

EX-EMPEROR FORMS PLOT FOR THRONE

CHARLES VISITS BUDAPEST ON
MONDAY, EXPECTING TO
TAKE FORMER THRONE.

HORTHY GOVERNMENT ASKS HIM TO LEAVE

Austrian Government Is Taking Pre-
cautions to Keep Former Emperor
From Re-entering the Country
From Steinmanger, Where He Is
Now Staying.

BUDAPEST, Mar. 30.—Former
Emperor Charles, of Aus-
tria-Hungary made a visit here
Monday with the idea of taking
possession of the Hungarian
throne, but was unable to in-
duce the Hungarian government
to fall in line with his plan, it
has been learned from excellent
sources.

Admiral Horthy, regent, after
setting forth the constitutional
and political objections, induced
the ex-monarch to promise to
return to Switzerland. Charles
is reported now to be at Steina-
manger, in west Hungary, near
the Austrian frontier.

Will Prevent Re-Entrance.

VIENNA, Mar. 30.—The Austrian
government is taking every possible
precaution to prevent former Emper-
or Charles from re-entering the coun-
try from Steinmanger.

Living in Retirement.

Ex-Emperor Charles has been living
in Prangins, Switzerland, since early
in 1919, after having lived in retire-
ment in Austria a few months after
the proclamation of the Austrian re-
public on November 12, 1918. He has
been frequent reports that he was
plotting to obtain his restoration to
the Hungarian throne.

Strong opposition has been displayed
in allied quarters to the re-appearance
of the Hapsburg dynasty in a
ruling capacity and it has been assumed
that if the reported visit of the ex-
ruler was to regain the throne the
move will be met with action by the
allies.

OREGON FOURTH IN DIVORCES

UNION COUNTY DIVORCES OUT-
NUMBER MARRIAGES.

One Divorce to Every 2.52 Mar-
riages Is State's Record—Many
Divorces in Clackamas.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30.—Far
western states stand at the top of
the column in divorce percentages,
according to a report released by
the international reform bureau. The
net divorce rate by states per one
hundred thousand population shows
the following:

Nevada is first with 652; then
comes Montana, 413; Arizona, 356;
Oregon, 277; Washington, 233; Cal-
ifornia, 229. Idaho drops further
down as number 13 with a rate of
196. Nevada stands at one divorce
to less than two marriages. Oregon,
1 to 2.52; Washington, 1 to 4.01;
Idaho, 1 to 4.81; Montana 1 to 5.45,
and California, 1 to 5.54.

Counties in the northwest states
having more than one divorce to
every three marriages are:

Oregon—Baker, Clackamas, Clatsop,
Columbia, Multnomah, Union,
Umatilla, Wasco and Washington.
Union and Clackamas counties
have more divorce cases than mar-
riages.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TO GIVE GYM SHOW

Complimentary tickets for the
Girls' Gymnasium exhibition which
is to be given at the High School Sat-
urday evening, may be obtained at
Clatsop, Clatskanie, Thursday morning
and until they are all taken. Anyone
interested in the exhibition may ob-
tain a ticket by appearing at Clatsop
and Clatskanie, the same.

The exhibition will start at 7:30
o'clock, and that anyone wishing to
go to the Bazaar afterwards, may do
so. The exhibition will only last about
an hour. The exhibition has been di-
rected by Miss Fay Armstrong, phys-

PUBLIC SERVICE BODY ORDERS PORTLAND GAS RATE CUT FIVE CENTS

SEES HOPE FOR LOWER PRICES

LUMBER HIGHER HERE THAN ON
THE COAST.

J. B. Fisher Finds That Building Ma-
terial Here Is Unreasonable—Says
Freight Drop May Force It Down

That the price of lumber here will
drop April 1 is the prediction of J.
B. Fisher, of Portland, who was a
resident of the Grande Ronde valley
for over 40 years and still can't resist
calling La Grande his home.

