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Flood Waters Sweep Over Wide Area

REQUEST OF POLAND FOR AID, SETTLED

CHARLES EVANS HUGHES, SECRETARY OF STATE GIVES FORMAL ANSWER.

POINTS TO TRADITIONAL POLICY OF U.S. IN EUROPE

Premier Lloyd George Issues Statement Reiterating the British Attitude Toward the Upper Silesia Question As Recently Expressed By Him In a Speech.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Poland's request for American support in the settlement of the Upper Silesia question, evoked a formal answer from Secretary of State Charles Evans Hughes, that the American representatives abroad would take no part in the discussions concerning Silesia. Secretary Hughes pointed to the traditional policy of the United States "not to become involved in purely European matters."

Mistakes Not Justified.
LONDON, May 18.—Premier Lloyd George has issued a statement reiterating the British attitude toward the Upper Silesia question expressed by him in a recent speech, and disclaiming responsibility for the "distorted reports" in the French newspapers. "The fate of Upper Silesia must be decided by the Supreme Council and not by Korfanty," he said. "Children of a treaty cannot be allowed to break covenants in Europe with impunity. Somebody must place a restraining hand upon them."

ELKS PREPARE FOR FLAG DAY

Flag Day is to be observed with appropriate exercises at the Elks club on Tuesday evening, June 14. Plans are now being made by the committee appointed for that purpose to make the observance of the day a community affair.

All churches and patriotic organizations will be asked to join in the event. The program being prepared by the committee will include some excellent musical numbers and several speakers.

EVERYBODY IS DOING IT NOW

To look at Superintendent William Bollins of the O-W one would scarcely think he was the starter of styles. But he is. No, not dress styles, for Mr. Bollins never bet heavily on his Chesterfield appearance. He started another style and all La Grande is doing it now.

Over in the railroad park, which is quite a pet of Mr. Bollins, the dandelion grew and flourished to such an extent that comparison with a Green Day tree would be tame. The superintendent viewed the little yellow fellows with considerable alarm for he knew in a short time they would release millions of seed that would scatter and become as ubiquitous as vegetable growth as kenne and Trotsky's following polluted Russia. He hunted for a system to get rid of the yellow peril and found it.

A new device in the market which when properly applied will put only jerk off the tops of the dandelions but by practicing a little the tops can be piled and destroyed, leaving the lawn a perfect beauty. Mr. Bollins put men to work with the new implement and it was not three hours until every implement of the same kind had been sold and men were out on lawns pulling the tops off the little weed pest.

A yard that had dandelions now in La Grande either shows the new device or the part of the owner or broom that Mr. Bollins got the device are known to the yard owner.

Notables See Bishop Consecrated



Consecration of Rev. William T. Manning as the new bishop of the New York Episcopal diocese, brought many notables to the ceremony. Picture shows J. P. Morgan, banker, and George Zabriskie, chancellor of the New York Episcopal diocese, about to enter the cathedral of St. John the Divine, where the ceremony took place.

Present Directors Are Asked To Be Candidates

About sixty business men have signed petitions asking A. T. Hill, former member of the board of education, and Colon R. Eberhard, chairman of the board during the past year, and a member of the board for the past six years, to be candidates for re-election to the board of education at the election to be held on June 29. The petitions are being circulated on the initiative of friends of Messrs. Hill and Eberhard and it is expected that both men will consent to becoming candidates again.

These are the first petitions of prospective candidates to be circulated.

SAYS JAPAN NOT ABLE TO FIGHT U. S.

CHICAGO, May 18.—A fight to the finish between the United States and Japan would result in Japan being wiped off the map, George Gleason, international Y. M. C. A. secretary, who has just returned from the Orient, declared while addressing the International Disarmament Congress. He declared, however, "that only those living in the kindergarten of international affairs could picture the possibility of war between this country and Japan. Yaps, Koreans, Chinese and the Chinese questions could not furnish the remotest cause for war."

GRAIN EXCHANGE IS AIMED AT

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 18.—The senate has passed the bill placing the operation of grain exchanges under the regulation of the state departments of agriculture. The bill goes to the house now for the final vote. The bill is opposed by the Chicago Board of Trade.

PROHIBITION AGENTS LAID OFF FOR LACK OF MONEY FOR SALARIES

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Seven hundred prohibition enforcement agents in various parts of the country have been laid off for lack of funds to pay their salaries.

PORTLAND, May 18.—The police of little was working steadily. The police of little was working steadily.

MILL WILL START WORK ON MONDAY

La Grande people are feeling mighty good this afternoon over the announcement that the George Palmer Lumber Co. mill will start Monday, even though it is starting in the face of depressed business conditions for no lumber mill in the inland country is receiving orders at present. The company has a quantity of logs cut which it desired to work up before hot weather caused depreciation, and it is on these that the mill will operate. Less than one half as many men as are usually employed at the mill is all that will be needed at the present time.

PEDDLER GETS INTO THE JAIL

RINGS AND PINS OFFERED FOR SALE WITHOUT A LICENSE.

