

OPIUM TAKEN FROM DOPE JOINT HERE

Chinaman Claiming to be From Lewiston, Ida., Taken by Officers.

RAID WAS WELL PLANNED BY MEN

Oriental Had Been "Bootlegging" Opium to a Ring of Local Dealers who Operate in and Around La Grande.

A raiding party composed of federal officers, policemen and the sheriff's office rode the old "4-14" place on Jefferson street, which is the second house west of the burned house opposite the yard office, and arrested Ah Lee, Chinese, who was smoking an opium pipe when the officers entered the house. Several complete plates of opium were found in the building, which is utilized also as a Chinese joss house. No other arrests were made and no one else was found on the premises.

According to Ah Lee's statement to the federal narcotics agent, O. Lewis, of Portland, who conducted the raid, he had been "bootlegging" the opium to dealers in La Grande from points outside. Lee hails from Lewiston, Idaho, and has been in La Grande about two weeks. He had a room in one of the hotels and upon searching the room the officers discovered a quantity of smoking opium in his suitcase.

Complaint Filed. Lee is in the city jail and Officer Lewis swore out a complaint, charging with possession of opium early this afternoon before United States Commissioner Nolan Skiff. It is probable that a transportation charge will be brought against him also.

For some time the local authorities have been suspicious that the joss house was really an opium exchange and upon the arrival of the federal officers a raid was conducted which took place last evening at about nine o'clock. The Chinaman was smoking an opium pipe when the men demanded an entrance and he attempted to hide his pipe before letting them in. Upon their gaining entrance he gave no opposition to their searching the house and also personally advised bringing the opium into La Grande. The statement was not made under oath. It is possible that another person was in the house at the time but if such was the case he escaped by some unknown means.

Joss House Is Blind. The rear of the place was maintained as a complete opium exchange and smoking room, while the front of the house was arranged as a joss house. Complete opium smoking equipments were discovered and it is thought that the old "4-14" place was a central distributing point for the section of the state. Several Chinamen have rooms in the house but no evidence indicating that they were implicated in the regular sale of the opium was discovered.

The raiding party was made up of O. Lewis, federal narcotics agent, with headquarters at Portland; City Manager O. A. Kratz, Chief of Police Clint Haynes and his officers, and Sheriff Lee Warnick and deputies, making a total of eight men in the party.

In regard to the local co-operation, Mr. Lewis stated today to the Evening Observer "I certainly appreciate the co-operation and assistance of the city and county officials in conducting the raid. In many places we are handicapped by poor co-operation, probably due in most cases to 'hush' money and police protection, but the officers here were anxious to make the raid and clean up the dope situation in this city." He will be here for a few days awaiting the arraignment of Lee and the developments of the case.

FAIL TO AGREE

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 19.—The hard coal conference adjourned until Monday without reaching any agreement.

WALKER HAS TWENTY-NINE

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 19.—Walker hit his twenty-ninth home run today and Williams got his thirty-first.

WILKINS ARRANGED MONDAY

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 19.—Henry Wilkins will be arraigned in court Monday on the charge of murder in connection with the shooting of his wife, by automobile bandits on May 13th.

Bandits Rob Soft Drink Saloon; Kill One Man

PORTLAND, Aug. 19.—One is dead and another is in the hospital while a bandit is thought to have been wounded as the result of a gun battle that grew out of a hold-up of a converted saloon on Seventh and Northrup streets last night. Two bandits entered the place.

MADE BOOZE IN ZINC TUB, GOES LOGO

George Ruppel on X Avenue Runs Amuck After Filling His Hide with the Bath-tub Jay Juice.

Fermenting liquor in a zinc lined bathtub may make a man go "plumb wild" and that is alleged to have been the matter with George Ruppel, living at 1513 X avenue. At any rate, it must have been strong spirits that was the cause because Ruppel literally went wild and was carrying on a little destruction party when the police arrived in answer to calls by his neighbors.

