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READY TO INVADE IRELAND

BONUS BILL IS REPORTED FAVORABLY

Senate Finance Committee Makes Some Changes in House Measure.

DEFEAT SMOOT AND OTHER SUGGESTIONS

Compensation Will Become Effective on First of Next Year Instead of Next October.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, May 31.—The McCumber soldier bonus plan, which embraces the house bill with some amendments, including elimination of land settlement and reclamation projects, was ordered favorably reported today by the senate finance committee by a vote of nine to four.

The effective date was changed from next October 1 to January 1, 1923. The Smoot plan—providing paid up life insurance in lieu of the other forms of compensation was defeated eight to five.

BARNES CIRCUS WAS FIRST CLASS

Generally Praised by Large Crowd in Attendance—Great Improvement in the Entire Show.

Al G. Barnes has built a great show, according to the verdict of the entire crowd, and it was a large crowd, who witnessed the performances in La Grande yesterday. He has held to the circus features of his show and has not sacrificed them for new and untried ideas. Beginning with "Alice in Wonderland" and closing with Yankee Doodle he keeps his audiences entertained every moment. At times his show seems to be a combination of grand opera, vaudeville and circus blending nicely and finally reaching the whiz bang stage, where the tiger roar and the elephant trumpets, making one imagine he is in the wilds of Africa. Then the change comes and the canny birds in the band fill the air with sweet music making one think of spring time.

The circus played to a capacity tent yesterday afternoon but in the evening the attendance was much lighter. A mammoth parade was staged at 11:30 o'clock, with three bands and a steam calliope furnishing enough music to play to a half dozen Fourth of July celebrations. Every member of animal known and one of two not officially classified were on exhibition and a hundred beautiful ladies were present in the parade.

The big advance agents claimed "The biggest elephant in the world" proved a delight to both young and old. Al G. Barnes made his official appearance on the back of Tusk and received generous applause from the spectators. Mr. Barnes, who is no dwarf, by any means, looked like a veritable giant when compared with his giant elephant.

BEAR SEEKS RELIGION. SALEM, May 31.—While the Rev. H. D. Chambers, pastor of the Episcopal church here, was solemnly contemplating problems this afternoon a two-year-old bear clumsily tumbled in to his study.

C. C. Pennington Leaves For South In Morning

Tomorrow morning will find C. C. Pennington, his wife and Tracy Holister well on their way to San Francisco by way of Portland, making the trip in their big Nash car. "After the way, they will 'get back to nature' reaching Frisco," states Mr. Pennington. "We don't know where we will go, how long we will be gone but we on into Mexico if conditions are one thing is certain—we will keep satisfactory."

Soldier Dead Are Honored In Service Here Memorial Day

EXTRA

Fire Puts Women and Children to Flight

PORTLAND, May 31.—Several homes were destroyed by forest fires in the vicinity of Corbett in eastern Multnomah county. Some livestock was burned and other farm houses apparently are doomed.

All women and children fled from the zone. Every man available for fighting the fires has been pressed into service. Help has been asked from here. The sweep of the fire is six miles long and one mile wide.

New Trading Bill Drafted

To Overcome Objections of the Supreme Court is Desire.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, May 31.—A new bill for the regulation of future trading on the grain exchanges, designed to meet the recent decision of the supreme court, holding that the present trading act is inoperative in part, was introduced today by Senator Capper, republican, Kansas.

The bill is similar to the first act excepting that in the fundamental principles based upon the power of congress to regulate interstate commerce instead of the taxing power which was the basis of the present law.

PRESBYTERY TO MEET THURSDAY

The Presbytery of Grande Ronde will meet in special session in La Grande on Thursday for the purpose of receiving the Rev. W. C. Ross, who has recently come to this city, and if the way be clear, to install him in charge of the First Presbyterian church of La Grande. The installation services will be held on Thursday evening, June 1st, at eight o'clock and to this service the general public is invited. The membership of the church is expected to be there to assist in this service, which will be under the direction of Rev. D. H. M. Boyle of Baker, the Moderator of the Grande Ronde Presbytery.

All La Grande united yesterday in commemorating those who have died in the service of the U. S. A. in an appropriate manner. The American Legion, the Spanish War Veterans, the G. A. R. and the W. R. C. united in carrying out the exercises for the day, which were very successful.

The first item on the day's program was the parade in which the four organizations took part. The parade started at 10:30 o'clock and was led by the La Grande band. They marched to the Masonic cemetery, where the customary services were held.

