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## SEES DARKLY AS RESULT OF COURT RULING

### Senator LaFollette Attacks Supreme Court On Senate Floor

### DECLARES FUTURE OF LABOR GLOOMY

### Says That Decision Against Unions In Coal Case Went To Pains On Matters Outside Of Case.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, June 7.—Declaring that the supreme court decision in the Coronado coal case was "most ominous in what it foreshadows for the future of union labor," Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin, today issued a statement criticizing the court.

He declared that the opinion was "significant because of what the court says on questions not involved in the case rather than because of anything actually decided." He said that a six-line decision was all that was required but the court "went out of its way through 29 pages to berate the defendants and characterize them as out-laws and murderers."

## MAIN EVENT IS DRAW DECISION

The main event of last night's boxing card at the Star Theatre resulted in a ten-round draw between Kid Karter and Kid Sarp. Wildcat Tunny won from Mickey Dempsey in the seventh, when Dempsey's second threw the sponge into the ring. The two preliminaries, a four-round scrap between Butler and Clapp and a three-round go-between the two Fords, resulted in draws.

In the first half of the Karter-Sarp fight, Sarp had a little the advantage of his opponent but Karter whipped up in the last half and evened things up, getting a draw from Sarp. The fight was fast and pepy from the first bell until the end of the tenth, both men giving everything they had.

The final preliminary, an eight round match between Tunny and Dempsey, was a one-sided affair due to the fact that Tunny outweighed Dempsey by 12 pounds. Dempsey took the aggressive and proved to be faster than his adversary but couldn't overcome the weight handicap. The sponge was thrown into the ring at the last of the seventh to prevent Dempsey from taking further punishment.

The preliminaries were first class and indicate that the coming generation of boxers in La Grande are going to be good men. A large crowd was in attendance and was well pleased with the card.

O. D. Scott, formerly of Baker but now living in La Grande, acted as referee for all four matches.

## Strike Ballots Are Returnable By The End Of This Month

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, June 7.—Strike ballots returnable June 20 went out today to railway employees affected by wage reductions ordered by the United States railway labor board. A million two hundred thousand workers are affected.

Paralysis of the nation's railroads July 1 loomed as a possibility as the result of the reductions which already were slashed \$110,000,000 from wages effective July 1.

## Christian Church Will Meet In Elgin Tomorrow

The Eastern Oregon convention of the Christian church will meet in Elgin on Thursday and continue over Sunday. This convention includes the churches of this faith of the eastern part of the state. In addition to the pastors of the churches being present, there will also be the different national workers representing the various missionary societies of the denomination, as well as laymen delegates from all the churches.

The program comprises a series of four sessions of the Oregon churches, to be held at Elgin, Oregon, tomorrow morning.

## WATER SUPPLY PLENTIFUL AT BEAVER LAKE

### Dam Apparently Not In Any Danger of Immediate Destruction, Says City Official.

O. A. Kratz, city manager, returned last evening from Beaver Lake, where he has been supervising the preliminary work of repairing the spillway which was damaged several weeks ago. Mr. Kratz reports that the dam which has at various times been reported as "hanging by its eyebrows," and ready to go out at any minute will be safe for another year, according to indications at present.

A small temporary dam had to be put in to stop the sluicing away of the banks that began following the spillway's being carried out but little damage was done. A metal flume will be put in leading to the spillway and prevent further danger of cutting away the bank.

Two bridges were built along the road to the lake by Mr. Kratz' crew. The road was also put into shape so that the materials needed for the construction work can be hauled up.

The level of the lake has dropped 10 feet and the stumps that were left in the bed of the lake when the dam was built are again plainly visible. Mr. Kratz expects to have these all cleared out this fall when the water is low.

There is plenty of water coming into the lake and down Cole creek to keep La Grande supplied, he said. During the summer there will be about 600 gallons a minute flowing into the lake and an additional 400 gallons a minute in Cole creek. The normal consumption is about 500 gallons a minute.

## TOURIST CAMP DRAWS MANY

The tourist camp at the city park is rapidly coming into its own with the summer well under way and the tourists, from every point in the United States "bitting the trails" for unknown parts, are flocking through the city in ever increasing numbers.

