

BELFAST SWEEP BY FIRES

Millionaire Confesses Slaying



Walter S. Ward (left), New Rochelle, N. Y., millionaire son of the Ward Baking Company founder, has confessed, police say, that he slew Clarence Peters, ex-navy man, who threatened him with blackmail. Mrs. Ward (right) is standing staunchly by her husband. Below, the War

Commencement Held Last Evening; Big Class Is Graduated

The Senior class commencement exercises were held last evening in the L. D. S. Tabernacle, completing the school year officially for the members of the graduating class. A large crowd was present and was delighted with the program.

Princess Campbell, president of the University of Oregon, delivered an interesting and appropriate commencement address to the graduates. The remainder of the program was as follows: Invocation by Rev. William Crosby Ross, pastor of the Presbyterian church; Miss Florence Lynch sang "The Wind in the South," by John Trindle Scott, and following the commencement address by President Campbell, J. A. Russell, chairman of the school board, presented the diplomas to the graduates. C. J. Black, counselor to the president of Union State of the L. D. S. church, closed

the exercises by giving the benediction.

The Senior class this year has passed through a very successful term and every member of the class made their grades and received their diplomas. Douglas Kline, as president, B. B. Christian, as vice-president, and Edith Pierce, as secretary and treasurer, lead the class through the year. Misses Ellean Bowling and Ora Eccles were class advisors.

The class of '22 chose green and coral as their colors and the American Beauty Rose as their official flower. Their motto was "Non est vivere sed valere vita."

In the class seven members graduated with honors. They were Howard Joan Taylor, Alfred Louis Meyers, Douglas Kline, Percy Harold McGaughey, Audrey Scarborough, Harriet Asabel Brook, and Dorothy Elvanor McGaughey.

BUMPER CHERRY CROP AT COVE

UNION, Ore., May 27.—John Dean, of Cove, was in Union yesterday making arrangements for purchasing the cherry crop of Union and vicinity for this year.

"We are looking for a bumper cherry crop in Cove this year," states Mr. Dean who is in a position to be considered as a first class authority on the subject. "The cherries are settling well and the frosts that did so much damage to fruit in other localities, hardly touched our crop."

AUXILIARY TO BE ORGANIZED

The ladies who are interested in the forming of an American Legion Ladies' Auxiliary will meet Monday evening in the Neighborhood Club rooms in the city library at 7:30 o'clock to form the organization. Only the wives, mothers and sisters of the American Legion members are eligible to membership.

Further particulars may be learned by communicating with Mrs. C. N. Palmer or with Dr. Ray Murphy, president of the local Legion Post.

NORTH POWDER COMMENCEMENT

NORTH POWDER, May 27.—The North Powder high school graduating class held their commencement exercises yesterday evening. Bruce Dennis, editor of the La Grande Observer, delivered the commencement address on this occasion.

This was the sixth annual commencement held at the North Powder high school and the program was as follows: Invocation, by Rev. G. R. Archer; Class History, by George Hill; Class Poem, by Louise V. Parker; music, by Inez M. Johnson; Class Prophecy, by Grace E. Fisk; vocal solo, by Hallie Barnes; annual address by Bruce Dennis, followed by the presentation of diplomas to the Senior graduates.

The Oregon Conference scholarship was presented to George Hill last evening. This is quite an honor and reflects upon his sterling qualities as a scholar.

The North Powder schools have completed a very successful year under the following faculty: Professor Buchanan, Miss Mary Louche, assistant principal, and Mrs. Faith Curtis, science teacher.

BANQUET TONIGHT

(By Associated Press)

PORTLAND, May 27.—The members of the 6th coast artillery are here for their first reunion. Dort B. Bates of Roseburg, will be toastmaster at the banquet tonight.

Report Favors Terms Made By Ford For Muscle Shoals

WHEAT CROP PROMISING IN UNION COUNTY

Wheat Stem Borers Left Winter Crop Alone This Year, Is Report of Investigators.

