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MASSACRE OF CHRISTIANS IS REPORTED

ATHENS CORRESPONDENT TELLS OF ADVICES RECEIVED FROM CONSTANTINOPLE

MASSACRE OCCURRED ON COAST OF BLACK SEA

Many Shops in Samsun and Trebizond Are Ransacked; American Destroyer Is Reported to Have Arrived at Samsun to Protect the Americans.

LONDON, June 3.—A frightful massacre of the Christians at Samsun and Trebizond in Armenia, on the Black Sea coast, is reported by the Athens correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company, under date of Thursday, and quoting Constantinople advices. Reports say that the streets are strewn with bodies of Greeks. Many shops in the two cities were ransacked. An American destroyer has arrived at Samsun to protect the Americans.

DEATH CLAIMS GIRL OF THREE YEARS

Elva Clark, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Clark, of 1110 B street, passed away at the home of her parents at three o'clock this morning from diphtheria.

She had been ill for several days and yesterday her parents called a physician but he was unable to save her life. The remains are at the Bohnenkamp chapel.

Funeral arrangements will be announced tomorrow.

LOCAL MAN GETS CONTRACT IN BAKER

Harry Hoffman, of La Grande, expects to start work on the plastering of the natatorium at Baker on Monday with a force of five men. Hoffman was awarded the contract in competition with Portland and Baker contractors bidding on the job. His bid was approximately $8,000. He expects to finish the job in sixty days.

G. C. WILLIAMS PAYS PENALTY

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., June 3—George C. Williams was hanged today for the murder of his wife and stepdaughter in San Francisco.

FORMER COVE RESIDENT DIES

Word has been received in this city of the death of Thomas F. Organ, on June 1, at his home near Cambridge. Mr. Organ was 71 years of age at the time of his death, and for ten years previous to 1920, had lived near Cove in this valley. The remains will be taken to California for burial.

BABE RUTH NOW HAS SIXTEEN

NEW YORK, June 3.—Babe Ruth made his sixteenth home run in the sixth inning of the game today with St. Louis.

Senate Approves Deficiency Aid

Senator Kenyon Declares Shipping Board is Extravagant and Inefficient.

WASHINGTON, June 3.—The senate has approved the $75,000,000 deficiency appropriation for the shipping board, after Kenyon and others charged the board as extravagant, wasteful, and inefficient. The senate voted that the wooden ships be sold before October 1.

The house foreign affairs committee, with the democratic members dissenting, has voted to report the Porter resolution for the terminating of the war between the United States and Germany and Austria-Hungary. The Porter measure is a substitute for the Knox resolution passed by the senate repealing the war declaration. The resolution will be presented to the house next week, said Chairman Porter.

WORK ON NEW RESIDENCE IS NOW UNDER WAY

Work on a new residence to cost approximately $3500 on Adams avenue is now under way. The residence is located between Walnut and Alder. It is being erected by the Grande Ronde Lumber company.

BOOSTER TRIP IS ENJOYED

FINAL PREPARATION MADE FOR STOCK SHOW

June 1, a Large Delegation of Union People Toured the Valley on Advertising Trip

UNION, June 3—(Special)—Early on the morning of June 1, the streets of the Stock Show city of Union presented a lively appearance autos with banners whizzing in all directions in preparation of a stock show boosting trip through the valley.

The first stopping place of the boosters was Cove, then on to Imbler, Alicel, Elgin, Summerville, La Grande, and Hot Lake and back to "Home, Sweet Home."

Everywhere, a cordial welcome was given to the boosters by the many friends of the Livestock Show, who assured the Union bunch they would all be there when June 8, 9 and 10th rolled around.

Exhibitors are busy getting their exhibits in shape and at the present time, indications are that the show will be larger and better than ever.

The boosting party report that the roads are good on both sides of the valley and crops generally are looking good.

With good weather on June 8, 9 and 10, the Union Livestock Show should be the best ever. Accommodations will be most plentiful this year, for Union's fine new hotel is now open to the public.