The tourists coming through now are a happy bunch due to the fact that the roads are in good shape and anything in the way of bad roads are few and far between. A few rough places are experienced traveling from here to Idaho but not enough to take the smiles from their faces.

Many complimentary remarks are heard from tourists, who have accepted La Grande's hospitality for the evening, in regards to the camp. During the month of May 240 cars registered at the camp from all parts of the United States and the daily number is rapidly increasing which points to a possibly trebled number that will make use of the camp in June.

## MUCH SHIPPING LAID UP

(By Associated Press) LONDON, June 7.—Two million gross registered tons of shipping is still laid up in the United Kingdom through depression in trade says the Mercantile Marine Service association in its annual report.

In consequence of this, the report adds, over 2,000 shipmasters and officers are out of employment.

## Troop Train Is In La Grande For A Day

A troop train, carrying 120 men of the Third Division, 35th Infantry, arrived in La Grande at noon from Camp Lewis, Washington, en route to Fort Douglas, Utah. They will be here from 15 to 24 hours before continuing their trip.

## Five Moonshiners Caught In Net Of Sheriff Last Night

## STOCKSHOW OPENED AT 8:30 TODAY

UNION, Ore., June 7.—Union was ready to take all comers this morning and the usual big crowd was on hand at the opening day of the Fourteenth Annual Live Stock Show. The town is dressed in gala decorations and hospitality is being showered on the visitors, by the home town people.

The first gun of the show went off at 8:30 o'clock this morning at the Stock Show grounds when the judging of stock was begun. In addition to the regular judging events the Competitive Stock Judging Contest between the South-Hughes Schools of Eastern Oregon was commenced. Enterprise, Walla Walla, Elgin, Ontario, Prairie City, Milton, Halfway and Union were represented by teams. This will continue through the three days of the show.

The next event of the day's program went off at 1 o'clock at the fairgrounds, after the Baker band had played in the business section and led the crowd to the fairgrounds, where the big parade was formed. The parade drew many complimentary comments from the spectators, many declaring that it was one of the best they had seen at the stock show.

All classes of riding prize horses, a show of cow-punchers that gave the parade a truly western aspect and many other features made the parade complete. As usual, Mick Levy's Shetland ponies held an important place in the line of display.

The afternoon racing program will begin with a three-eighths mile dash, free for all, with three horses scheduled to start and from then until the final automobile race, of five miles, by the Baker Automobile association, it appears that the events will crowd one another in rapid succession.

Although the weather this morning was threatening at a little after 1 it appeared that the afternoon would pass without storm.

## TREATIES UPHOLD

(By Associated Press) TOKIO, June 7.—Treaties and agreements signed at the Washington arms conference to which Japan is a party, will not be affected by the cabinet crisis, the privy council decided today.

## Officers Surprise Number of Men With Stills, Mash and Booze Illegally in Their Possession.

One of the biggest booze clean-ups in the history of the Grande Ronde valley was made last evening by the sheriff's office and deputies. In a few hours five men were arrested, four of them having complete stills in their possession and one with 75 gallons of mash in his possession. The sheriff's office is making a determined effort to eradicate the manufacture and sale of illicit liquor in this county.

Leonard Smith, who lives about 2 miles from La Grande was the first one to feel the heavy hand of the law. His place was searched and three 50 gallon barrels of mash were discovered, five gallons of booze and a complete still.

The house of Walt Clark, adjacent to Smith's place, was then raided and one and one-half gallons of whiskey, 75 gallons of mash and a complete still was found.

Henry Bellmer, driving an Oakland roadster, was apprehended and a complete still, not in operation, was found in his car.

Then, to make it a perfect evening the sheriff and his deputies raided the Henry Briggs place and although they found no still or whiskey, discovered 75 gallons of mash.

The first four cases were set for 11 o'clock this morning in the justice court and the Briggs case was set for 5 o'clock this evening.

Smith pleaded guilty and was fined \$250, and Drumsmith also pleaded guilty and received a like fine. Bellmer pleaded guilty and was fined \$50 and Clark pleaded not guilty. His trial will be held at a later date.

