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BATTLE IS THE OUTGROWTH OF COAL STRIKE

MARTIAL LAW IS TO BE DECLARED ON WEST VIRGINIA-KENTUCKY BORDER

FOUR ARE KILLED IN THE FIGHTING TODAY

Battle in the Mountains of Mingo County Is a Result of the Coal Strike; Union Workers Evicted From Homes Owned by the Company and Are Living in Tents.

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., May 14.—The battle in the mountains which has raged for two days between the sympathizers and the opponents of the United Mine Workers, was resumed today at McCarr, Ky., and Lynn, W. Va. Firing is also reported at Sprigg.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Martial law is to be declared immediately on the West Virginia-Kentucky border by President Harding, said Senator Sutherland of West Virginia, after a conference with the President, late this afternoon.

Earlier in the day Secretary of War Weeks had instructed Major General Read, commander of the fifth corps area, to send the federal troops into Mingo county, West Virginia, if the general deemed troops necessary to quell the border disturbances.

Four Killed Today.

WILLIAMSON, West Va., May 14.—An unconfirmed report received this afternoon said that four men had been killed in the fighting at Lynn, West Virginia.

The battle in the mountains of Mingo county, West Virginia, and Pike county, Kentucky, along the Tug river, is a phase of the industrial struggle over the unions of "open shop" in the mines. The union workers on a "lock-out" strike recently were evicted from the homes owned by the coal companies and are now living in tent colonies.

ROAD MATTERS ARE DISCUSSED

A committee from the Union county Ad club yesterday afternoon called on County Judge U. G. Couch and discussed road matters with him. They were particularly interested in having the Oro Dell route for the entrance into the city from the west instead of the stockyards route. There has been considerable discussion of this route and yesterday's consultation will be followed with meetings with County Commissioners Hutchinson and Galloway.

The committee of the Ad club believes that among the advantages of the route suggested would be the possible elimination of the present viaduct. This has a greater grade than the maximum of the highway commission allows on state highways and would eventually have to be replaced if the present plan of the commission is carried out. The one bridge that needs to be built if a change to the Oro Dell route is made would serve the purposes of two crossings on the other route.

The meeting yesterday was attended by the following of the Ad club: William Miller, A. T. Hill, George Curry, C. E. Short and S. D. Cross.

Kingwell Of La Grande Wins First In The Mile

UNION, May 14, 3:30 p. m.—(Special to the Observer.)—Union is the scene of a large number of athletic and their friends from all over Eastern Oregon today. For the Tenth first annual Tenth Mile, which is being held at the Stock Yards Grounds this afternoon. The events are being run off in a fine manner, the weather being ideal for the race.

In the events that far, La Grande is doing well.

In the mile, Kingwell of La Grande won first, running it in 4:52. This is considered good time.

In the 100 yard dash, Houghton of La Grande took third place.

In the high hurdles, Kegan of Union took first place. Kegan had been sick and unable to practice, but he tore the meet without practice, winning first place.

DESERTER FROM ARMY GETS HUNGRY, STEALS LUNCH AND IS JAILED

ELGIN AND LA GRANDE PLAY BALL TOMORROW

Elgin and La Grande will play baseball at the fair grounds here tomorrow afternoon, the game being called at three o'clock. The Elgin team took the place of the Keating team and made its debut last Sunday by winning its first game and is coming here intending to make a considerable dent into the hopes of the local boys.

The batteries for La Grande are Dave Johnson, catcher, and Shell Price, pitcher. With the exception of Wright being put in as utility man, there will probably be the same line-up as last week.

HATCHERY IN IDEAL LOCATION

FISH MAKE RAPID GROWTH IN UNION COUNTY

Temperature and Other Growing Conditions Best in Country at Catherine Creek

That the waters of Catherine Creek at the fish hatchery about three miles above Union are ideal for raising eastern brook trout is suggested in a letter received by A. V. Andrews, secretary of the local fish and game club, from R. H. Bonney, superintendent of the hatchery.