COMBINATION SERVICES TO START SUNDAY

The Methodist and Presbyterian churches will have combination services during the month of June, Rev. E. J. Huston, pastor of the Methodist church being on his vacation this month. In the mornings Rev. J. A. Smith of the Presbyterian church will preach in the Methodist church. Evening services will be held in the Presbyterian church.

Rev. Smith will also take charge of all work of the pastor of the Methodist church during this month. During the month of August, when Rev. Smith takes his vacation, Rev. Huston will preach to both the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations and take charge of all work of the Presbyterian church.

BLACKMAILER FAILS TO GO AFTER LOOT

PORTLAND FRUIT DEALER RECEIVES THREATENING LETTER

Note Asks for the Deposit of $25,000 in a Flower Bed, or Death To Four Children.

PORTLAND, June 3.—Following the receipt of a letter by P. Specialli, fruit dealer, yesterday, threatening death to his four children unless $25,000 was placed in a flower bed in a small park in the residence district before 11:30 last night, Specialli placed a package at the designated spot, while detectives watched, but no one fell into the trap, the police revealed today.

BUILDING TO BE REMODELED

The building occupied by the Putnam drug store will be remodelled into a modern office building this summer. The upper floor, now divided into several apartments and office suites, will be entirely remodelled and a steam heating system installed throughout the building.

John Gardner ,of Portland, is owner of the building, and C. B. Miller, architect, has received instructions to proceed with the plans for remodelling. No change will be made on the first floor, which is occupied by the Putnam drug store, excepting that steam heating will replace the present heating.

HOPE FOR STRIKE SETTLEMENT OFF

WASHINGTON, June 3.—Negotiations between the marine engineers and the shipping board for a settlement of the marine strike have been broken off, W. S. Brown, president of the marine engineer's beneficial association, has declared.

At Funeral

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson appeared in public for the first time since the inauguration of President Harding when she attended the funeral of the late Chief Justice White in Washington.

MCLACHLIN IS BETTER TODAY

J. H. McLachlin, who was accidentally shot early Tuesday morning when he was mistaken for an alleged hold-up man, is suffering less pain today and feeling somewhat better after spending a restless pain today and feeling somewhat for his recovery. The wound, which is just above his kidneys, is reported to be knitting nicely.

While Mr McLachlin has from time to time told friends and relatives regarding the shooting, he has not as yet been able to give out a detailed account of the affair, but it is thought probable that by tomorrow he will be able to do so.

PORTLAND MARKETS

PORTLAND, June 3—The price of livestock was steady today. Eggs a cent higher, buying price being 17 to 19 cents; selling of selects 25 cents; butter steady.

STEAM SHOVEL GETS TANGLED WITH LIVE WIRE

SCOOP FALLS AND CRUSHES MAN TO DEATH.

Engineer is Hurled From His Seat, Thus Releasing Scoop From His Control.

PORTLAND, June 3.—A steam shovel got tangled with a high-power wire last night, causing the scoop to fall and crush to death Edward Peterson, and seriously injured two others. F. A. Harmon, engineer, was thrown from his seat by the shock and the scoop, released from his control, fell, crushing three men working with forks. Harmon was hurled out a second time by the current when he tried to return to his seat.

PIONEER OF 1864 PASSES

MRS. JAMES PARKER CAME HERE AS GIRL

Had Lived in Grande Ronde Valley Ever Since Crossing the Plains Years Ago

Mrs. Martha Elizabeth Lanman Parker passed away at eight o'clock this morning after an extended illness. Mrs. Parker was the widow of Elisha James Parker, who died in March, 1903.

Deceased was born in Iowa, June 18, 1852 and was married to Mr. Parker March 3, 1871. To this union nine children were born, five of whom survive. Those surviving are Mrs. Deloras Williams and Walter C. Parker of Island City, Maude M. Johnson of La Grande, Etta Pearl Shaw of Union and Virgil Parker of Redlands, California. Twenty grandchildren and four great grandchildren also survive. She is also survived by three brothers and one sister.

