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## HUSBAND OF VIOLINIST IS HELD IN PARIS

California Artist Dying from Poison in Hospital in France

## HUSBAND SAID TO HAVE GIVEN TABLETS

Domestic Troubles Believed to be Responsible for Alleged Attempt to Slay Wife.

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, Jan. 13.—Mrs. Audrey Creighton Ryan, better known as Audrey Creighton, California violinist, prize winner of the American conservatory of music at Fontainebleau, is reported dying at the American hospital in Neuilly as the result of swallowing poison tablets.

Her husband, Thomas Stewart Ryan, attached to the Paris staff of the Chicago Tribune, was arrested and charged with administering the tablets under threat to kill her with a knife unless she swallowed them.

Later, it was said, he stabbed himself but did not inflict a serious wound. Domestic troubles are said to have been the cause of the tragedy.

## Labor Council Is Against High Phone Rates in La Grande

The Central Labor Council held their regular monthly meeting at Eagles Hall last night, several important matters being discussed. The main item on the evening's program was the threatening out of the matter of high telephone rates. Much feeling among the business men and others in this section against the high telephone rates is prevalent, it was reported. The result of the discussion was that a committee, having full authority to act on this affair and with instructions to draw up a resolution stating their attitude and also having instructions to co-operate with various civic bodies in La Grande, was appointed.

The election of officers was postponed until the next meeting, which will take place on January 27 at Eagles Hall.

A. C. Brinker, president of the council, presided at the meeting.

## BULLETINS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Another small reduction in the price of Ford cars effective January 15, was announced here today by Henry Ford.

PASCO, Wash., Jan. 13.—Five persons were injured, none seriously, and eighteen shaken up when a sleeping car attached to the north coast limited of the westbound Northern Pacific train left the track near Connel last night.

LONDON, Jan. 13.—Georges Carpentier, who defeated George Cook of Australia, last night by a knockout in the fourth round, may ask another match with Dempsey.

MADRAS, India, Jan. 13.—The arrival here of the Prince of Wales was accompanied by rather serious rioting resulting in several casualties. It was necessary for the police to interfere with an armored car.

## Two Week-End Games to High School This Week

After spending a most satisfactory week at practice the La Grande basketball team is in fine shape for the game tonight with Hign. In the last week they have been getting the old eye back and are dropping the ball through the baskets with startling regularity and are also playing a good passing game. Coach Lodell, although uncertain of Hign's approximate strength, announces that he is expecting his protégés to win from Hign and Union in the games tonight and tomorrow night. The team is showing good teamwork.

## CONFERENCE OF NEWSPAPER MEN ON AT EUGENE

All Parts of State Represented in Annual Gathering on U. of O. Campus.

(By Associated Press)

EUGENE, Jan. 13.—Editors and publishers from all parts of the state were here today to attend the fourth annual newspaper conference, which opened today and is to continue tomorrow.

Today's program included a meeting of Oregon members of The Associated Press, with Paul Cowley, of San Francisco, superintendent of the western division, presiding. This meeting was scheduled for 10 o'clock at Memorial hall, at the University of Oregon.

The afternoon of the state conference will be presided over by Robert W. Sawyer, president of the conference, and the general topic of discussion is to be advertising. Speakers on the program included Paul Robinson, of the Aurora Observer; H. L. St. Clair, Gresham Outlook; G. Lansing Hurd, of the Corvallis Gazette-Times; Ernest Gilstrap, Eugene Register; W. R. Smith, of the Myrtle Point American and Powers Patriot; W. F. G. Thacher, professor of advertising at the University of Oregon. There was to be a general discussion led by Hal E. Ross, of the Oregon City Enterprise.

The annual banquet is scheduled for tonight. Addresses scheduled "Advertising in 1922," by James W. Brown, New York; "Some Big Neglected Opportunities in Journalism," by George P. Cheney, of the Enterprise Record-Chiefdom; "Newspaper Tendencies," Edgar B. Piper, Portland.

## STOCK EXCHANGE EXPELS

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—Expulsion of Gustave M. Minton, specialist in several prominent speculative issues, from membership in the New York stock exchange, was announced from the rostrum Thursday.

## REACH DECISION

CANNES, Jan. 13.—The allied reparations commission conference today decided to grant provisionally to Germany her reparations account.

## DOG TAX LAW IS UNPOPULAR

So far, this year, no applications for the state dog tax, recently upheld by the supreme court, providing that a state tax of one dollar for males and two dollars for females, shall be collected by the county, have been received by the county clerk. The first year, the law went into effect about nine hundred licenses were issued by the county clerk here and a comfortable amount of revenue was requested to handle the taxes.

Rightly speaking, with the clerk's office doing the labor on their own time, the license fee is a considerable amount of money for the county and in one county in southern Oregon the clerk reported that the cost of issuing the licenses was more than the amount collected. Last year eleven licenses were issued in this county and no applications have been received yet this year. The applications must be made to the clerk as the law does not require him to collect the dog owners for the tax. In some counties this law is not being enforced as the clerk's refusal to handle it and all over the state it is one of the most unpopular laws in practice. The county clerk of Union county is prepared to issue these licenses upon application.