Three eastern brook trout that were hatched last year have been caught and they measured seven and a half inches. Six inches is considered a good growth for the first year, according to Andrews, and the big growth of the trout in Catherine Creek is due in large part to the ideal conditions at the hatchery. The temperature is just right for the trout and this aids much in hurrying to growth. After the first year the young fish grow in length slowly, reaching a length of thirteen inches in four years as a rule, but they grow broader.

According to Mr. Bonney three more ponds for breeding purposes will be built. In the three counties served by the hatchery, Union, Walla and Baker, one million young fish will be liberated this year. Half of these will be eastern brook and the balance rainbow.

PROPOSAL WOULD UNITE JAPANESE-CHINESE WORKERS

CINCINNATI, May 14.—Approval of the proposal to organize the Japanese and Chinese workers on the Pacific coast and in the western states, was withheld today by the executive committee of the American Federation of Labor.

TUGBOAT ENGINEERS GO ON STRIKE TODAY

GALVESTON, Tex., May 14.—The tugboat engineers struck today, refusing to move the shipping board steamers.

BARBECUE INVITATIONS OUT

Barbecue invitations in the form of souvenir post cards, showing winter feeding grounds for livestock in Grant county, are being sent out with compliments of John Day and Canyon City in connection with the Stockmen's convention to be held there May 24 and 25. A "High Links" program is being arranged for the occasion. A number of local people have been included in the invitation list.

DRIVES OVERLAND

Robert L. Gates, of Pendleton, who represents a farm magazine, drove overland to La Grande this week. His wife came by rail.

Thomas Siddons Makes Confession to Being Deserter After Night in Jail Here; Left Army Early in January From Camp Lewis

Shortly after noon today Thomas H. Siddons, who was lodged in the city jail last night because he stole a lunch from workmen at the shops, called Chief of Police Roy Flexer into his cell and confessed to being a deserter from the United States army.

When arrested Siddons wore an army uniform and he explained his possession of the uniform by alleging that he had bought the uniform. At that time he said he was seventeen years of age.

The insignia on the uniform showed that he was in the motor transport service of the quartermaster corps. Inside of the uniform was his name and his serial number, 8,292,595.

When confessing to desertion this afternoon he gave his age as twenty. He stated that he deserted on January 1. His home is in Port Arthur, Texas, he said. The unit to which Siddons was attached, he alleged this afternoon, is now stationed in the Philippines. At the time of his desertion this unit was stationed at Camp Lewis, Washington, and it was there that he deserted.

Siddons said nothing regarding what he had been doing or where he has been since deserting. He stole the lunch because he was suffering from hunger, he said. He is being held for the army authorities by the local officials.

UNIVERSITY PICNIC ENJOYED

Forty members of the University Club enjoyed a picnic supper at the beautiful Riverside Park last evening. During the supper hour, a challenge was made by the women of the party, to the men, for a baseball game. When darkness put a stop to the game, the girls were declared victors, the score being 3-1. The girls made three home runs where the boys only had one home run to their credit. Late in the evening, college songs were enjoyed around the fire place.

HAS WORK IN PENDLETON

Ed Crossen left this morning for Pendleton where he has some roofing contracts. The warm weather there makes it possible to open this kind of work several weeks earlier than here, he said before leaving, but, he added, the cold nights here make sleep more enjoyable.

SUSPECTED VICTIM ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

OREGON CITY, May 14.—Found on the road near here last night shot through the breast, and brought here by an automobile, a man who was supposed to be the victim of an attack, revived this morning sufficiently to tell Sheriff Wilson that he had shot himself, with suicidal intent. He said he was Alfred Jensen of Portland.

PORTLAND MARKETS

PORTLAND, May 14.—The livestock market was steady, eggs weak and butter firm today.

