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COUNTRIES OF EUROPE IN TURMOIL

GREEKS REPORTED TO HAVE CAPTURED 30,000 TURKISH NATIONALISTS

TURKS RETREAT TO ANGORA CUT OFF

Private Advances from Madrid Indicate That Spanish Met With Disaster While Attacking Rebels in Morocco; Germany Requested to Insure Safe Conduct of Troops.

SMYRNA, July 23.—The Greeks are reported to have captured 30,000 Turkish nationalists and have cut off the Turkish retreat toward Angora, from the Esk-Shehr railway junction, which was captured by the Greeks in the offensive on Tuesday. The Turkish defensive line is reported isolated. Meh-tapha Kemmal Pasha, the Turkish nationalist leader, is reported to have escaped and is fleeing toward Angora.

Information Withheld

LONDON, July 23.—Private advances from Madrid indicate that the Spanish met a disaster in the battle while attacking the rebels at Melilla, Morocco. Madrid is withholding the information, but the news via Paris says that the Spaniards lost heavily.

France Goes Ahead.

PARIS, July 23.—Premier Briand, following the council of ministers, wired to Berlin requesting that the German government take the necessary steps to insure the safe conduct through Germany of a new division of French troops, which are to be sent to Silesia. The ministers decided not to retreat from their determination to send reinforcements despite the British opposition to such a move.

QUICK TIME MADE ON A LONG TRIP

Three Hundred Miles a Day is Average of Travel from Kansas City, Missouri.

From Kansas City, Mo., to La Grande, Oregon, in a Packard car at the rate of 300 miles a day, making the distance from Kansas City to Denver in 27 hours, is the record made by a party of Kansas City and Texas people who arrived in the city yesterday to spend a few days with Charles Playle and family, and from here they will go to coast points, returning home by way of San Francisco, Los Angeles and the Arizona country, over the Santa Fe trail.

In the party is Jack Hendricks, F. M. Boyle and Gordon Lucas, of Brockton, Oregon; Texas, and R. E. Garland, of Kansas City. When they contemplated a trip to the west, for they have a few friends in Spokane besides the Playles in this city, they pondered over the best way to come. Hendricks had just finished touring his Packard with a hands-on coat of paint and varnish and his friends thought it would be fine to let the desert sun of the west try out the new point.

Under the system adopted each of the four men agreed to drive in relays of two hours each and with this understanding they started on the two thousand mile trip to La Grande. They followed the Union Pacific railroad and made all the good towns where hotels were plentiful but where refreshments for a bunch of Texans were scarce.

"I pass the buck up to Eastern Oregon," said Jack Hendricks today. "After you have traveled from Kansas City west and find this Grande River valley—the very first place that the Lord let grass grow without artificial irrigation, I say to you, she is some country. And sleep, say men, I slept last night like a baby. There was no heat, no mosquitoes, no need of ice water or fans—why this is heaven on earth. Do you people fully appreciate what a great country you live in?"

The party will remain here until Saturday, when they will leave for Spokane.

AMERICANS ARE WINNERS

HARVARD STADIUM, Cambridge, Mass., July 23.—The combined Harvard-Yale team captured the fifth set of the field games from the Oxford-Cambridge team of England today. The victory puts the international series with a score of three to two in favor of the Americans.

UMATILLA COUNTY ROAD SHORTAGE PUT AT \$3,000

Fireworks Looked For On Monday

Major Babcock, Telephone Engineer, Is to Be Recalled to Witness Stand Again Monday

SALEM, July 23.—Major Babcock, telephone engineer, will be recalled as a witness for Portland, Monday, at the telephone rehearing and fireworks are expected when he is cross-examined. Babcock stated yesterday afternoon that the thirty per cent increase allowed in Oregon on the toll business was not great enough, and that the toll rates were not high enough. Commissioner Corey said that if the toll rates were increased it would kill the business.

AGED PIONEER HAS PASSED ON

HAD LIVED IN VALLEY FOR MANY YEARS

Funeral of Woman of Ninety-seven Will Probably Be Held on Monday

Mrs. Margaret Wilkinson, who has been confined to the hospital for a year, died yesterday afternoon at the age of 97. Mrs. Wilkinson was one of the Grande Ronde pioneers, having lived in the valley for over thirty years.