Fisher was here before the railroad
came and he has made observations
on the price of lumber and its relation
to freight rates during that time that
lead him to the conclusion that the
drop in freight rates to Eastern points
will benefit the local builder. He is
here largely to consider plans for
building an addition to the building
on Adams avenue in which the candy
factory is located, and when he started
this week he found that prices of
dimension stuff are \$11 a thousand
higher here than in Portland, which
shouldn't be, he says. Labor is about
the same here as in Portland, accord-
ing to Fisher, but the price of build-
ing material makes it a loss, though
the ghost of Old Man Gloom, whom
the Ad club buried yesterday, is stalk-
ing around these parts and is about as
bad an actor as Gloom himself.

Fisher states that he has observed
that whenever freight rates on lum-
ber are increased, the increase is not
passed on to the eastern consumer,
but is tacked on to the price the local
consumer pays. Then, when freight
rates drop again lumber prices here,
where the stuff is made, also take a
tumble.

BAKER STUDENTS OUT FOR TRACK

COACH AND ASSISTANTS CONFIDENT OF TEAM'S ABILITY.

Baker High School Squad Will Be
Able to Cope With Best of
Them, Including Finals.

BAKER, Mar. 29.—Under the di-
rection of Oliver Francis, who has
volunteered in the assistance of
training the high school boys for the
track meets which are planned for
the early part of May, the boys
promise to exceed some of the re-
cords established by the class so far.
Randall Savage is training for the
broad jump and high jump, Reider
for sprints and broad jump, Parley
Stoddard for long distance, and Ed-
die Fong for sprints. Savage and
Reider are making good progress in
broad jump practice.

The Eastern Oregon meet is sched-
uled for the early part of May and
it is understood on the trips which
take the boys from home none will
be allowed to go who have not ap-
peared for training each night at
the Valley avenue ball park.

J. R. Price, coach of the team, with
Austin Brownell and Oliver Francis
as assistants, all feel confident that
the Baker high school track team
will make a good showing against
all comers. Practice is in progress
every afternoon after school at the
ball park.

MURDERERS MUST SUFFER

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30.—Represen-
tations were made to Mexico that
the murderers of the three Americans
killed in Mexico three weeks ago,
must be apprehended and punished.

PORTLAND, Mar. 30.—The
public service commission has
ordered the Portland gas rate
cut five cents on the thousand.
Today's order amends the order
issued on January 15, which in-
creased the gas rate for Port-
land. The new rates are equiva-
lent to the reduction of \$100,-
000 annually in the company's
revenues and are based on the
new oil contract, under which
the company is enabled to get
oil at the reduction of 15 cents
a barrel.

LITTLE GRAIN IS LEFT HERE

OUTLOOK FOR WINTER WHEAT
EXREMELY GOOD.

Union County Farmers Have Dis-
posed of Much Already, While Farm-
Elsewhere Are Selling Low.

Wheat is being bought here today
at a rate that will return \$1.10 a bush-
el to the farmers, the Portland price
being down to \$1.32 today. While
buyers report considerable purchas-
es in Walla Walla county the Union
county crop has been pretty well cleaned
up and but little is being sold here.
Across the mountains, in Umatilla
county and in Southern Washington,
enormous quantities of wheat were
held and much of this is being thrown
on the market at the present low
price. One buyer reported a buy of
60,000 bushels Saturday.

The outlook for the winter wheat
crop in Union county is bright at
present. There is plenty of sunshine
and the fields are drying up rapidly
and a healthy growth is being made.
The stand looks good all over the
county.

CAMBRIDGE WINS RACE

LONDON, Mar. 30.—Cambridge
won the annual boat race with Oxford
today on the river Thames.

Eagles Hall is Place Gorgeous for Festival

Busy carpenters, decorators, and
general supervisors worked until far
into the night last night to put a bazaar
atmosphere into Eagles' hall in pre-
paration for the big three-day festi-
val which begins tomorrow afternoon.

The score or more of bazaar booths
are elaborate, and even gorgeously
decorated for the festivities that are
expected to draw literally thousands
to the support of Memorial avenue.