## Rivers Rising Rapidly Today

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, June 7.—A further gradual rise of the Columbia and Willamette rivers was forecast with 22.6 feet predicted for the Willamette Saturday. Today the Willamette at Portland stood at 29.8 feet and the upper Columbia was still rising.

Owing to lower temperature in the mountains the rise on the upper Columbia and Snake rivers during the last 24 hours was less than during any similar period since a week ago.

## NO RESULT

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, June 7.—Secretary of Commerce Hoover in a report to the senate today disclosed that he and Secretary of Labor Davis had sought to present recently suggestions which it had been hoped would lead to the settlement of the coal strike but that so far their efforts had been without result.

## Many Stores To Close Tomorrow

### La Grande Day at Stock Show will be Observed by Half Day Off.

Splendid response to the appeal of yesterday from the Ad Club to have employers make arrangements to let help off to attend the stock show was reported this morning. In several instances the managers of clothing stores have reached an agreement to close a half day Thursday. Hill's, West's, Clint's and Penney's are among these. Other stores are announcing similar action. Insinuations that cannot close are reported in co-operation with the Ad Club to get the biggest crowd to the stock show from La Grande this year that has ever attended. The grocery stores will close at 12 noon tomorrow, it was announced this afternoon.

## TWO AND HALF YEAR SENTENCE

The circuit court spent a busy day yesterday. In addition to the scheduled trial, two trials and two arrangements were held.

Bert Gadyiff, who was charged with burglary in a dwelling house, pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to a term in the penitentiary, not to exceed two and one-half years.

S. Martinez, a Mexican, charged with larceny in a dwelling house, pleaded guilty to the charges but has not been sentenced yet.

The arraignment of (Theobald) Hogg and S. L. Meyers, charged with larceny in a dwelling house, was held. Both pleaded not guilty. The date for the trial has not been set. S. L. Meyers, charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, was arraigned but the plea has not been made.

## Boy Burned in Pool Hall Fire Today

A fire in the Depot Pool Hall, started by gasoline, was quickly extinguished by the fire department this morning at about 9:30 o'clock. The boy tending the lunch counter was slightly burned about the face and about \$50 damage was done.

The fire started due to ignorance as to the workings of the gasoline tank that was used at the lunch counter. The boy in charge ignited the burner before the gasoline was fully generated.

## Idaho Aviator Buys Local Firm's Plane

The La Grande Aircraft company this morning announced that it had sold one of the airplanes that has been in storage in the Koschek garage since last fall. The purchaser is B. F. Adair of Princeton, Idaho. Mr. Adair will take the plane into the Idaho country.

## BALLINGER DIED TUESDAY AT HIS SEATTLE HOME

### Former Secretary of the Interior Claimed by Short Illness; Pioneer Lawyer of Washington.

(By Associated Press) SEATTLE, June 7.—Judge Richard A. Ballinger, who was secretary of the interior during President Taft's administration, died here Tuesday at his home, after an illness of two days.

Richard Achilles Ballinger was the central figure of an acrimonious dispute over development of the Alaskan coal fields in 1910 and 1911, when he was secretary of the interior in the cabinet of President Taft.

Born in Bronsonborough, Iowa, July 9, 1858, Ballinger was the son of Col. Richard H. Ballinger, a distinguished officer of the Civil War. The boy accompanied his father into the southern camps and saw much of the war. He was graduated in 1884 from Williams college, where he was a classmate of James R. Garfield, afterward secretary of the interior in President Roosevelt's cabinet.

Pioneer of Washington. From college young Ballinger went into a law office, was admitted to the bar, and soon afterwards went to Port Townsend, Wash., where he practiced law. In 1896 he married Julia A. Bradley.

Elected superior judge in 1892, Mr. Ballinger served four years. At the end of his term he removed to Seattle and continued to practice law, having in the meantime greatly enhanced his standing by a compilation of the codes and statutes of Washington which is still the standard work in that state. He was mayor of Seattle in 1904-05.

