

MISSISSIPPI FLOODS ARE SPREADING

Six Towns in Path of Waters Rushing Through Levee.

BREAK IN LEVEE IS WIDENING RAPIDLY

Train Service Cut Off Last Night When Last Train of Refugees Left Ferriday.

(By Associated Press)
NATCHEZ, Miss., Apr. 27.—Flood waters of the Mississippi are pouring rapidly through a rapidly widening crevasse in the Weema Levee this morning and have reached the town of Ferriday four miles from the break.

Six other towns are in the path of the rising water. Throughout Concordia and Catahoula parishes today the only means of communication was by boat. The last train left Ferriday last night with flood refugees.

TWENTY-ONE ARE INITIATED

Dokkies Hold Large Ceremony in Rex Hall; Highest Officer Makes Address.

Class of 21 Tyros being made up from many parts of Eastern Oregon was last night initiated into the Dramatic Order of Knights of Khorasan. The ceremony was held in Rex Hall and was especially unique and interesting because there was present the highest officer of the order, namely, Gus Meese, Imperial Prince of the Imperial Palace. His visit was an official one and his address to the several hundred members present was a stirring one. The expensive and handsome setting of the lodge temple was inspected by the public yesterday afternoon. It is one of the most elaborate settings for fraternal work in the state. Prior to the initiation last evening the assembled Dokkies headed by the Khaled patrol staged a short parade. Up until this time the patrol had been made up exclusively of La Grande men but this summer the patrol will consist of Pendleton people using the gorgeous costumes formerly worn by the La Granders. The whole ceremony was a very splendid and successful one.

Mr. Meese declared that the setting for the ceremonial and the ritualistic interpretation by the local lodge ranks among the best in the entire Dokkie field and that few if any lodges in the United States or Canada can excel in the ritualistic interpretation.

Cut of 40 Per Cent In Coal Prices Is Object Aimed At

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Apr. 27.—The Oregon coal dealers organized an association today, declaring that their object would be to lower the cost of fuel to the consumer, rather than boosting prices, about 40 per cent.

Lady Astor Pleads For Better Moral Standard

BALTIMORE, Apr. 27.—The big contribution that women can make to politics and national life is in face and tackle the moral standard. Lady Astor told a crowded mass meeting here last night.

She pleaded with the women of America to insist upon the single standard of morality, "not by lowering their standard, but by raising men's standards to that of women."

She believed that if the mothers of France, who have suffered so much, had the vote and had learned how to use it, there would not now exist "the amazing French attitude at Genoa."

"That is one of the tragedies of France and therefore to be one of the tragedies of this world," she said. "There is a lesson to be learned from France."

Local G.A.R. Men Knew General Grant During Civil War

ADMITTS THAT SHE POISONED HER HUSBAND

Woman on Trial by Jury to See Whether She Will Hang or Receive Life Sentence.

(By Associated Press)
PORT ORCHARD, Wash., Apr. 27.—Mrs. Ruth Plumley, charged with first degree murder for slaying her husband, withdrew her plea of not guilty and pleaded guilty in superior court today.

She confessed putting poison in his salad. Under the law Mrs. Plumley must be tried by a jury regardless of her plea, the jury deciding whether she shall be hanged or sentenced to life imprisonment.

TOWN FACES REFORMATION
CHYENNE, Wyo., Apr. 27.—A committee of nearly 40 personal friends of Rev. George Chalmers Richmond, unfranked minister at Evanston, Wyo., Monday agreed to wait upon him and try to induce him to reform Evanston, which he termed the "most wicked city in America."

EXHIBITS FROM MANY CHILDREN

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Apr. 27.—Exhibits from boys' and girls' clubs will be a special feature of the Fourth Grain and Hay Show to be held here in connection with the International Live Stock Exposition, December 2 to 9.

The United States Department of Agriculture and the state agricultural colleges will make large educational exhibits. It is announced. The International Live Stock Exposition is expected to assign larger space than formerly to this show.

The Chicago Board of Trade has contributed \$10,000 in cash premiums for exhibits of corn, small grain and seeds, hay, legumes and other farm crops.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)
LOS ANGELES, Apr. 27.—Kleagle N. Baker, sought as leader of the fatal Inglewood raid, appeared at the district attorney's office today for examination, escorted by Ku Klux Klan officers.

(By Associated Press)
CHARLESTOWN, W. Va., Apr. 27.—A jury was obtained today to try William Blizard, district officer of the United Mine Workers of America on treason indictments.

