

## AMERICANS BEING SLAIN IN TURKEY

Sensational Charges Made Today by Los Angeles Engineer.

### SAYS BROTHER WAS EXECUTED BY TURKS

Muslims Giving Out Report That Typhus and Other Diseases Are Responsible After Secret Slayings.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, July 8.—Americans are being secretly murdered by the Turks in Asia Minor and reports are then circulated that death was due to typhus and other diseases, according to J. Herbert Knapp, civil engineer of Los Angeles, who has arrived from Constantinople after three years in the interior of Turkey, where he has been principally to investigate the death of his brother at Sarbesay, George Knapp, who the Turks reported as having died of typhus. Knapp declared that his investigation, supported by affidavits, convinced him that his brother was executed by shooting.

## VAN FLEET IS HOME AGAIN

Arthur Van Fleet is back in La Grande after spending about three weeks in California and Oregon points, during which time he attended the Shriners' Convention at San Francisco. Van Fleet is delighted to get back to his home town in the country, he stated, "even if I did have a wonderful time on the trip." "San Francisco put over a wonderful celebration when the multitude of Shriners arrived in town," he continued. "The parade, the hospitality, and everything connected with the convention was of a nature rarely seen. And talk about crowds, on the night of June 15 it took me just one hour and twenty-five minutes to go forty feet in the Ferry building. The crowd of outside people in Frisco that night was estimated at one million." "The conditions in California are apparently picking up in fine shape," he commented. "Building is going on rapidly in Los Angeles, Santa Barbara and practically all of the other towns. The walnut and bean crop in Southern California looks like a record-breaker and the spring wheat has already been threshed. It is a remarkable fact that the population in California has increased as much as it has. In my own home town, Santa Barbara, I was positively surprised at the growth since the last time I was there." Mr. Van Fleet spent some time in Portland and conditions are not so well here. The financial conditions are much worse than in Eastern Oregon and building is not progressing very fast either.

## FARM WAGES IN COUNTY FIXED

The executive committee of the Union County Farm Bureau met recently and set a wage-affecting all type of farm labor with the exception of the threshing bands, who have an organization of their own that handles such matters. The wage scale is practically the same as last year, diverging from the former scale very little. The wages on day hand labor, header box drivers, bulk wheel drivers, and hay hands, is from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per day including board. The string driver on a combine received \$5.00 per day and board and the header puncher draws \$3 for day and board.

## Change made in Usual Chautauqua Admissions

Departure from the regular custom practiced for general admission charges to the Grande Ronde chautauqua assemblies has been decided on for this season. In the past there has always been a 75 cent admission regardless of the character of the entertainment for the day. La Grande was probably the only city in all chautauqua circles that practiced this method, and this year the general admission charges will be in complete accord with the general admission charged over the entire chautauqua circuit of the country. This action was definitely decided upon at a conference in Portland yesterday between the Elgin White Chautauqua association and Mr. Cochran, treasurer of the Grande Ronde Chautauqua association.

## When Striking Rail Shopmen Laid Down Tools



This picture of striking railway shop workers leaving their jobs in the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul shops, Chicago, is typical of similar scenes throughout the country as thousands of workers obeyed union strike orders. While enthusiastic demonstrations like this were common, not the slightest disorder was reported from any quarter.

## Water Restrictions to be Continued; Supply System is Discussed

City Commission Reluctantly Passes Resolution on Sprinkling; Spruce Street to be Sprinkled; Cut-Out Fiends Scored.

At the meeting of the city commission last evening the water supply question came up for discussion and the members of the commission discussed it from many angles, finally adopting a resolution requested by the city manager under an ordinance gives the commission power to restrict the use of water in an emergency. The restrictions placed are on sprinkling lawns and gardens, three days a week being fixed for water use for this purpose, half the city using it Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and the other half Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. It was also decided that during Chautauqua week Spruce street would be sprinkled.

The resolution restricting the sprinkling did not meet with unqualified approval from the commissioners and in adopting it the remark was made that "we will try it a week and see whether it is really necessary." President W. D. Grand, in discussing the water situation declared that in his opinion the people outside the city limits should be cut off and that the people here in large part to blame for the situation because of their persistent refusal to endorse a bond issue for a water supply.