Surviving Mrs. Wilkinson are two sons by her first marriage, Julius McCoy, one of her sons, is believed to be in Idaho and expected here for the funeral, which will probably be held Monday. The whereabouts of her other son, James McCoy, is not known.

Her first husband, J. C. McCoy, was killed in a railroad accident near Perry and her oldest son, O. McCoy, fell in the Indian war in the Blue Mountains.

Once among the well-to-do women in the city, at the time of her death she was in reduced circumstances. Besides her sons, three grandsons survive her, one living in Echo. The latter is expected to be here for the funeral but the whereabouts of the other two is not known. A daughter-in-law, Mrs. Roxey McCoy, of this city, also survives her.

Final arrangements for the funeral are expected to be made tonight or tomorrow. The remains are at the Bohlenkamp chapel.

PALMER FUNERAL TO BE SUNDAY

DEPARTED RESIDENT WAS A VERMONT NATIVE

Had Been Making His Home in Union County For Many Years and Did Much to Aid Community

Adolbert Palmer, who was called to his last home on Thursday evening, was born in Northport, Vt., on July 22, 1851, being 70 years of age the day of his departure. He removed with his parents to Chicago when two years of age, where he grew to manhood, later coming to Shennandoah, Iowa, where he was engaged in the lumber business, holding many positions of honor and trust. Some 18 years ago he came to this county, locating at Elgin for a short time, then coming with his family to La Grande where he has since resided. He had charge of the retail department of the Palmer Lumber Co. ever since.

In this business he made many friends, giving many a man aid who was trying to build a little home in the city. He was of a retiring and modest disposition, but his true worth was recognized in many ways. A few years ago he was the Chancellor Commander of the K. of P. lodge of this city which position he filled with such grace and dignity that when he retired he was presented with a fine gold-headed cane. He particularly endeavored himself to all who know of the untiring devotion with which he waited on his wife during her many years of ill health, and who preceded him last October.

He leaves to mourn his loss three brothers, George of this city, Harold of Tacoma, Wash., and Andrew of State Center, Iowa, and a son, Fred E. of California, and a daughter, Louise, who has been ministering to him during his recent illness and her two daughters, Edna and Avis, as well as a great host of friends who kindly extend their sympathy to the bereaved in this time of sorrow.

The funeral services will be held from the Henry chapel Sunday at 2:30 p. m., the Rev. James Aiken South having charge.

Bail of Clerk Accused of Hefts from the County Will Be Placed at \$7,000—K. C. Amann Maintains Silence.

PENDLETON, July 23.—The shortage in Umatilla county road funds due to the alleged peculations for which C. K. Amann, clerk in the road master's office, was arrested this week, will amount to between \$3,000 and \$4,000, it was learned from an authoritative source. The employment of an expert accountant will be necessary to determine the shortage, said C. H. Randall, deputy district attorney.

The accused man was to appear before Justice Richards at Athens today and his bail, set yesterday at \$2,000 will be raised to \$7,000 according to Colonel J. H. Bailey of the law firm of Bailey, Raley & Stowell, retained by Amann. It also was said he would waive preliminary hearing which automatically will bind him over to the September grand jury.

Amann is maintaining silence regarding the charges.

DRUNKS PLACED UNDER ARREST

George Hagan and Gust Anderson reeled merrily along the street Friday morning and were escorted to the city jail, where they were given lodging and meals until they can be brought before Municipal Judge R. J. Kitchen.

The usual search which the police make under such circumstances is a bottle containing about a pint of moonshine whiskey of most powerful strength. The usual test was applied to it. This test is as follows: A small portion is poured on the floor and a match touched to it. A delicate blue flame appeared, and, judging from the lack of remains the liquor was just about all alcohol.

LOCAL BOYS ARE INTERESTED

NINETY-FIRST DIVISION WILL CONVEY

Every Veteran Not in Hospital Or On Honorary List Is Urged to Be In Los Angeles Sept. 24, 25

Union County sent a big quota to the 91st Division and it is in consequence of that that there is much local interest in the strenuous efforts being made to pull every veteran of the Ninety-first Division who is not in the hospital or on a honorarium on September 24 and 25 to the annual reunion of the division in Los Angeles on those dates began this week with the enlistment of a full company of newspapermen to spread news of the arrangements for the reunion as they are made.

