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ALLIED MEN WELCOMED TO LEGION MEET

General Pershing Tells the Audience of Legion's Work

WANTS BIG ARMY OF CITIZENS IN U. S.

Today Is Day of Annual Parade of Legion Convention; Foch Welcomed.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 1.—The official greeting of Marshal Foch and General Pershing occupied a vociferous session of the American Legion convention here this morning. The annual legion parade will be held this afternoon.

After formally welcoming Marshal Foch and the other allied delegates, General Pershing praised the legion's campaigns for Americanism and kindred ideals. He urged the legion to continue its efforts to bring into being a military force representative of the people so that the country may escape unpreparedness in any future wars.

CONVENTION OF DISTRICT HELD

Royal Neighbors Met in This City Saturday and Elected Officers.

Mrs. Ida Hamblen of Portland, state supervisor for Idaho and Oregon, of the Royal Neighbors of America, the ladies auxiliary of the Modern Women of America, was in the city on Saturday, October 29th, and conducted a district convention.

A large delegation was present from Baker, Pendleton, Elgin, Island City and Cove, and Payette, Idaho. The afternoon session was in the form of a school of instruction and in the evening a class of beneficial members were adopted, the initiatory work being exemplified in a beautiful manner by the degree team of Baker. The new members were secured by District Deputy Phoebe Williams of Baker, who has been in the city the past week.

A banquet was served at noon and dinner at six o'clock by the members of the local camp and the guest complimented them on their generous welcome and hospitality. The sessions closed at midnight after selecting Baker City as the next place of meeting and the following officers were elected: President, Ellenora McCroskey, Baker; Vice-President, E. Blackburn, Pendleton; Secretary-Treasurer, Mabel Ragsdale, Baker.

The Royal Neighbors is said to be the largest social-beneficial society managed wholly by women and has a membership of 461,000, 400,000 of which are beneficial. The society has \$5,816,811.14 in the benefit fund and \$564,645.17 in the general fund, making it the strongest social-beneficial society in existence from a financial standpoint.

This society has been doing business twenty-seven years and has never called an extra assessment, excepting one of twenty-five cents per member for the patriotic fund, all members paying only twelve assessments per year.

DELEGATES NAMED.

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—Delegates to the Washington conference from Italy, Great Britain and China arrived on the steamship Olympic today.

Bond Values Not Much More Than Total Interest

SALEM, Nov. 1.—For the sum of sending the discount upon the sale of several bond issues. In other words, the state, through the issuance and sale of bonds aggregating \$28,540,000 contracted an obligation of \$47,955,329.54. The interest charge for the \$27,268,000.55 realized from the bonds, to be paid between Jan. 1, 1922, and December 31, 1926, is \$3,508,255.85. It was predicted that the receipts from the motor vehicle license and from the tax on gasoline will take care of the annual obligation of the bonds, and the sum of \$1,257,061.29, representing amount of the highway bonds.

AD CLUB HAS MANY SPEAKERS AT ITS LUNCH

City Water, Portland Fair, League of Nations and Social Hygiene Handled by the Spellbinders.

Attendance was large today at the Ad Club luncheon to the final shot from George Birnie, chairman of the water committee of the club, who reviewed the work that has been done on today's election. Mr. Birnie views with considerable alarm the lethargy of the people on so important a subject, but expressed the hope that the returns from the election may be on the right side of the question.

Rev. Leitch of Island City gave forth an invitation to the Ad Club members to attend a dinner to be given in Island at a future date.

Bree Cox, chairman of the freight rate committee of the club, told of a meeting at Pendleton Thursday for northwest representatives and by motion, Manager A. W. Nelson was ordered to attend and represent La Grande.

Announcement was made that next Tuesday will be new member day and a request was made that everyone be present to greet the new members.

Fighting Parson Hughes from Union was a guest at the dinner today and made a few remarks on brotherly love and neighborly co-operation.

Pat Gallagher, representative from Malheur county, spoke on the 1925 fair. He opined the need of taxation and rather placed himself against taxation as a means of promoting the fair, but urged everyone to be for the exposition, even though it should be done by taxation.

