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SLEEPING CHILDREN BURN TO DEATH TODAY

MAN BEING SOUGHT FOR GIRL'S DEATH

Body of School Teacher Is Found Today in Illinois Town.

DISCOVERY MADE IN DESERTED PARSONAGE

Father of Girl Believes He Knows Who Was Guilty; Dead Girl Missing Nearly Month.

(By Associated Press)
HOPESTON, Ill., Apr. 28.—Officers are today seeking a man believed to have solved the mystery of the death of Gertrude Hanna, aged 26, school teacher, who was found dead in the basement of a vacant parsonage by carpenters yesterday.

An autopsy on the girl showed that she was approaching maturity. The condition of her body indicated that it had been kept on ice or in a cool place. The girl disappeared from home March 31, death following probably several days after that date.

The body had not been in the basement longer than a week, said neighbors who had gone through the entire house a week ago Wednesday looking for a lawn mower.

The body was found on a concrete ledge in the basement with the window closed from the inside. The parsonage had not been occupied since last December but was being prepared for a new pastor.

William Hanna, the father of the dead girl, declares that he believes he knows the man responsible for the girl's death. No marks of violence were found on the body.

French Stand Is Harmonized

Ultimatum to Russia is Expected To Be Delivered Soon.

(By Associated Press)
GENOA, Apr. 28.—Premier Durruti, head of the French delegation, conversed over the long distance telephone last night with Premier Poincaré in Paris with the result that the French official viewpoint regarding the reply to the Russians has been harmonized.

(By Associated Press)
GENOA, Apr. 28.—Plans for Russia's reconstruction are being fully determined today at the conference by the sub-commission on Russian affairs. Indications were that a definite proposition would be laid before the Russian delegation to this week-end with suggestions that the proposition be either accepted or rejected without further discussion.

Response For Campaign For Funds Satisfying

Members of the Ad Club Finance committee which is handling the campaign for new members checked up this morning on teams and team captains. The reports received show that as far as the work has progressed the community is responding nicely. The new members obtained thus far needed no argument to convince them, team captains report, and there has been splendid response of old members to the increased membership fees.

After making the rounds of team captains this morning General Chairman S. D. Crowe made the remark that if every firm will do its part from this point on in the campaign, as they have done in the past, the

Jury Deliberates Until Midnight And Finds Man Guilty

EX-PRESIDENT DESCHANEL OF FRANCE DIED

Death Came Today; Was Elected to Presidency Shortly After War.

(By Associated Press)
PARIS, Apr. 28.—Paul Deschanel, former president of France, died today.

Paul Eugene Louis Deschanel, tenth President of France, entered upon a seven-year term in that office on February 18, 1920, after having been chosen by the National Assembly the preceding January by the biggest majority since the election of Thiers, the first President of the present republic. Statesman and author and one of the most brilliant public speakers in France, M. Deschanel's political triumph marked the retirement from public life of former Premier Georges Clemenceau.

On May 24, 1920, a few months after taking up his residence at the Elysee Palace as the successor of Poincaré, President Deschanel when on his way at night from Paris to Montbrison to dedicate a monument, fell from a moving train while attempting to raise a window in his sleeping compartment. He was supposed to have been only slightly injured. Thereafter, however the press of France expressed almost daily solicitude for his health. After passing weeks of convalescence in Normandy, he returned to Paris in June to preside at the Council of Ministers. Later it was announced that he had suffered a complete breakdown and that his resignation was inevitable. The following September, the President sent a letter of resignation to Premier Millerand together with a message to the Senate and Chamber of Deputies which were soon followed by the election of his successor.

For nearly 45 years M. Deschanel had been in French public life. He was President of the Chamber of Deputies when elected to the highest post as First Citizen of France. Previously he had been head of the French Parliamentary Commission on Foreign and Colonial Affairs. In a speech at Paris the first year of the war he declared there could be "no neutrals when civilization itself is at stake." Among his first acts upon assuming the Presidency were his signing of a decree naming commissioners to study French living costs and another barring alcoholic drinks from Elysee Palace.

M. Deschanel was born in 1857 in Brussels, to which city his father went after being exiled from France in 1851 for having published a pamphlet entitled "Catholicism and Socialism." When he was two years old, the boy returned to France with his father, who was pardoned by an act of amnesty, following a recantation of his views.