Police Can't Figure Out Whether They Have Thief or College Man Who Is Down and Out.

Because they were trying to peddle cheap jewelry on the streets last night Chester Vining and Martin Russell were taken to the city jail. The search at the police station resulted in a miscellaneous lot of jewelry being found on their persons.

Most of their jewelry was of a cheap kind known as "shell gold." Russell also had a fraternity pin with the name of R. C. Forrest on the back. The pin was of the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity and its marking indicated that the owner belonged to the 1920 class at some university, probably Michigan or Minnesota, an "M" being inscribed on the back with the year of the owner's class. Another pin had the initials "R. C." on the back.

These pins, as well as the rings the men were peddling, they obtained from a jeweler in Portland, according to their story. The police believe, however, that there is a possibility that the pins were stolen, as Greek letter fraternity pins aren't sold in jewelry shops as a rule. On the other hand, Russell might be a genuine college man whom fate hasn't dealt too kindly with, and who is engaging in the precarious means of selling cheap jewelry for a living under an assumed name.

Insufficient evidence was the cause of the release of the young men this morning. They had no money and expressed a desire to leave town so the police gave them directions as to the quickest route out of town.

HARRY WEINBERGER AGREES TO ANSWER COMMITTEE QUESTIONS

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Under threat of contempt in the proceedings before the bar of the house, Harry Weinberger, former counsel for Grover C. Bergdoll, agreed to answer questions before the house committee and produce the documents demanded.

CHIEF JUSTICE WHITE STAYED ON BENCH WHILE VERY ILL

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Chief Justice Edward White, while near death following an operation performed Friday, had postponed the operation because he felt his presence on the bench necessary.

WILL NOT MAKE ANY AGREEMENTS WITH UNION

NEW YORK, May 18.—The executive and wage committee of the American Steamship Owners' association adopted a resolution today that hereafter the organization would have no signed agreements with any wage-making employees union.

GENERAL REDUCTION IN R. R. WAGES FORECAST

CHICAGO, May 18.—The general reduction of wages for unskilled railroad employees effective July 1, was forecast by the railroad labor board. The reduction will be made the basis for a reduction of all classes of railroad labor, it was understood.

FRANKLIN K. LANE, ONCE SECRETARY INTERIOR, DIES

Death occurs at Rochester Hospital Following an Operation; Served Seven Years in President Wilson's Cabinet, Resigning in 1920.

ROCHESTER, Minn., May 18.—Franklyn K. Lane, former secretary of the Interior, died at the hospital here this morning from an attack of angina pectoris, which developed following an operation for gall stones and appendicitis.

Canadian by Birth
It was often said of Franklin K. Lane that if he had been born in the United States instead of Canada, he would have been president.



FRANKLIN K. LANE

identical timber. After serving seven years in President Wilson's cabinet as Secretary of the Interior, he resigned his \$12,000 a year post in expensive Washington early in 1920 "in justice to his family" to become vice president and legal advisor of the Mexican petroleum companies controlled by Edward L. Doherty.

Born near Charlottesville, Prince Edward Island, July 15, 1864, the son of a Canadian doctor who removed to California during the boy's childhood, young Lane was educated at the University of California from which he graduated in 1886. By reason of his scholastic achievements the honorary degree of L. L. D. was conferred upon him some years later by his alma mater and by New York and Brown Universities and the University of North Carolina.

Edited Tacoma Newspaper
Upon leaving college he engaged in newspaper work, becoming part owner and editor of the Tacoma, Wash., Daily News. In 1889 he was admitted to the bar of California and from 1897 until 1902 served as corporation counsel of San Francisco. In the latter year he was Democratic candidate for Governor of California but was not elected. He received the party vote of the state legislature in 1905 for United States senator. Appointed a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission by President Roosevelt in 1905, later becoming chairman, Mr. Lane was serving in that capacity when he was made Secretary of the Interior.

During his services on the Interstate Commerce Commission he earned the reputation of being a progressive. His decisions in the railway cases were said to have been almost invariably pleasing to men of advanced ideas. He favored for years a National Corporation Commission similar to the Interstate Commerce Commission with power to regulate all business enterprises engaged in interstate commerce as the most effective remedy for trust evils. He also advocated a commission form of government for Alaska. He was elected a member of the permanent International Railway Congress, organized in 1919 at the International Railway Congress in Bern, Switzerland.

Helped With Protocol
In 1915 Mr. Lane headed the American delegates at a joint conference with Irish Commissioners from Mexico, as a result of which a protocol was signed at Atlantic City and United States troops were withdrawn from that country.

When the United States entered the war in 1917, Secretary Lane in a number of public speeches outlined the country's purposes and urged business men to show "efficiency as worthy as those of the men on their way to the trenches." In numerous addresses in behalf of the Liberty loan he declared the defeat of the United States was "unthinkable" and that the government was determined to win the war fought to a finish. When peace was declared.