## Dixie Girls Goody-Goody

So, Says Doctor Speaking in New Orleans Today

(By Associated Press)

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 13.—Girls of Dixie wear longer skirts, drink less liquor, smoke fewer cigarettes, hold fewer "petting parties," than girls in other sections of the country, Dr. Valeria H. Parker, of the United States inter-departmental social hygiene board declared in an address today.

## Reward Money For Capture Of Three Men Appointed

John McLachlin of La Grande Among Those Entitled to Reward; Other Local Men Will Benefit.

(By Associated Press)

BEND, Jan. 13.—Rewards offered by the city of Pendleton and Umatilla county for the capture of the slayers of Sheriff Til Taylor in the jail delivery at Pendleton more than a year ago were apportioned here today by Circuit Judge Duffy in an opinion handed down in the equity cases brought by Umatilla county and Pendleton against Dave Bonifer and others who captured John Rathie and against John H. McLachlin and others who captured Neil Hart and James Owens.

Eighteen men who participated in the capture of Hart and Owens will receive \$225 each and eight who participated in the capture of Rathie will receive \$50 each. Four giving information leading to the capture also will participate.

John H. McLachlin, veteran law enforcement officer of Eastern Oregon who has been hunting criminals in and around La Grande probably longer than any other officer in this part of the state, and Earl Tabor, traffic officer of La Grande at the time of the Taylor slaying, were the two men who are said to have taken the greatest chances and captured Hart and Owens at Kent Springs on the Tallgate road.

## RHEIMS MAY BE REBUILT SOON

RHEIMS, France, Jan. 13.—The city of Rheims may be rebuilt within five years. This is the opinion of Marquis Melchior de Polignac, president of the Co-operative Society for the Reconstruction of Rheims. At the most, he says, the work will require more than six or seven years.

The amount of work remaining to be done is estimated by the Marquis to cost 1,000,000,000 francs, of which 60,000,000 is for reparations and 900,000,000 for reconstruction. He says that the society will have 200,000,000 francs placed at its disposal each year for the next five years. This is by arrangement of credits with the Department of Public Works.

## FAMOUS CASE HAS PASSED INTO HISTORY

Newberry Finally Seated by Close Vote After Three Year Contest

## SILENCE IN SENATE AS CASE CLOSES

Root of Contest When President Wilson Asked Flivver Maker to Run for Senate

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The Newberry case in the formal records of the senate passed into history today. The senate chamber was strangely silent after the strain of the battle ended in the seating of Newberry by a vote of 45 to 41 late yesterday afternoon, after more than three years of suspense.

The roots of the contest run back into the early summer of 1918 when President Wilson personally requested Mr. Ford to enter the race for the Michigan Senatorship. "The Detroit manufacturer's entrance into politics precipitated a situation without parallel in the state for he declined to state whether he would seek nomination as a Republican or as a Democrat, entering the race subsequently as a candidate for nomination on both tickets.

On the Republican ballot in the primary, which was held August 27, 1918, Mr. Ford was opposed by Mr. Newberry, former Governor Chase S. Osborn and William Gerald Simpson of Detroit. As a Democrat, he was opposed by James W. Helms of Adrian. Mr. Ford won the Democratic nomination handsily and Mr. Newberry was victor on the Republican ticket. Neither had made personal efforts in the primary campaign and neither participated personally in the fight prior to the general election. Mr. Ford attended to his manufacturing business and Mr. Newberry remained in New York City, where he was stationed as a lieutenant commander in the navy during the war.

Charges were spread broadcast by Ford supporters accusing the Newberry committee with having spent more than \$250,000 in the primary campaign, and the further assertion was made that illegal influences had been brought to bear and intimidation of voters resorted to by the Newberry committee in obtaining the nomination of their candidate.

## Foundation is Made Firmer

Extensive Repairs to City Building Nearly Completed

The work of repairing the foundation and excavating under the city building at Elm and Washington, is rapidly nearing completion and within several weeks it will probably be finished. The cross-beams supporting the floor were in poor condition, due to the lack of ventilation which caused many of the heavy timbers to rot. Some of the beams over a foot thick were practically rotted through.

When the work now being done is finished the building will have a full basement and the coal bins will be adjacent to the engine room, saving much labor carrying coal over 60 feet. Retaining walls are being built around the foundation of the vault to prevent its settling and an additional vault will be built at the foot of the stairs to store those records which need not always be available.

By constructing a basement under the entire building it is expected to prevent further rot of the timbers and save considerable labor by having storage room for materials and tools that are now hauled to the pound for storing.

The work has been done under the direction of City Engineer Geo. Garrett and Water Superintendent Knapp. Oscar A. Kratz, the new city manager who will be sworn in this afternoon and officially take his office tomorrow will continue the supervision of the work of repairing the city building.