Mrs. Parker crossed the plains as a girl, coming here in 1864 and making her home in the Grande Ronde valley ever since. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon, June 5, at two o'clock at the Island City church. Interment will be in the Island City cemetery.

ANTI-BOLSHEVIK ARE ANNIHILATED

STICKHOLM, June 3.—The Russian official telegraph agency has reported that the anti-Bolsheviki force at Vladivostok has been annihilated by the soviet troops. It is asserted that Japan aided the anti-Bolsheviki troops.

Barrett Criticizes Sheriff of Tulsa

Says Race Riots Could Have Been Stopped Had Sheriff Taken Power To Deputize Sheriffs.

TULSA, Okla., June 3.—The chamber of commerce here has adopted a resolution urging Brigadier General Barratt, commanding the national guardsmen here, not to permit the removal of the troops for at least a week. Barrett has refused to say anything of the announcement that martial law would be lifted today.

Adjt. Gen. Barrett was emphatic in charging that a complete fall down of the local police officers was responsible for the rioting and said that the factors which led to it were an impudent negro, a hysterical girl and a yellow journal reporter.

General Barett said that he came to Tulsa with 100 uniformed men from Oklahoma City and in a short time pacified 25,000 armed, milling men, and said the sheriff could have done it with equal facility if he had used power to deputize assistants.

Inquiry To Be Made.

WASHINGTON, June 3.—A general inquiry into the Tulsa race riots has been ordered by Attorney General Daugherty to determine whether there were violations of federal laws.

MISS LEITCH IS AGAIN CHAMPION

HAS RETAINED THE TITLE SINCE YEAR 1914

U. S. Team Faced the Most Finished Players in Golf of Three Countries

TURNBERRY, Scotland, June 3—Miss Cecil Letich retained the title of champion woman golfer of Great Britain by defeating Miss Joyce Weberd, runner-up, today.

The United States was represented in the series by seven players. Six of the seven players are native born Americans while the seventh, although an Englishwoman by birth, has long been a factor in women's golf circles in this country.

The team, which faced the most finished players of England, Ireland and Scotland, contains one U. S. champion and two finalists in the national tourneys of recent years. Miss Alexa Stirling, three-times winner of the United States title and present holder of the Canadian championship, was the outstanding star of the combination, but was well supported by such capable players as the Misses Marion Hollins, Edith Cummings, Sara Fownes, Louise Elkins and Mrs. Ronald H. Barlow and Mrs. Thruston Wright.

The British women's Golf Championship was instituted in 1893. Miss Leitch has retained the championship for the years 1914 to 1921, and now has again earned the title to the championship for the ensuing year. Between the years 1915-1918, there was no continuous competition.

ZIONISTS WILL MEET SUNDAY

CLEVELAND, O., June 3—Zionist districts in every Jewish community in the country are expected to be represented here next Sunday at the opening of the annual Zionist convention, when the Zionist Organization of America will demand a vote of confidence in it for its stand in the controversy relative to the placing of safeguards around the funds that are being raised for the Palestine Foundation.

While numerous other subjects will come before the convention the vote of confidence on this subject has temporarily overshadowed all others.

CONTRACT FOR BRIDGE IS LET

The county court yesterday afternoon let the contract for a steel bridge on concrete piers over the Grande Ronde river about sixteen miles above La Grande and eight miles from Hilgard on the Hilgard-Starkey road. The successful bidder was the Union Bridge company of Portland. Their bid was $9607. Other bidders and their bids were: Portland Bridge company, $9797; C. A. Purnette of Spokane, $9884.

The present structure is in a very poor condition and is declared to be falling down.

LIVE WIRE MADE TREE DEATH TRAP

LIFE WAS EXTINCT WHEN AID ARRIVED AT SCENE YESTERDAY.

INVESTIGATION SHOWS DEATH CAME INSTANTLY

Edwin W. Holscher Was Playing With His Little Sister and Climbed Into Death Trap After Cottonballs—Foot Touched Wire and 2300-Volt Current Passed Through Body.

