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SPEEDING CAR CRASHES INTO FOUNTAIN

CIVIL WAR IN CHINA IS IN PROGRESS; FIGHTING NEAR PEKING STARTED TODAY

Sun Yat Sen's Forces Said to Have Captured Naval Squadron; Cannon's Roar Is Being Heard in Capital City Today; Line of Battle Is Over Twenty Miles in Length.

PEKING, Apr. 29.—Wounded troops began arriving here this afternoon. The noise of battle continues to be plainly heard here.

SHANGHAI, Apr. 29.—The forces of Sun Yat Sen, head of the Southern China government, captured the entire southern naval squadron, says an unofficial dispatch.

PEKING, Apr. 29.—Fighting south of Peking today, the forces of General Chang Tso-Lin, military governor of Manchuria and General Wu Pei Fu, military leader of Central China, engaged along the line from Machang, 20 miles south of Tientsin to a point south of Peking.

PEKING, Apr. 29.—Fighting began this morning at dawn at Chang-sien, 12 miles southwest of Peking. Heavy artillery firing is audible in Peking.

Grand Jury Will Investigate Man Suspected of Crime

Grilling Resulted in Admission that He Was Father of Unborn Babe But Denial of Girl's Death.

HOOPESTOWN, Ill., Apr. 29.—Information obtained through 36 hours of grilling John Wyman, aged 36, well-to-do farmer, in connection with the death of Gertrude Hanna, whose body was found Thursday in the basement of an untenanted parsonage, will be placed before the grand jury.

Wyman insisted he was innocent of murdering the girl but admitted that he was the father of her child which was to have been born in a few weeks, the state attorney announced.

BULLETINS

DEBLIN, Apr. 29.—The peace conference met again today but again today and dissolved without an agreement.

BURLINGTON, N. J., Apr. 29.—Harry C. Mohr, brother-in-law of John Brunen, circus owner, who was shot and killed March 19 at Riverdale, N. J., was arrested today in connection with the killing.

Difficult Program to be Given on Sunday

The program which the La Grande Band will present Sunday afternoon at 4:30 at the Arcade Theatre is by far the most difficult collection of music that has ever been presented by a La Grande band. Musicians who are familiar with past years agree that this is true. The famous overtures "William Tell," "March and Parade Marches," and the "Egyptian Ballad" which are a part of the program, are very rarely attempted except by professional bands. The local organization has these three classics on its band that they alone are well equipped to present.

LIQUOR RAIDS IN IRELAND, EIGHT KILLED

Reign of Terror Started Yesterday in Large Section; Effort to Cripple Provisional Government.

DUBLIN, Apr. 29.—Irregular republican troops today seized bonded stores in Kilkenny, and removed wholesale stocks of whiskey to Kilkenny jail. Free state officers went to the jail and issued an ultimatum to the commanders that unless the property was returned by 3 o'clock this afternoon free state troops would move on the prison and take it by force.

All bonded stores in Cork, Limerick, Galway and other sections and western centers also have been seized by irregulars with the apparent intention of depriving the Irish provisional government of revenue. A veritable reign of terror in districts west of Cork resulted as a consequence of the shooting of eight leading residents yesterday and the wounding of others.

First Game of Year Will be Played at Fair Grounds Here

The people will see "play ball" tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock on the fair grounds with Cove and La Grande cranking in the opening game of the 1922 season. At the same time Union will be entertained at Elgin and Haines will invade Baker.

La Grande will start the following lineup, given in the batting order: Workman, ss, Rosenbaum, cf, Tolson, lf, Kaight, 2b, Dunn, 1b, Hickey, rf, Messer, 3b, Johnson, c and McLean, p. McGee, Woods, Carroll, Hamfield and Oliver will all be on the sidelines itching to go and at the slightest sign of weakness on the part of a player he will be jerked and a new man go in.

Speaker From India Will Lecture in the Methodist Church

Dr. Melville E. Osborne of India will lecture in the Methodist church Sunday forenoon. The speaker has had twenty-five years thrilling experience in the Himalayan Mountains. His story is a very interesting and informing one. Magnetic and dramatic, as well as eloquent, he makes a profound impression on his hearers. He will be heard in song as well as lecture Sunday forenoon.

