

IRISH DISTURBANCES ARE WORSE TODAY

Rancher Commits Suicide Before Wife

DISORDERS IN IRELAND ARE ON INCREASE

Hall is Commandeered by Military Authorities

CASUALTIES OVER ONE HUNDRED NOW

Irish Republican Officers are Arrested by Ulster Constables at Newry Today.

(By Associated Press) BELFAST, Feb. 16.—The authorities today commandeered Ulster hall, ordinarily used for concerts and assemblies, for the use of troops engaged in combatting disorders. Up to 10 o'clock this morning the casualties had reached 114, among them 34 deaths.

Seamus Monaghan, local commandant of the Irish Republican army and two other republican officers were arrested at Newry by Ulster special constables. The officers were proceeding from Killeen toward Killybeg when they were captured.

(By Associated Press) DUBLIN, Feb. 16.—Eleven of the kidnapped Ulster Unionists were released last night. Seven had been released the night before and eight yesterday morning.

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Feb. 16.—Michael Collins, head of the Irish provisional government, has obtained the release of 15 Ulster Unionists recently kidnapped. It was announced in the house of commons yesterday afternoon.

Baby Boy Passes On After Short Illness

Little Stanley Vernon Klein, 18-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Klein, passed on yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, after a short illness of pneumonia.

He was born August 15, 1929, and was in good health until he became ill a few days ago. His body is in charge of Snodgrass and Zimmerman and will be shipped to Everett, Washington, this evening where it will be interred tomorrow.

INVITES HIS NOMINATION

(By Associated Press) MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 16.—William Jennings Bryan yesterday stated that if Florida democrats called upon him to represent them as senator he would consider the question but would enter no contest.

Late City Commissioner Laid to Rest Wednesday

One of the largest gatherings ever assembled to pay final tribute to a La Grande citizen met yesterday afternoon over the remains of J. D. McKennon, late city commissioner and one of the substantial citizens of the city, who died Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Quigley reviewed the life of the deceased telling of his firm but fair nature, his long business career, his tender love for home and family. He impressed upon the large audience the importance of each one's duty to the community.

The Masonic order of which Mr. McKennon was a member had charge of the funeral service and burial was made in the cemetery belonging to that order.

LYCEUM ORCHESTRA IS TO PLAY

Lyceum Number Program Will Begin Promptly at Eight O'clock This Evening.

The third number of the lyceum course will be presented to the people of La Grande this evening in the high school auditorium. Lyceum's Symphonic Orchestra, an organization of national fame, will present a program featuring selections from Tchaikowski, Godmark and Dvorak and also render popular sketches that have been especially arranged by Mr. Lieurance.

The personnel of the orchestra is as follows: Miss Violet Faulk, contralto; Miss Mabel Klaus, pianist; Miss Vivian Brewster, cellist; Lester Sommers, first violin; Miss Maybeth Mack, second violin; Lee Hemingway, obligato violin; and Wesley Sandberg, viola-violin.

The performance will start promptly at 8 o'clock and the public is urged to arrive and be seated by that time as the members of the orchestra must make train No. 19 immediately after the program.

Death of Mrs. Lois McPherson Occurred Here Last Evening

Was Born in New York But Has Been Making Her Home Here; Had One Son Living Here.

Mrs. Lois A. McPherson passed away yesterday evening at 1:30 at the age of 70 years, 9 months and one day. Mrs. McPherson was born in Terrytown, New York, and is survived by three sons and two daughters, D. W. McPherson of Enterprise, Dr. L. L. McPherson of this city, Dr. J. B. McPherson of Hastings, Neb., Mrs. L. W. Sherling of Harding, S. Dak., and Mrs. Anna Greene of this city.

She is also survived by 14 grand children and two great-grandchildren. Three sisters, Mrs. J. A. Atkins of this city, Mrs. C. M. Stanford of Seattle, and Mrs. Kate L. Kennedy of Los Angeles also survive her.

The remains are at the Bohnenkamp Chapel. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Portland Bank Is Closed Today As Result of Rumors

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Feb. 16.—The State Bank of Portland today is in the hands of O. B. Robertson, state bank examiner, as the result of a decision by Conrad Pulson, president. Pulson said that the action was taken to forestall a run expected because of malicious rumors. He said that the affairs were in good shape and expects to reopen the bank in a short time.

CENTRAL AMERICA FIGHTING

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 16.—A series of disorders in Guatemala City in which government adherents were fired on by Unionists is reported in a dispatch from San Jose de Guatemala.

PROGRAM FOR FARMERS IS CHUCK FULL

Union County Farmers Week Will Begin Monday

DEMONSTRATORS TO COME TO FARMERS

Program Arranged for This City, Elgin, Cove, Imbler and Union With Broad Scope of Subjects.

The program for "Farmer's Week," February 20 to 24, has been arranged as far as possible to cover subjects which are of particular interest to farmers at this time. The work has this year been divided into sections throughout the valley, so as to be accessible to a larger number. For the most part only one general type of farm work will be presented on any one day. Speakers for the week include specialists from the Oregon Agricultural College and experiment stations, successful local men, representatives from cooperative associations and the state veterinarian.

Field crops will be the first subject presented. A full day will be given over to this work at Elgin on Monday, February 20. The field crops program will include a full report of methods of tillage and variety tests at the Moro experiment station by D. E. Stephens, director. Most of these tests are applicable here and many can be

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OVER MILLION ASKED OF U. S. BY PORTLAND

Wants to Widen Ship Canal to Mouth of the Columbia River to 500 feet.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Representative McArthur and George H. Kelley, members of the Port of Portland Commission, asked the house rivers and harbors committee today for an appropriation of a million seventy thousand dollars for widening the ship canal from Portland to 500 feet. Army engineers have also recommended the improvement.

