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PETROGRAD COMPLETELY OVERPOWER'D

BOLSHEVIKI CAN'T STAND PRESURE OF REVOLUTIONISTS AND CITY IS TAKEN OVER

ANTI-BOLSHEVIKI ALSO FIGHT WAY INTO MINSK

Were Able to Hold the City for Five Hours But Were Driven Out by the Bolsheviki, Who Executed 200 Persons, Including Many Poles, for Lack of Sympathy.

WARSAW, Mar. 12.—Petrograd is in the revolutionists' hands and the Bolsheviki are completely overpowered, says a wireless. A Vilna dispatch says that the anti-Bolsheviki forces fought their way into Minsk and held the city for five hours, but were driven out by the Bolsheviki. While occupying the city, the revolutionists killed many local communists, and when the Bolsheviki re-entered, they executed over 200 persons including many Poles, accused of sympathizing with the insurgents.

Ukrainians Victorious. CONSTANTINOPLE, Mar. 12.—Three of the city in South Russia—Kiev, Ekaterinoslav and Odessa, were recently occupied by the Ukrainian revolutionists. Recent advices would indicate, however, that the Bolsheviki had recaptured Odessa.

DISTILLATE COMING AGAIN

STANDARD OIL TO RESTORE FUEL TO MARKET.

Farmers to Be Saved Thousands of Dollars on Fuel Bills After July of This Year.

T. R. Maxwell, local manager of the Standard Oil Co., announced this morning that by next July engines distillate would again be placed on the market here. It has been many months since the Standard Oil Company has had distillate on the market and farmers and other users of tractors and large engines will be saved thousands of dollars this summer by the decision of the oil company to place this fuel on the market again.

The automobile will also benefit by this decision, in that tens of thousands of gallons of gasoline will be made available for his use, which has gone to supplant the distillate during the past year. No information has been received regarding prices of distillate.

MAY MEDIATE WAGE DISPUTE

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12.—Secretary of Labor Davis has offered to mediate the packing house wage dispute.

AUTO POLO WILL BE NEW FEATURE

SALEM, Mar. 12.—Auto polo will be a feature of the entertainment at the race track of the state fair the first three days of the fair this year, according to a decision by the state board at a meeting this week.

The board decided to go ahead at once with two buildings costing \$45,000, to house poultry, agricultural and implement exhibits. The board also decided to spend \$25,000 for hard surface walks and streets. The board later in the summer will begin construction of a new permanent wing of the grandstand.

CASHIER IS ACQUITTED

MEDFORD, Mo. 12.—Ben E. Collier, of Grants Pass, former cashier of the defunct bank of Jacksonville, has been acquitted of the charge of defrauding the bank.

CANNERY CO. IS ALLEGED INSOLVENT

RECEIVER NOT APPOINTED, AS REPORTED YESTERDAY.

Company Given Until Tuesday to Say Why Receiver Should Not Be Appointed For Company.

PORTLAND, Mar. 12.—The A. Rupert Company, a cannery concern, alleged insolvent in a petition filed in circuit court, has been given until Tuesday at 2 o'clock to show why a receiver should not be appointed. The report yesterday that a receiver had been named, was due to an erroneous statement by the court at-large.

SERVICE MEN RECEIVE HELP

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER AIDS WAR VETERANS.

Calls Attention to Rights of Service Men to Be Examined and Necessity of Insurance.

Captain E. W. White, field officer of the U. S. Public Health Service, with headquarters at Seattle, is in La Grande today in the interests of the former service men. His work is to see that service men are given the service of his department they are entitled to.

In discussing the importance of his work from the point of view of the former soldiers today, Captain White said: "Every man who was in the service is entitled to an examination to determine whether or not he is entitled to compensation and whether he has a disability or not. There are many cases of men who have disabilities they are not aware of. The public health service can be of particular benefit to those men whose difficulties multiply as time passes.

"There are many cases where the man in apparent good health has hidden disability aggravated by the passing of the years. My work is to take up the individual cases and see that the men get into touch with the proper examiner. I cannot stress the importance of all service men being examined too much. Several days ago a former soldier dropped dead in Rupert, Idaho, and was on examination found to have an enlarged heart.