The winter wheat crop in the Grande Ronde valley looks very promising, according to County Agent H. G. Avery, who has just completed a partial survey of the county in company with Professor L. P. Rockwood, of the Forest Grove experiment station, and Professor A. L. Lovett. It is a little too early to be able to tell how well the spring crop will materialize, but present indications look favorable.

Mr. Rockwood, Mr. Lovett and Mr. Avery have just returned from a survey of part of the county, ascertaining whether the wheat stem borer, which Mr. Avery discovered last year in this section, is numerous enough to be a serious menace to the spring crop. The fall crop is hardly touched by the pest as it has too much of a start before the wheat stem borer can lay eggs in the spring.

In the sections where the pest was observed last year, namely, near Imbler, Alsea and Elgin, the borer is not apparently very noticeable. However, in the lands that are still wet, the flies are beginning to lay their eggs on the spring wheat and it is expected that the borers will cause some damage in these sections.

It is recommended that the farmers plow under their stubble as early as possible, thus turning under the volunteer wheat which harbors a great number of these pests.

LABOR LEADER DIED SUDDENLY

(By Associated Press)
ESSEN, Germany, May 27.—Otto Hue, whose death occurred here recently, was the recognized leader of the coal miners' and ironworkers' trade unions, whose memberships run into millions.

PORTION OF PLANT IS ELIMINATED

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, May 27.—The house military committee finally agreed today on a report after three months study of various offers for the government nitrate and power project at Muscle Shoals, Alabama.

It is understood that the plan agreed on eliminated the steam plant at Gorgas, Alabama, from the property to be disposed of with Muscle Shoals.

In other respects the committee report follows closely the terms offered by Henry Ford. The committee announced that the plan would be submitted to all persons and interests for acceptance, regardless of whether they had already made an offer for the properties.

W. B. Mayo, Ford's chief engineer, said he would ascertain whether Ford was willing to accept the committee's terms.

Prosecution Is Outlined

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Meier Steinbrink, New York lawyer, who assisted Charles E. Hughes in the government's aircraft investigation in 1918, has accepted the appointment by Attorney General Daugherty as one of his special assistants in the prosecution of war fraud cases.

This comprehensive outline of the plans for the prosecution of the cases, as announced by the attorney general, provides for five divisions under five special assistants. It is proposed to cover aviation, camps and cantonments, foreign expenditures, quarters, master corps and ordinance.

TWO PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM AUTHORITIES

Army Men Under Guard Abduct Their Guide and Make Get-Away with Machine.

(By Associated Press)

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 27.—Noel E. Adelhart and William E. Needham, privates in the 59th infantry, are sought by the police of Oregon and Washington today, following their escape from Vancouver barracks last night, where they were working as prisoners.

The military authorities reported that the pair abducted their guard and stole an automobile, and the rifle and ammunition belt of the guard.

GUILTY PLEA DRAWS A FINE

Lula Barnett and Ed McLeindon, colored, charged with disorderly conduct and assault, were tried before the municipal court yesterday evening at five o'clock. They had pleaded not guilty at their arraignment but changed the plea and were fined \$25 each.

Auto Starter Taken From Machine Shop

An automobile starter housing was stolen yesterday morning at about 10:30 from the rear of Leighton's Machine Shop. The starter is of considerable value and a liberal reward has been offered for its return with no questions asked. It is believed that some boys, not knowing the value of the starter, picked it up with no intentions of becoming thieves.

17 FIRES STARTED LAST NIGHT; LOOTING ON THE HEELS OF SCHOOL BLAZE

UNKNOWN IS TO BE PLAYED BY LOCAL TEAM

Baker Team Has Fast Collection But Local La's Don't Know Just What to Expect.

The La Grande baseball club will meet a more or less unknown quantity when they meet Baker at the fairgrounds Sunday afternoon. Apparently Baker has a fast team—but an in and out. Baker has beaten Haines twice, but fell before Cove in an easy game. On the other hand Union, the cellar champions, played them an eleven-inning game, Baker finally winning by one run.

