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MILITIA READY TO MARCH

WU TING FANG PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING

Was For Many Years Ambassador To The United States.

WAS 80 YEARS OF AGE WHEN END CAME

In Recent Years He Has Been Foreign Minister For Sun Yat Sen's Ill-Fated Government In Canton.

(By Associated Press.) SHANGHAI, June 23.—Wu Ting Fang, former minister to Washington and more recently foreign minister for President Sun Yat Sen in the disputed southern government at Canton, died at Canton today, says a Reuter dispatch.

Known as the most picturesque figure in diplomatic circles at Washington during his two terms as Minister from China to the United States Government, Wu Ting Fang possibly did more to cement the cordial relations between that country and this than any other envoy from the Orient, with the possible exception of Li Hung Chang.

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L. D. S. CHURCH CONFERENCE

The regular quarterly conference of Union Stake of the L. D. S. church will be held at the tabernacle in La Grande tomorrow and Sunday. Presiding Bishop Charles W. Nibley and Elder Rufus S. Wells of the First Council of Seventy of the church are expected to be in attendance.

U. S. GOLFER IS CHAMPION

(By Associated Press.) SANDWICH, England, June 23.—Walter Hagen, American professional golfer, won the British open championship today. The final score was: Hagen, 200; Barnes, American, 201; Hutchinson, American, 202.

Meteor Lights Up The City Bright As Day

A meteor passed over La Grande last evening about 9:20 o'clock, in a southeasterly direction, falling probably about three or four miles out in the valley. This was one of the largest meteors ever seen in this section, appearing about the size of a regulation balloon up in the air about one-half mile. It blazed up the earth nearly as bright as in the daytime.

RUSHING WORK TO COMPLETION ON BRIDGES

Highway Department Reports That Hot Lake and Telocast Overheads Are Being Built in Good Time.

Work on the overheads at Hot Lake and Telocast is being completed in excellent time, considering the difficulties encountered, according to Christ Fauerso, engineer in charge of bridges for the state highway commission. At Hot Lake there is not sufficient yardage to warrant putting a steam shovel on the job and the structure proper was put in place in record time, he said.

"We were unable to work for three and a half months on account of the long winter and the railroad company held up the work approximately a month because after the public service commission had given their approval it was necessary to wait until the railroad company gave us permission from its Omaha office to go on the 'right of way,'" he said.

"Excepting for this it would have been completed last fall. The delay caused by the railroad company made our starting work on the structure so slow that the concrete was not old enough for the fill when winter came.

"At Telocast similar conditions were encountered. Telocast is at the apex of a hill, there being a grade from either side. Aside from the delay caused by the railroad we found after starting work that we would have to drive piles which were not anticipated. The yellow clay that was encountered is not dependable and after striking gravel we found that it was only a foot thick, with more yellow clay underneath. Piles were driven 55 feet deep, five to each column on each pier."

On both bridges all the teams that can be efficiently worked are being used now to complete the fills, conditions being such that more equipment could not be used.

At North Powder, where the overhead was completed last year, Mr. Fauerso said, everything went according to the highway commission's plans and the fill was nearly completed last fall, heavy frost resulting in the gravel pit freezing to such an extent that when an effort was made to dynamite the gravel it came out in blocks six feet each way.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press.) PERRIN, Ill., June 23.—Two more bodies of men slain in yesterday's mine battle were recovered from a pond near the mine today.

TOKIO, June 23.—The Japanese cabinet today decided Japan shall evacuate Siberia. The decision has been referred to the imperial diplomatic council.

SEATTLE, June 23.—The Power schooner of Beners Brothers was wrecked in the ice in Okhotsk sea, off the Kamchatka Peninsula, Siberia, June 2. The crew of 10 was saved.

SALEM, June 23.—Arguments on appeal of Dr. Brumfield, sentenced to hang for the alleged murder of Dennis Russell, near Roseburg, are being heard by the supreme court today.

