

General Wu Pei Fu Reported Dead by the Opposing Forces—War Rages

Complaint Lodged By The Federal Trade Commission Against Timber Operators

Allegations Made Against 107 Stockholders In West.

HEAD OF CORPORATION DENIES ILLEGALITY

Organization's Relation to Webb-Pomerene Act is Bone of Contention in Controversy.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, May 3.—A formal complaint was issued by the federal trade commission today against the Douglas Fir Exploitation and Export company and 107 stockholders and officers, lumber manufacturers of Oregon, California and Washington, charged with conspiracy to hinder and obstruct competition and that the alleged association was not engaged solely in the export trade and that it therefore does not come under the Webb-Pomerene act.

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, May 3.—Ralph H. Burns, president of the Willapa Lumber company, and trustee of the Douglas Fir Exploitation and Export company, said that the company was organized under the Webb-Pomerene act and tried to operate according to its provisions. He said that the federal trade commission failed to act in an advisory capacity toward the company as required by law and that the company's attorneys advised that it was engaged in a strictly export business.

PORTLAND MAN IS NEW DEPUTY

P. J. Hanley of Portland, was elected state deputy of the Knights of Columbus at the annual convention held Monday in Portland. Other officers elected were: A. A. Mickel, Salem, secretary; Leo Conlin, Baker, treasurer; E. E. Ball, The Dalles, advocate; Fred Schwab, Mount Angel, warden.

W. P. O'Brien of Astoria was elected delegate to the supreme convention to be held at Atlantic City, N. J., August 1 to 4. Hanley and J. H. Pearce of La Grande, retiring deputy, will also be delegates by virtue of their positions.

The convention voted to hold the annual retreat for Catholic laymen at Mount Angel, June 16 to 18. It passed a resolution commending Ben Selling for his charity, philanthropy and acts of sterling manhood, and congratulating him on attaining his 70th birthday.

A luncheon and a banquet were held at the Portland hotel. Pearce presided and the speakers were Archbishop Christie, Frank J. Lonergan, J. J. Burke and W. A. Barratt of Albany.

JUSTIFY KILLING.

(By Associated Press)
LOS ANGELES, (AP) May 3.—Francisco Saragosa was justified in killing his brother-in-law, Fernando Garcia, according to the findings of a coroner's jury, and the police are trying to find him to let him know about it.

Y Avenue Paving Project to Be Discussed Tonight

Property owners along Y avenue are anxious of having a 16-foot pavement to connect North Second and North Third streets. The announcement that this project is on has met with general approval. When streets are bad, under the present arrangements, it is almost impossible to get from North First to North Second without coming over the tracks and making the detour. Heavy mud makes passage almost impossible several months of the year.

Delegates will welcome the connecting link as no other route, probably.

ATTACK TO BE MADE ON DRY ENFORCEMENT

Organized Drive To Be Participated In By 36 Organizations; Beer and Light Wines Advocated.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—An assault in force is to be made on the present prohibition enforcement law at the congressional primaries and election this year.

Wet forces are organizing for one last determined effort to rescue beer and light wines.

The fight will be directed not against the constitutional amendment, but against the Volstead law, which defines what constitutes "intoxicating beverages."

Already the Anti-Saloon League has a list of 36 organizations formed avowedly for the purpose of assisting the beer and light wines campaign. Some of these are local in nature, others are organized on a state basis. Some half-dozen of them aspire to nation-wide scope.

Drive on Congress.

The plan of attack is to nominate at the primaries and put across at the November election the greatest possible number of congressional candidates favorable to relaxing the restrictions of the enforcement law.

A four per cent beer, instead of the one-half of one per cent article now legal, is desired, and light, unfortified wines.

Of the three dozen organizations engaged in the campaign for the wet, the strongest and most widely organized is held to be the National Association Against the Prohibition Amendment.

The headquarters of this organization occupies the whole floor of a Washington office building.

Its head is William H. Stayton, a former naval officer, now president of the Baltimore Steamship Co., of Baltimore. Its membership list includes a long array of well-known names, and these are effectively used in campaigning for new members.

G. C. Hineckler, secretary of this organization, in charge of the Washington activities, says the work of extending state and local branches is now in full swing and is being pushed in order to be in position for the most effective work in the congressional campaign.

"The sale of light wines and beer can be permitted within the terms of the eighteenth amendment," said Hineckler. "All that is necessary is to have Congress redefine an intoxicating beverage."

"It is of first importance that we grow to the point where we can say to Congress and to politicians generally that we represent a very large body of American voters. It now seems likely that we will reach the million mark within the next few months. When that number of members has been attained, we can repeal the Volstead law."

"We have recently added a department of their positions."

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Guns Rattling in Kilkenney

Sharp Fighting Is In Progress in Ireland; Insurgents Routed.

(By Associated Press)
KILKENNEY, Ireland, May 3.—Sharp fighting with machine guns rattling in all directions is in progress here. Free State troops are trying to re-capture Ormond Castle, which is still held by irregulars who yesterday were driven from other places they had captured.