"Let us cut off the water users outside of the city; they contribute nothing towards the upkeep of the water system and use water that should be used by those in the city whose taxes go toward the paying of city expenses," he said. "I think it is unnecessary to make my position clear. I have fought for an adequate water supply ever since I have been on the commission. J. D. McKennon and Dr. Brownson, when they were on the commission, and myself, were always united in our fight for water, although we sometimes did not agree just what would be the best plan to follow. These two men did all in their power to secure a supply for the city and today their successors are heartily in favor of having the problem solved as I am. But our hands have been continually tied by not having the funds to do what is necessary."

"There is plenty of water in Lower Beaver creek to supply the city for twenty years. But this commission can't go out and get it. We have to have authorization from the people to issue bonds to pay for the work. I have been familiar with the Beaver Creek country since I was 14 years of age. I believe and my belief has been strengthened by the reports of competent engineers who investigated our water supply, that we can get

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## FOREST FIRE DAMAGE IS VERY LARGE

Vancouver Island has Serious Blazes With More Fires Starting

### RAIN FALLS AND CHECKS SOME FIRES

Western Oregon Timber Regions are Still Being Menaced by Blazes; Many Narrow Escapes.

(By Associated Press.) VICTORIA, July 8.—Several forest fires have been raging the last week on Vancouver Island. It is estimated that the damage caused amounts to hundreds of thousands of dollars. The fires are reported under control, but owing to the demoralization of communication it has been impossible to secure accurate information. Fresh fires are reported from various points.

(By Associated Press.) SPOKANE, July 8.—Rain fell last night in eastern Washington and northern Idaho, enabling fire fighters to bring in check all threatening blazes.

(By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, July 8.—Where a forest fire in the Rock creek region about two miles from the Clatsop county line and along the Oregon-American Lumber company's railroad line, swept over the hill into a construction camp of A. Guthrie & Co., of Portland, 55 men in the camp fled for their lives and many had other narrow escapes or noval experiences.

Some of the men took for the creek near the camp and stayed in the water for hours, some sleeping in a gulch were not disturbed when the fire swept over their heads, and others fled with their scanty belongings under their arms to places of safety. The camp, which consisted mostly of tents, was completely wiped out.

The serious fire situation in the Tillamook forests was not greatly changed yesterday afternoon, according to C. C. Scott, secretary of the Forest Fire Patrol association. Between 500 and 600 men, including those from the logging camps, were battling the flames around Timber, Cochrane and Belling. Mr. Scott said that he had had no definite reports from the scenes of the fires.

He said that the crews and fire trains were probably holding their own, but that their fight would be a stiff one on account of the nature of the country in which the fires were raging.

### MARK IS DROPPING FAST

(By Associated Press.) PARIS, July 8.—Violent decline in the market causing anxiety both in French financial circles and by officials of the reparations commission.

### ANOTHER MOUNT EVEREST



## THREE GUARDS QUIT JOBS IN RAILROAD YARD

Few Men Reported Returning to Work This Morning While One is Reported to Have Quit.

While Sheriff Warnick declared this morning that none of the special deputy sheriffs in the employ of the railroad company had quit following the order of the company that all guards must leave their arms inside of the fence surrounding the shops when leaving the shops and that no guards stationed outside of the fence can carry guns, other reports are that three men have quit because of their unwillingness to act as guards without being armed. Several guards were also reported to have been discharged by Special Agent Rooney of the company, the causes having been going to sleep on the job and loafing, it is reported.

The strike committee reports that the situation looks more favorable as the local strikers in spite of the warning of J. B. O'Brien, general manager of the O. W. R. & N., that all employes would lose their pension and seniority rights if they did not register for work by three o'clock this afternoon. The committee today reported that "Smookey" Hantley, a pipefitter, Ed Brown, a carpenter, and D. W. Beck, an apprentice, were the only ones returning to work this morning. The committee announced yesterday that a machinist named Grant Smith returned but today announces that the name should have been Grant Wilson. E. A. Killpack, a carman, who worked Thursday, decided yesterday to again join the strikers, the committee announced.

Twenty additional guards were reported to have arrived here this morning, while ten additional men were sent to Huntington. Five strikebreakers also were reported to have arrived.

Reports from the men in the shops indicate that engine failures are on the increase although the company several days ago announced that no failures had been reported at that time. A light troop train passing through here yesterday evening was reported to have been ten and a half hours on the way from Huntington to Pendleton, being delayed because of engine trouble.