About eleven o'clock Ruppel's neighbors began frantically calling police headquarters, stating that he had gone crazy and that they were afraid that he had injured his wife and child. Chief of Police Clint Haynes was the only one at police headquarters and he promptly rushed to the scene. Locking in through the door he saw Ruppel smashing a phonograph to pieces, which the neighbors state as having been newly purchased and valued at \$27.00.

Upon opening the door the chief rushed the man, who grappled with him but was unable to overcome the officer who took him outside. Ruppel kept on fighting and attempted to bite Chief Haynes, who grabbed him by the wrists and sat on him. A call for reserves was turned in and in about fifteen minutes Deputy Jno. Striker and another deputy arrived on the scene. They had been unable to get a taxi and were forced to commandeer a private car.

Ruppel Placed in Jail. Due to another raid earlier in the evening, the officers were not equipped with handcuffs and Ruppel continued fighting his guards on the way to the police station. He was locked up in a cell and is now awaiting trial on a charge of disorderly conduct. The trial will be held in the immediate future, probably Monday.

A search of the place revealed a zinc bathtub partially full of a fermenting mess of raisins, cherries and several other ingredients. The mess was boiling and it is thought that Ruppel had been drinking some of it which caused him to go temporarily insane. He had destroyed a sewing machine, a phonograph, dishes, chairs and other furniture when the police chief arrived, the damage amounting to several hundred dollars.

Ruppel is married and is employed as a fireman on the O.-W., according to reports, and has one child. His wife and child were away from the house at the time or injured to them might have occurred.

A mess of fermenting fruits forms a compound that eats into a zinc lining and becomes poisonous, although not to a fatal degree unless allowed to set for a longer time than was the case. In some cases, persons who have drunk such a mixture were permanently injured and oftentimes died as a result as late as a year after the drinking occurred.

Scrap at Rieth Sends Former Railroad Man To Jail for Assault

The first real trouble between former employes and new workers in the railroad shops of the O.-W. R. & N. at Rieth serious enough to call for an arrest developed last night when J. E. Short, a machinist helper, who has been working since the strike started, was given a black eye in a fist fight, Louis Blahm is in jail charged with having inflicted the injuries received by Short, says the Pendleton East Oregonian.

According to information secured by railroad special agents, Short went to one of the stores to buy some cigarettes and saw if he had any mail. On his way back it is said he was accosted by Blahm. The latter, it is claimed, had an open pocket knife in his hand. Short is said to have defended himself, but he received a black eye and a cut under his right eye as a result of the altercation.

Blahm was brought to Pendleton and lodged in jail last night by railroad special agents. He will be held for action of the federal court on a charge of violating the orders issued out of the court at Portland that new men employed by the railroads shall not be molested by strikers.

A slight flurry was caused by the scrap, the operatives declare, but everything is reported to be quiet at Rieth today.

WHEAT PRICES

(By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, Aug. 19.—Wheat sold today for \$1 to \$1.05.

TARIFF BILL SURE TO PASS SENATE TODAY

Administration Measure to Go Through by Large Majority.

LATE SESSION LAST NIGHT

All Senators on the Job Early Today to Clean up the Amendments Offered by Individual Senators.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—The United States senate will end its four months tariff fight late today with the passage of the administration tariff bill by an overwhelming majority.

Although the senate worked until midnight last night the members were back on the job a half hour earlier today than usual in order to clean up the amendments which had been offered by individual senators.

L. D. S. WILL GIVE BANQUET

All is set for the banquet this evening at the M. I. A. hall, given by the State officers of the L. D. S. to the Ward officers. The Ward officers are stationed at Union, Imbler, Baker and La Grande.

The tables are groaning under the weight of all the good things to eat and all is in readiness for the 155 guests that are expected to be present. The evening will be spent in working over a few business matters along with the social events of the meeting.

Ad Club Receives Copy of Protest Against Auto Buses in Use

The inroads made by auto transportation companies upon railroad earnings is a topic now before the Commercial bodies of Oregon for serious consideration. The Ad Club at La Grande has received copies of various resolutions adopted in this question by other Oregon clubs, and it is to be presented to the club for action when meetings are resumed this fall. The chief point in the resolutions sent to La Grande is that the automobile freight haulers are using state-built tracks—the highways—while the railroad companies have to build their own tracks and pay large percentages of taxes in all counties where they operate.