A. A. Smith, a Baker attorney and former member of the Oregon legislature, spoke on the armament meeting at Washington and urged the necessity of the League of Nations principles for the world. He made a very fine talk, his oratory reverberating through the hotel corridors and he had perfect attention.

Dr. J. R. Exner, a hygiene specialist of New York City, was one of the chief speakers. He outlined the need of better social hygiene and urged all Ad Club members to join in a movement that will be of benefit to the coming generation.

La Grande Women Learned to Make Their Own Hats

The millinery school conducted here last week under the supervision of Miss Esther B. Cooley, clothing specialist of the extension division of O. A. C. and held under the auspices of the county farm bureau, was pronounced a decided success and women in all parts of the county who attended the school expressed the hope that a longer period can be devoted to the work at some future date.

At the La Grande sessions of the school 20 ladies were present and besides receiving instruction from lectures by Miss Cooley, the ladies finished 11 hats which represent a value of \$82. At the Elgin sessions all ladies were present and six hats were made, the total value being over \$22. At Union no hats were made but demonstrations were given.

It is probable that during farmers week next January Miss Cooley will again be here.

OREGON MAY BENEFIT.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—The house today adopted the conference report on the federal aid road bill carrying an appropriation of seventy-five million dollars for highway construction.

PORTLAND, Nov. 1.—Oregon may receive \$1,181,000 under the roads bill, said C. H. Purcell, federal district road engineer today.

Eleven Die in Atlantic Storm

Two Bodies and Upturned Boat Wash Ashore Off New Jersey

ANGELSEA, N. J., Nov. 1.—Eleven fishermen and perhaps more are believed to have been drowned by the upsetting of a small open motor boat in a storm along the coast near here. One boat is missing. Two bodies and an upturned boat have been washed ashore, revealing the tragedy.

Three Island City Boys to be Guests of Exposition

This morning County Agent Harry G. Avery announced the names of the three boys in club work who will attend the Pacific International Show at Portland next week as the guests of the exposition. The boys were selected as the ones making the highest record in the stock judging work done during the year.

They are: Lester Blokland, Albert Bosquet and Ray Zennett, all of whom reside near Island City. They will leave here Sunday evening. County Agent Avery will probably leave for Portland tomorrow evening and remain through the exposition.

CLUES TO FIRE SETTERS FOUND

BAKER, Nov. 1.—That the fires of Saturday night, one of which destroyed the Tri-State Terminal elevator, are at least in part due to incendiary origin is the belief of Fire Chief Grabner and Special Agent Runey, of the O. W. R. & N. company. They base their opinion in this respect as conclusive, on evidence discovered this afternoon.

It is their belief that the fires were started from the oily waste taken from the journal boxes of freight cars and ignited. The waste has been found taken from from the cars next to the one from which the elevator fire started. The waste is also missing from the boxes of a car near the old wool warehouse, Seventh and Carter street, where the fire was put out, and a quantity of the waste found where the fire started.

The officers are checking up all the evidence and clues found, and while they are not prepared to say if it is 24, was arrested here Monday. He had in his possession, according to the arresting officers, several suits of clothes, watches, mackinaws and other articles alleged to have been stolen from the Nyssa firm.

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CONSULATE AT LISBON IS EXPLODED

Outrage Said to be a Retaliatory Measure of Radicals

SACCO AND VANZETTI CASES UNDER PROBE

Department of Justice Is Investigating Plots Against American Embassies and Consulates.

LISBON, Nov. 1.—A bomb exploded today on the staircase of the American consulate here. No damage was done. The outrage is attributed to be in connection with the cases of Sacco and Vanzetti, Italians convicted of murder in Massachusetts.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—The department of justice today began an investigation of the threats made by radicals in connection with the cases of Sacco and Vanzetti. Following their conviction on murder charges, radicals in all parts of Europe became incensed and the American embassy at Paris and other embassies and consulates were threatened, a bomb being sent to Ambassador Herrick in Paris which wrecked a part of the embassy.

Communist papers in Paris made threats and as the result large numbers of police and soldiers were detailed to guard the embassy.

