are clean-cut fellows and each seems to know exactly what he is doing in the air game. They are free to answer all questions and insist on taking the public into their confidence on all matters pertaining to air work. Their service with the government has made them expert flyers and it is the belief of every man attached to the show that the air work has only begun, and that before very long it will be the common carrier, for passengers, light freight and express.

GIVE THANKS FOR RAIN.

And the long drought is broken. Yesterday afternoon the clouds rolled up and a heavy rain fell between La Grande and Higgan, and last night at 9 o'clock the rain came to the Grande Ronde valley. To stop the forest fire, replenish the streams and relieve humanity. Tonight when Rev. Coker preaches at the city park, let him give thanks to God for this and His many other blessings to the people of this section.

AMERICAN IRISHMEN PROTEST

LEAGUE OF NATIONS CRITICIZED BEFORE SENATE RELATION COMMITTEE.

DRAMATIC APPEALS DRAW BIG CHEERS FROM CROWDS

Spokesman Declared Covenant Pronounced a Death Sentence On the Aspirations of Irish People and Would Fasten Forever Upon Ireland a "Yoke of British Oppression."

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—Impassioned protest against the League of Nations were presented on behalf of American Irishmen today at a hearing before the Senate Board of Relations Committee.

In a series of dramatic appeals which repeatedly drew cheers from the crowds jamming the committee room, the spokesmen declared the covenant pronounced a death sentence on the aspirations of the Irish people and would fasten forever upon Ireland, as they characterized it, a "yoke of British oppression."

Several of the prominent men of the United States were there in behalf of this appeal.

Several of the speakers said that they voiced the sentiment of more than twenty million of people who were of Irish origin in the United States. An open statement was made by Daniel F. Cahalan, justice of the New York supreme court, that the league or covenant would effect Ireland. Bourke Cochran also of New York, spoke on the question.

Representatives of various Greek societies also appeared before the committee and made a statement of the claim of the Greek people regarding the peace settlement.

Upright rejection of the peace treaty was asked by the Irish speakers, who charged that under the covenant Great Britain would receive a guarantee that no outside nation ever would help Ireland gain her independence. The domination of the British fleet over the seas they also declared would be made complete by the treaty and they declared that the peace treaty would be made a direct menace to the United States and the world.

PACKERS GET ANOTHER RAP

LIVE STOCK ASSOCIATION GIVES THEM HARDEST BLOW.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—While western and southern stock raisers appeared before the Senate Agricultural Committee to attack the Kenyon and Kendrick bills to license the packing industries, Chairman Gronna put into the record a telegram from the American Live Stock Association which said that in some cases raisers were coerced and in other cases had their expenses paid by the five packing plants.

"The association has long realized the impossible conduct of the live stock business. The message which was signed by H. A. Jastro, as chairman of the Association Market Committee, read as follows:

"We recognize and endorse the general plan for thorough going and federal control of the packing business which shall in the future prevent the abuses growing out of the business and preying alike on the producers and consumers, and wasteful in many of its methods. We also believe the licensing system properly places responsible people for just treatment in any agency of the government. We endorse as essential the policy of divorcing the packers from controlling the stock yards. We believe that refrigerator cars should be rated as common carriers. We are aware of the desperate efforts being made by the packers to maintain their unconscionable possession. We have noted their lavish expenditures in advertising that has dealt in evasion, misrepresentation and half truth."

HOWARD SHOWS GREAT SKILL

THROWS RYAN IN LESS THAN FIVE MINUTES TIME.

Forced Event Proved Disastrous to the Man Who Insisted On Wrestling.

It was a case with Mike Howard, the wrestler, of "go along and leave me be," when Jack Ryan insisted that Howard meet him on the wrestling mat. Howard did not want to wrestle Ryan. He was not in a wrestling mood, and besides he had a match for Labor Day which is taking some of his attention. But Ryan was persistent. He was bent on run Howard in his hole, soto speak, or make him take down his sign as a wrestler. Several times Ryan demanded a match with Howard and each time Howard stood him off, but finally young Ryan claimed Howard was entitled to no consideration as a wrestler unless he came through—and Howard hopped through. The contract was drawn and with no publicity the two men met in a tent last night. In the contract Howard agreed to throw Ryan flat on his back in fifteen minutes, and if he failed to do so it was to be Ryan's victory. Howard made good, and in four minutes and thirty-five seconds Ryan's shoulders were pinned fast to the mat.

Mike Howard got up from the mat and shook himself much as a big Newfoundland would shake after walloping a smaller canine, and walked out of the tent. To him the event did not amount to anything, and he said repeatedly that he did not want to wrestle Ryan but was forced to do it to keep from being pestered by his challenges.

NO OBSERVER MONDAY.

There will be no issue of the Observer Monday, Labor Day.

LUCIA HALEY GOES TO MONT.

LA GRANDE SUSTAINS LOSS OF CITY LIBRARIAN.

Miss Haley Becomes Assistant Librarian in University of Montana—Her Work Appreciated.

Miss Lucia Haley, city librarian for the past three years, left last evening to assume her new duties at the University of Montana at Missoula.