Owing to the illness of Commander Isaac W. Paulk, Ralph Huron, a veteran of the Spanish War and World wars, took charge of the G. A. R., with Captain H. E. Coolidge, assisting him. As the cemetery the W. R. C. decorated the graves of veterans of the various wars and the American Legion dedicated their grave markers and held special exercises over the grave of one of their "honored dead." The fire and drum corps played several selections during the exercises.

The Women's Relief Corps served a delicious dinner at the K. of P. hall at 12:30 o'clock to all ex-servicemen. The old and young soldiers were present en masse and did their duty to the banquet in as efficient a manner as they had served under the stars and stripes.

In the afternoon the Baptist church was the scene of the services in honor of the "unknown dead." Following this a program was rendered, which was as follows: Opening prayer, by Rev. George Quigley; piano solo, by Mildred Lovett; G. A. R. exercises; Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, by Orelle Givens; a duet by Mrs. Jack Hiatt and Mrs. Bean; "The Spirit of Patriotism," by Fern Jones and Marian Nelson; a reading by Mrs. Jessie P. Nelson; an address by Dr. Ray Murphy, president of the local American Legion post; an address by C. J. Black, representing the G. A. R.; "America," by the audience, and benediction by Rev. Rose, followed by tap by the bugler. Several other numbers were presented, which included a violin solo by Clark Fitzgerald, and several musical numbers during the program.

One thing to be regretted concerning yesterday's exercises was the fact that several of the G. A. R. were unable to be present owing to illness.

TYPHOID BANQUET. BELFAST.—Nine members of the Lifford football team were stricken with typhoid after attending a banquet here. One is dead and the others are in a serious condition.

BIG TURNOUT AT THE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Country Club Links Provided Popular Memorial Day Ties To Be Played Off Later.

The golf contests at the La Grande Country Club links, held by the Tournament Committee of the club yesterday afternoon, proved quite interesting and in two cases resulted in ties that will be played off during the latter part of this week.

About twenty-five contestants took part and much interest was shown in the events considering the other attractions that were in town at the same time.

Mrs. A. W. Nelson turned in low score in the ten-foot putting contest, that was played on number nine green with four balls sunk out of five.

Elmer Stoddard made the longest drive with a beautiful drive of 280 yards.

Three gentlemen tied for low score in the nine-hole contest, each turning in a score of 46. They were S. D. Crowe, Elmer Stoddard and Charles Reynolds.

Another tie resulted in the putting contest from number nine green. Putting the ball from the edge of the green, Earl Stoddard and Marian Crowe tied for first honors with nine points each.

A golf ball was presented to each of the winners, the four balls being donated by the following merchants: Wm. Erdmann, Frank Lilly, Howard O'Brien and Chas. Behnke.

EDITOR GETS SEVEN YEARS.

(By Associated Press) LONDON, May 31.—Horatio Bottomley, former publisher of John Bull, was found guilty Monday by a jury on the charge of misappropriation of funds belonging to the Victory Bond club. He was sentenced to seven years penal servitude.

MAMA INTERFERES. CHICAGO, May 31.—Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick will ask court action to prevent the marriage of her daughter, Mary, to Max Oser, Swiss riding master, to a statement to be presented to court today.

NEWSPAPER STORY NOW RECOGNIZED

County Officials Take Official Notice of New Angle in Slaying.

PETERS MAY HAVE MET DEATH IN HOME Investigation Expected to Bring New Evidence to Light in Case of Millionaire Slayer.

(By Associated Press) WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., May 31.—County officials took official cognizance today on newspaper reports that Walter S. Ward, wealthy banker's son, shot Clarence Peters in Ward's home on the night of May 15 and that the bullet had torn the woodwork and possibly blood stains would be found there.

When Ward surrendered May 22, his lawyers stated that he met Peters, who was demanding \$75,000 blackmail by appointment and that he drove with him to Kinisco resort and there shot him in self defense after Peter's threat with a pistol.

COCHRAN BURIED THIS AFTERNOON Aged Pioneer Buried in Valley and Develop Into Present State.

At two o'clock this afternoon funeral services were conducted in Summerville over the remains of the late Samuel Cochran, pioneer resident of the Grande Ronde valley, who died Monday in Portland. Elder O. W. Jones, of the Christian church of La Grande, conducted the services. The deceased was a member of the Christian church. A large gathering of old friends and neighbors met to pay final tribute to this honored gentleman who has ever been a substantial citizen, an excellent neighbor and one of the builders of the Grande Ronde valley.