But one thing rests secure—if the temperature is above 70 degrees and the entire team doesn't get their legs broken, then the chances are about ten to one that La Grande will trot away from the diamond carrying the Baker scalp in their bat bag. Because on a hot day the two local twisters, Melnis and McGee are practically unbeatable. Everything they ever had on the ball comes to light then.

Cove caught La Grande napping last Sunday and spoiled her playhouse by knocking one of the wire-rows out, but Cove is possessed of a bunch of hitters that would get by with a berry of hits from any team in Oregon, not excepting the Portland Beavers. But Baker, unless the last week has brought a lot of new material to light, has not the hit getters that La Grande has, and, needless to say, when they are right, McGee and Melnis need fear no batter.

One change that is expected to tighten up the infield will be made before the game Sunday. Rosenbaum, who has been leading the batting average—when Theison wasn't—will be shifted to short and Hickey will take his place in the center garden. Rosenbaum is a corner and with his speed should eat up anything in the infield within a short time. Possibly a few other changes will be made, but nothing definite has been decided yet. At any rate, La Grande will go into the game Sunday with a faster infield, an outfield just as good as ever, which is saying considerable, and if the day is warm, the battery should be invincible. And then, on Monday Baker will probably drop to second place, instead of a tie with Cove and La Grande for first place. Providing, of course, that the locals don't exhibit the school kid style of play that they greeted Cove with last Sunday.

Rosenbaum ousted Theison from the top of the batting percentage column in last Sunday's fracas. Meserve went hitless and dropped out of the 200 class but Rosenbaum, Theison, Cross, Melnis and Johnson are still possessed of sizable batting averages. The averages of those batting over 200 are: Rosenbaum, .570; Theison .571; Johnson, .473; Melnis, .429; and Cross, .397. The team batting average stands at .381. Out of 155 times at bat 59 hits have been registered. Pitching averages are: Melnis, .667; McGee, .600. Stolen base honors go to Rosenbaum with 5 and Cross with 4. Theison is the best run getter with 5 and Johnson coming second with 3 and Johnson next with 4. The fielding has tightened up as can be seen by the fact that of 18 errors made, 8 of them were registered in the first game. Only ten errors were made in the last three games.

Young Girl Shot to Death During Outbreak; 3 Wounded.

SOLDIER MURDERED IN DUBLIN; 1 WOUNDED

Report Indicates that Lawlessness Ran Riot During Night in Both Dublin and Belfast.

(By Associated Press)

BELFAST, May 27.—Seventeen incendiary fires were started last night. Six bombs were used in starting a fire which destroyed the model school here.

A constable was shot in the leg at the fire. A hundred looters invaded the school ruins and began taking everything portable. The police arrived and opened fire on them. A girl 10 years old was shot dead and another girl, a man and a woman were wounded during one outbreak last night.

A Dublin message says that a British soldier was murdered there and that another was wounded at the postoffice on the college green.

Conference Is In Agreement

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, May 27.—"Definitive formulas" were settled upon in the Chilean-Peruvian conference here, according to a joint statement issued after the two delegations resumed their sessions today. It is understood that the formulas dealt directly with the Tarma-Arica question and with the fulfillment of the treaty.

WON'T FIGHT

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, May 27.—Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manager, announced today that it has been virtually decided that Dempsey will not meet either Bill Brennan or Willard on Labor Day at Michigan City, Indiana.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)

ROME, May 27.—Four violent earthquakes in the vicinity of Terni, 50 miles north of Rome, today are terrifying the population. No reports have been received of the damage done.

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, May 27.—Labor leaders Murphy and Maser, under indictment in connection with bombings May 29th, were ordered released today on bonds of \$75,000 each.

(By Associated Press)

GENOA, May 27.—Cardinal Galpari, the Papal secretary of state, today sent the Vatican's protest to the league of nations against the British mandate for Palestine.

Weather

Tonight fair and warmer in the south and west portions of the state. Sunday fair and warmer, excepting near the coast.