Special Picture Week With Many Favorites by La Grande Theaters

Drive Will End Monday Night

Much Satisfaction Expressed With Progress of Ad Club Campaign

Monday night is to be the closing time for the Ad club membership drive now in progress and on Tuesday the entire Ad club membership will dine at Island City where the ladies of that community are planning a wonderful dinner. This dinner will be as a celebration of the completed campaign for by that time all committees will have reported and the work of the coming year will be well on its way. The drive for membership has thus far been an exceptionally successful event and many new names are on the roster besides the old members who advanced their dues another year, making the financial end of the club look safe for the next twelve months. While there is some work to be done by committees who are unable to get out when the gong sounded, it is believed these committees will finish up in the shape by Monday evening.

Mrs. J. M. Burnbaugh Passed Away Friday; Was Ill Short Time

Mrs. J. M. Burnbaugh passed on at her home yesterday noon following a brief illness. She is survived by her husband, three children, Wilma, Walter and Margaret, three brothers, John and Oliver Kerr, of La Grande; and six sisters, Mrs. Etta Logan, Mrs. Oliver Daron and Mrs. G. L. Garrett all of La Grande, Mrs. Edith Miller, of Wyoming, Mrs. Laura Graham of Portland and Mrs. Elsie Wilton, of Elgin.

The body is at the Bohlenman chapel and the funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 1:00 o'clock at the chapel at Summerville cemetery.

With the opening of the spring season with the mild weather now a certainty both theatres in La Grande are to make next week a "Special Moving Picture Week" by presenting extraordinary programs which they have had in preparation for this occasion. No longer will citizens hug the fireplace in the home of an evening for the theatres are offering bright, interesting plays that will drive away the last remnant of dreary winter and place in the minds of all the full knowledge that the season for activity has opened and is a reality.

Each theatre manager has taken great care to select a program for the week that contains many of the favorite screen stars, and the theatre-going public will applaud with pleasure at the announcement. Manager Trull, of the Sherry Theatre, will show on Sunday and Monday William Desmond in "Dangerous Toys"; on Tuesday and Wednesday he will present Betty Compson in "At the End of the World"; Thursday and Friday Gareth Hughes will be seen in "Little Eva Ascends"; Saturday only that great film "Beyond the Rainbow", showing William Christy Cabanne as star, also George Fawcett, Virginia Lee and a powerful support. "I have not had such a program in all my show career for an entire week," said Mr. Trull. "It is an every night winner and every show will be a top-notch."

Vaudville at Arcade. Besides a specially attractive four-act vaudeville bill for Monday at the Arcade, there will be presented "Ain't Little Smokey," a picture that is having popular runs every place it is shown.

Tuesday and Wednesday that screen favorite, Mary Miles Minter will be seen in "Tillie," one of the best of Miss Minter's picture career. On Thursday Constance Bennett in "The Sleepwalker" will be shown, and Friday and Saturday comes Wallace Reid loved by all, in "Too Much Speed."

As the Star for Sunday and Monday the program will be one of those magnificent stories of the northland, "Floors of the North," with James Oliver Curwood as the star.

SENATE SEEKING LIGHT. WASHINGTON, Apr. 29.—Investigation of the lease of naval oil reserves in California and Wyoming by the interior and navy departments was ordered today by the senate.

IMPROVEMENT IN INDUSTRY IS GENERAL

Nation-wide Survey Shows That Normalcy Approaches

UNEMPLOYMENT HAS GREATLY DECREASED

Miners' Strike is Largest Factor in Unemployment Situation Today, Reports Show.

CHICAGO, Apr. 29.—General improvement in the industrial situation, described in several instances as slow but steady, particularly over conditions as they existed in the winter months, was indicated in reports gathered by The Associated Press from federal, state, labor and industrial leaders in many states of the union.

Labor commissioners and other officials in virtually every state from which reports were received, not only declared that unemployment had materially been lessened in the last few months, but nearly all were optimistic concerning the future, holding that the opening of reasonable lines of work, such as agriculture, and road and building construction would help greatly in absorbing the surplus of workers.

While no definite figure on the present number of unemployed was available, approximately 1,350,000 persons were reported idle in sixteen states from which estimates were received. Large industrial states such as New York, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts contributed more than 1,000,000 to this total, New York leading with an estimated 600,000 out of work. The total population of the sixteen states was in excess of 47,000,000.

High Estimate. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, estimated the unemployed at 5,000,000. Miners and other workers on strike were not included in the above estimate. (Continued on Page Three)

LONGSHOREMAN INJURED WHEN HIT BY ACID

Police Man Also Struck by Spattering Acid as They Arrest Throwing in Portland This Morning

PORTLAND, Apr. 29.—Frank Henderson, longshoreman, a strike breaker, was severely burned this morning by acid thrown by a man who when arrested gave his name as Hollis Straw. Henderson had just stepped into a bus from the employers' hiring headquarters across the street from the police station when the attack occurred. Spattering acid fell on policeman, who arrested Straw. At the hospital it was reported that Henderson's condition is serious but that he may not lose his eyesight.