Information received by the strikers from their national headquarters is that the strikers are holding out with practically no breaks in their ranks. Last night the picket line was doubled and further increases will be made in the next few days. Strikebreakers are reported to be staying in the "hall pen" continuously, while the local men are going back and forth in cars furnished by the local foremen.

### EYE ON IRELAND

LONDON, July 8.—Chief interest in the Irish situation centers in the operations in the Blinnington district, 15 miles south of Dublin the Communist revolution. The revolution is supposed that Eamonn DeValera with irregular forces in there. Republicans are lightly enclosed within a ring of national troops. The final success of the government forces is awaited with confidence.

## BULLETINS

(By Associated Press.) HENLEY, Eng., July 8.—Walter M. Hoover, an American, easily defeated J. Borsford, Jr., of England, in the finals for the diamond medal.

(By Associated Press.) BERLIN, July 8.—It was semi-officially stated today that two German experts are going to Paris to ask the reparations commission for a moratorium under which Germany will be enabled to spread her cash payments over a long period.

(By Associated Press.) OLYMPIA, July 8.—Conviction of the death sentence of James M. Mahoney imposed in King county superior court for the murder of his aged wealthy wife, Kat, Mahoney, was upheld by the supreme court today.

## Railroad well Pleased with Strike Situation

The strike conditions, from the viewpoint of the railroad officials, remain practically the same this morning. Everything is going very nicely on the second division, according to W. Bollons, division superintendent. "We have plenty of men in the shops to handle all necessary work and adequate, in fact, more than adequate, guards to protect the company property. The trains, both passenger and freight, are being run without delay, and everything looks bright from our side of the fence," he said.

When asked as to how many strikers he expected to return to work or register today before three o'clock, he was non-committal, saying that he was up to the men themselves whether they would take advantage of the offer or not. "I know one thing," he remarked, "they will do

## CHILD LOVE NEARLY LEADS TO TRAGEDY

Jealousy Cause of Twelve-Year-Olds Trying to End Boy's Life.

### ATTEMPT MADE TO BURN LAD AT STAKE

Men Passing in Woods Arrived Just as Flames Were Crawling up Legs of Bellingham, Wash., Boy.

(By Associated Press.) KINGSVILLE, Ont., July 8.—Eddie Sanderson, schoolboy of Bellingham, Washington, was rescued yesterday while being burned at a stake in the woods near this city by irate youngsters who resented attentions he was receiving from a popular girl of Kingsville.

Eddie is here visiting. He became popular with a girl, walking and visiting in ice cream parlors with her, the girl seeing him as her ideal. Three boys, between 10 and 12, because displeased and planned to end Eddie's visit. Men passing the woods heard the boy's cries and smelled smoke. They rushed to the scene and found Eddie tied to a stake. The fire was eating its way up his legs. Eddie at first refused to tell what happened but finally said that the boys chased him, carried him into the woods and kindled a fire. He was not burned seriously.

## BIG FISH FEED NEXT MONDAY

The annual event of the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club that is a delight to the members who partake, past mostly in the finish and end of the club, the annual fishing contest and the banquet to follow, that commences tomorrow is causing a number of the members to haul out their fishing tackle, strap on the fish basket, procure plenty of safe and head for the banks of the best fishing streams in the vicinity. The fishing contest commences tomorrow and lasts until 6 o'clock Monday evening and the banquet, which will be held in the Methodist church, is scheduled for Monday night.

To he who secures the largest fish in the various classes, the largest catches, and other remarkable catches, etc. will be presented appropriate prizes, in the form of fishing tackle, of the best quality. These prizes will be placed on exhibition in the windows of Putnam's Drug store on Monday and will be awarded to the winners at the banquet in the evening.

Every member of the club who can attend the banquet is urged to present a few very important matters will be discussed. Several drastic changes have been made in the fish and game laws that are absolutely unagreeable to the eastern Oregon sportsmen, for instance, the China Pheasant and deer seasons are set at about the same time making it impossible for those who wish to hunt deer as they should be hunted and seek the very pleasant at the same time. Other similar measures will be handled.

## MRS. BROOKS LAID TO REST

News was recently received in La Grande that the burial of Mrs. Leah Brooks, whose death was announced some time ago, took place in Bishop Bar, California, adjacent to Orville. As will be remembered Mrs. Brooks was the wife of Jay Brooks, who formerly lived here for many years, being interested in a mercantile establishment where N. K. West & Co., Inc., is now located.

Weather forecast for tonight and Sunday fair.