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FOUR MEN IN IRELAND ARE MURDERED

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MANY PARTS OF BELFAST ABLAZE

Terrorists are Again in Conflict with Authorities; Several are Injured in Fighting.

(By Associated Press) BELFAST, May 19.—Four men, all Catholics, were dragged from their beds at Desert Martin, County Derry, early today and murdered. Half the village was burned. Terrorists began work in Belfast early.

Incendiary bombs in different parts of the city were started. Six buildings were afire before nine o'clock. Armed men attacked the barracks of the special constabulary. In the fierce conflict several attackers were injured. No constables were injured.

BASEBALL TEAM TO GO TO COVE

The La Grande ball club will face the critical game of the season when they play the Cove nine at Cove Sunday afternoon. Cove is, without a doubt, the strongest team in the league outside of La Grande. If La Grande can win this game from Cove, thus clinching the Cove-La Grande series of three games, La Grande will have one game, La Grande will have the pennant nearly within their clutches.

The local boys are one full game ahead of Cove and if they win Sunday that will make it two games ahead, and with only 11 games remaining to play after Sunday, the Farmers would have to hump to overcome such a lead, especially with both Cove and La Grande playing each other but once after Sunday.

Unless Baker, Elgin, Union and Haines import some first class ball players, there is very little chance of any of these teams making Cove and La Grande for more than an occasional victory—and La Grande is playing much better ball at present than Cove against other teams.

The local team has been putting in some hard practice of late and are in the pink of condition for Sunday's conflict. The same line-up will be used as in the last game. McInnis will start the game with McGee ready to step in at any minute.

La Grande, as a team, is hitting well over .400 and six men in the line-up are knocking out hits for a percentage of 300 or more. Thus, on is leading the parade with .682, Rosenbaum next with .604, with Johnson crowding close behind with .528. McInnis has .444, McInnis .333 and Knecht .300. In addition to his batting Rosenbaum is a dangerous man on the bases. In three games he has stolen five bases, nearly as many as the rest of the team combined.

All three games slated for Sunday will be hard contests with the winners uncertain. Union, with a much improved team that lost to Baker last Sunday 3 to 2 in an 11 inning contest, will receive the Elgin aggregation and Baker will play at Haines. Haines will have a new hurler in the line-up according to reports.

Many local fans will make the trip to Cove Sunday if the weather is anywhere near reminiscent of spring.

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For the past few years it has been the plan to hold a clean-up week each spring to get the city into ship-shape condition for the summer, and this year there was less rubbish to cart away than ever before. The citizens of La Grande are taking far more care of their premises and are taking a livelier interest in the cleanliness of their town.

The Boy Scouts have aided materially in the clean-up program. At the beginning of the week they made a house to house canvass telling the residents of the clean-up week and urging them to fall in line with the work. They have assisted in many other ways during the week, and will make a final survey of the town tomorrow to see if any person has failed to clean up his grounds. The city has carted away all rubbish this week free of charge and fire permits were not necessary to burn all burnable rubbish.

Election Returns Will be Received At The Y.M.C.A.

Stillman Figure



Harold E. McCormick, Jr., Chicago millionaire, has been seen frequently in the company of Mrs. Anne U. Stillman and her daughter, Anne, while the former's divorce suit was heard at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

VOTING LIGHT EARLY THIS AFTERNOON

Weather All of State; Interest Expected to Increase Before Evening.

Although the weather is ideal today, voting in La Grande is early today, judging from reports from the precincts. In hardly any precincts reporting was the vote much over 10 per cent and the average was probably around that percentage. Considerable voting is expected late this afternoon and early this evening and very likely the normal number of voters will cast their ballot before the polls close at 8 o'clock.

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, May 19.—Reports this afternoon indicated voting was unusually heavy.

PORTLAND, May 19.—Fair weather generally throughout the state today, with special interest in the gubernatorial, congressional and recall fights is expected to bring a big vote out today. Of 219,336 registered voters in the state 218,328 are Republican and 84,458 Democratic. Double election boards are expected to result in early returns.

Circus People Will Not Change Date of Showing in La Grande

Compliance with Request of Former Soldiers Found Impossible, Telegram States.

Word was received this morning by City Manager O. A. Krentz from the circus that will show here May 30 that it is impossible to change the date in order to defer to the wishes of those who wish to keep Memorial Day untainted by commercialism.

The telegram stated that an interstate commerce commission ruling required 30 days' notice on change of railroad contracts and that the circus had already made its contract with the railroad as well as gone to much expense in advertising.

The telegram also intimated that in case the city try to cancel the license a damage suit for heavy damages would be brought. An effort will now be made to prevent the patriotic and circus parades from conflicting.

City Freer of Rubbish Than Usually in Spring

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The Observer Will Supply Latest Returns Tonight From State in General as Well as from Union County.

Arrangements have been made to divert the Observer election returns from the Observer office to the Y. M. C. A. This service will begin about nine o'clock tonight, by which time it is expected that the first few ballots will have been counted. The office of the Ad Club will be used as a statistical room and the lobby of the Y. M. C. A. will be used for bulletins and general assembling purposes. This arrangement was made because of the small space in the Observer office.