Senator Patterson Addresses American Legion at Tillamook

Large Crowd Listens to Talk on Americanism; Shows Development in State and Nation.

TILLAMOOK, Apr. 29.—At an open meeting of the local post of the American Legion last night at the city hall auditorium Senator I. W. Patterson of Polk county was present and spoke to a large crowd. The American Legion does not allow politics to be discussed in its meetings and Mr. Patterson spoke upon the development of the nation and state. Mr. Patterson first drew the contrast of how his people came from the eastern states to Oregon and of how he had come to Tillamook today. He mentioned that he had traveled farther in his trips here within a few hours than his ancestors had traveled in ten days or two weeks before. Senator Patterson brought forth an echo of the world war when he spoke of the days when the boys were going away to fight overseas and stated that at that time he had pledged himself to repay them when they returned from their crusade of fighting for the cause of humanity. With this in mind when the emergency board of which he was a member, was called upon to make an appropriation of the money to properly finance a bond issue, Mr. Patterson stated that he had done all in his power to bring about this appropriation.

Mr. Patterson dwelt upon the developments of the state within the past few years and the possibilities of developments in the near future, especially of the chances of development of harbor facilities for Tillamook. That the teaching of Americanism in the public school be closely adhered to was urged by Mr. Patterson and he referred to the fact that his revolutionary war ancestors had made him a thorough one hundred per cent American.

Senator Patterson's address was very warmly received. Charles Hall of Marshfield and Webster Holmes of Tillamook also spoke.

FRAUD ALLEGED

SALEM, Apr. 29.—Suits to enjoin the secretary of state from calling a special election for the recall of Public Service Commissioners Williams and Batchel was filed here, alleging fraudulent signatures.

FOUR MEN IN WRECK; ONE IS UNHURT

Accident Happened at Early Hour This Morning On Fourth Street

LAST ORNAMENTAL FOUNTAIN DESTROYED

Attempt to Turn Corner Down Depot Street Caused Car to Skid Into Remnant of Days of Horse-drawn Vehicles.

A serious accident occurred this morning at 2:50 o'clock, when a Chevrolet car driven by George Noble, carrying three other passengers, crashed into the Liberty drinking fountain on the corner of Depot and Fourth streets and completely wrecked the fountain, partially wrecked the car and injured three of the occupants, George Noble and George Hyde, the latter of Portland. Harry Bayliss was reported uninjured. The name of the fourth man could not be learned. Noble, the driver, received some severe scalp wounds. He is now at his home with every chance of recovery. Hyde is also severely injured about the head but is not fatally injured. None of the men are at the hospital.

The car was being driven down Fourth street hill at a terrific speed it is reported, and in attempting to turn the corner the car skidded and the left hand side struck the Liberty fountain, tearing it to pieces. The left hand front wheel of the car was torn off and the front and left hand side of the car were demolished. The upper windshield was broken while the lower one was unharmed. According to reports by the physicians who attended to the men's injuries they had not been drinking as the doctors stated that they could smell no fumes on their breath. The car was going nearly 60 miles per hour to inflict as much damage as was done to the Liberty status, it was estimated.

The Liberty drinking fountain, the last of its kind in La Grande, was erected in 1904 by the W. C. T. U.

Two Bonus Bills to Be Drafted Is Plan of the Committee

WASHINGTON, April 29.—The senate finance committee Republicans at the conference today directed that two separate soldier bonus bills embodying the plans of Chairman McComber and Senator Smoot be drafted for consideration by the majority, probably Monday.

Brotherhood Banquet Full of Good Features

Final details were worked out at a meeting last evening by representatives from the various church brotherhoods of the city for the big annual banquet next Tuesday evening at the Methodist church. The program will be a distinct and unique one. Rev. George Quigley, pastor of the Methodist church, will speak for the material association and C. M. Humphreys will speak for the system. Mrs. Sherrwood Williams, president of the Young Women's Educational Auxiliary, will respond for the guests of honor—the ladies—and there will be some special music. Numerous stunts and features will be provided, the nature of which the program committee is not ready to announce. The members of the congregations of the Baptist, Presbyterian, Episcopal and Methodist churches are cordially invited to be present and bring their ladies, but the sale of tickets for the dinner closes Monday night.

HIS WATER LOG