HURLED STONES AT MAN INSIDE OF APARTMENTS

Man Said to be a Strike-breaker Stoned Through Window in His Room at Darland Apartments.

Three rocks were thrown through the windows of the Darland Apartments last evening, by a gang composed of about eight or nine men, at A. Levison, alleged to be a strike-breaker, of Fort George, Washington, who has been working for the O.-W. for the past few days. One of the electric globes on the ceiling was broken by the rocks but no one was injured. The police were promptly called to the scene but the gang had driven off in a car before they arrived.

The trouble started when Levison and Reinald Watson, another alleged strike-breaker, started for their apartments. A small sized gang followed them making jeering remarks and insulting them. Upon their entering the apartments, Levison retired to his room and upon turning on the lights the rocks were thrown through the windows. It is not known whether the mob was composed of strikers or merely sympathizers. No one in the gang was recognized by either Dan Baldr, the proprietor, or those who gathered during the excitement. The police responded to the call but owing to other emergency calls they did not reach the apartment house until the machine carrying the stone throwers had taken its leave.

DEER TO SUFFER AT EARLY HOUR

Local deer hunters are impatiently waiting for sun-up tomorrow morning for the opening of the deer season. Many left today for different localities where they will camp overnight and be on the spot where they expect to bag their game on the following morning. The deer season will not close until September 20.

According to reports by the forest rangers and by others who have been in the hills nearby, signs of deer are very plentiful this year and the ardent sportsmen are looking forward to a big season. Conditions are good, with the ranges in fine shape and all of them are confident of securing their limit.

FORTY BUSHEL WHEAT

WALLOWA, Aug. 19.—William McKenzie, the first farmer to finish threshing in the Lower Valley, reports a yield of 1982 bushels of "pure" fortybushel wheat. This entire amount was grown on 27 1/2 acres of dry land, and given him an average yield of forty bushels to the acre.

Meditators and Chiefs of Rail Lines Will Continue Peace Meeting Wednesday

FIRING LASTS ALL NIGHT IN DANGER ZONE

National Forces and Republican Irregulars Keep Dublin Active.

SNIPERS WERE FIRED UPON

Irregulars Frustrated by Vigilance of the National Troops Before the End of the Conflict.

(By Associated Press.) DUBLIN, Aug. 19.—There was heavy firing all last night throughout the city of Dublin between the national army forces and the Republican irregulars. Free state troops on patrol duty crept at snipers and machine gunners who attacked the national posts in various parts of the city. Plans of the irregulars, however, were frustrated by the vigilance of the national troops.

War at Belfast.

(By Associated Press.) BELFAST, Aug. 19.—A spirited fight of four hours duration occurred between the National and the Republican Irregulars at Dungoley today. Republicans fled with Free Staters in pursuit.

John C. McPherson Buys Beautiful Home in South La Grande from Epling

John C. McPherson is now the proud owner of one of the finest homes in La Grande, which he purchased from F. A. Epling. Real estate men and decorators are of the belief that it is the base of a wonderful home if it is developed properly. The house is an eight-room modern building and with the house, one entire block of land was included in the sale. The residence is situated at the head of Fourth street, an ideal location for a home. The sale was made by the George H. Currey Real Estate Agency and Mr. McPherson will take possession in the near future. Rumor has it that the consideration amounted to quite a sum of money.

Armistice Day Celebration Committee to be Named Next Monday

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—First hand information as to the status of the railroad strike settlement negotiations in New York was received by President Harding today from A. P. Thom, who declined to discuss the information but said the situation is "still unsettled."

MILLER TALKING ON RAILROADS

Old Time Public Service Commissioner of Albany, Oregon, Takes Deep Interest in Development of State.

