

FIGHTING ON ULSTER FRONT

HOW MEMORIAL DAY ORIGINATED IS HERE TOLD FOR FIRST TIME



(By NEA Service.)

COLUMBUS, Ga., May 30.—To the women of Columbus, Ga., belongs the honor of having conceived Memorial Day as we know it today. The first observance was on April 26, 1866.

Charleston, S. C., had previously held a form of memorial exercises on May 1, 1865, consisting of dedication ceremonies of the ground where 257 Union soldiers were buried. Ten thousand persons attended the exercises, which were arranged by James Redpath, general superintendent of education. But as this gathering was called for the single purpose of dedicating a cemetery it could hardly be regarded as the "first Memorial Day."

There were no festivities in connection with the first Memorial Day in Columbus. This was a day of "sad memories."

From 1861 to the end of the war Columbus had a Ladies' Aid Society, its purpose being to care for soldiers, ill or wounded, who might come home or who could be reached in the field. In January, 1865, shortly after the end of the struggle, Miss Lizzie Rutherford asked Mrs. Jane Martin, a resident of Greenville who was visiting in Columbus, to join a number of other women at Linwood cemetery in looking after the graves of soldiers who had died in Columbus hospitals.

One of the graves decorated in Columbus, Ga., on the first memorial day. Left, Mrs. John Tyler, whose home the first Memorial Day Association was organized. Right, Mrs. M. E. Gray, daughter of Mrs. Tyler.

The duty of devotion finished, Miss Rutherford and Mrs. Martin discussed the significance of the work they had been doing in the cemetery. "Let us continue the Ladies' Aid Society for work of this character," said Miss Rutherford.

Meeting Called.
Within a few days, in January of 1865, she called a meeting of the society at the home of Mrs. John Tyler. The house still stands. Those present were Mrs. Robert Carter, president; Mrs. R. A. Ware, Mrs. William G. Woolfolk, Mrs. Clara M. Dexter, Mrs. J. M. McAllister and Mrs. Clara J. Williams. Neither Miss Rutherford nor Mrs. Martin were able to attend, both being out of the city.

This meeting formed itself into the first Ladies' Memorial Association, with Mrs. Carter as president.

Nothing was done toward selecting the date for Memorial Day until May 1, 1865, when Mrs. Martin returned. To her was given the honor of choosing the date. She selected April 26, giving two reasons: first, that it was a day of sad memories, the date upon which General

Joseph E. Johnston surrendered his army to the federals, an act that sealed the fate of the Confederacy; second, that it was a date when flowers would be plentiful.

Witness Describes It.
Death has claimed all the women who attended the January meeting. There is one person alive, however, who has personal knowledge of the gathering. She is Mrs. M. E. Gray, daughter of Mrs. Tyler. Because she was only fourteen her mother did not permit her to come into the room, but she attended the first exercises held the following April 26 at the St. Luke Methodist church.

Rapidly Miss Rutherford's idea spread through the south. Mrs. John A. Logan, wife of General Logan, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., learned of the practice while visiting in the south. At her urgent request, General Logan issued an order to all Grand Army posts to celebrate Memorial Day on May 30, 1868.

As the years passed, state after state, by an act of legislature, set aside one day each spring as Memorial Day. While most states celebrate May 30, others have set aside April 26, May 15 and June 3. The American Legion is now urging that May 30 be made a universal Memorial Day, not only throughout the United States but all over the world.

Preparations Are Nearly Completed For The Stockshow

Stock Already Arriving for Big Event; Races Promise to Be of Much Interest and Many Amusement Features are Being Arranged; Three Days of Amusement Planned.

UNION, May 30.—Just one short in vast quantities. A large delegation attended the Haines Stampede, stopped at North Powder on their return, visiting Baker the following day. Everywhere they went they were welcomed with open hands and the sentiment points to a larger out-of-town attendance than ever before.

The livestock exhibit this year will be one of the main attractions. Some of the best herds in the northwest will be in competition. The racing program is being thoroughly worked over and nothing will be found wanting in this section.

Music of a high class nature will be furnished by some of the best bands in Eastern Oregon and clean places of amusement will be in operation during the afternoon and evening. The La Grande L. O. O. F. will present their show all three nights and the dancing pavilion will be in operation from 8 o'clock until the crowd decides to make it a day.