(By Associated Press)
MEDFORD, Apr. 27.—R. D. Hines, former vice-president of the defunct Bank of Jacksonville, was convicted by a jury on a charge of making a false report to bank examiners. The case will probably be appealed.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Apr. 27.—Secretary of War Weeks today sent the senate military committee a report of economies inaugurated by the war department showing a total saving of over \$40,000,000.

Isaac Faulk, Post Commander, Recalls Incidents in General's Career; General Cleaned up Hospital.

The one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Ulysses S. Grant is today and La Grande is honoring his memory in many ways. The W. R. C. and G. A. R. are commemorating his anniversary and after meeting in the K. P. Hall, they went to the high school, where a special student body assembly is being held. A program has been prepared for the occasion. Isaac Faulk will have a prominent place on the program.

Mr. Faulk, commander of the local G. A. R., knew President Grant for two years during the Civil War. He was attached to the General's headquarters staff as a sentinel and was well acquainted with him.

"President Grant was a wonderful man," states Mr. Faulk. "As a general none stood above him at that time and he was also a great statesman."

"Perhaps one of the most interesting anecdotes I remember in connection with him," Mr. Faulk continued, "was an incident that happened at Memphis, Tennessee, during my acquaintance with him."

"At that time the hospital corps was known to be morally corrupt but nothing could be done about the matter until General Grant took the case into his hands."

"Disguising himself in some old clothes and a ragged overcoat he went through the hospitals asking questions of the doctors and nurses but receiving only rebuffs and being told to mind his business."

"Finally he asked a certain doctor for a room in the hospital, stating he was ill."

"Get out of here," roughly replied the doctor, "or I will have you locked up."

"At these words Grant threw back his overcoat and displayed his shoulder straps, showing his rank, and announcing who he was. The doctor was taken much aback and sought to smooth things over, but to no avail."

"Tomorrow we will clean up this hospital," stated Grant, and was as good as his word for on the following day 1800 nurses and doctors went up the river without a job."

Continuing his conversation, Mr. Faulk related another anecdote that showed the confidence that President Lincoln placed in his general.

"During the siege of Vicksburg many of the army officers were carrying the rumors that General Grant was intoxicated most of the time."

"President Lincoln decided to investigate the situation and went to one general and asked, 'Have you heard anything from Grant?'"

"I've heard that he was on a spree," stated the officer, 'Have you heard anything about him?'"

"Lincoln replied, 'I want you to find out where he gets his whiskey and give the other officers in the army some of the same brand. I just received a telegram from Vicksburg' (Continued on Page Eight)

HOOSIER IS ELECTED TO HIGH POSITION

Knights Templars Select Judge Newby Grand Master of Triennial Conclave Today.

(By Associated Press)
NEW ORLEANS, Apr. 27.—Leonidas P. Newby, of Knightstown, Indiana, was today elected most excellent grand master of the Knights Templar at the 25th triennial conclave.

(By Associated Press)
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Apr. 27.—Judge Leonidas Perry Newby, who has been active in Masonic affairs for many years, was born on a farm in Henry County, Indiana, April 9, 1856, and has lived in Knightstown, Ind., since 1872. He has held various public offices as a Republican, serving as president of the state senate eight years and as acting lieutenant governor four years. He has been an officer of banks in Indianapolis and elsewhere, and director in sixteen corporations.

Mr. Newby arranged in 1919, as special commissioner for the grand encampment, Knights Templar, for the adoption by the encampment of 500 French war orphans, and also entered into an agreement with the Knights Templar of England for the rebuilding of Jerusalem at the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, which was constructed by the order in the tenth century. He is the author of "Sidelights on Templar Law," which has been adopted generally throughout the grand encampment.

Mr. Newby married Miss Mary Elizabeth Breckinridge in 1876. They out the grand encampment.

Defense Opens In Trial for Murder Of Umatilla Hermit

Declares that Man Held in Detention and Released Later is Guilty of Jeppson Murder.

(By Associated Press)
PENDLETON, April 27.—The defense opened today in the trial of Charles Vonderhage on a charge of murdering Matt Jeppson, Government Mountain hermit, last summer. The defense contended that Vonderhage is innocent and that Fred Patterson, who had been arrested and held in the Umatilla county jail for several weeks after Jeppson's body was discovered, was guilty.

Patterson was released when the state failed to connect him with the crime. Vonderhage was arrested March 11 of this year, following several months of investigation by special detectives. Members of the sheriff's office and former Chief Deputy Ridgeway testified for the defense today.

