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GERMANS ARE FLEEING INTO THIS COUNTRY

Sign Out of German Ports at Wages of One Cent per Month

LEGAL REMEDY IS ASKED BY DAVIS

Chinese Also Said to Be Landing Illegally, to the Number of About Forty Thousand—Act Permits.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—Many Germans are shipping at German ports on American-bound vessels as seamen at wages of one cent a month, is the information given by Chairman Lasker of the shipping board to Secretary of Labor Davis.

The belief is expressed that they land as seamen and flee to the interior. Until the treaty is signed it is illegal for Germans to land in the United States.

Secretary Davis said he expected a bill would be introduced in congress requiring registration on arrival of all seamen. He said forty thousand Chinese have illegally landed here as a result of the seamen's act permitting foreign seamen to land at American ports.

LABOR BODIES AT WORK

Preparation For Coming Celebration Well Under Way Here

Industrial and commercial bodies of the city are rapidly getting hold of the job of entertaining the first session of the Tri-City Labor Day celebration, which will be held here on Labor Day.

Some of the events of the day will be a parade, followed by speaking by a man of wide renown. In the afternoon there will be races, sports and a ball game, followed by a band concert and dance that evening.

The most important question of the day is "who is running for Labor Queen?" Nominations will remain open until Tuesday and on Wednesday the contest proper will start. Candidates for queen must be from Union Labor families. General Chairman Jerome wishes to correct the impression prevalent that the nominations are open to any young lady. Only Union Labor family candidates will be considered. Boxes for nominations have been placed at The Palace, Silverthorn's and the Club Clear Store.

Prizes have been placed on display at various jewelry stores. The first prize is the choice of a pearl necklace or a diamond locket. Second prize, either a wrist watch or a cameo brooch. Third prize, "pearl bracelet of lavender. There is also a possibility that the labor queen will be given a trip in an aeroplane. Labor Council delegations have already visited Baker and will go to Pendleton to round up the Round-up town.

PRISONERS IN RUSSIA ARE LISTED

RIGA, Aug. 6.—American officials are preparing a full list of Americans in Russia, including prisoners, which will be turned over to Walter L. Brown, director of American Relief. It is certain that at least a hundred Americans are seeking to leave Russia. The departure of any Americans from that country had not been reported up to late Friday night.

SIXTEENTH CHILD BORN

TACOMA, Aug. 6.—Mrs. L. D. Shaffer, aged 58, today gave birth to her 16th child, a 12-pound boy. The eldest child in the family is 22, and a pair of twins is included. All are healthy and helpful. Shaffer is a shipyard worker.

Fifty Bushels of Wheat Per Acre in This Valley

Winter wheat will easily make the 25 bushel per acre average predicted several months ago and may possibly average more than that in Union county, according to the observations of Harry G. Avery, county agent. Mr. Avery has been through a large part of the valley during the past week and he found that harvesting is getting along well and some fields of winter wheat have record breaking crops.

LABOR COMMITTEES MEET AT BAKER ON MONDAY

A delegation from the La Grande Labor Council will go to Baker Monday for the purpose of making further preparations for the Eastern Oregon Labor Day celebration to be put on here September 5, together with the labor councils of Baker and Pendleton.

Assurance has been given the local council that Baker will co-operate to its fullest extent and much interest is already being shown in Baker in the event.

The committee which was in Baker this week and which will go down again Monday evening was composed of the following: John A. Gjerna, general chairman of the Labor Day committee; J. C. Murphy, chairman of the speakers committee; Walter Bennett, of the finance committee; J. V. Rosenbaum, of the sports committee.

HIGH JACKERS IN LIVELY GUN WAR

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 6.—Bandits who are termed "high jackers" who make a business of robbing freight trains in the wheat belt of Kansas and Oklahoma, robbing harvest hands and committing other depredations, are becoming bolder and their acts are receiving attention of local authorities.

Wednesday night two robbers attempted to hold up a party of former soldiers and harvest hands on a freight train and the soldiers began to shoot. One "high jacker" was killed and four harvest hands wounded. The other robber escaped.

TWO HOLD-UP MEN ARRESTED

BAKER, Aug. 6.—Jack Upton La Salle and John Ryan were arrested yesterday near Haines and charged with being the two men who Thursday morning escaped from a local policeman. Both have admitted their guilt. The men had eaten breakfast on the work train of the O-W, and paid for their breakfast. The cook on the train having notified the sheriff and kept a watch on the pair.

Jack La Salle, the "tall slim" man who did the shooting when the escape was made from Henpe, gives his home at Seattle. The other, John Ryan, the red head, says he is a native of Connecticut. The two men have been traveling together for some time, having been together in Cheyenne during the Frontier show in July.

It is reported that the third man, who was mixed up in the holdup of the boxcar tourists and whose name is not known, is familiar with this part of the country, and is thought to be hiding in the hills, probably making his way to the mountains.