Women, born of the wings of en-
durance and enthusiasm, have added
the finishing touches of beauty to the
hall today, and it certainly will be a
place gorgeous.

The first feature will be Thursday

RIOTERS TAKE MONEY FROM RURAL BANKS

SOLINGEN OCCUPIED BY BIR-
ISH TROOPS; PUTS DOWN RE-
FUGES AT GENERAL RIOT.

FIFTY PERSONS ARE KILLED AT GEVELSBERG

At Mannheim, the Police, When At-
tacked, Returned Fire—Serious
Uprising of Communists at Dres-
den Was Also Suppressed, Accord-
ing to Reports.

COLOGNE, Mar. 30.—The efforts
of communists to cause a general
strike at Solingen failed, says a
telegram from that city, which is
occupied by the British troops. The
rioters broke into public buildings in
the rural districts and robbed some
banks, but were routed by the police.

Some Success at Jena.

LONDON, Mar. 30.—Fifty persons
were killed in yesterday's fighting
at Gevelsberg, in west Phalia, while
the police were fighting the commun-
ists, says a Berlin message. At
Mannheim the police were attacked
and returned the fire, killing three
persons and wounding five others.

A serious communist uprising at
Dresden was suppressed. Ninety-two
communists, including 14 women,
were arrested there. The activity
of the communists in the Rhine re-
gion is increasing, says a report from
Duesseldorf. Some of the miners
were seized by the workers. At
Jena, the glass manufacturing dis-
trict, some success attended the ef-
forts to start a general strike.

LT. CONEY IS NEAR DEATH

NATCHEZ, Miss., Mar. 30.—Lieut-
enant Coney, transcontinental aviator,
who was hurt in a fall a few days
ago, is reported to be near death.

Relatives of Virgil Decker are Held for Lovitt Murder

WARSAW, Ind., Mar. 30.—
Virgil Decker, his mother, Mrs.
Lydia Decker, and two broth-
ers, Fred and Cal Decker, were
indicted following an investiga-
tion into the death of Leroy
Lovitt. Virgil Decker has been
held here on a murder charge.
His relatives were arrested last
night and brought here. Lovitt
was the "double" of Virgil, and
was alleged to have been mur-
dered because of an insurance
plot.

MUCH GRADING TO BE DONE

BIDS FOR GRADING TO KAMELA
OPEN IN APRIL.

Old Oregon Trail Is to Be Graded En-
tire Distance—Market Road
Funds Matched By State.

When the state highway commis-
sion meets on Tuesday, April 5, bids
will be opened for the grading of the
Old Oregon trail from La Grande to
a point a short distance beyond Ka-
mela, on the Umatilla-Union county
line. The contract for the balance of
the work in Union county will be let
at the May meeting of the highway
commission.

The money for this work will be ad-
vanced by the state highway depart-
ment, the county putting up highway
bonds with the department as col-
ateral. The entire Old Oregon Trail
from Ontario to Kamela will be grad-
ed and rockbed this year and the
project is considered the most important
of the year. The trail ties up with
the Columbia river highway at Pen-
dleton, and when the work is finished
a stretch of good highway will cross
the state.

According to a statement made by
Charles H. Whitmore, of the state
highway department in Portland sev-
eral days ago, the state will be able
to give counties dollar for dollar in
the market roads this year. Mr.
Whitmore stated, according to the
Oregonian: "Counties have levied
various millages for their market
roads. The state will have enough
market road funds now to match, for
the first time, all of the money that
the various counties are raising. The
market roads are designed to feed
into the main lateral roads of a coun-
ty and eventually a county will be
provided with a network of these market
roads."

FRENCH ENVOY'S VISIT MYSTERY

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30.—Presi-
dent Harding today received Rene Vi-
viani, the French envoy extraordinary,
who has come on a visit of courtesy
to the President. Speculation is still un-
answered as to whether the envoy in-
tended feeling out the new adminis-
tration as to the probable course re-
garding the League of Nations.