"The insurance carried by the men is another feature I want to lay particular stress on. I have many cases come to me where the men have dropped their insurance and die from causes not incident to service and have neglected to keep their insurance up.

"The Red Cross and the banks will make arrangements to carry the men who are in financial difficulties so there is no reason why insurance should be dropped. It is the cheapest insurance they can ever get and especially for those men engaged in hazardous occupations, such as roofing where the companies charge very high rates. These men should all keep their insurance up.

"In regard to the work of the health service in examining the men I wish to say that they can secure the proper blanks either at the Red Cross office or from the American Legion through Roy Curry. We have a local physician who makes immediate examinations.

Captain White is a tireless worker in the cause of the men who served their country so well and his only regret is that in so many cases where the boys are entitled to, an need the attention his department gives, they do not know their rights and often cause much suffering for themselves and those dependent on them through lack of knowledge.

MAKES APPEAL FOR STARVING

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12.—President Harding has issued an appeal to the American people to "do their bit" in their power towards the relief of the famine conditions in China.

PORTLAND, Mar. 12.—The market was firm today, with a slight uptick, eggs weak and butter unchanged.

WILLIAMS CONSIDERED FOR POST

OREGON COMMITTEEMAN MAY BE SELECTED FOR ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERALSHIP

GEORGE HARVEY BELIEVED SELECTED FOR LONDON

Policy of Harding Administration, It Was Learned Today, Will Remain Much the Same As the Policy of the Wilson Administration—Will Take Same Stand on Yap Question.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12.—The policy of the Harding administration regarding the American right to growing out of the participation of the United States in the world war, will not differ materially from that of the Wilson administration, it was learned today. The stand on the Yap question will be the same.

Republican National Committeeman Ralph Williams, of Oregon, is being considered for one of the three assistant postmaster generalships. George Harvey, New York editor, is understood to be definitely selected by President Harding, as the ambassador to London.

HOME FROM HIS TRIP TO DENVER

GEORGE CHAPMAN HAS BEEN LOOKING UP APPLE MARKET.

Still Believes the Good Apple Will Always Have a Market at a Fair Profit.

After spending several days in Denver and the country surrounding the city that is a mile high, George Chapman, of Fruitdale, has returned to La Grande more or less encouraged for the future of the apple that is raised in this valley.

He found the freight rates are prohibitive from shipping the poorer grades of fruit, but he also found that the best apples still sell for enough to net the owner a fair price even after the exorbitant freight rates are deducted.

"The whole country," said Mr. Chapman, "seems to be on a strain waiting for something to happen. I have undergone such a money spending period that everyone has the appearance of waiting to see what will hit him next. The whole scheme of living is coming down, however, and the producer of foodstuffs is hit in the Denver country just as hard as he is hit here. It looks like a long game for the man who produces and there is no way out of it for awhile, at least, and this country in Eastern Oregon is no worse than any part that I visited."

STATEMENT OF DYING MAN IS TOLD

BUSINESS ASSOCIATE OF HAMON ON STAND TODAY.

W. B. Nichols Declares Hamon Said That Clara Smith Hamon Shot Him As She Stroked Head.

ARDMORE, Okla., Mar. 12.—A dying statement by Jake L. Hamon, in which he said that Clara Smith Hamon shot him as he lay on the bed in the suite of rooms they occupied at the hotel here, was given today in the trial of Clara Smith Hamon, who is charged with Hamon's murder. W. B. Nichols, former chief of police at Oklahoma City and business associate of Hamon, testified that Hamon, after telling him he knew he would die from the bullet wound, told him Clara Hamon had fired the bullet as she stood at his bedside stroking his head with her left hand.

COVE DEMANDS GOOD ROADS

PEOPLE PLAN TO WAIT ON TH COUNTY COURT.

Business of La Grande Would Greatly Increase If Roads Were Made Passable During Winter.

On April 7, Cove will be a deserted town. The entire town will journey to La Grande on that day, according to C. M. Stackland, and meet with the Ad Club at noon for lunch, and from there they will adjourn to the court house to wait upon the county court and let the gentlemen of that body know just how bad they want a road into their town that will be open 12 months in the year. Today was the first time in many weeks that it was possible to leave Cove and know that La Grande would be reached, so the Cove people are now isolated for practically three months.