The publicity committee, headed by Major J. W. Stephens, who served with the 362nd Infantry, is being enlarged by the addition of a representative in each city and village in the Ninth Corps area—California, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada and Utah. An special railroad rates are obtained distinguished guests invited, arrangements made for regimental banquets and other entertainments in Los Angeles, members of the committee will be bulletined and they in turn will see that the information is spread broadcast through their respective communities.

In a short time recruiting committees are to be named in each community in the Ninth Corps area and through re-enlistments of the Ninety-first for the duration of the reunion obtained. Between 15,000 and 20,000 are expected to attend. Banquets, parades, elections, campfires, speeches and excursions are on the program.

A moonlight picnic at Santa Monica beach is on the list of entertainments. Santa Monica is where Mack Sennett's bathing beauties frolic. And there are no bathing machines there, as at the French beaches.

CHARLIE GRAMM IS IN LA GRANDE

Head of the labor department of the state, Charles H. Gramm, arrived in La Grande to look after matters concerning his department. Charlie endeavors to go around over the state twice each year and see for himself just how things are running. He endeavors to make one of his trips to the Grande Ronde valley in mid-summer, for that is the time he enjoys looking at the big crops and sleeping in those mountains, where it is cool.

SUSPECT IS APPREHENDED

CO-OPERATION OF BANKS AIDS OFFICERS

Mexican Tries to Pass Checks Stolen With Other Loot and Lands in Jail As a Result

Benito Fasfon, a Mexican, is in the city jail charged with being implicated in the robbery of Scott's store at Hilgard Thursday night. He was apprehended by the local police department through the co-operation of the United States National Bank which, together with other banks, was keeping a sharp lookout for checks stolen from the store.

Fasfon wanted to cash a check in Westernhaver & Gilbert's this morning and Mr. Westernhaver, growing suspicious, rushed to the bank with the check and T. J. Scroggins, cashier, then communicated with the police officials, resulting in the arrest of the Mexican. Shortly after Fasfon was arrested The Hub brought a check to the bank and it developed that this was another of the stolen checks. The Mexican, who was accompanied by two companions, had been in the store and one of the companions bought a pair of shoes offering the check in payment.

On examination and search at the police station it was found that he had on him some back saw blades that had been cut in two making them better for burglarizing operations, and this leads the police to believe that they have a profession at burglary in jail. He also had a number of pass keys on him.

The city has been thoroughly searched for the two companions of the man in jail. Early this afternoon no trace of them had been found and the county officers had also not found any trace, but it is believed that they are still in or near La Grande.

The men who escaped are also both Mexicans but not so dark as Fasfon, who is dark and about 31 years of age. One wore a grey suit with pleated back and a black hat. The other wore a red sweater.

HEADQUARTERS OF LARGE SHEEP COMPANY MOVED

ONTARIO, July 23.—Ontario is to be the general headquarters for the R. N. Standfield company, in other words, from this city are to be directed the activities of the largest sheep company in the United States. In the course of the next few weeks the branch office of the company, which was located in the Washington hotel at Weiser will be moved here, as was that at Stanfield, Oregon, recently.

UNION COUNTY HAS SHIPPED TWENTY CARS OF CHERRIES

UNION, July 23.—Up to Saturday twenty carloads of cherries have been shipped out of Union, let cars going by express to New York and Baltimore, the balance going by freight to different points. The cherries, this year are of the very best quality and come from the Union and Cave districts principally.

It is difficult at this time to estimate the extent of the crop, picking and packing being yet under way.

MAKE IT A SCENIC ROAD IN FACT

The Observer cannot understand why there should have been deviation to any marked extent from the original survey for the Scenic highway from Oro Dell into La Grande.

According to first plans and according to the Mc-Lellan survey, the highway crossed the river and railroad at Oro Dell and kept on the foot hills, entering Adams avenue by the hospital. This was right. It was as it should be. It is what the people want.