ANNUAL DINNER WELL ATTENDED The Summerville Cemetery Association scored another event yesterday that will send it down in Grande Ronde valley history as an organization possessed of tradition that is worth while and also as one institution that still believes in the social side of life to the extent that a good community dinner is a factor which is never forgotten.

A custom has been established at Summerville by the Cemetery society which means a big dinner on Decoration Day each year and the proceeds of the dinner go to improve the cemetery. This has been going on for several years and the results are apparent for the Summerville cemetery is recognized as one of the best kept and most beautiful cemeteries in the northwest.

Last evening automobiles began winding their way toward the original business center of the valley and an evening game on the large Masonic hall in Summerville was a scene of merriment.

The dinner was a wonder. Five dozen fat chickens, half a dozen hams and other things in proportion. It was not a dinner, it was a feast and it was well cooked and well served. The ladies of the Summerville district work mightily faithfully on these dinners and it means several days of earnest application to the culinary art to produce a meal such as was served yesterday.

Socially it is a great event, for while the dinner does not sell for enough to actually pay for what is served, there is that neighborly spirit that can only be enjoyed at a community dinner, and that is worth everything.

BANKS FORMED TO HELP THE AGRICULTURIST

Applications for Four Joint Stock Banks in West Approved by Father of the Project.

PORTLAND, May 31.—A combination of nine of the strongest banks west of the Rocky Mountains was accomplished yesterday, when applications to charter four joint stock land banks were granted by the federal farm loan board at Washington.

A telegram received yesterday by A. L. Mills, president of the First National bank and father of the project, assured the launching of the enterprise, which is regarded as an important development in financing the farmer in the Pacific coast states.

Four joint stock land banks will be opened at Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Salt Lake City. They will be able to make long-time farm loans in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah, California and Arizona at 6 percent to the extent of \$16,500,000.

The nine banks affiliated in the group back of the project are the First National, Portland; First National, Los Angeles; Los Angeles Trust and Savings bank and Security Trust and Savings bank, Los Angeles; Mercantile Trust company, San Francisco; National Copper bank, Walker Bros' bank, Utah State National bank and Deseret National bank of Salt Lake City.

REPAIRS TO BE MADE AT INTAKE O. A. Kratz, city manager, will leave tomorrow morning for the Beaver Creek intake and plan to take charge of the repair work that is necessitated by the washing out of the spillway recently. A crew of men is already camped at the phone box on the pipe line and all leaks will be repaired in the pipeline and the bridges along the trail where supplies and materials are to be hauled will be rebuilt.

In the past these bridges have always been built so low that the high waters have resulted in their being washed out almost every year. They are built of logs and other materials that are on the ground and Mr. Kratz this year is having them built high enough so that they will be permanent. The cost of the bridges is small but in the course of the year it would cost to build a bridge to last only a season it can be built to last many years, he declares, the labor cost being the biggest item.

A camping outfit and supplies preceded the city manager and his party, and tomorrow materials are expected for the use in building the new spillway. The road will probably have been opened the entire way to the ranger station to the crew now in camp and the bridges built by the time the teams with the materials have here, and the repair work will be rushed to completion, which will be a matter of probably ten days or two weeks.

PASSES THE BUCK TO THE CAT WHEN INTERVIEWED CHICAGO, May 31.—Miss Mathilde McCormick, instead of sailing Tuesday from New York for Switzerland, in west Max Oser, Swiss riding master, returned to Chicago rather unexpectedly. She refused to make any statement of her plans for her marriage, or otherwise.

"I've been bothered to death," the girl said, "I have nothing to say. I have no explanation to make of my return."

"But who can explain your return from New York?" she was asked.

"I don't know. I can't say a word."

Then she added, naively, "You might ask the kitchen cat—maybe it would know." And she smiled again, a quick, nervous smile.

Pressed for some intimation of her

CHURCHILL ANNOUNCES IRISH STAND

Irish Republic Will Be Recognized by Force, Says Foreign Secretary.

DUBLIN WILL BE FIRST TOWN HELD

Fighting Reported in Belfast; Crown Forces Kill With Machine Guns; Bombing is Rampant.

(By Associated Press) LONDON, May 31.—British troops will prevent the establishment of a republic in Ireland if such action is necessary. Winston Spencer Churchill, foreign secretary, declared in the house of commons today.

"In event a republic is set up it is the intention of the British government to hold Dublin as one of the preliminary steps of military operations."

(By Associated Press) BELFAST, May 31.—Fierce fighting this afternoon in the Millfield district of Belfast followed the shooting of two special constables who were badly wounded.

Incendiary and bombing were rampant. Crown forces used machine guns and several persons were reported killed.