100 PER CENT GRAIN POOL IS NOW FAVORED

PRESIDENT OREGON FARM BUREAU SAYS NO CONCESSIONS TO UMATILLA FARMERS

ENTIRE DELEGATION FROM UMATILLA OPPOSE PLAN

Umatillians Declare for "Local Option" Explaining that the Farmers of That County Are in Favor of a More Elastic Selling Plan Than the Oregon Association's

THE DALLES, Ore., May 14.—With the entire Umatilla county delegation in opposition, members and directors of the Oregon Grain Growers' Co-operative association yesterday adopted a resolution which previously had been adopted by the United States Grain Growers, Inc., at the recent meeting in Chicago, permitting the Oregon Co-operative association to obtain members under contracts calling for a 100 per cent pooling plan. Under the resolution the association will work in this state upon the 100 per cent pooling plan, until 1924.

The entire Umatilla delegation declared in favor of "local option" explaining that the big ranchers in that county are in favor of the more elastic selling plan adopted by the national organization. Under the national selling plan, 100 per cent pooling is not required, although organized state co-operative associations wishing to go ahead with the plan may do so and still be eligible to membership in the national organization.

George A. Mansfield, president of the Oregon State Farm Bureau, contended that any concession to Umatilla county, such as permitting the growers in that county to become members of the Oregon association, under the national form of contract, would cause serious trouble in the ranks of the state organization and almost certainly necessitate the abrogation of contracts by causing grain growers in all of the other counties in the state to demand the same privileges.

The following national and state executives attended yesterday's meeting: W. F. Schilling, head of the milk producers' association of Minneapolis, Minn.; J. A. Howard of Chicago, president of the American Federation of Farm Bureaus; U. L. Burdick of Kansas City; Geo. C. Jewett of Spokane, head of the Northwest Grain Growers' association; Hector MacPherson, head of the bureau of marketing of the Oregon Agricultural College; C. A. Spence, grand master of Granges of Oregon and George Mansfield, president of the state farm bureau.

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N. K. WEST BUYS WADE WHEAT RANCH-COMMON-WEALTH RANCH IS SOLD

Transaction is Biggest Land Deal Made in Union County Since Pre-war Period; \$128 in Government Stamps is Required.

One of the largest real estate deals made in the Grand Ronde valley since pre-war times was finished yesterday when deeds went on record conveying the 780 acre wheat ranch owned by G. I. Wade, of Summerville, to N. K. West, of this city.

The Wade ranch is known as one of the best in Eastern Oregon and the consideration was \$88,000.00. In the deal Mr. Wade becomes owner of the Commonwealth Stock Ranch, located near Hilgard, property of Mr. West, where for a number of years he bred horses of superior quality. It is understood the Commonwealth ranch of 3,000 acres changed ownership at a price of \$50,000.00.

It required \$128 in revenue stamps to satisfy the government in this transaction when deeds went on record.

STATE DEBATE DATE IS SET

EUGENE, May 14.—The statewide high school debate contest will culminate here on Junior week end, May 18, when the country winners meet to decide the state championship.

John C. Altmann, secretary of the debate league, is now arranging the final debate schedule. After considerable disagreement over whether or not spectators would be allowed at the debates, it was finally decided to allow visitors free. The question which is to be debated is: "Resolved, That the federal government should own and operate the railroads of the country."

Loisne, champion of Eastern Oregon, will represent Eastern Oregon in the final contest.

STACKLAND BROTHERS HERE.

C. M. and G. G. Stackland, Cove farmers, are in La Grande today transacting business and attending the meeting of the poultry association in the city hall this afternoon.

BLIZZARD SWEEPS OVER LAKE SUPERIOR

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., May 14.—One of the worst spring blizzards in years swept Lake Superior last night, driving all of the vessels into the harbors. Six inches of snow fell. Six men, comprising the crew of the barge Miztee, are believed to have been lost when the barge was torn loose from the steamer off Whitefish Point.

TRACKMEET WILL BE HELD AT THE FAIR GROUNDS.

Monday afternoon at the Fair Grounds, the grade schools of the city will compete for first honors in the Grade School Track Meet, for which practice has been going on for the past several weeks. The work has been done under the guidance of Miss Fay Armstrong, director of physical training for the public schools. The meet will be called at 2 o'clock.