Stackland states that the entire Cove country is up in arms on the road situation and that they will make such strong pleas for a road that they cannot fail to get action on it. They are not seeking anything fancy in the way of a paved highway, but would like something like a road from here to Peri, which is open all year even though it is sometimes a bit rough.

Behind their demands are several factors. A desire to be better able to reach a market and a desire to come to La Grande and buy their supplies and whatever they wish during the entire year, predominate. The mail order business done through the Cove postoffice is enormous and there are few postoffices that have as large a business for the population catered by that office. This business will practically all go to La Grande merchants if a road can be built that will make it possible for the people to leave their homes in winter.

OLD WAGE SCALE IS RESTORED

WAGE REDUCTION ANNOUNCED BY ERIE ROAD ON JANUARY 31 IS CANCELED.

RAILROAD LABOR BOARD CONDEMNS ROADS' ACTION

Board Declared that Erie Railroad Should Have First Submitted Plan to Them for Approval—Understood that Now Whole Wage Reduction Plan Will be Submitted.

NEW YORK, Mar. 12.—Wage reductions for common labor by the Erie railroad on January 31, have been wiped out and the former wage scale restored, the company has announced. The statement said that slightly improved business conditions had permitted the payment of the old scale. The railroad labor board recently condemned the action of the road for not first submitting the proposed reduction for approval, and ordered the restoration of the former scale. The company said that the road would now formally submit the whole wage question to the board.

OUTLOOK FOR ROADS BRIGHT

CONTRACTORS ARE WILLING TO TAKE BONDS.

Work on Victory Way to Begin Next Week if Poles are Removed—Force to be Increased.

John F. Birney, county roadmaster, announced this afternoon that the county road machinery would be moved to the proposed Victory Way next week if the telephone and electric light companies would remove their poles so that the machinery could operate.

A committee of the Neighborhood club will call on the officers of the companies whose poles have to be removed this evening and urge that the work be done without delay.

If the road work along this stretch can be started next week it will mean the employment of a number of additional men, although the county has already made arrangements for men to handle the machinery used. This will not relieve the unemployment situation greatly, but will be a start, at least.

The work along the Victory Way will be done by the county and paid for jointly by the city and county. Although nothing definite could be learned today, it was learned on good authority that a firm of contractors will make a formal proposal to the city of La Grande at the commissioners' meeting on next Wednesday to the effect that they will be able to do the street improvement work here and take the bonds of the city in payment on condition that sufficient work is immediately decided on to warrant their moving their plant here.

SPRINGFIELD AGAIN QUIET AFTER CLASH

POLICE AND NEGROES HAVE TROUBLE LAST EVENING.

Trouble Arose Over Assault of Small Girl On Monday—National Guardsmen On Duty.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Mar. 12.—Springfield is quiet, following the clashes last night between the police and negroes, growing out of the assault on a small girl last Monday. Thirty arrests have been made, and three companies of national guardsmen are now on duty.

UNION COUNTY IS NOSED OUT

Union county will not have a chance in the finals of the state debate meets, which will be held at the University of Oregon in June or the last of May, following the defeat of Elgin last Monday evening at the hands of the Lostine team, in Wallawa county.

Elgin had defeated both Union and La Grande in the county debates, while Lostine was champion of Wallawa county. The two champions were then scheduled to meet, with the result that the Elgin team was defeated 5 to 1, in the debates, one being held at Elgin and one at Lostine.

WEATHER FORECAST

Tonight and Sunday, probably rain in the west, rain or snow in the eastern portion of the state; warmer to night in the east portion.

HALL ROOM BOYS WIN

The Hall Room Boys, of the city basketball league, retained their leadership in the league last night by defeating the Stoddard Bros. by a score of 25 to 6. The game was an exciting one during the first half, the score being at tie at the end of the half, 3 to 3.

When the second half opened the Stoddard Bros. team couldn't buck up and meet the faster pace the Hall Room Boys set after getting their second wind and the latter got away with eleven field goals during that half, while the Stoddard boys could make only three more goals.