The following year, on the recommendation of Secretary of the Interior G. B. Glavin, President Roosevelt appointed Ballinger commissioner of the general land office, where he simplified its methods and cleared up accumulated business.

Soon after his appointment as secretary of the interior in 1909, Mr. Ballinger set about deciding title to the Alaskan coal land claims. Louis R. Glavin, chief of the Alaskan field division of the general land office, had made an investigation of the validity of the claims of the so-called Cunningham group, and recommended their cancellation. In recent years Mr. Ballinger has practiced law in Seattle.

## FOREST MEN MEET TODAY

A meeting is being held today in the office of Floyd Kendall, U. S. forest ranger, in the postoffice building of a telephone line directly from the city limits of La Grande to the top of Mt. Holly where both the forest service and the Union County Fire association will maintain lookouts this summer. The talk is being attended by members of the board of directors of the Union County Fire association and forest service officials, including J. C. Kuhns, supervisor of the Umatilla national forest, of Pendleton.

The telephone line in use in the past made use of a farmer's line for a portion of the distance and this was not as satisfactory as was desired by the fire association and the forest service are co-operating in building a line for their exclusive use. It will be finished by the opening of the fire season, July 1.

## Radio Broadcasting Station Here Planned

The Eastern Oregon Music company is the latest in the local radio field and is contemplating installing a radio broadcasting station within the next 20 days. All the material has been ordered from the Stubbs Electrical company at Portland and will be here within the next few days.

The equipment will be of the best and with good weather conditions will broadcast from 500 to 600 miles and under adverse conditions will broadcast about 100 miles.

It is planned to send music, news, etc. from the future station at least twice per week and possibly more. The station will be in charge of Ed Eberhard and T. E. Buchholz, two efficient radio operators.

The set will be a modern 16-watt sending set and aerials eighty feet long, with a four wire flat top, will be erected on two poles, one 30 feet and one 50 feet high. The receiving set will be a Grebe CR3 complete with 2 steps of radio frequency and 2 stages of power amplification with a magnavox.

## ANTI-ALIEN LAND LAW IS GIVEN O.K.

### State Grange Would Not Allow Orientals To Own Or Lease Land.

### JUDGES CENSURED FOR THEIR LAXITY

### Many Resolutions Presented at Annual Meeting of State Body of Farmers; Cooperative Selling Approved.

(By Associated Press) McMinnville, June 7.—The state grange today had before it a resolution opposing leasing to or ownership of land by Orientals and demanding that all Orientals be denied the right to become citizens.

Other resolutions introduced ensure judges for imposing too light penalties and declared fines too light in view of the profit of bootleggers.

The present method of electing state grange officers was attacked in another resolution and a demand made for the return to the old method of nominating and electing on the convention floor.

A resolution opposing the repeal of the millage tax measure for higher educational institutions and another resolution protesting against the use of oleomargarine on the students' tables at O. A. C. were introduced.

State Master Spence in his annual report approved the co-operative selling of grain but said that even that did not go far enough and pleaded against the indiscriminate reduction of taxes and said he hoped the income tax would be on ballot next November.

## MANY APPLY FOR AUTO LICENSES

The auto licenses applied for this spring at the sheriff's office have been a larger number than ever before at this time of the year. Practically all of the licenses that have been applied for in the past two months have been for new cars and cars that have changed hands.

Seventeen licenses were issued at the sheriff's office on June 3 and over 540 was taken in. On May 20 another big day occurred when fifteen applications were made and a little less than \$225 was received. The total number of licenses applied for this spring through the sheriff's office is well over 300.

## LATE NEWS FLASHES

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, June 7.—Jeze Starns, widely known irrigation lawyer, died at Seaside Lake in Central Oregon Monday night from heart trouble according to word received today from Bend. Starns was secretary of the Central Oregon Irrigation company.

## (By Associated Press)

SEATTLE, June 7.—The first series of suits to attempt to oust the Japanese and other aliens alleged to be holding land in King county in violation of the state anti-alien land law will be filed in superior court tomorrow.

## THE MODERN SINBAD AND THE OLD MAN OF THE SEA



## Weather

Tonight and Thursday, cloudy.