Madame Deschanel was formerly Mlle. Germaine Brice, daughter of Rene Brice, member of the Chamber of Deputies for Ille-et-Vilaine.

Dell Snide charged with the unlawful possession of intoxicating liquor, was tried and convicted in the justice court at North Powder yesterday afternoon. The jury was out until midnight when they returned with the verdict of guilty. The sentence will be imposed today at 3:00 o'clock.

The trial was held in the Cozy Theatre at North Powder and the place was packed with spectators, the theatre being the only place large enough to hold the crowd.

James Nichols, of Baker, assisted Ed Wright in prosecuting the defendant, while R. J. Green and H. Hess of La Grande, were attorneys for the defendant.

LOCAL TEAM IS VERY HOPEFUL

Hope reigns supreme in the blue and white track camp. Despite the reports of Pendleton's prowess, the high school speed demons are confident of showing up the Round-Up boys tomorrow afternoon when the two high school track teams clash in the first dual meet of the year.

Pendleton, last year's champion of Eastern Oregon, is not quite so strong this year. However they have a well-balanced team that will make the local lads extend themselves to win.

La Grande is especially strong in the sprints and broad jump. Three firsts should be presented to the blue and white by Sandberg and Captain Bean should win in the shot put. Pendleton is strong in the middle distances and in the high jump and pole vault. Both teams have high class stick artists and they should break about even with the javelin and discus. It would not be a surprise to the fans that the final relay should settle the meet and with Sandberg, Heugan, Larson and others from which the four men will be selected the final race will probably be won by the blue and white. From advance dope this meet promises to be one of the closest meets of many years.

Tickets for the meet are on sale at present and the meet will start at 2:30 o'clock sharp at the fair grounds. The Pendleton lads will arrive in La Grande on No. 24 tomorrow morning and will have a few hours to loosen up their muscles before the beginning of the hostilities.

Not a Soviet Hat



Tchitcherine will have to do a heap of explaining when he gets back to his Russian friends. Here he is all dolled up in the "high silk hat," symbol of capitalism, which he wore to dinner with the king of Italy.

REDUCTION IN RAIL CHARGES IS DEMANDED

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace Makes Plea.

SAYS FARMING IS BEING "BLIGHTED"

Readjustments in Farming That Will Come With Present Rates Will Be Far-Reaching.

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Apr. 28.—Unless there is a quick reduction in railroad freight rates to "about pre-war levels" or prices of agricultural products increase sufficiently to equal the rate advance, "there will be profound readjustments" in agricultural production, involving readjustments in industry as well, Secretary of Agriculture Wallace declared today in an address before the New York Academy of Political Science.

The lightning effects upon agriculture of the present level of freight rates, the secretary said, "can hardly be comprehended."

LOWER COAL RATES BLOCKED

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Apr. 28.—An attempt by the Oregon Short Line railroad to reduce rates on coal from Wyoming mines to points in Utah south of Ogden by approximately 22 percent was blocked today Tuesday by the interstate commerce commission, after the lower schedules, filed December 5, 1921, had been suspended and held out of effect all winter. The commission sustained protests of Utah coal mine operators against the lower rate, which would have put coal from Wyoming into their own state markets on a competitive basis.

BAND PROGRAM FOR SUNDAY'S ENTERTAINMENT

The following program will be presented by the La Grande Band next Sunday afternoon at the Arcade Theatre beginning at 4:30, this being a free concert to which the people are invited:

1. "March and Procession of Bacchus" from ballet "Sylvia," Delibes.
2. Intermezzo, "After Sunset," Pryor.
3. Concert waltz, "Gold and Silver," Lehár.
4. "Ballet Egyptian," Luigini.
- (a) Allegro non Troppo, (b) Allegretto, (c) Andante Sostenuto, (d) Andante Espressivo.
5. Characteristic "Cocoanut Dance," Hermann.
6. Overture "William Tell," Rossini.

Encore will be selected from the following:

March, "Corcoran Cadets," Sousa.

"Angel Child," Silver.

"Little Crumbs of Happiness," Ball.

TWO POLICEMEN KILLED.
ANNISTON, Ala., Apr. 28.—Police-men Joe T. Holiday and C. B. Hurst were shot and killed here Wednesday by Policeman Marshal Welch.