The Union Livestock Association presents a cordial invitation to the world at large to be there and are doing everything possible to welcome their guests in a princely manner.

June 8 will be the big day for La Grande and the opening day will find Baker as the honored town. The final day will be "everybody's day" and if it is as big a day as is usually the case, then Union will see a veritable mecca for Oregonians.

Trips are being made over Union and adjacent counties by enthusiastic bodies of boosters, and they are

BELLEK SALIENT IS GIVEN UP TO FREE STATE TROOPS TODAY; 4 DEAD IN BELFAST

G. A. R. Head's Message



BY LEWIS S. PILCHER

Commander-in-Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

The Grand Army is giving way to younger veterans of later wars the duty and privilege of carrying on instruction in devotion to the nation's heroic deed.

Memorial Day is not a day for sports and games. It is not a holiday but a holy day. It belongs not to the Grand Army but to all.

We of the Grand Army rejoice to see the stalwart sons of America carry on the colors we bore so long. We pass on the love of our country to our successors.

CHARGED WITH BEING CRUEL

Claude Withington, colored, is behind the bars in the city jail awaiting trial for disorderly conduct. It is alleged that he cruelly abused a horse, and a bridge, covered with blood where the bit cut into the animal's mouth, is being held at the police station as evidence.

The preliminary hearing was held yesterday and he pled not guilty. Three hundred dollars was set as the amount needed for his bonds. The arrest was made Sunday afternoon. Withington's trial is set for Wednesday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

Mutiny Grows In Manchuria

General Wu's Sympathizers Now in Control of Large Section.

(By Associated Press)
PEKING, May 30.—The Manchurian mutiny against General Chang Tso Lin, anti-government leader, is spreading. The garrison at Harbin joined in the mutiny and declared in favor of General Wu Pei Fu and Harbin to the maritime province of Siberia. General Wu is in virtual command of the Peking government.

Barnes Circus Arrives With The Big Elephant

That Al G. Barnes and all of his press agents are truthful people was the verdict expressed this morning when the circus train unloaded and the big elephant hit the pavement with his tremendous feet.

All the stories about the "biggest elephant in the world" went at one hundred per cent from the time the big boy showed up and people got a glimpse of those ears.

While other features of the show are admitted to be of just as much interest as the big elephant, the fact that this animal has been touted throughout the country as the biggest in the world and the further fact that up at a small Washington state city in a loose one night and wandered around the city with

Irish Republican Army Making Headway in Many Places; Fighting Reported To Be Fierce in Many Places Today.

(By Associated Press)
BELFAST, May 30.—Fierce fighting along the Donegal-Fermanagh border was reported from Enniskillen. Dispatches said that both Belk and Pettigoe were in the hands of the Irish Republican Army. Further fighting is reported at Clady, County Tyrone.

The casualties in yesterday's disorders in this city were four dead and 22 wounded. Ulster forces were withdrawn today from the Bellek salient. They abandoned it to the Free State troops.

MEMORIAL PRESENTED TO COUNTY

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, May 30.—The Lincoln Memorial was presented to President Harding for the American people today by Chief Justice William Howard Taft as the "shrine at which all can worship; an altar upon which the supreme sacrifice was made for liberty; a sacred religious refuge in which those who love country and love God can find inspiration and repose."

Wallowa To Have a Grange Fair This Year, Is Decision

Promise Grange, No. 501, of Wallowa county held an all-day meeting Saturday, May 27, at their new hall with the sisters furnishing a "feed" that was a true grange dinner. Two candidates were given the first degree and one new application was presented which raised the membership to over 60.

Preliminary plans were made towards assisting the Wallowa grange in putting on a grange fair a Wallowa and also to consider a community grange fair.

Miss Emeline McDonald, lecturer, furnished a program of music, recitations and discussions. W. R. Gekele, state deputy master, of La Grande, attended the meeting. The Wallowa county delegates are to leave Sunday evening, June 4 for the state grange.



Tonight and Wednesday fair.

JUDGE COUCH IS BACK ON JOB

After wrestling with an abdominal operation for several weeks during which time he had many days when he did not know for sure whether the rising sun the following morning would find him any better, and probably worse, Judge U. G. Couch has emerged from his physical ills a conqueror and is back on the job clearing up his desk at the court house and listening to the tales of horror about highways and other county business.