BATTLESHIP OREGON A GIFT

Navy Department, However, Will Meet No Expense Accounts.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—Secretary Roosevelt has notified Congressman Simons that Oregon can have the battleship Oregon of Spanish War fame for all time, as a memorial or training ship, provided the navy department incurs no expense.

JAPAN ACCEPTS DATE

All Invited Powers Now in Accord on November 14th as Date.

TOKYO, Aug. 5.—Japan has agreed to November 14th as the date for the disarmament conference, leaving all the invited powers in accord as to the date of meeting.

BANDITS MAKE BIG HAUL

GREENHAVEN, Ill., Aug. 6.—Two bandits boarded the Baltimore and Ohio passenger train at Secher City last night and held up the express messenger, escaping at Allamont, five miles south of here with all sealed packages, containing approximately \$50,000.

Old Water Supply System to be Rehabilitated is Decision

ASSESSMENTS ON REAL ESTATE NOW COMPLETE

One of the court mills—that of the assessor's office—has had a hot weather grind and no vacations have been taken. Assessor Procter and his assistant have been busy getting in real estate valuations and today they are practically through with this department of the work.

Writing up the tax rolls have begun and the stiffness around the assessor's office as the clerk carries forward the figures and names across ruled and cross-ruled pages tells of constant work being done.

GERALDINE SUED FOR DIVORCE

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—Lou Tellezen, an actor, has filed suit for divorce from Geraldine Farrar, an opera singer and former movie star, on the ground of desertion, his attorney announced today.

WEATHER FORECAST

PORTLAND, Aug. 6.—Sunday promises to be fair and a fine day for the picnickers and fishermen. Moderate westerly winds will prevail.

A SANE, SENSIBLE CONCLUSION REACHED BY CITY COMMISSION

The Observer feels like congratulating members of the city commission for the wisdom they have shown in deciding to repair the present pipe line at a cost of less than one hundred thousand dollars rather than attempt to take on a half million dollar improvement at this time.

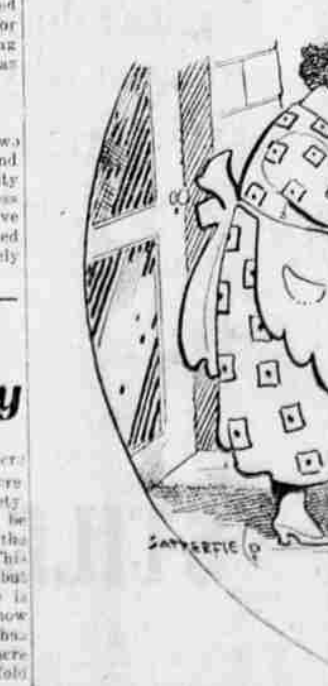
We know that the water supply will not be sufficient for years to come but it will take care of La Grande for quite a while and give us plenty of water until the city grows materially.

Under the decision of the commission the present pipe line is to be put in first class condition, the dam at the intake is to be reinforced to hold a water supply, and pumping plants of dependability are to be installed in the river near the city.

That is a good program. It is a sane program. It is a program that no citizen can fail to support. The commission is entitled to general commendation for solving the perplexing problem in the manner it has.

ABOUT THIS TIME O' YEAR

IT'S PERFECTLY DELICIOUS MRS. AUSTIN, TELL ME JUST HOW YOU MADE IT!



COST OF LOWER BEAVER CREEK SUPPLY IS CONSIDERED TOO EXPENSIVE AT THIS TIME—REPAIRS LOW IN COST

Ultimate Water Supply for City to be Lower Beaver—Pumping Plant Is Also to be Built—Engineers Recommend Building of Meadow Brook Dam to Give Adequate Protection in Case of Dry Summers—New Estimates on Repairs to be Made.

IS BRUMFIELD AT LA PINE?

LA PINE, Oregon, Aug. 6.—A man answering the description of Dr. Brumfield was seen holding up two Mazamas twenty miles south of Crescent on the Klamath Fall road. Several eyewitnesses saw him and identified the Brumfield photograph as that of the robber. The same party is said to have held up another party. A posse is in pursuit.

BANDITS GRAB PAY ROLL

HACKENBECK, N. J., Aug. 5.—Six armed bandits held up the paymasters of the Barrett Manufacturing company today and escaped with the payroll of fifteen to twenty thousand dollars. The paymasters were traveling in automobile with five armed guards.

ISLAND NATIVES SEE THEIR FIRST ELEPHANT

HILO, Island of Hawaii, T. H., July 27.—(By mail.)—When Daisy, the elephant from the Kapiolani zoo at Honolulu, recently visited this city to attend a holiday carnival here, thousands of children on the island of Hawaii had their first glimpse of the animal that made the circus famous.

Daisy was treated as a guest of honor during her stay here and day and night crowds of children—to say nothing of grown-ups—filed past her waving trunk indulging in the popular pastime of "feeding peanuts to the elephant."