Commission Passes Resolution And Then It Adjourns

Remaining Member of City Commission Pay Respects to Memory of Deceased Member Last Evening.

The regular weekly meeting of the city commission was held yesterday evening at the usual hour. Resolutions on the death of Commissioner J. D. McKennon were passed and immediately thereafter the commission adjourned out of respect to the memory of Mr. McKennon, whose funeral took place yesterday afternoon.

Mr. McKennon is referred to in the resolutions as "the oldest member in time of service" of the commission and sympathy and regret are expressed at his removal by death.

Senate Asks For Information On Four Power Treaty

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The senate today after a debate in which the arms conference was discussed generally for the first time on the senate floor adopted a resolution by Senator Hitchcock asking the president for full information regarding the negotiations for the four-power Pacific treaty.

FALSE CHARGE SAY WESTERN LUMBER MEN

Federal Trade Commission Denounced By Operators

REPORT IGNORED FACTS, IS SAID

Officers of Association are Aroused Over Report Made Yesterday by Investigators.

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Feb. 16.—Executives of the Western Pine Manufacturers association in Portland characterized the report of the federal trade commission to congress Wednesday as "one of the periodical outbursts from the commission."

"It is too full of inaccuracies," commented A. W. Cooper, secretary manager of the Western Pine Manufacturers' association. "This report is full of misstatements of facts and conclusions based thereon. Members of the association will be disgusted with this outburst of rank from the federal commission as they have been with similar effusions from that source. It is true that lumber manufacturers are endeavoring to standardize size of lumber and that is all."

Earl Stoddard, of the Grande Ronde lumber company, and treasurer of the Western White Pine Manufacturers' association, this morning stated that last June a committee of four members of the

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CHURCHILL IS CANDIDATE TO SUCCEED SELF

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Makes Announcement of His Intentions.

SALEM, Feb. 16.—J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, announced that he would be a candidate at the May primaries for the Republican nomination for re-election to the office which he has filled since 1913, when he was appointed by Governor West to succeed L. R. Alderman.

In announcing his candidacy Mr. Churchill declared that it was his purpose to seek nomination and re-election on the record which he has established in the nine years in which he has served as head of the state's school system.

Citizenship keynote. Churchill declared, "I will strive to give the children of every rural school in the state the privileges of education equal to those of the best system. Further, I will see to it that the keynote of our education will be a correct conception of the duties of citizenship and a thorough knowledge of the standard of morals which the American people hold sacred."

Churchill came to Oregon in 1891 and for 22 years was city superintendent of schools at Baker. Following his appointment to the state superintendency of public instruction he was elected to the position in 1914 and again in 1918.

Large Enrollment.

During his administration of the state's school affairs the school term has been lengthened to eight months, the standards of teachers have been raised, the enrollment in the high schools of the state has been doubled and the whole public school system has been brought to a high state of efficiency.

Churchill's ambition includes the establishment in the grade schools of the state of a system of teaching that will turn out pupils thoroughly trained in the fundamentals of the common school subjects. He favors higher training for teachers, consolidation of rural schools wherever practicable and a more modern business method of administering finances.

Under the state course of study for high schools, as adopted during Churchill's administration and through the rulings of the state department of education, every student in the high schools of the state must complete one year of work in American history and one year in a study of the civil government of the United States. At the convention of the National Education Association last summer it was brought out that Oregon is the only state in the Union having such a requirement.

Through a ruling established by Churchill, students, after passing a satisfactory examination, shall receive one credit toward high school

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UNION FARMER KILLS SELF THIS MORNING

S. T. Godsey Fires Four Shots Into His Body

WIFE WITNESSED THE ACT, IS REPORT

Lived Four Hours After Tragedy and Then Passed on; Inquest May Be Held.

S. T. Godsey, a well known farmer living about nine miles up Catherine Creek from Union, shot himself three times with a revolver early this morning. His wife witnessed the act. He lived for about four hours and the body will be taken to Union where Coroner Hal Bohnenkamp will hold the inquest either late this afternoon or tomorrow.

The motive for his suicide is not known.

Oriental Splendor To Be Revealed

Among the pleasant surprises the audiences who will attend the comic opera "Bullbul" at the high school Monday and Tuesday evenings have in store is the revelation of the mysteries of Oriental splendor as expressed in the costumes of the people.

The opera promises to be a rare and worry dispeller and indications are that there will be a good house at each performance.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Feb. 16.—The Bank of England reduced the rate of discount to four and one-half per cent today.

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Tex Rickard, fight promoter, was indicted today on charges of criminal assault on two minor girls.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The war department announced an immediate forces in Germany, leaving 2,356 men there.

(By Associated Press) TOLEDO, Feb. 16.—Appointment of a receiver for the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way and Shop Laborers was asked in a petition filed in federal court by Bacon Brothers of Toledo.

Sales Tax or Postpone Bonus, Says Harding

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The president in a letter to Chairman Forbes of the house ways and means committee today informed congress he considered a general sales tax the only feasible method of raising funds for the soldiers' bonus.

He suggested that unless congress saw fit to enact a sales tax the bonus legislation be temporarily postponed. When the sales tax was considered by the sub-committee last week the senators were informed that less than 100 republican house votes could be mustered for the sales tax and the plan was virtually discarded.

enactment of a sales tax as the only practicable means of raising money for the bonus was stated to be the view of the president by Representative Longworth of Ohio and Senator Frellinghuysen of New Jersey, who called at the White House today.

Weather

Tonight and Friday rain in the west portion of the state and rain or snow in the east portion. Strong southerly winds are also predicted.