It is the plan to have the schools dismissed at noon. Wednesday afternoon a special assembly will be called of the grade schools at the high school auditorium, at which time the banners and pennants will be presented to the winners of various events, and the big pennants, which are to be given to the school winning the track championship, and also the baseball championship, will be given. Riviera has already won the baseball championship, and the track championship will be determined by the result of Monday's track meet.

The domestic science classes are making the pennants.

BOBBY HARPER IS VICTORIOUS

PORTLAND, May 14.—Bobby Harper, of Seattle, won the decision over Leach Cross last night.

COLUMBIA WINS ANNUAL CUP RACE

NEW YORK, May 14.—Columbia today won the annual Child's cup variety rowing race. Princeton finished second, and Pennsylvania, third.

WEATHER FORECAST.
Tonight and Sunday, fair, except probably showers in the northwestern portion of the state. Cooler in the east and southwest portions Sunday.

FRANCE SAYS WOULD NOT BE NEUTRAL

ENTRY OF GERMAN TROOPS INTO UPPER SILESIA WOULD PROVOKE INTERVENTION

AMAZEMENT EXPRESSED AT SPEECH OF LLOYD GEORGE

Premier Briand of France Calls the Foreign Correspondents Together, Declaring that the French Government Could Never Consent to German Troops Entering Upper Silesia.

PARIS, May 14.—The entry of the German troops into Upper Silesia would provoke intervention by the allied Polish troops, which would mean war, and in such a war, France could not remain neutral, according to French official circles.

The utmost amazement was expressed in these circles at the speech yesterday by Lloyd George on the Upper Silesian question containing what is regarded here as extraordinarily friendly references to Poland and judgments hostile toward Germany and unsympathetic toward France. Premier Briand called the foreign correspondents together, and declared to them "Never, never, could the French government consent to the German troops entering Upper Silesia. The German bands are operating in Upper Silesia, maltreating and arresting the Poles. Not all of the disorders in the province are produced by the Poles."

Collapse Expected.
BERLIN, May 14.—The collapse of the Polish revolt in Upper Silesia is expected in authoritative quarters there, say dispatches from Breslau.

Speech Is Dramatic.

LONDON, May 14.—Prime Minister Lloyd George, in a dramatic speech in the house of commons yesterday concerning the Upper Silesian embargo, said the action of the Polish insurrectionists was a complete defiance of the treaty of Versailles.

"I think it is right I should speak quite plainly," Mr. Lloyd George declared, "because if these things can happen and we take no notice and do not deal with them with that stern justice which has characterized the attitude of this country in all its dealings abroad, it is going to be fatal to the peace of Europe. If that is disturbed, I do not see what is going to happen to Europe."

Poland Is Flayed.

"I am alarmed. I am frightened that unless some confidence is restored to the world consequences may be of the most terrible character, because the whole industrial world is so built up on credit and confidence that once that is shaken, I do not see how it can be rebuilt."

Mr. Lloyd George declared the treaty of Versailles was the charter of Polish freedom and that she was the last country of Europe who had the right to complain about the treaty. Poland did not win her liberty, he asserted. Her liberty was due to Italy, Great Britain and France.

Mr. Lloyd George cited that the Poles were divided in the war, half of them fighting with the Germans, and shot down Frenchmen, British and Italians who were fighting for their freedom.

The prime minister recalled the settlement with Lithuania, to which the United States, France, Italy and Great Britain were parties.

Upholding of Treaty Urged.
Mr. Lloyd George pleaded for the upholding of the treaty, both for the sake of honor and for safety and security. There were two ways of dealing with the Silesian situation, he declared. One was that allied troops insist on restoring order, or the allies ought to insist upon the treaty being respected, or they ought to allow the Germans to do so.

EXTRADITION IS REFUSED

SAN FRANCISCO, May 14.—The superior court has issued an order refusing the extradition of Jafet Lindenberg, capitalist, to Tacoma, for trial in connection with the failure of the Scandinavian-American bank.

The Port of Missing Men