At a special meeting of the city commission last evening it was decided that repairing the present water supply system instead of building the Lower Beaver Creek project should be undertaken. This decision was reached because it was thought inadvisable at this time to spend such a large amount on a new system and because it was believed that the present system could be made to serve the city another three to five years.

provided the city also protects itself against possible shortage by building a new pumping plant. Stevens and Koon, consulting engineers who made a survey of possible water supply sources and estimates of the various systems, were instructed to immediately make an investigation of the present system and report on the necessary repairs, together with an estimate of the cost. It was decided, however, that ultimately the Lower Beaver Creek system should be installed.

The work to be undertaken includes strengthening of the dam, rebuilding the spillway and intakes, lining the reservoir in the city, repairing the pipeline and installing a pumping plant on the river for use in case of emergency.

Cost Will Be Low. While an estimate of \$115,000 was made for rehabilitating the present system in the report of the engineers, the reconstruction that will be necessary to serve the city for another three years is not expected to be as costly as the engineers estimate provided for rebuilding and raising the present dam, which would have cost \$60,000. The height was to be increased five feet, increasing the capacity 100,000,000 gallons, or about fifty per cent over the present capacity. This would have been necessary to make the present plant adequate for another eight or ten years but reinforced.

MINING CLAIMS ARE IN DANGER

A Washington, D. C., news bureau says: The mining claim owner who wishes to play safe on an assessment work done before the end of the calendar year. He may have the time extended by action of congress to June 30, 1923, but this is uncertain and it appears to be the greatest concession he can have for in any event.

During the present session of congress the senate passed a bill which proposed to relieve owners from the requirement work for the year 1920, the time for doing the 1920 work having previously been extended to July 1 of the present year. In the house this bill met with considerable opposition. There came protests from mining regions against further suspension of mining law requirements.

The house committee on mines and mining, Rhodes, of Missouri, chairman, voted not to report the senate bill, and the committee is still in the same frame of mind. No further action is contemplated with reference to the work for 1920.

The committee has, however, reported a bill by Haden of Arizona, H. R. 4813, which changes the time for doing assessment work from the calendar to the fiscal year. If that bill passes, 1921 work may be done up to June 30, 1922, and the assessment year thereafter will date from June 30 each year. As it stands the law of December 21, 1920, extended the time for the 1920 work for six months, the last legislation upon this subject.

INCOME SHRINKS BADLY

Government Behind in Its Finances Due to Slump in Funds

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—Shrinkage in three months of \$330,000,000.00 in the estimated government income for the fiscal year, was disclosed in Secretary of the Treasury Mellon's report to the house today. At the same time the expenditures had decreased only \$11,000,000.00.

FATHER SANK BEFORE EYES OF CHILDREN

Further Details of Wallowa Lake Drowning Coming to Light

CRAMP THEORY IS HELD MOST LIKELY

Local Boy Was Close to the Scene of Disaster—Wenham Children Cried Out for Help.

Further details of the extremely depressing accident at Wallowa lake Thursday afternoon when Albert Wenham and Miss Ella Pratt were drowned, were brought to La Grande today by Mrs. Floyd McKennon and children and Mrs. H. S. Brown and children.

The details as outlined in the Observer yesterday were substantially correct. Those who have not seen Wallowa lake this year must remember that the old pier is now a considerable distance out from the shore line because the higher dam has backwaded the head of the lake, and there is a short distance between the old pier and the old side walk which was formerly on dry land but is now a pier at the new shore line.

To get to the new pier it is necessary to boat across. Mr. Wenham, who had taken several of his children on a picnic to the lake, was dressed for bathing, and was teaching the Pratt girl to swim. It was understood that he was in the boat and she was in the water, hanging to the side of the skiff. It is believed that she let go her hold for a moment to attempt to swim a few strokes, and then sank in the 20 feet of water.

POLICE STAR IS BACK IN STYLE

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 6.—The time-honored six-pointed star, the symbol of policehood, is to replace the policeman's shield in Los Angeles, according to a recent ruling of the department head, Chief of Police Jones. It is said the change in the style of badge has been found necessary because many of the shields now authorized have been lost and are now being worn by persons not entitled to them.

BIG MOONSHINE HAUL IS MADE

PENDLETON, Aug. 6.—The biggest moonshine outfit taken in Union county was captured by Deputy Sheriff Ridgeway Friday morning, when he arrested Ray Sama presiding over two mammoth stills. The double outfit was housed in a dugout under the southwest corner of the barn on the Sama ranch on Dry Creek.

The dugout was entered by means of a trap door in the manger. When the lid was raised Sama was discovered carefully watching the two big stills in full operation. Sixteen barrels containing 800 gallons of mash were taken in addition to the two stills, which are said to be of the latest model. Both were equipped with gasoline heaters so that there was no tell-tale smoke.

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ROSEBURG, Aug. 6.—Sheriff Starmer has announced that he has received a box of woman's clothing shipped from Myrtle Point to a fictitious address in Seattle, by Dr. Brumfield on the day preceding the tragedy. It was returned to the sheriff. Brumfield is known to have been in Myrtle Point on the day of the shipment.

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