Because of the fact that so many of the counties of the state are using the double board method some fairly indicative returns from the state at large should be at hand by midnight. In Union county one board only will officiate and as there are three tickets to count it is expected that complete details will not be gathered much before Monday. Union county is one of six counties that are staying by the antiquated system of one board.

COMMENCEMENT NEXT FRIDAY

The commencement exercises for the graduating class in the La Grande high school will be held Friday evening, May 26, at the L. D. S. Tabernacle, beginning at eight o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

The commencement program is as follows: Invocation by Rev. William Crosby Ross, pastor of the Presbyterian church; solo, "The Winds in the South" (John Trindle Scott), by Miss Florence Lynch; Commencement Address, by Prince Campbell, president of the University of Oregon; Presentation of Diplomas, by J. A. Russell, chairman of the school board; Benediction by C. J. Black, counselor to the president of Union Stake of the L. D. S. Church.

The Senior Class this year is quite large and has for its officers Douglas Kline, president; B. B. Christian, vice-president; and Edith Pierce, secretary and treasurer. Misses Eileen Bowling and Ora Eccles are class advisers. The colors are green and coral.

In the class of 22 seven honor students will graduate. They are Howard Jean Taylor, Alfred Louis Meyers, Douglas Kline, Percy Harold McGaughey, A. A. Roy Scarbrough, Hare, Asabel Brook Colt, and Dorothy Eleanor McGaughey.

Detectives on Actor's Trail

Los Angeles Officers Started for Mexicali Today.

(By Associated Press) LOS ANGELES, May 19.—Two district attorney's office detectives went to Mexicali today to investigate the reported marriage there of Rudolph Valentino and Winifred Huie.

Detectives will stop at Palm Springs, Riverside county, to ascertain whether Valentino and Miss Huie had stopped there Tuesday night upon their return from Mexicali.

PRECAUTIONARY STEPS URGED ON THE PEOPLE

Economy in Consumption of Water Desirable Until System is Again in Normal Shape.

All water users are requested not to use more water than is necessary until it is determined just how serious the damage to the Beaver Creek dam is and it is requested that sprinkling lawns be discontinued for the time being, the city manager announced today.

The reservoir near the city limits has sufficient water to take care of the normal supply for four days and about 50 per cent of the normal supply was being diverted into the pipe line from Cole creek, assuring an eight days' supply. From reports from the caretaker at the dam indications are that the break can be repaired readily and a continuous water supply assured, but in case it cannot be immediately repaired pumping water from the Grande Ronde River, Mr. Kratz stated, will probably begin tomorrow morning.

There is no shortage of water, it being merely a question of diverting sufficient into the main pipeline so that the emergency pumps will not have to be started. During the night the level of the water in the local reservoir rose six inches.

JUVENILES WILL PLAY SATURDAY

The La Grande Juniors will journey to Imbler Saturday to attempt to add a second win against the Imbler juveniles. A week ago the Juniors invaded La Grande with disastrous results as they carried home the short end of a 10 to 4 score. That was the first defeat of the season and they are expecting to revenge their loss on Saturday.

WHAT DOES HE MEAN, "BROTHER!"



SHORTER WORK DAY APPROVED BY STEEL MEN

Conference at White House Last Night Results in Recommending Abolishing 12-Hour Day.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, May 19.—Steel manufacturers in conference at the White House Thursday night with President Harding approved in principle the president's suggestion for the abolition of the 12-hour work day.

The 41 representative leaders of the industry who were present unanimously adopted a resolution authorizing the president of the American Steel and Iron Institute to name a committee of five from the steel industry to make a scientific and careful investigation of the matter and to report their conclusions to the industry.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, May 19.—Complete abolition of the 12-hour working day in the steel industry was discussed at a dinner conference at the White House Thursday night to which President Harding had invited 41 representatives of the iron and steel industry and Secretaries Mellon, Hoover and Davis.

The guests were told there was no intention of government interference in private business, but that the United States was about to witness great industrial revival and that the one hope of doing away with the excessively long workday was to do it before the full swing of business was resumed.

Mr. Harding said he had found sentiment favorable to the change, in discussing the matter with individuals among the leaders of the steel industry, but that he found also the conviction that the abolition of a 12-hour working day was impracticable without substantially unanimous action on the part of the employing forces in the steel and iron industry.

Liquor Charge Costs Negress Sum of \$250

The trial of Lottie Heagan, alias Lottie Davis, and Bob Johnson, both colored, charged with unlawful possession of liquor was held in the justice court yesterday afternoon at five o'clock. Bob Johnson was acquitted owing to lack of evidence and Lottie Heagan was fined \$250 for unlawful possession of liquor.

A complete opium smoking equipment was found on the premises but the defendant stated that she had no knowledge of the working of the equipment and that it did not belong to her but had been there when she first occupied the place. She was not tried on this charge on account of lack of evidence.