Miss Haley, who during her stay here has won the hearts of the La Grande people, handed in her resignation some time ago to the Library Board. The board were most distressed at losing Miss Haley, for she had done so much in creating interest in the library and in teaching people how to use it for their own benefit.

At the same time, Miss Haley has given much time in attending meetings and in starting a library for the professional trades. This work in the vacations was something new for La Grande and added a new line of endeavor for the library.

Miss Haley goes to the University of Montana at Missoula, where she will be assistant librarian. She was, for several years in the library at Seattle, both before and after she took her library training at Pratt Institute in Boston.

In leaving La Grande, Miss Haley said, "Everyone has been so kind here and I certainly appreciate their kindness. I have enjoyed my three years' work here very much and have had much co-operation. I hope that the people of La Grande will give the same co-operation to my successor that they have given to me."

Just who Miss Haley's successor will be, the Library Board have not yet announced. In speaking of Miss Haley, one member of the board said they could not say anything too much about Miss Haley. "During her three years' stay with us she has done so much for the library and for the townspeople. She has taken her own time to attend meetings in order that she might explain the uses of the library. She has built up the vocational book sections and has gradually taught people to use them. We can't say too much in praise of Miss Haley and are more than sorry to lose her."

The people of La Grande surely wish Miss Haley the best of success in her new work.

UNIVERSAL TRAINING ADVOCATED

NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION MAKES RECOMMENDATION IN A STATEMENT.

TRAINING TO BE A PART OF AMERICAN SCHOOLING

Two Months' Work in the Field Would Be Given After the Training Has Been Received at School—National Security League Acts As An Agency For the New Plan.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—Organization through a new system of universal military training of a great citizen army to be known as the National Guard Corps was proposed by the National Guard Association in a statement made public through the National Security League. Thirty divisions of the National Guard would form as a separate corps of the National Army, under the direction of the Secretary of War.

Instead of subjecting 19-year-old youths to a three-year course of military training, as proposed by the War Department, the association would have military training as a part of the national school system. Youths would enter this course when 14 years of age and after this preliminary training, would be given two months' training in the field, after which they would graduate into the Guard where they would serve actively for two years and nine months.

After six years' time, 1,500,000 would be in the so-called active service and 1,500,000 in the reserve, all of them graduates of the training camps.

BODY OF COOPER IS FOUND IN A CREEK

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

NASHVILLE, Aug. 30.—The country's attention has been called to the murder of A. Cooper, prominent man in Nashville. His body was taken from Richland creek soon after his blood-stained automobile had been found on a bridge near his home in the fashionable Belle Meade section. The skull had been crushed, but it was evident that a violent struggle had taken place before the fatal blow was struck.

The coroner's inquest made today developed no clues to the murder or murderers, but the police are proceeding on the theory that Cooper was lured from his home by a person determined to rob him. This theory is based upon evidence that Cooper drew \$10,000 from a bank a short time before he disappeared Thursday night.

WEATHER FORECAST. Oregon: Fair, except probable showers in northwest portion and cooler in eastern portion; also wind.

GEN. PERSHING WILL NOT TALK

REFUSES TO TESTIFY ON WAR EXPENDITURES.

Member of Congressional Committee Says It Is An Example of Indifference and Contempt.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PARIS, Aug. 30.—General Pershing refused to testify before the subcommittee of three of the congressional committee to inquire into the expenditures of the war department, which has been conducting an investigation in France. The general's refusal to testify caused the issuance of a joint statement by Representatives Royal C. Johnson and Oscar E. Bland, expressing regret that there should be a conflict between the military and civil authorities of the government.

In a separate statement, Bland declared that General Pershing's action was an example of the "indifference and contempt" shown during the entire war by the war department toward the wishes of the people and their representatives.

LOYAL LEGION IN CONVENTION

DISTRICTS 11 AND 12 REPRESENTED AT LOCAL ASSEMBLY.

17,000 Men Represented in Two Districts—Convention Harmonious. Resolutions Passed.

Hearty and complete cooperation, which is the fundamental principle underlying the organization, mark the annual district meeting of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen which convened in this city today.

Delegates from practically every local embraced in Districts Eleven and Twelve, comprising the pine manufacturing territory east of the Cascade Range and in Southern Idaho, with the exception of the Klamath Falls section, were in attendance. Mrs. R. L. Abby, who is the head of the organization with headquarters in Portland, presided at the meeting. Following the certification of the credentials a number of resolutions affecting the employment in the men in the industry were presented. The meeting went on record as being opposed to changing the present rulings regarding the payment of time and one half for essential work in certain occupations, and against the abolition of optional occupations.

The district meeting is composed of delegates from each local in the district and an employer in the industry. The working basis of the organization is a 50-50 proposition by which the employer and employe, by equal representation decide all matters pertaining to working and living conditions and schedules.