WHILE THE COMMITTEE SLEEPS ON THE FORD OFFER



The Youngest



Pauline M. Floyd is the youngest lawyer ever admitted to practice before the U. S. Supreme Court. She is 24, has been practicing three years in Washington and has never lost a case.

THREE DIE IN HOME AT DESCHUTES

Father and Mother Badly Injured in Futile Attempt To Save Children; Incubator Caused Fatal Blaze.

(By Associated Press)
BEND, Apr. 28.—Mildred and Eunice Bergstrom, aged 13 and 10, and George Livesly, their cousin, aged four, were burned to death early today at the ranch home of W. L. Bergstrom, near Deschutes.

The fire started from an incubator. The children were asleep on the second floor when fire from the incubator, on the same floor, was discovered. Mr. and Mrs. Bergstrom tried to break through the flames to reach the children. Both were badly burned and had a narrow escape.

Mrs. Bergstrom managed to reach the stairway. Bergstrom smashed a window, cutting an artery in his wrist, and jumped to the ground.

Later he cranked an auto and drove Mrs. Bergstrom and two women relatives, who were in the house, to Deschutes for medical aid.

The home was destroyed. The loss is \$2,000.

Centenary Is Observed Here

Rev. Quigley Addresses the High School Student Body.

With members of the W. R. C. and G. A. R. occupying honor positions on the speakers platform, the La Grande high school yesterday observed the 100th anniversary of General U. S. Grant's birth. A sermon was called for three o'clock in the afternoon, Rev. Geo. H. Quigley being the speaker of the afternoon.

Rev. Quigley analyzed the character of the famous general and statesman, showing what traits of character were responsible for General Grant's success in life. He emphasized the firmness, magnanimity and loyalty of the Civil War hero, showing how these characteristics stood out in his career and resulted in his success in life.

Discussing somewhat from the main theme of his talk, Rev. Quigley recalled a national gathering of the G. A. R. in Minneapolis nearly 40 years ago. At this time General Grant, Sherman, "Black Jack" Logan, Howard and many others were in attendance, all of whom have now passed to the Great Beyond.

GASOLINE ADVANCES.
(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Apr. 28.—The Standard Oil company of New Jersey Wednesday announced an increase of 1 cent a gallon in the export price of gasoline.

LA FOLLETTE ATTACKS OIL LEASEHOLDS

Declares That Certain Private Interests Are Being Unduly Favored.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 28.—Senator LaFollette, republican of Wisconsin, attacking the lease of the naval oil reserve lands in the senate today, declared that reservoirs were being scrapped in behalf of specially favored private interests.

Speeches with reference to oil leases were recently made by interior department representatives in reference to the Teapot Dome, Wyoming reserve, to the Sinclair oil interests.

POSTMASTER CHANGE TO BE MADE MONDAY

The newly appointed postmaster, Ralph Haron, will take up his official duties as postmaster of La Grande on Monday morning, May 1.

The present postmaster, E. E. Bragg, who has been in office for a period of eight years, will check out tomorrow evening, and will turn everything over to his successor on Monday morning. If possible an inspector will be present at the time of the change.

The same force will be kept in the post office as they are all hired under the civil service act.

THREE KILLED.
(By Associated Press)
APPROLO, Pa., Apr. 28.—Three non-union miners were killed and one seriously injured when a bomb was thrown into a bunkhouse where they were asleep at the Patterson mine of the Kishi coal company near here. Each dead man was married. The deaths leave 14 children fatherless.

American Legion Posts of Two Counties Meet

Representatives from the American Legion posts of two counties, Walla Walla and Union, will be present at a banquet given in the K. of B. Hall tomorrow evening beginning at 8:30 o'clock. The visiting delegates will be guests of the La Grande Legion Post and the object of the meeting is to form a county council, which is an advisory board for the purpose of promoting friendliness, athletic relations, political relations, and all other similar affairs between the Legion posts in the two counties.

Each post will send five delegates to the meeting and those men will form the council. The business will be attended to at the close of the banquet. Quite a number of men will be present inasmuch as Entertainers and Walla Walla will be represented from Walla Walla county and La Grande, Union, Elgin, North Powder and Cove will be represented from Union county.

The ladies of the W. R. C. will serve the dinner.