Vale Robber May be In Jail in Salt Lake

SALT LAKE, Nov. 1.—Arthur Hall, 23, said by the local police to be one of a trio, which robbed the Wilson store at Nyssa, Ore., October 24, was arrested here Monday. He had in his possession, according to the arresting officers, several suits of clothes, watches, mackinaws and other articles alleged to have been stolen from the Nyssa firm.

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Insanity May Be Defense Plea

Arthur Burch Goes On Trial Today in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 1.—Attorneys for Arthur Burch, indicted with Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain for the alleged murder of J. Belton Kennedy today asked that Burch be examined as to sanity when the trial opened.

Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain and Arthur C. Burch, once fellow students at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., were placed under arrest within twenty-four hours of the time J. Belton Kennedy, young Los Angeles insurance broker, was shot to death on August 5 last. A week later they were indicted for murder. When they were arraigned, Ralph R. Obenchain, divorced husband of the woman defendant, who was also a student at Northwestern while she and Burch were together, appeared as her counsel, having dropped his law practice in Chicago to come to her aid.

KIDS OF THE CITY HAD A GOOD TIME

Hallowe'en was in full blast last night when almost before the dusky shades of night hovered over La Grande and the valley, spooky objects could be seen in every part of the city.

The youngsters had been waiting for this glorious night when all can frolic and do things which on any other date would be considered rude, to say the least.

The white sheets were pressed in to service and the old-time jack-o'-lantern made from pumpkins and candles could be seen glaring out from many windows and from street crossings. Here and there accompanied a party of girls and boys full of glee and now and then the old horse-drawn carriage was heard, and some youth had put into practice the stories told by father and grandfather about Hallowe'en pranks when they were young.

Many delightful parties were held in the homes and the young folk went wild with joy at these events. So far as has been reported no damage was done to property and aside from tipping over a few wood piles, soaping windows, stretching wires across sidewalks, moving lawn swings, etc. all of which were the pranks of youngsters, La Grande suffered little from the night when the old lifted and everyone acts according to the amount of pop that is in him.

COMMITTEE NAMED. WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—The advisory committee of the American delegation to the armament conference was announced today by the White House and consists of twenty-seven members, four of whom are women. Secretary Hoover, General Pershing and Samuel Gompers are on the committee.

COW TESTING RESULTS ARE SATISFACTORY

Nearly 100 Per Cent of the Cows in Union County Are in Perfect Condition

The result of the cow testing work done in Union county last month are highly gratifying, according to Harry G. Avery, county agent. A total of 467 cows were given tuberculin tests and only seven reactors were found. This is only one and half per cent and is considered an excellent record. The cows tested belonged to 193 owners and represented a large number of small dairy cow owners in all parts of the county. Cove being the best represented, nearly 100 per cent of the cows in that section having been tested and all passing the test.

The work was done by Dr. C. M. Gardner, assistant state veterinarian. No federal help was given in the work as is usually the case as the federal appropriations for the work are exhausted. It is likely that Dr. Gardner or some other representative of the state veterinarian's office will be here again to complete the work. The farm bureau committee which was instrumental in having the work done at this time instead of waiting for federal aid was headed by Albert Hunter.

BULLETINS

OAKLAND, Oregon, Nov. 1.—Louis C. Segil, of Oakland, California, was killed early today and L. Clark Rogers of San Francisco injured when they plunged from the approach to a bridge near here while making an endurance run from Portland to San Francisco.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—Four Americans were captured by Mexican bandits, who demanded \$5,000 ransom. They were released on payment of 5,000 pesos, according to advice to the state department from Chihuahua.

SALEM, Nov. 1.—Damage of 195,000 was done by fire of undetermined origin which early today destroyed the building and most of the stock of the wholesale grocery firm of Showalter and Jacobs. Two firemen were injured.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 1.—Cordell Hall of Tennessee is to be selected this afternoon as chairman of the Democratic national committee to succeed George White of Marietta, Ohio.