R. Lynch and L. Stoddard played forward, David Stoddard, center, and J. and E. Stoddard, guards, on the losing team, while the winners lined up as follows: Proctor and Brandt forwards, Englebrecht, center, Snow and Lindley, guards.

VETERAN PRINTER VISITS

Herbert Whitehead, head of the mechanical department of the Evening Capitol News at Boise, Idaho, for the past 17 years, returned home today after a visit in La Grande with friends. Mr. Whitehead was employed on the first newspaper published in La Grande and still has a warm spot in his heart for La Grande and her people.

PURCHASES FARM IN WASHINGTON

MT. GLEN, March 12.—(Special.)—Luther Campbell and family returned to their home here today. Mr. Campbell has had charge of Le Evans' dairy at Union since last fall. Lee Evans has purchased a farm of 1200 acres in Washington and will move to his new home later. Joe L. Feik is in La Grande receiving treatment for a severe case of stomach trouble.

The smallpox patients have all recovered. There are still several cases of tonsillitis here.

Neighbors and friends are building a bungalow home for Mrs. Anna Nebeker, whose husband died last September. George R. Lyman is supervising the laying of the foundation which was completed last Tuesday.

Mrs. W. D. Banks, Mrs. J. Stoddard and Mrs. E. R. Linn were visitors here Thursday. They were of business connected with the Women's Relief Society.

FUDGING OF BAKER HIGH DISCOVERED

BLAKELY PLAYS IN CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT, WHEN HE WAS DISQUALIFIED.

COACH AD DEWEY FORCED TO ADMIT SUBSTITUTION

Final Championship Between Salem and Baker Cannot Be Played Off This Afternoon As Planned, and Semi-Finals Will Have to Be Played Over.

SALEM, Mar. 12.—Late this afternoon it was decided that the finals would be played between the winners of this afternoon contests, which will be between Franklin and Molalla, and Salem and McMinnville. The Baker team was disqualified.

Blakely Was Star

SALEM, Mar. 12.—Instead of the final championship game in the state interscholastic tournament being played tonight as scheduled, between Baker and Salem high schools, as the result of the elimination of other teams, the semi-finals will have to be replayed. This was caused by the admission of Coach "Ad" Dewey of the Baker team, that Roy Stoddard, the Baker center whose playing was the sensation of the tournament, is not Stoddard, but Blakely, a player who had been declared ineligible by the Baker high school principal because his study grades were not up to the standard required.

Six of the 12 teams contending for the state basketball title were eliminated with the completion of the preliminaries Thursday night. The teams still on the market for the championship at that time were Marshfield, McMinnville, Baker, Eugene, Salem, and Franklin of Portland.

Baker won from Molalla, 25 to 17, in the first of the night games. Baker led by one point at the close of the half, but came back so strong during the second session that they had no trouble in annexing sufficient points to clinch the contest. Stoddard at center played a remarkable game, appearing to be the best men seen in action so far.

LABOR COUNCIL WANTS WORK NOW

ISSUES STATEMENT TODAY TO OBSERVER.

Believes Organizations Should Insist On County Road Work Being Done at Present Time.

Following the discussion which has been going on in the various organizations and lodges of the city regarding the unemployment situation, the Central Labor Council today issued the following statement to the Observer:

"At the regular meeting of the Central Labor Council, Thursday, March 10, the discussion arose regarding certain editorials written by yourself and published in the La Grande Evening Observer.

"We heartily concur with the expression contained in said editorials, that now is the time for action, and to start improvements wherever it is possible to do so.

"Also at the present time we understand that certain road improvement funds are still being held up, through an injunction proceeding obtained by certain citizens of this county, and of which we have reason to believe that there never was a just or reasonable cause for such action. Therefore, we feel that it should be the duty of all organizations and citizens of United States to demand that these funds be immediately released.

"LA GRANDE CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL, C. S. Shultz, President.

CHANGES PLEA, JUDGE DECREES A \$10 FINE

C. Ladd, who was arrested several days ago and charged with intoxication, changed his plea from not guilty to guilty and called on Municipal Judge R. J. Kitchen before the time for his trial. He was rewarded for his change of plea by being assessed a small fine of only \$10 and costs.

The End of a Perfect Day