German Envoy



Dr. Otto Wiedfeldt, first German ambassador to Washington since the United States entered the World War, has just reached this country.

LEGION WOULD SUPPLANT G. A. R.

Asks for Privileges of Carrying Graves of Heroes of the Civil War.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 19.—A proposal that the American Legion be allowed to assume the sacred trust of caring for the graves of Confederate and Union soldiers has been made to the United Confederate Veterans and the Grand Army of the Republic, national headquarters of the world war service men here announced.

The Legion asks that it be given the privilege, beginning with the coming Memorial Day, it suggests that, to mark the occasion, Legion posts and units of the Confederate and Grand Army organizations exchange their respective flags over the graves.

"We see your ranks growing very thin and while there are a few of you yet with the living, the Legion has an ambition to prove its fidelity to you by accepting as a sacred trust the privilege of caring for and decorating all of the graves of America's heroic dead, who fought on both sides in that struggle for our nation," reads the Legion's letter to General Julian S. Carr, chief of the Confederate veterans.

"Why not let us have just one national Memorial Day for the decoration of America's soldiers," the letter continues. "Our membership is comprised of the sons and, largely, grandsons of Confederate veterans and Union veterans. It is composed of your children and your children's children; we belong to you and you belong to us. The glory and heroism that you wrought in our priceless heritage."

Legion officials here declare their belief that gradually May 30 is becoming Memorial Day in both the North and the South, where before states of the confederacy have traditionally observed different dates than those observed in the North. It is hoped that through the influence of world war veterans on both sides of the Mason-Dixon line, Memorial Day this year will be one of nation-wide significance.

REFUSE LONG HOURS. KIAMATH FALLS, MAY 19.

By a vote of 118 to 2 the timberworkers here night rejected the mill operators' proposal to resume work on a nine-hour day basis.

TWO DEAD

(By Associated Press) CAMBRIDGE, Mass., May 19.—Two men were killed and one critically hurt and four less seriously hurt by a gas explosion at Harvard University today.

CONFERENCE HAS FORMALLY DISSOLVED

Valedictory Address Delivered By Lloyd George This Afternoon.

RUSSIAN GIVEN STRONG WARNING

Reply of Tchitcherin Says Even Eloquence of British Premier Will Not Convert the Russians.

(By Associated Press) GENOA, May 19.—The economic conference adjourned at 1:15 this afternoon. Lloyd George in his valedictory address said the conference had gathered "fine crops," namely, the non-aggression pact and reports of the finance, transport and economic commissions, which, he said, alone justified holding the conference.

He warned Russia that Europe was gradually filling the gap left by Russia's decline, but that it was sad to see millions of Russians in despair, starving. When a man sells his goods, declared Lloyd George, he expects the buyer to pay for them. When a man loans money he expects the borrower to repay, and when a man asks a second loan he must repay the first one. He said it was unwise to argue for repudiation of debts when one wants to borrow more money.

Foreign Minister Tchitcherin, replying said that even Lloyd George's eloquence could not convert the Russian people, who have other prejudices, for instance if a neighbor burns down one's house he should pay for the damage. He said, however, the Russians would continue efforts for peace.

AD CLUBBERS TO GO TO BAKER

One auto load of Ad Club people has been arranged for already to represent the club at the Natatorium Week in Baker beginning Monday. Monday evening has been set aside as Union County Night and all Ad Club members or any one else from La Grande who would enjoy a swim in the Natatorium at 7:30 and a dance later on are urged to get in touch with the manager of the Ad Club before Monday noon. Baker is expecting a big crowd from La Grande on that occasion.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, May 19.—Driven by a vicious gale, two government ships, Eagle boat (No. 17) and the army steamer General John W. Wilkins, were ashore today at Long Island and reported breaking up. The gale caused havoc along the coast, even the giant Aquatania, inbound, being in danger for a time.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, May 19.—Acceptance by the government of Food's offer for the development of the Muscle Shoals project was recommended to the senate agricultural committee last night by Thomas A. Edison, who recently surveyed the Alabama properties.

Pioneers Arrange Their Program For June 15th

At a meeting of the Union County Pioneer association held yesterday afternoon the program for the reunion to be held on Pioneer Day, June 15, was decided upon. The Sons and Daughters association will hold a meeting at 10 a. m. on that day, at which time officers will be elected and other business attended to. At 10:30 the business meeting of the Pioneers will be held. Election officers will be held, as well as other business transacted.

The speaking program begins at 11 o'clock at which time T. H. Crawford, president, will make the address of welcome. Responses will be by Dunham Wright and William Hindman.

An old fashioned basket dinner is on the program for 12:30 p. m. and from 1:30 to 3:00 round table talks with social visiting and a good time generally will occupy the pioneers. An interesting program has been prepared by the sons and daughters for the evening, beginning at 7:30 p. m. The day's program will be interspersed with music by the La Grande Municipal band and other members of the musical associations of La Grande.



(By Associated Press)

Tonight and Saturday fair. Cooler tonight in the west portion with light breeze.