ATHENS, Ohio, Nov. 1.—Three thousand miners went on strike here today in protest against the injunction issued yesterday by Judge Anderson at Indianapolis.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—Investigation by a special committee under the charges by Senator Watson, Democrat, of Georgia that American soldiers in France were hanged without a court martial was ordered today by the senate.

BAKERSFIELD, Calif., Nov. 1.—The oil workers' strike was called off last night by the district council at the behest of Secretary of Labor Day. The locals will vote tonight and Thursday night on the council's recommendation. The strike started seven weeks ago.

NEW LOW RECORD.

CHICAGO, Nov. 1.—Grain prices tumbled to the lowest level of the year today, a six cent cut in wheat taking place, May futures touching the \$1.00 mark.

PORTLAND, Nov. 1.—Wheat was from 95 to 98 cents on this market today.

SEVEN HURT AS MACHINE IS DITCHED

Car Coming From Baker Towards La Grande Leaves Grade

SPEED SAID TO HAVE BEEN VERY GREAT

One Woman Is in Very Serious Condition, Others Have Been Taken Home.

About two miles west of Hot Lake an automobile wreck occurred last night at about 11 o'clock that was this morning declared by Chief of Police Roy Flerer as "the worst wreck I ever saw." The machine, driven by "Tap" H. Sullivan, of Baker, contained seven occupants, four of them being women and all were more or less seriously injured and the car is a total wreck. Besides Sullivan, E. B. York, Billie George, Clela LaMonte, Sarah Holst, Georgia Spencer, and Mrs. Lizzie Clark were in the machine.

The tracks on the macadam show that the car had been zig-zagging along the road for some distance and one of the men is said to have declared that the machine was "flying" at the time of the wreck. At the point where the machine went off the grade the road is about 32 feet above the ditch and the machine first turned completely over and then turned a somersault and in some way was swung around and headed back toward Hot Lake and turned over again.

One of the women was practically unhurt and she started for Hot Lake in search of aid. She met Roy Flerer who was returning home and he took the injured to a hospital.

One of the women is said not to have recovered consciousness yet this morning. The men are said not to have been as severely injured as the women, suffering from bad cuts and bruises. Apparently one of the women was thrown through the windshield. The occupants in the rear seat are believed to have been saved by being dropped out when the car turned over the first time.

Every indication of the wreckage is that the speed was terrific when the car went off the grade. Parts of the top were found as far as 75 feet from the car and the spare tire was thrown 50 feet clear of the machine.

Mrs. Clark is still at the hospital, the others having been taken home today.

Two Stills Taken in Baker County

BAKER, Nov. 1.—Sheriff George Herbert, Deputy Ed Hannon, Huntington and Special Agent Jack Cassidy made a haul of two complete stills, with H. M. James, the operator, about a mile and a half below Huntington. James was brought to Huntington, where he was fined \$200 and given a sentence of 30 days in jail, by Justice of the Peace Woods. All this work was done by the officers after leaving Baker at 1:11 on No. 24 and returning to Baker in the evening on No. 19, bringing their prisoner with them. James is said to be from Weiser, Ida.

The two stills had a capacity of about 10 gallons a day. With them was found two gallons of the product and about 160 gallons of prune mash.

NEW CABINET MEMBER.

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 1.—Jose Vasconcelos, former rector of the National University, has been named Secretary of Public Education, a new cabinet post recently created by an act of congress.



Bonus Bill Fight Is Renewed In the Senate

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—Renewal of the fight in the senate for the passage of the soldiers' bonus bill resumed today in a further setback Monday for the bonus payment of the interest on the nation's foreign debt.

There was a night session, but with the bonus issue still undisposed of there appeared to be doubt whether the tax bill could be brought to a vote before Saturday, if then.

There was four hours' discussion Monday of the Reed amendment, proposing to continue the excess profits tax and to seize proceeds to defray the costs of the five-day adjusted compensation plan.

This was followed by the introduction of an amendment by Senator Simmons of North Carolina and Walsh of Massachusetts, Democratic members of the finance committee, proposing payment of the bonus out of the interest on the nation's foreign debt.



Tonight and Wednesday fair weather or will prevail in the eastern portion of the state and increasing cloudy weather in the western portion.