PATTERSON WILL CAMPAIGN HERE

Gubernatorial Candidate To Be in La Grande on May 8th.

(Special to The Observer)
PORTLAND, May 3.—Isaac L. Patterson, candidate for the Republican nomination to the office of governor, has announced his Eastern Oregon speaking dates and will spend several days in the country east of the Cascade mountains.

After having completed a trip through the valley where he met a great many people, Mr. Patterson expressed himself as highly pleased with his chances to secure the nomination. He was heartily greeted by the farmers, he says, as well as people in cities and towns who are anxious to have the tax load of the state reduced.

Mr. Patterson will visit Odell grange, at Hood River, on the afternoon of May 3rd and will spend that evening in The Dalles. On May 5th he will be in Ontario, May 6th in Baker, May 8th in La Grande, May 9th in Pendleton and May 10th in Bend.

Gag Night Marshall, Get Away With Funds

BEVERIDGE IS LEADING

Former Hoosier Senator Has Large Lead With Over Thousand Precincts Still Missing.

(By Associated Press)
INDIANAPOLIS, May 3.—Former Senator Albert J. Beveridge's lead over Senator New increased today to 13,653 when 2,200 out of 3,381 precincts had reported.

THE CARUSOS GO TO ITALY



A deckhand in a dingy blue suit and sailor's jersey, smoking a big black pipe—that was Enrico Caruso, Jr., 18, son of the tenor and his first wife, going to Europe on the "Providence."



Mrs. Enrico Caruso, second wife of the tenor, and Gloria sail on the S. S. Paris to their home in Italy, where they live six months of each year, according to a plan announced by the widow after the famous tenor's death.

LEADER SAID TO HAVE DIED IN BATTLE

Effort Being Made To Cut Off Forces of General Chiang.

U. S. GUNBOAT IS ORDERED TO TIENTSIN

Wu's Army is Trying to Cut Chang's Army Off from the Sea in Main Drive.

(By Associated Press)
PEKING, May 3.—General Chang Tso-Lin's headquarters announced today that General Wu Pei Fu, central Chinese leader, had been killed in action. The announcement was not otherwise confirmed.

General Wu's main army in the drive toward Tien Tsin to isolate Chang Tso-Lin's forces by cutting their line between Tien Tsin and Taku, on the sea.

The success of this move would also cut off Chang's 40,000 men north of Tien Tsin. The American gunboat Wilmington has been ordered from Hong Kong to Tien Tsin.

MACPHERSON BAKERY HAS NEW WRAPPER

Latest Improvement in Bread Machinery Facilitates Getting Bread from Oven to Consumer in Quick Time.

The Macpherson Bakery's business has grown so rapidly during the past year and a half that installation of new machinery has been made necessary from time to time to take care of the ever-growing business in La Grande. The latest improvement made by J. C. Macpherson, proprietor, is the replacing of the old bread-wrapper with one of the latest models of the kind on the market.

The new machine wraps 1800 loaves of bread an hour, the old machine having a capacity of only 500 loaves per hour. All of the work except feeding the loaves into the machine and taking the freshly wrapped loaves out of it is done by machinery.

One feature of the machine is that the loaves are sealed by means of an electric sealer, the paper being waxed paper, known as "self-sealing," which facilitates this part of the work as only the application of heat is necessary to do the sealing.

Formerly it took a girl between seven and eight hours to wrap and seal the bread of the bakery. With the improved machine this time has been cut down to two hours and 45 minutes.

All other processes through which (Continued on Page Five.)

JUVENILES TO PLAY SATURDAY

The Imbler boys' baseball team will play a picked La Grande team on the local fair grounds Saturday afternoon. The visitors have never been defeated by an Oregon team in their class but the locals are hoping to get a win.

The team has been selected from the Riveria, Central, Boy Scouts and Greenwood teams and is as follows: Ed Fitzgerald, pitcher and centerfielder; B. S. Lloyd, Sherold, pitcher and centerfielder; C. Gwynn, McNoun, pitcher; G. William Carls, G. and Marion Headley, B. S. catchers; Chase Ostead, B. S. first base; Howard Kerr, G. second base; Gilbert French, R. third base; Clare McKenna, C. short stop; Paul Gregg, R. left field, and Walter Burnaugh, R. right field.

HEROIC PRIEST.
ROME—Giuseppe Mallei, the village priest of Pozzoli, gave his life to prevent fire when he tore apart crossed electric wires.

BULLETINS

PARIS, May 3.—The French cabinet decided to stand by Belgium in opposing the terms of the allied memorandum to Russia on private property rights.

(By Associated Press)
GENOA, May 3.—The report was circulated today that American Ambassador Richard Washburn Child had been instructed to protest against Article Six of the economic conference's memorandum to Russia as affecting American holders of property in Russia.



Schools of La Grande Will Close on May 26th

In the La Grande high school and grammar schools the closing day this year will be May 26th which will complete the scheduled nine months' term. As usual the end of the term will be an occasion of exercises among the lower grades and graduation exercises will be observed in the eighth grade and the high school.

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In La Grande only two events of moderate athletic games.