Frank J. Miller, known to many La Grande people for his once was a prominent member of the Public Service commission of the state, is spending the day here meeting friends, reviewing political battles of long ago, telling of the fair conditions that exist in the Willamette Valley and incidentally talking about developing the great Central Oregon country with a railroad. Since the Central Oregon question arose and the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific lines began their battle Mr. Miller, it has been understood, was out for the Southern Pacific in the contest for possession of the Central Pacific line. He did not plead guilty to this charge today, however, for he said to the Evening Observer, that his first and only interest was to see Oregon develop and regardless of who builds the railroad across the state he wants to see it built. He believes there is sufficient tonnage to justify a railroad in that region and mentions considerable data on the different resources.

QUIGLEY WILL TALK AT BAKER

Next Wednesday noon a committee from the Union County Ad Club and one from the Duke temple will be guests of the Baker Chamber of Commerce at Baker. The purpose of the meeting will be to spread propaganda for the Duke convention here. Rev. George H. Quigley of the Methodist church in this city will be the chief speaker at luncheon, which will be held in the Baker Country Club.

Kid Sarp and Frankie Crites to Fight in La Grande August 31

With the coming of cool weather La Grande fight fans look forward to the opening bout, which will take place at the Star Theatre on the night of August 31st, when Kid Sarp, local boxer and a man who has won many friends here, not only by his skill but by his clean living, meets Frankie Crites, a Newberg boy who has developed late and has been taken out of the trout class and placed in the semi-professional show case. When Charlie Runyan imported a boxer several years ago known as the "Centennial Kid" considerable fun was made of his judgment. But finally the kid met "Eddie" Cuff, the old prize-fighting king of Spokane in a match at Baker. It was freely predicted that the "hood" kid whom Runyan had found would fall easy—easy to the old veteran pug. Not so, however, for in the third round Eddie got a wallop in the jaw that loosened his teeth, tore his cheek and caused him to see red. It was then agreed that the kid was there. Some think this Newberg lad is another such find, but that remains to be seen after Sarp gets through.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

(By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, Aug. 19.—Livestock remained normal today and steady; eggs and butter were steady.

THE WEATHER

PORTLAND, Aug. 19.—Tonight and Sunday will be generally fair, except for thunderstorms this afternoon or tonight in Eastern Oregon.

NEW LOGGING ROAD IS BEGUN

(By Associated Press.) WALLOWA, Aug. 19.—Work was started this week on the Nibley-Mimnaugh logging railroad up lower Dry creek. The contract for the building of the road bed through a portion as far as a point on the Daugherty place has been let to A. R. Hyatt of La Grande. The equipment arrived Tuesday and camp was established about a mile west of town near the old dump ground. Eight teams and twenty men are being used in the work. The rails and ties are to be taken up from the upper Dry creek road. The six or seven miles of the road are expected to be finished this fall, as the work will be rushed. The route of the road starts by crossing the river near the mill, thence along the rocky bluff, and around the side of the hill, and along Dry creek. A considerable amount of rock blasting will be necessary in the bluff near the mill, but it was considered better to cross there than further down the river where it would be necessary to cross Bear creek and the highway. The purpose of the road is to get out the timber on the other side of the summit from where they have been working, and the 3,000 acres recently purchased from the Grande Round timber company. This body of timber lies on either side of the Promise road. The company is moving camp four on the present road about a mile west to another branch of Dry creek in the process of cleaning up the timber in that region.

All in Readiness for the Married Men and Bachelors' Ball Game

The much discussed game between the married men and single men to be played at the fairgrounds tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock awaits only the umpire's cry of "play ball." Captain Hob Smith and Captain Bill Workman are both confident that their charges will come out to win, so it is evident that one of them is wrong. The proceeds of the game will be utilized for a benefit fund. According to the dope contest the teams are fairly evenly matched. The married men have both league bachelors but their opponents have the catcher. The infield and outfielders are about evenly matched and that is all. This will be the final game of the season in La Grande and a large turnout is expected.

COME ON, IT'S YOUR TURN NOW!



Santa Fe Railroad Has Cleared up Its Trouble

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 19.—The Big Four walkout on the coast lines of the Santa Fe system has been called off and freight and passenger service will be resumed in full immediately, President Hibbard of the railroad announced today. Mr. Hibbard received word from Needles, Arizona, stating that brotherhood members had reached a decision and all trainmen would return to work. Service will be restored to normal at once throughout the system, he said.