PORTLAND, June 23.—Livestock was steady today and eggs were weak while butter was steady. Wheat was \$1.09 to \$1.15.

Market News

denly appeared. The meteor was bright yellow in color and left a trail of smoke and different colored sparks behind it. When it struck the earth, no sound was heard, but an unusually bright flare was produced. Apparently the meteor had practically burned itself out by the time it hit the ground. It traveled at a relatively slow speed for a meteor and was in the air so as to be seen from The Gardens for about thirty seconds.

No report has been received from outlying districts as to exactly where it fell or whether it was buried completely out by the time it reached the earth.

Gompers is Elected Again

American Federation of Labor Will Meet in Portland Next Year.

(By Associated Press.) CINCINNATI, June 23.—Samuel Gompers was today re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor on a unanimous ballot.

FARMERS FAVOR CO-OPERATION

C. A. Barnes, organizer of the Oregon Co-operative Grain Growers, was in La Grande yesterday for a short time and left this morning for Wallowa county points on organization work. Mr. Barnes reports that much progress is being made this year and that the association is lining up a large new bushelage of wheat.

"In Umatilla county we were able to do less last year than in other Oregon counties because of the farmers being divided," Barnes stated. "Our work this year is that county shows that the farmers who were skeptical last year are now in favor of the co-operative marketing plan we present to them. A week's work resulted in 200,000 bushels being signed up there and within a few weeks we expect to increase the bushelage in that county to over 1,000,000."

"So successful has the association been that these farmers, as well as farmers in other counties who failed to join the organization last year because they wanted to see it in successful operation, have no more objections to joining. While we have not been making active canvass in Union county we have around 700,000 bushels signed for here already."

In Wallowa county Mr. Barnes will address several meetings of farmers this week end. Tomorrow he will attend a grain growers meeting to be held in the court house at Enterprise, while he is speaking in Wallowa today. At these meetings he will attempt to work out a plan of local promotion, similar to that used last year, doing away with a great part of the organization expense.

TAKING PLACE OF HIS BROTHER

William S. Crowe, of Manistique, Michigan, in La Grande and is temporarily taking the place of his brother, S. D. Crowe, general manager of the Home Independent Telephone company during the latter's illness. He will be in La Grande for about a week.

Mr. Crowe is interested with his brother in the Home Independent Telephone company. He is a banker in Manistique.

STORM SWEEPED PORTION OF CANADA TODAY

Two Provinces Hit Hard With Huge Loss of Property.

SOME LIVES ARE KNOWN TO BE LOST

Town Looks as Though It Had Been Dynamited After Passing of Cyclone.

(By Associated Press.) MANITOBA, June 23.—A storm swept Manitoba today, killing at least two and injuring others. It caused damage estimated at hundreds of thousands of dollars. Portage La Prairie looked as if the town had been dynamited.

(By Associated Press.) SASKATOON, Sask., June 23.—Emergency wires strung east of here today carried word of a storm of cyclonic proportions which swept eastern Saskatchewan and Manitoba last night, snapping telephone and telegraph wires, leveling crops and raising buildings.

DR. INGLE WILL TAKE VACATION

Dr. J. L. Ingle will leave La Grande tomorrow evening by auto, bound for Los Angeles, where he will first attend the National Osteopathic Association convention and then, in company with his wife, Dr. Margaret Ingle, who has been visiting with relatives in Ohio and who will join him in Los Angeles, will enroll for a post graduate course in the College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons at that city.

The entire trip will be made in the doctor's auto. He plans to reach Pendleton and spend Saturday evening there, going on to Portland on Sunday. In the Willamette valley he will pick up several osteopathic physicians who will accompany him on to Los Angeles to attend the national convention.

In August Dr. Ingle and his wife will return to Portland to attend the Oregon Osteopathic association, of which Dr. Ingle is president, thence coming on to La Grande, where both he and Mrs. Ingle will resume their practice. This is the first vacation Dr. Ingle has had in seven years.