Coroner Hal Bohnenkamp made an investigation this morning of the death of Edwin W. Holscher, who was electrocuted yesterday afternoon while at play near his home. According to his investigation, Edwin had climbed a large cottonwood tree for cotton balls. His four-year-old sister was near the tree watching her brother.

His foot touched a high-power wire passing through the tree a considerable distance from the ground and grounded through the tree. On the outside of his left foot and on top burns show where the lad touched the wire.

Mrs. J. A. Ainsworth, who lives nearby, heard the four-year-old girl scream and ran out. At first she though that the child's two-year-old sister had fallen into the ditch and saw the older girl running away frightened. After seeing that no one had fallen into the ditch Mrs. Ainsworth saw the boy hanging from a limb.

Walter Birchfield, who was working in the neghborhood, came to the scene a few moments later and removed the lad's body from the tree, using a rope. Life was extinct when Drs. A. L. Richardson and Harry M. Bouvy arrived with a pulmotor and attempted to revive the boy.

According to Coroner Bohnenkamp the wires passing through the tree at a considerable height are twisted iron cables and one of them passes through in such a manner that the tree is a "death trap." The wires are said to carry 2300 volts of electricity. The service wires are lower and do not pass through the limbs of the tree.

Death was plainly accidental, Coroner Bohnenkamp states, and probably there will be no inquest. Louis Holscher, father of the boy, stated this morning during the investigation that he had warned the boy not to play in the tree.

The funeral will be held from Bohnenkamp's chapel at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon. Interment will be in the Masonic cemetery.

WILLAMETTE STILL RISES

PORTLAND, June 3.—A rise of a foot in the Willamette between today and Monday is forecast. The stage today is exactly at 22 feet, a drop of one-tenths feet since yesterday. The warmer weather and the rising of the Columbia headwaters is expected to bring a new rise. Wenatchee and The Dalles each reported a rise of six-tenths feet, and Lewiston three-tenths.

COAL MINERS REFUSE TERMS

LONDON, June 3.—The executive body of the striking coal miners has finally rejected the government proposals for a settlement of the strike.

LORD BYNG IS APPOINTED

LONDON, June 3.—The appointment of Lord Byng of Vimy, as governor general of Canada succeeding the Duke of Devonshire, has been announced.

Weather

Tonight and Saturday, probably showers.

Local Team Strengthens Lineup for Baker Game

When the Baker baseball team meets La Grande here at 2:30 Sunday afternoon. They will meet a better La Grande team than that which went down to defeat only after keeping in the lead until the second half of the ninth inning.

Several days ago a brother of Danny Shea's drifted into town and he was put into the line-up. He will probably hold down first base and his work during the past few days shows that he is of the same class that his brother belongs to.

Shea is just getting into trim to play a season in Idaho and as part of his preliminary work he expects to have a hand in trimming Baker Sunday.

Crippen and Childers will also be in the line-up, and Kruse, former O. A. C. baseballer, who is now connected with the division engineer's office of the state highway commission in La Grande, are all expected to be in the line-up. Childers has been out of the game but his legs are getting into good condition now and he will probably be in first class shape by Sunday.

HOW WOULD THE KAISER VOTE?

Referendum Measures to be Explained Today

This evening at eight o'clock a mass meeting is to be held in the Star theatre for the purpose of having speakers lay before the voters of the city the five amendments and measures referred to the people by the last legislature, the special election on which will be held next Tuesday, June 7. The meeting has been arranged by the Central Labor Council of La Grande in co-operation with the American Legion Post No. 40 of La Grande.

The speakers for this occasion announced today are as follows: Bruce Dennis, on woman's jury bill, revised jury law and the emergency veto amendment; Colon R. Kleinhard, on lengthening of the legislature and the compensation amendment, and the emergency clause veto bill; Dr. A. N. Mayville, on the hydro electric marriage examination and license bill; and the women's jury bill and jury revision; Drs. Ray Murphy and [illegible] on the world war veterans' state aid fund