But now the survey has been changed and instead of following the original route it is planned to leave the Mc-Lellan survey at the Runelhart ranch where the big barn stands and drop down to the flat, entering on Palmer avenue, which would cause the highway to intersect Adams avenue east of the Cherry greenhouses.

This is a grave mistake and once the people thoroughly understand the plan, there will be a vigorous protest, for it is not a scenic highway. It is a "hump" road and does not justify the enormous expense by any means. Under the new plan all the scenic part is contained between the Oro Dell bridge and the Runelhart ranch—a short distance—and the tourist is deprived of exactly what it was intended he should have—a full view of the valley and city from the foothills.

We understand it has been stated that two pieces of property stand in the way of the original survey. Suppose this is true. Have we not proper recourse? Can't the property be condemned and the owners paid for the damage the road will do?

The Observer pleads with officials not to botch this excellent scenic route by running it into the flat at the point now proposed. Let us have the scenic highway as originally planned.

R. J. GREEN COMES HOME TO FIND CLOTHES GONE

Robbers Leave Full Dress Coat Only—Silverware is Also Stolen After Five Attempts to Enter House

R. J. Green and family returned late last night from their vacation trip, which was cut short by news reaching them that their home had been robbed.

Mr. Green suffered the greatest part of the loss by having all of his clothes excepting a full dress coat and two caps and a hat stolen. The clothes stolen included five full suits and an overcoat. The suits originally cost over \$60 each and the overcoat \$45. Besides his dress coat Green now has only the khaki suit worn on his camping trip remaining.

A gold clock valued at \$40 and the entire silverware of the Green family, worth at least \$100, were among the stolen articles. A key to Mr. Green's safety deposit box was also stolen. In order to prevent any possible use of this key by the thief one of the first things Mr. Green did this morning was to have the key on his box changed.

A careful examination of the house revealed that the robbers were persistent in their efforts to gain entrance. Once in the house they apparently were in a hurry to get done with their job and go away. After a careful examination of the house, Mr. Green arrived at the following theory regarding the means the robbers used in gaining entrance. First, the basement was entered through a small window. The small size of this window, as well as others used by the burglar, indicates that the perpetrators of the burglary were small men. The dog leading from the basement into the kitchen was locked and the robbers probably decided that too much noise would be made if it were forced.

Leaving the basement the robbers probably entered the sleeping porch over the back porch by means of a ladder which was on the premises. A small hole was cut in the screen and used for crawling on the porch. Here again locked doors discouraged the robbers.

The door giving entrance to the kitchen from the outside has a glass panel. So it seems that the robbers tried to enter in this way next. They scraped practically all the putty off the glass and it would not have been much more of a job to get the glass out and enter through the opening. For some reason probably because they thought they were attracting attention, the robbers gave up this way of gaining entrance; going to another side of the house.

The bath room window, which is small, gave the robbers the next invitation. A small piece of glass was broken out, the sash lock unfastened and the robbers entered but were again baffled by a door locked as a precaution from the other side.

A small window by the fireplace on the front of the house was next entered in the same manner as the bath room window. Gaining entrance through this window gave the robbers access to the belongings of the Greens and they made away with the loot, which was valued at about \$500.

The police have found finger marks made by the robbers and Chief Roy Flexer is using them in an attempt to locate the robbers.

SETTLEMENT MAY COME FROM OFFER

Inasmuch as Position of Ulster Is Ample Secured, Peace Is Looked Forward To

Dublin, July 23.—The impression is growing that the Irish peace offer made by Lloyd George will work out in settlement.

Features Are Told LONDON, July 23.—The outstanding feature of the government's Irish peace proposals is Eamon De Valera in the concession of a fiscal autonomy, according to high authority. The position of Ulster is amply secured.

NEWSPAPER MEN IN BEND

ORIGON EDITORS ADDRESSED BY NATIONAL PRESIDENT

B. F. Irvine, in Carefully Written Paper, Denounces Upon Sinclair's Squallings Are False

BEND, July 23.—E. E. Brodie, president of the National Editorial Association, told the Oregon Editorial Association today that the national association was trying to weld all of the newspapers of the nation into one functioning association.