ROCKIN' THE BOAT



Harding Says World Needs The Spirit of General U.S. Grant

Non-Striker Is Attacked Today

Second Report of Violence Since Sunday in Portland.

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Apr. 27.—The second report of violence since the beginning of the longshoremen's strike Sunday was made today when M. J. Robinson, 42, told the police he was attacked by four or five men as he was crossing the bridge to work unloading a ship. Emergency hospital physicians said that his injuries consisted of scratches and cuts about the head.

BAND WILL GIVE CONCERT SUNDAY

La Grande's Municipal Band will give its second free public concert next Sunday afternoon in the Arcade theatre at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Director Andrew Loney remarked to the Evening Observer today, "It is to be a much better program than we gave in our first concert and we invite the people out to judge for themselves as to the improvement the band has undergone since its first appearance a few weeks ago."

The public will rejoice to hear that the second concert is to be given Sunday, for these musical events are thoroughly enjoyed by the whole community.

PIANO RECITAL TO BE FRIDAY

Miss Hilda Anthony will present Ida Montague in recital Friday afternoon at four o'clock at her studio, 1606 Sixth street. The program arranged is as follows: Love Story; Lullaby; Scherzo; Gade; Valse; Lullaby; Valse; Caprice; Oboe; Memories; Lullaby; Etude; Oboe; Dance of the Sunbeams; Cadman; Madrigal; Lullaby; Minuet from Don Juan; Mozart; Sunshine Fairies; Smith.

ALARMIST VIEW OF SITUATION IS OUTLINED

Lloyd George Sees Europe Through Black Glasses and Wishes America Were There to Console Conference.

(By Associated Press)
GENOA, Apr. 27.—Premier Lloyd George drew an alarmist picture of Europe last night. In addressing the British and American press representatives he declared that the object at Genoa was to clear up political difficulties which were full of menace.

"I wish America were here!" he exclaimed. "Some people think we want the United States for some selfish purpose. This is not true. We want America because she exercises a peculiar authority; her very aloofness gives her the right to speak."

"America could exercise an influence no other country could command. She could come here free and disentangled with the prestige which comes from her independent position as she would come with the voice of peace."

"But America is not here, so Europe must do her best to solve the problems in her own way."

Mr. Lloyd George gave it as his opinion that the disorganization of Europe would affect the entire world, including the United States. He was amazed at people who ignored the portentous fact facing Europe today.

Idahoans Leave To Get An Education; School Men Aroused

BOISE, Idaho, Apr. 27.—"It is high time that Idaho should care about the problem presented to it through many of its young people getting their education outside of the borders of this state," emphasized President Upham of the University of Idaho in an address today at the chamber of commerce college week in Idaho. Dr. E. A. Bryson, commissioner of education, presided at the luncheon. Another interesting talk was made by President Wiley of the Northwest Nazarene college of Nampa.

President Upham spoke seriously on the great problem this state has to face through many hundreds of its young people going to neighboring and faraway schools for their education.

Canadian Rates May Be Reduced Forty Per Cent This Year

WINNIPEG, Apr. 27.—Reduction of Canadian railroad freight rates by 40 per cent, to the 1919 level, will be made before the 1922 crops begin to move, Premier Norris of Manitoba announced today in an address before the provincial liberal convention.

The reduction, said Mr. Norris, will mean an annual saving of approximately \$8,000,000 to Manitoba farmers in freight rates.

Declaring at the outset that he had (Continued on Page Eight)

Pendleton Bear Doesn't Want to Leave La Grande

One cinnamon bear, two years old, proved to be just a wee bit too much for the Pendleton Dokkies who brought friend Bruin to La Grande yesterday and figured upon having some fun with him. Bruin thought different however, and the tables was turned and the bear was the one than had a fine time.

Bruin was brought from Pendleton yesterday morning in a crate which was rather bad treatment, according to him. He was in a fairly ugly temper during the day and the next morning he still was far from pleasant. Deciding that he didn't particularly like being tied up he broke loose and went down town to visit awhile. After many frantic efforts the wandering bear was caught in the downtown district.

According to schedule friend Bruin was supposed to depart for the Round-Up city on Nov. 17, but when it came to putting him back in the crate he strenuously objected. Finally they got the box over him but couldn't turn it over so they could get the top lid without letting him loose—so No. 17 passed on through. A special crate was made and a little strategy got the wacky cinnamon into a safe place, nicely chained up. And once more his Dokkie friends heaved a sigh of relief and began to enjoy their visit.