OBREGON IS WARNED OF OTHER'S FATE

MEXICO CITY, May 18.—"Beware of the fate of Francisco Madero, who failed to heed the solicitations to change his policy and fell," was the warning sent to President Obregon by the labor constitutionalists members of the Chamber of Deputies and the senate. The radicals attempted to force their way into the Chamber of Deputies last night to attack the liberal constitutionalists, who were holding a caucus.

MEMORIAL DAY PLANS MADE

Plans are being made for the Memorial services at Island City on May 30. Services will be held at the church at 11 o'clock, following which a basket lunch will be served in the church. After the luncheon hour, all will go to the cemetery to decorate the graves.

LOCAL BOY IS GIVEN MEDAL

CORVALLIS, May 18.—Alfred T. Owsley, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Owsley, of La Grande, was among the ninety-four ex-service men who were given state medals here yesterday. This is Owsley's third year at O. A. C.

LONG JOURNEY MADE BY LADY

ATHENS, GREECE, GIRL COMES TO WED SWEETHEART

Trip Made by Young Lady With Her Cousin as Her Escort to This Country

The first of love burn brightly in the Grecian heart, just as they did in the early days of which Grecian history tells. This was shown to be true yesterday when Miss Rosa Bonzou, of Athens, Greece, arrived in La Grande with her cousin, John Zavaras, as her escort.

She has come the long distance to wed her sweetheart, Tom Tauras, who has been located in La Grande for some time and is well known here.

The two were lovers in Greece and Tom, hearing of America as the place to get ahead, came first and worked and saved, ever keeping in mind the happy day when Rosa would join him.

That happy day was yesterday and a week from next Sunday the wedding will occur.

FISK RUBBER CO. ANNOUNCES CUT IN PRICE OF TIRES

The Fisk Rubber company today announced a substantial reduction in the prices of their entire line of tires. The new prices show decreases of from 12 1/2 per cent to 20 per cent. This reduction places quality tires within the reach of all car owners as it brings the first cost of high grade tire equipment to a low enough level to conform with their necessary economies.

UNCLE SAM DISPOSED TO KEEP OUT OF WEST VIRGINIA FUSS

WASHINGTON, May 18.—The federal government is not disposed to declare martial law or employ regular troops in the West Virginia strike region merely to anticipate a situation that may get beyond the state authorities. Secretary of War, John W. Weeks, said today. He said that the latest reports indicated that the situation was more quiet.

WEATHER FORECAST.
Tonight and Thursday, fair, except possibly rain in the northwestern portion of the state.

CATHERINE CREEK OUT OF BOUNDS

FLOOD WORST IN MANY YEARS
DECLARE FARMERS IN
DEVASTATED AREA

FARMERS HEROICALLY FIGHTING RISING WATER

Dam on Catherine Creek Threatened—Break of Dam Would Result in Endangering Many Bridges—Many Thousands Acres Already Under Water; More Threatened

Damage which will run into many thousands of dollars has been done by the rising waters of Catherine creek which has inundated probably over 5,000 acres during the last forty-eight hours, and thousands of additional acres are threatened. The land under water is partly hay land and partly grain and alfalfa land.

While no accurate estimate can be made of the damage being done, farmers in that section declare that this is the worst flood in many years. On some of the farms the water has covered places that have never been flooded before. Early this afternoon word was received here to the effect that the water level in the mountains is going down but on the lower end of Catherine Creek it is still rising. Indications are that the worst flood in years is inundating the lowlands on Catherine Creek near Union. David L. Stoddard, who has a ranch in the flooded district, returned from Union at an early hour this morning and declared that in places on his ranch where the flood of four years ago left things dry, there now no sign of ground to be seen.

The crown of the roadway is over two feet under water at places and a number of farms are being flooded to such an extent that the farmers are leaving. The Wilde place had to be abandoned and the Wilde family moved to the Hanson place. On the Stoddard farm it is now necessary to use saw horses and planks to reach the house and it will be necessary to abandon the house if the flood waters rise higher.

Ray Baum, who also has a place in the flooded district, declared this morning that a total of 10,000 acres would be flooded according to present indications. All night long last night between 150 and 200 men were fighting the high waters or trying to prevent further breaks in the dikes and in a number of places the water was reaching nearly to the top of the dike late last night and the rains of the early morning may possibly have swelled the creek so that it would break over the dikes in many more places today.

The dike on the Hutchinson farm broke Sunday night and now about 1200 acres are reported to be under water there. In the vicinity of the Stoddard place between 2,000 and 3,000 acres were reported under water last night. The total under water at that time probably was in the neighborhood of 5,000 acres.

In the lower part of the town of Union some water is also reported on some of the streets but no damage has been done according to reports reaching here this noon. Rumors that several bridges had gone out were affixed in Union this morning but no definite reports as to the extent of the damage had been received.

W. J. Townley declared this afternoon that the flood was the worst in many years and that fear is felt that the dam about a mile above his place will break. If this dam goes out many additional farms will be flooded and the bridges below the dam will be endangered, he declared. Several bridges are bound to be carried away if the break should occur at the dam.

Yesterday the dike at the James Hutchinson place broke and in spite of the fact that the water was still rising.

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