A. Whinnant, of Bend, read a paper by B. F. Irvine, of Portland, on the "People's Column," in which Irvine said that much of Upton Sinclair's squalling in "The Brass Check" was historical and false.

D. B. Botsford, of Portland, discussed foreign advertising. The election of officers will be held at a banquet at Elk Lake late today.

The officers elected on the report of the nominating committee were Elbert Bode, president; Lloyd Riches, of Vale, vice-president; Hale Hoss, of the Oregon City Enterprise, secretary; Douglass Mullarky, of the Redmond Spokesman, a member of the executive committee.

Resolutions were adopted thanking Bend; changing the term of president from two years to one; increasing the dues to \$5 a year; advocating a moment to Homer Davenport, and urging that the typographical union relax the rules as to the number of apprentices allowed.

Cottage Grove, Hood River, Corvallis and Tillamook are seeking the next convention.

REP. JOHNSON CALLED "LIAR" BY A WITNESS

BERGDOLL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE BROKE UP WHEN TROUBLE AROSE

WITNESS STARTS TOWARD OPPONENT

Major Bruce Campbell Testified Against His Deed Yesterday, at Times Seeming Very Excited—Declared Bergdolls Only Gave Him Three Cambric Handkerchiefs.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—The Bergdoll investigating committee session broke up suddenly today after Charles A. Braun, a witness, called Representative Ben Johnson, of Kentucky, a member of the committee, a "liar" and later made an attempt to reach the witness.

Flatly denying the charge by Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll of Philadelphia that he had been paid \$5,000 to aid in obtaining freedom for Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, her son, who evaded the draft, Major Bruce R. Campbell of the United States Army, yesterday declared that the sum sent to the brokers was his own money, hidden by his wife at her home since the early days of the war.

The major, called here hurriedly, without opportunity to examine the charges against him, first declined to testify at this time as to the source of the fund. But, pressed hard by the committee, he turned out suddenly and told of the hidden treasure and a moment later related in detail how a \$500 investment placed with the late Milton Young, of Lexington, Ky., before the war, grew to \$6,000 by 1917. It was this same sum, he said, that was hidden away and later shifted to Wall street and lost.

Says Father Gave Him Money.

Professing ignorance as to how the Young investment had increased, Maj. Campbell said that it had been turned back to him by a man, still living, but whose name he declined at the moment to give. Then, in the midst of a sharp exchange with a committeeman, Campbell broke in, declaring: "Oh, hell! it was my father's."

At this point the committee decided to call the father, William R. Campbell, of Lexington, who was asked to come here at once.

There were moments when Maj. Campbell was unable to control his feelings when referring to his wife and his old father, and he banged the table in anger as he denounced what he said was the attempt of the Bergdolls to blacken his name. As military counsel for the blacker, he never received a dollar, he declared. The only thing they ever gave him, he said, were three little cambric handkerchiefs, bought at a soldiers' fair on the island, as trinkets for his babies.

Canada's Hands Tied.

OTTAWA, Ont., July 23.—Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, Philadelphia draft evader, who escaped to Germany, is unlikely to be extradited through Canadian influence. Officials of the department of justice who have been investigating the case because of indications that Bergdoll escaped to Germany by the use of a large Canadian passport, said that they had found that a treaty of years standing between the Canadian government and Germany prevented the extradition of a naturalized citizen of either country to the other for trial. Bergdoll, it is understood, has taken out citizenship papers in Germany.

PRESIDENT HARDING IS ON WEEK-END TRIP

WASHINGTON, July 23.—President Harding left today to join a camping party composed of Harvey Firestone, Henry Ford and Thomas A. Edison, on Licking Creek, near Peeblesville.

The president is expected to spend the night in the canyon and will return late tomorrow.

WIRELESS AID GIVEN NOTICE

SAN FRANCISCO, July 23.—The experiences of Raymond G. Fisher, forest service pilot, who secured aid by wireless after being forced to land on the island of Crater Lake, in attracting interest as the result of the publication of the story by the air service authorities. Fisher was forced to land, needed spark plugs and sent a wireless to another aviator, who dropped the plugs from a parachute.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Tonight and Sunday, fair.