GLEE CLUB PLEASES MANY

GIRLS FROM UNIVERSITY AP-
PEAR YESTERDAY.

Large Audience Shows Appreciation
of Musical Talent—Program
Offers Variety of Talent.

The University of Oregon girls' glee club appeared at the high school
auditorium last evening in its an-
nual spring tour, and the large audi-
ence was agreeably surprised with
the concert given by the club, the
solo as well as the numbers by the
club showing that there is well-
trained talent among the girls at the
university.

Of the soloists, Miss Laura Rand
distinguished herself above the others,
her contralto solo, "A Rose in the
Bud," being so well received that
the audience demanded several en-
cores.

A piano solo by Miss Imogene L.
Letcher and a violin solo by Miss
Margaret Phelps were rendered ex-
cellently. Miss Genevieve Clancy gave
a soprano solo, "Morning," which
was well received. The quartet,
composed of Misses Clancy, Zink,
McPherson and Hoskins, was on the
program for several numbers and
made good in every respect.

One of the most enjoyable fea-
tures of the evening's program was
"When the Clock Strikes Twelve,"
an original stunt written by Miss
Letcher. As the curtain rose the in-
side of a toyshop came to life, the
dolls making merry during the hours
of the night. As morning approached
they again became mute inanim-
ate playthings on exhibition wait-
ing to be carried away by some lit-
tle girl.

The closing number on the pro-
gram, Oregon songs, gave the even-
ing's entertainment a little deeper
touch of the college atmosphere that
the 22 members of the club brought
with them.

The program given last evening
follows: Part I—"Carmena" (Wil-
son-Smith), Glee Club; piano solo,
"Romance," op. 24, No. 3 (Sibelius),
Miss Letcher; quartet, "Mamma's
Lil' Pigeon" (Pearls), Misses Clancy,
Zink, McPherson and Hoskins;
"Forever and a Day" (Blaschka),
"Friendship" (Harris), Glee Club;
soprano solo, "Morning," (Speaks),
Miss Clancy; "Come Down Laughing
Streamlet" (Spross), Glee Club.

Part II—"Sonnet" (Dessauer-
Housley), Glee Club; violin solo,
"Ave Maria" (Schubert-Wilhelm),
Miss Phelps; "The Duck Witch,"
(Ambrose), "De Coppah Moon,"
(Shelley), Glee Club; contralto solo,
"A Rose in the Bud," (Forster),
Miss Rand; original stunt, "When
the Clock Strikes Twelve," (written
by Miss Letcher); Oregon songs,
Glee Club.

Leland A. Coon was in charge of
the concert as director. Miss Imo-
gene L. Letcher acted as accompanist
and Mrs. Jeanne Fayard-Coon ac-
companied the club as official chaperone.

The club was made up of the fol-
lowing members: First sopranos—
Genevieve M. Clancy, Portland;
Florence M. Garrett, Hillsboro; M.
Alice Goltke, Portland; Gladys M.
Kenney, Portland; Friederike G.
Schilke, La Grande. Second sopranos—
Nell M. Gaylord, Tillamook;
Doris L. Hoefler, Astoria; Marian
M. Lion, Eugene; Constance L. Mil-
ler, Portland; Naomi A. Wilson,
Medford; Leah Zink, Sterling, Neb.
First Altos—Bernice M. Altshok,
Portland; L. Belle Chaburn, Marsh-
field; Eloise McPherson, Portland;
Margaret L. Phelps, Pendleton;
Laura Rand, Portland. Second Altos—
Alberta M. Carson, Hood River;
Vahiti B. Hoskins, Pendleton; Beili
Kemp, Corvallis; Muriel M. Meyers,
Sterling; G. Marjorie Wells, Hillsboro.

SCOUTS TO HAVE FEED AND GAME TOMORROW

The boy scouts will have a big feed
tomorrow evening at the Y. M. C. A.
and following this a program will be
given and then the championship bas-
ketball game of the scout league will
be played.