The new garage in rear of the fire station in which the city car will be housed in the future is also nearly completed. By using the room in rear of the fire station, which was being used largely for storage purposes, the city saved considerable money, the commission having decided that the bids for the new garage were too high to warrant the outlay of money this winter.

## J. F. McDonald Dies in Paul, Idaho

Mrs. J. F. McDonald and Mrs. G. Dolbow have returned from Paul, Idaho, following the death there of Mrs. McDonald's husband, J. F. McDonald, who was well-known in La Grande, and expect to make their home here.

Funeral services were held at the L. D. S. church in Paul and interment was made in Burley, Idaho.

## NECH MONEY SWINDLED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Sen. Penrose, late United States senator from Pennsylvania, had \$225,193 in cash in a safe deposit box of the American Security & Trust company here, it became known Thursday through the filing of a report by Theodore C. Cogswell, deputy registrar of wills. According to the deputy registrar, the money includes five \$10,000 notes with the balance in bills of \$1000, \$500 and \$100.

# FRANCE ASKS FORD TO BUY BATTLESHIPS

## OFFICIALS OF RAILROAD ARE RESPONSIBLE

Cello Wreck Due to Operating Officers Ignoring Slogan "Safety First" Says Public Service Body.

SALEM, Jan. 13.—Failure of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company to live up to its slogan, "Safety First," resulted in the wreck at Celilo on December 1, last, with the loss of seven lives and the injury of 73 persons, according to an order of the Oregon public service commission covering its investigation into the causes surrounding the wreck, which was made public here this morning.

With its trains operating under unusual conditions due to an emergency, the officials of the road had failed to surround the operation of its trains with such precautions as should have been forthcoming in an emergency, the order points out, the finger of blame directed by the commission including in its scope all employees of the road in any way responsible for the train involved from the assistant employes to the highest official.

Pointing out that "train No. 17 was a special train and had the right of way over train No. 12," which "was an inferior train and should not have occupied the eastbound main line track," the commission's order concludes with the following recommendations:

**Strictly Enforced.**  
That the operating officers of this railway, through strict supervision, ascertain that all rules are fully and specifically complied with, and that each executive and every employe should be held responsible for non-compliance therewith to the degree of the responsibility placed in them.

**That the rules relating to single tracking of double track territory be absolutely adhered to and that in cases of emergency requiring the detouring of trains, all orders should be transmitted by operators placed at the point of junction.**

**That there should be a pass-over established at the point known as Oregon Truck Junction, for the safe and convenient operation of trains.**

**Next County.**  
The company is given 60 days in which to file with the commission a statement indicating its compliance with the recommendations contained in the order.

**Wreck Prevention is the first duty of railroads and it is the duty of every official to guard against accident,"** the commission's report reads. "In (Continued on Page Eight.)

## Man Who Would Turn World's Navies Into Cars Refuses to Consider Offer of Less Than Entire Navy.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The French government has approached Henry Ford by cable asking if he would consider the purchase of French battleships. Ford replied that unless he could buy the entire French navy he would not be interested in job lots. No answer has been received to his cable.

## LIVESTOCK AND MEAT BOARD IS PROPOSAL MADE

Nation-Wide Co-Operative Organization Would Take in Big Scope.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Jan. 13.—A proposal to create a national livestock and meat board, a co-operative organization made up of all producers, packers, commission men and retailers, to remedy conditions in all branches of the livestock industry and increase the consumers' demand for meat products, was unanimously adopted by the American National Livestock Association convention in session here Thursday afternoon.

The plan for a board consisting of 17 members, 11 of them representing the producing end of the industry, was first drafted in Chicago December 2, last, in response to the widespread realization of the necessity for co-operation in an education and marketing program. E. L. Burke of the American National Livestock Association was chairman and the other members of the committee were W. J. Carmichael, secretary of the National Swift Growers' association; A. Byham of the Corn Belt Meat Producers' association; A. C. Williams of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' association; and Thomas S. Wilson and F. Elton White of the American Institute of Meat Packers.

## REMEMBER THIS BOMB

PARIS, Jan. 13.—A native nurse on the employ of the American Red Cross at Gollingen, Latvia, lost ten sons in the war, her husband was slain by the bolsheviks and her three daughters died last year.

Still she goes about her work with a smile. "Nitchovo" is her consolation, which means among a million other things, "it can't be helped."



## Legion to Open Office for Drive Next Week

American Legion Post No. 43 of La Grande announced today that the downtown headquarters for the membership drive next week will be located in the Foley Hotel building in the room being vacated by the Stillwell meat market. Walter Palmer will be in charge of the headquarters during the drive and all ex-service men are invited to come in and talk the matter of joining over with him.

One of the main purposes of the headquarters is to give all service men an opportunity of learning the purpose of the organization and of becoming informed on what good the legion has already done the service men and showing them whereby they will benefit.

## Weather

Tonight and Saturday fair with moderate easterly winds.