Cooldige Delivers Welcome Address. H. E. Cooldige, of La Grande, a livered the address of welcome at the convention, after which the business of the session was begun. The discussions were frank and open and participated in freely both by employer and employe. Chief among the topics of the day was the sick and accident insurance which is being promoted among the Legion. It is calculated to cover accidents which occur which are not covered by the Workmen's compensation Act. Resolutions supporting the Johnson bill not before congress which purports to regulate immigration for the next two years, were passed.

Upon learning that the Eastern Oregon Lumber Co.'s mill at Enterprise was in flames the following resolution was passed:

Resolution Passed. We, employes and employers, members of the L. L. of L. & L., engaged in the lumber industry in Districts No. 11 and 12 in convention assembled at La Grande, Oregon, this 30th day of August, 1919, having learned of the burning of a saw mill of the Eastern Oregon Lumber Company at Enterprise, and the probable loss of their yard and planing mill; do hereby resolve:

That we, personally and on behalf of the employes and employers whom we represent, extend to the Eastern Oregon Lumber Co. and its employes, our sincere sympathy in the loss they have suffered;

And we hope and trust that said company can see their way clear to reconstruct their plant and that the employes, who have been deprived of work by the destruction of the plant, will have no difficulty in securing satisfactory employment;

And do further resolve that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Eastern Oregon Lumber Co. and to each of the four local in their jurisdiction; that same be spread on the minutes of the convention, and that a copy be sent to the La Grande Evening Observer and the Enterprise Record-Chiefman for publication.

New Officers Elected.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year for District No. 11: For employers, C. T. Darley, Baker; W. M. Nicolds, La Grande; Lyon Cobb, Boise; J. H. Minnaugh, Wallawa; C. A. Barton, Boise, alternate. For employes, J. D. Sisson, Baker; C. V. Wolf, Emmett, Idaho; J. H. Doyle, Baker; P. Hoganson, Wallawa; J. E. Bolac, Enterprise.

For employes in Bend District No. 12, G. E. Williams, Wm. Morrison, A. L. Wing, J. H. Fulton. For employers in District No. 12, T. A. McCann, J. P. Keyes, J. H. Meister, S. A. Blakely. After adjournment, the assembly repaired to the Foley Hotel where an employer-employe dinner was served.

STEAM ROAD STRIKERS BACK.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 30.—Practically all of the steam road engineers, yardmen and other employes are reporting back to work, following a vote last night to discontinue the strike. The first passenger trains have been sent out but it will be some time before the confusion abates.

STEEL MEN STILL OUT ON STRIKE

SAMUEL GOMPERS, PRESIDENT A. F. OF L., HOPES FOR AN AMICABLE ADJUSTMENT.

COUNCIL HAS BEEN IN SESSION FOR THREE DAYS

President Wilson Asked to Intervene But He Has Made No Move—Mr. Gompers Did Not Deal With Situation As Whole, Nor Did He Indicate Basis For Hopes of Settlement.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—Efforts to organize the workers of the steel industry are still being made with the hope that an amicable adjustment of their demand may be reached before any outbreak or secession of work shall be inaugurated, and Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, said today in a statement memorializing the work of the Federation executive council, "The council has been in session three days considering the general labor situation over the country." But Mr. Gompers did not deal with the situation as a whole nor did he indicate upon what was based the hope that the controversy between the steel men and the United States steel corporation would be adjusted without resort to striking.

President Wilson was asked yesterday to intervene, but he has made no move. Some officials say he has declined to take a hand. Meantime the time limit was for Chairman Gary of the steel corporation, to answer the men's request for a conference.

MANY EVENTS ON LABOR PROGRAM

AIRPLANE IS ONE OF THE CHIEF ATTRACTIONS.

Big Parade to Usher In Labor Day Celebration For La Grande—Busy All Day.

The coming of Labor Day, Monday, brings with it great interest in the different events which have been arranged for entertainment, and the large crowd which is sure to assemble in La Grande for the occasion will not be disappointed. The airship is here and ready to fly and the other attractions are in the hands of the committees. Following is an outline of the program for the day:

Monday Morning—Parade forms on Jefferson avenue, and line of march will be through the principal streets of business section. Prizes for parade will be awarded to best appearing section; to section having in line largest percentage of members; for best float; for most original design.

Masned band concert. Luncheon follows parade. Monday Afternoon—O. R. Hartwig, president of Oregon State Federation of Labor, will deliver an address at 1:15 o'clock at the fair grounds.

Mule race; boys' race, for boys under 16 years; girls' race, for girls under 16 years.

Airplane exhibition by the Watkins-Warner Aero Circus.

Backaroo contest; boys' mixed-shoe race; pelon-eating contest for boys. Address by Floyd Hyde, labor organizer of Portland.

Airplane exhibition. Bucking contest; 100-yard dash for sprinters, free for all.

Thrilling parachute leap from airplane, by Sergeant Cadden.

Chariot races, McClellan vs. Stephenson.

Evening Program—Band concert at 7:00 p. m. by Nester's Military band.

Wrestling contest, Freberg vs. Howard, at Star Theatre, 8:30.

Babcock & Ryan's Greater Show begin week's carnival at Chestnut and Jefferson streets.

Dancing at Rex hall and Zuber hall.