Two Die in Mob Attack

West Virginia Strikebreakers Attacked This Morning.

(By Associated Press.) CLARKSBURG, W. V., June 23.—Two men were killed and a deputy sheriff suffered a broken arm and a dozen other persons were slightly injured when a mob attacked an inter-urban car carrying non-union miners and officers of the Hudson Coal company, guarded by deputy sheriffs, from this city to the Lewis mine near Reynoldsville this morning. The mob stopped the car, pulled the trolley off and swarmed aboard. Two attackers were shot as they crawled through windows. The mine was opened on the open shop basis Monday.

LEGION WILL PICK DELEGATES

The local American Legion announces that their first meeting in July, on the night of July 10, three delegates to the American Legion State Convention to be held at The Dalles on July 27-28-29 will be selected. The membership at present is not enough to appoint three delegates but a drive is on to increase the membership and it is meeting with success. The desired membership is very nearly reached and the post is confident that the drive will meet with success.

The American Legion Hood River Post No. 22 will hold their Second Annual Mount Hood Climb on July 30 and the local post is intending to endeavor to send a delegate to climb with them. This will be taken up outside the regular meeting.

FREE TRIP IS TO BE PROVIDED

If any pioneers of Union county want to take a camping outfit to Baker and enjoy a camping trip during the 4th of July celebration, provisions will be made to transport their equipment and return it. T. H. Crawford, president of the Pioneer Association, largely through his own purse, will provide the transportation in the event that there is a considerable number want to go. It is apparent that this rather heavy expense could not be undertaken for just two or three people but if a group desires to go they should notify either Mr. Crawford or A. W. Nelson at the A. C. Club. The plan outlined is to have such parties bring their equipment to the A. C. Club headquarters a day or two before the 4th of July, the exact details of which will be announced later. A truck to haul the bedding, etc., will be provided.

CROP OUTLOOK HERE IS BEST IN THE STATE

Recent Rains Helped Materially in Bringing Crops Out in Good Shape.

The general conditions, in regards to crops and other phases of agriculture, are much better in the Blue Mountain district than in other parts of Oregon. The rains that have been experienced in Eastern Oregon are local and while the Grande Ronde valley and other adjacent valleys were basking beneath a down pour that means good crops, the rest of the state was anxiously looking for rain.

In the Grande Ronde valley the alfalfa crop is very good and the wheat is looking better than ever. A good average crop is expected all over the state but here it will probably be greater than the average. The crops are better as you journey east from Portland. Umatilla county has a good crop while Wasco has but a fair stand, and the other counties further west are correspondingly down the line.

The fruit crop is very good all over the state, especially in regards to strawberries and the prospects for prunes. Cherries are about medium in the eastern section and are not quite so good in western Oregon. Apparently all over the state, the small fruits are doing well. The pear crop in Central and Southern Oregon was damaged somewhat by the late spring. Apples and other fruits are looking well in the Grande Ronde valley.

About the only real damage to the stock situation is in Central Oregon, where during the April storm large numbers of sheep were lost. In some bands the loss amounted to 30 per cent with a small lambing season. Despite this the wool has sold as high as 40 cents and is selling between 27 and 33 cents in most sections.

Labor Council Had Its Semi-annual Election Thursday

J. C. Murphy Elected President; Hull Bill Endorsed; Members Favor Charter Amendment.

The La Grande Central Labor Council at a meeting held last evening elected officers for the coming six months. J. C. Murphy was elected president, Robert Collier, vice-president, H. Warmholtz, secretary-treasurer and C. E. Lantz, A. J. Shannon and Stanley R. Gayman trustees.

Various bills now before congress were discussed and endorsed among which was the Hull bill for utilization of arsenals and munition factories for the manufacture of peace time necessities. The Moore should offer of Ford was also endorsed.

The proposed charter amendments were discussed. Those present were in favor of them and they were laid over for further discussion at the next meeting. It was the opinion of the members that the amendments are necessary in order that the city may be able to find favorable markets for any bonds it might want to issue in connection with improvements in the future.