The judge had his mustache shaved off while he was confined to his room and he presents an entirely different appearance after his illness. Everyone is delighted to see the judge out and a great many are refraining from pouring county business in his ear until he gets stronger.

Extreme Luck Stays With Highway Workers

"Talk about your rabbit's foot or following the big puff and bang the four double bug," said Charlie Roberts of the O-W. "If these highway contractors don't possess every lucky charm known since the days of Con-fucius I'll give it up. That black powder shot, consisting of several tons, which was fired by Porter & Conley Sunday afternoon taking off the whole end of the mountain near Hilgard on the highway, has had no bad effects from the time the first rock let loose until today. We always look for trouble when a shot of that size is fired near the railroad tracks and the... why... had out the... shot... and a whole... of other... that the... might be... reported as quickly as possible... shot."

Missionary Converted Many During the Year

D. D. Randall, missionary of the American Sunday School Union for southeastern Oregon, said yesterday that in his annual report shows that he has traveled 9,700 miles, made 1080 pastoral visits, ministered to 41 country communities, and distributed many Bibles and Testaments and tracts. He preached 249 sermons and his work during the year resulted in 91 conversions.

As a result of his work ten young ladies are now training in the Bible school of Los Angeles. Another young lady has been training for the past two years and will leave in a few weeks to do missionary work in China.

AIRSHIP IN A HURRY.
BORDEAUX.—A French airship made a premature start at the aerodrome here, killing two men and shattering its hangar.

RADIO CARD PARTIES.
ORANGE, N. J.—Several local hostesses have adopted the unique method of providing their card party guests with radio receivers so they can listen to music as they play.

LA GRANDE TO BE AN ARABIC CITY IN FALL

Dokias are Making Arrangements to Hold Big Northwest Convention Here On September 1-2.

Specifications for the most elaborate street decoration La Grande has ever seen, were drafted last evening when an official street decorator of Portland went over the business streets with a committee of Dokias, in anticipation of making La Grande a true Arabic city on September 1 and 2, when the northwest Dokie convention will be held here.

Flare which will be submitted to the temple next Wednesday evening for ratification, call for two beautiful Arabic temples in the center of the intersections at Depot and Adams and Elm and Adams. Each block from Fourth to Greenwood on Adams, and from the Depot to the Elks' club on Depot, and from Jefferson to Washington on Elm and First street are embraced in the territory. Sixteen foot palms, eight to the block on each side of the street.

Eight streamers across the street in each block, the design of which is elaborate ornamental corners, and white washed street intersections around the Arabic temples, are some of the features of the decorations as outlined by the committee.

Although the festivities are three months off, both the local temple of Dokias and the entertainment committee of the Ad Club are busily engaged in the myriad details.

Among immediate efforts toward a successful convention is a letter from 4000 members of the local temple, drafted by the temple committee and being sent out from 36 local headquarters.

HEROES' GRAVES IN FRANCE ARE DECORATED

American Legion Has Arranged for Visiting and Decoration of Thousands of Graves of American Boys.

(By Associated Press)

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 30.—While the home-folks today are honoring the soldier dead who rest in the soil of their country, the American Legion overseas is visiting and decorating more than 42,000 graves of Americans who fell and are buried on foreign soil. Of these graves, 31,400 are located in five cemeteries in France, 488 are in England, 140 in Scotland, 40 in Ireland and one in Spain.

Many parents of American soldiers killed and buried overseas have requested decoration of the graves with particular kinds of flowers or with individual floral arrangements. Most of them have requested the Legion to supply them with photographs of the graves so decorated, and the request is being complied with. For the large part, however, the overseas graves will be decorated alike, with the highest officer and the newest private soldier being honored by an American flag and decorations consisting of flowers native to the country in which the grave is located.

Reports to Legion headquarters here also show that Memorial Day is being generally observed, both in the North and South.

PROFITABLE PUBLICITY.

LONDON.—Reformers' attacks on the London night clubs as places of "immorality and sin" have resulted in these resorts being crowded every night.

JACKDAW UPSETS WEATHER.
SCARBOROUGH, Eng.—A mischievous jackdaw tampered with the recording wires of the local weather bureau, upsetting all the experts' calculations.

Warren, Woodrow and William



Three of the last three presidents all to have names starting with W. Warren, Woodrow and William.