A. Edwin Pryke, scoutmaster, to-
day asked all scouts to bring a dozen
sandwiches for the big affair between
5 and 5:30 tomorrow evening, the feed
beginning at 6:15. The program fol-
lowing the feed will consist of song,
vocal and instrumental solos and a
few short talks.

The game will be played between
patrols number 1 and 2, popularly
known as the Wildcats and Ravens.
The committees in charge of the af-
fair are: Table, H. Beatty, Mac By-
ron, F. Robinson; program, Waymond
Scott, Art Larson; Paul Meyers; in-
itation, Fern Kelly, W. Watkins, S.
Crossen; game, E. Bennett, Ed Fitz-
gerald, White Dutt.

WEATHER FORECAST.
Tonight and Thursday, fair, with
heavy frost in the early morning.

DETECTIVES ASSIGNED TO EXPLOSION

THOSE WHO INVESTIGATED THE
WALL STREET EXPLOSION TO
INVESTIGATE AT CHICAGO.

SECRET FIREWORKS WERE STORED IN WAREHOUSE

Theory of Police Is That Boxes of
Matches Also Stored in the Same
Building, Became Ignited, and the
Explosion Occurred Some Time Later
in the L-Shaped Building.

CHICAGO, Mar. 30.—Detect-
ives who investigated the Wall
street explosion today started
an investigation of the explo-
sion of secret fireworks in a
factory in the Italian district,
in which eight persons were
killed yesterday.

The American Realty Associ-
ation assigned men to investi-
gate the shipment of explo-
sives to and from the wholesale
notion establishment of the
Singer, Schaffer Company.

Between 75 and 100 are be-
lieved to have been injured in
the explosion.

Chief of Police Fitzmorris announced
after a survey that indications were
that ignition of more than a ton of
fireworks stored in a small building
near the warehouse had caused the ex-
plosion.

Ton of Fireworks Stored.
The warehouse, owned by Weis &
Co., paper dealers, was "L" shaped.
In the angle formed by the "L" was
a small building in which the Singer-
Schaffer company, novelty manufactur-
ers, were alleged to have stored more
than a ton of fireworks in violation of
city ordinances. Scores of firework
labels, percussion caps, pieces of fire-
crackers and torpedoes were found.

Ignition of the fireworks was believed
by Chief Fitzmorris to have been
caused through several cases of
matches stored in the building.

Last night many persons whose
homes had been so badly damaged as
to be untenable received temporary
quarters in the Garfield school house,
where 1500 children were attending
school at the time of the disaster.
The roof of the building was damaged,
but the children escaped unhurt.

A dozen babies being cared for in
a settlement house were slightly in-
jured by the falling of plaster, and
the district nearby was thrown into
an uproar for several hours.

SUPT. BROWN IS TO REMAIN

Coming Year Will Be Mr. Brown's
Third in Baker—Was Princi-
pal the First Year.

BAKER, March 30.—Prentiss
Brown, superintendent of public
schools of the city, has been elected
to fill the same position next year
and has already signed his contract
according to an announcement made
by W. S. Bowers, clerk of the local
school board. The coming school year
will be Mr. Brown's third in Baker,
the first of which he was principal,
and this year superintendent, and his
reappointment gives an idea of the
entire in which he is held by both
teachers and parents of the city. The
selection of other members of the
faculty will probably be made at the
next school board meeting, which
will be held Monday evening, April 11.

J'ever Hear This? By STRICKLAND GILLILAN

When Discretion Set In.
Mike stayed outside the place while
Terry went in for a drink. Pretty
soon a commotion was heard inside
the water-front barroom. Terry's
bruised form came hurtling out the
door. Mike lost control of himself
and rushed madly in:
"Show me th' feller that bate up
me frim that way!" he yelled.
A man slightly smaller than the
Statue of Liberty stepped forward.
He looked down at Mike's angry, up-
turned face, and said:
"I done it."
Mike looked at him steadily a
moment and then said sweetly:
"T' gad, ye nearly kilt 'm, didn't
ye?"