MINER IS KILLED

MULLAN, Ill., June 23.—Ed Lake, aged 40, miner, is dead, and his partner, William McCullough, is in a hospital at Wallace, Idaho, as the result of an accident in the Gold Hunter mine near here Thursday. Asphyxiation is believed to have caused Lake's death.

BLAME LAID ON OFFICERS BY MILITARY

Drunken Mob Said To Have Started Trouble In Illinois

NUMBER OF DEAD STILL UNCERTAIN

Sending of Troops Now May Cause Further Bloodshed Is Statement of State Director of Mines.

(By Associated Press.) WAUKEGAN, Ill., June 23.—Governor Small today received a telegram from Col. Hunter, representative of the adjutant general at Perrin, placing the blame for the massacre on Williamson county officials for failing to ask for troops when they could not handle the situation.

(By Associated Press.) PERRIN, Ill., June 23.—State Director of Mines Medill, here making an official investigation, advises Governor Small that to send troops now might cause further trouble.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, June 23.—A declaration that those responsible for the southern Illinois mine disorders should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law was made today by Secretary of Labor Davis in a statement after consultation with the president.

(By Associated Press.) MARION, Ill., June 23.—Sheriff Thornton of Williamson county today reported to the governor that the situation is well in hand and that there is no need for troops.

(By Associated Press.) SPRINGFIELD, June 23.—Mobilization of the national guard companies in Chicago, Delavan, Mount Vernon, East Danville and Cairo was practically completed this morning.

PERRIN, Ill., June 23.—Official investigation of the mine war in which between 27 and 45 were killed, began today in response to an insistent demand from Governor Len Small for action by the local authorities.

In the Perrin hospital are eight wounded men, only one a minor and six of them are believed to be fatally wounded. There were nine, but one died.

A miner told the Associated Press correspondent that he had seen 15 bodies thrown into a pond with rocks around their necks Thursday. About 20 imported workers are missing. Checking the death list has proved almost impossible. The victims, all but three of them imported workers, so far as is known, were found scattered over an area within seven miles of the mine. Some were hanged, some were burned when the mine was fired, others were beaten to death, and the majority fell before the scores of bullets poured into them.

Waukegan, Ill., June 23.—Twenty-four men are known to have been slain Thursday in riotous between striking coal miners and non-union men at Herrin, Ill. Carlos Black, adjutant general of Illinois, reported to Governor Len Small at 3 o'clock Thursday night. This was the first report the governor had received on the trouble from Adjutant General Black.

Adjutant Black reported to the gov.

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IT LOOKS LIKE A NICE JOB FOR NURSIE



La Grande Team The Best In League Now

The Intermountain Baseball league directors, composed of teams from La Grande, Cove, Elgin, Esker, Union and Haines, met in Union last evening. H. T. Hunt, of Baker, Lloyd Carter, of Cove, J. Chandler, of Elgin, Jess Spencer, of Union, and Hector McInnis and W. C. Crews, of La Grande, were all in attendance. Haines was not represented by a delegate but telephone communication was made with her manager.

Baseball has been rather slack in both Union and Haines but at the meeting last evening, both teams signified their intentions of remaining in the league for the season. Union is figuring on having a real team in the field within two weeks and Haines is also taking steps to better her nine.

The other five teams are joined in a determination to beat La Grande, who appears to have the best team in the league at present. A rather official occurrence followed the meeting.

when H. McInnis of La Grande left the room to telephone to Haines. While he was gone the delegates from the other cities began to talk about the chances to beat La Grande, not knowing W. C. Crews, the other delegate from La Grande. Mr. Crews asked the delegates if they didn't think that La Grande had a good team. The response was in the negative but at any rate the Pirates are tied for leadership in the league and official figures show that the team is hitting .357, with eight men batting over three hundred.

Weather

Tonight and Saturday, etc. and