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French Commissioner Votes For The Belgian Compromise Today

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, Aug. 31.—The allied reparations commission has decided to accept the Belgian compromise on the German moratorium proposition as a solution of the present crisis.
Unanimously Accepted.
(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, Aug. 31.—The Belgian compromise was unanimously accepted here today, the French member of the commission, M. Dugues, voting for it after a long interview with the German representative.
It seems probable that at the last minute the proposal of Germany for delivery of coal and wood also will be accepted, but not until further details have been worked out.

GALA CITY NOW AWAITS DOKIES

Palm Trees, Window Decorations, Overhead Streamers and Decorated Buildings Blossom Forth in Full Glory.

Decked in its finest apparel La Grande today awaits the opening of the second annual convention of the Pacific Northwest Association of the Dramatic Order of the Knights of Khorassan. Despite threatening weather, the decorations were completed today and all set in readiness for the influx of the multitude of Dokies. All La Grande has opened its homes and hearts to the expected visitors who will begin to arrive this evening from the four corners of the Northwest. With palm trees lining all intersecting streets in the business section, gala streamers flying overhead and practically every window in town dressed specially in honor of the Dokies, the city presents one of the finest appearances it has ever attained. The ceremonial rooms in the Rex hall have been prepared and although the ceremonies will not be public, those who wish to see the elaborate decorations, may do so Friday morning, Friday noon and after 6 o'clock Friday evening.

Business Men Co-operate.
Practically every business man in the city has lent his full co-operation in regards to decorating his place of business and many of the show windows that will compete for high honors. Nearly ten show windows of premier quality are found on Adams avenue today and it will be a difficult question to pick the winner from this class. The United States National Bank appears to have the finest building decorations, taken as a whole, to date, although with several others remaining, it may be outclassed.

List of Decorators.
Since last night many stores and windows have blossomed into full bloom and the list of those who have decorated their buildings and show windows are as follows:

New Foley building, Wong Sing Noodle House, The Independent Telephone Co., Wilson Brothers, Chotates Pool Hall, Savoy Hotel, Oregon Hardware and Implement Co., Silver Grill, White Front Restaurant, Merchants Restaurant, Pastime Pool Hall, Hermann's Quick Lunch, Imperial Billiard Parlors, Holmes Grocery, The Bootery, La Grande Investment Co., Glass Drugs, City Restaurant, La Grande Shoe Shining Parlor, Jack O'Leary's, Zweibel's Tailoring Shop, Ash Brothers, Quality Meat Market, La Grande News Stand, Foley Hotel, Foley Barber Shop, Cherry's Florist Shop, Arcade Theater, French and Green, Palace Confectionery, Newlin's Drug Store, La Grande Printing Co., L. W. Weeks' Insurance, Celby Compression Tube Co., Y. M. C. A., Eastern Oregon Music Co., Woolworth's, La Grande National Bank, Putnam's Drug Store, O. K. Barber Shop, Dimes', The Tokery, Richardson's Art Shop, Scranton's, The Hub, Sherry's Theatre, Sisco Shining Parlor, Pearce's, Pattinson's Grocery, Siegrist's, Newlin's Book Store, Grande Rode Meat Co., Lilly's Hardware, L. & L. Drug Store, U. National Bank, Star Barber Shop, G. Snodgrass' Grocery, J. C. Enney Co., H. & S. Electric Co., K. West Meat, Erdman's, C. A. Shop, Red Cross Drug Store, Hill's Department Store, W. H. Dohsenkamp Co., Club Cigar Store, Mine Electric Co., Shannon's Hardware Shop, Andrews Variety, Westenhaver and Gilbert, Roeverized Grocery, Carr's Furniture Co., Coolidge Paint Shop, Omer's Paint Shop, The Tap, Boston Lunch, Roscoe Motor Co., Thomas Grocery, and the La Grande Evening Observer. Several others may begin decorating as the Observer goes to press.

COAL BILL IS PASSED.
(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—The house today passed a coal distribution bill by a vote of 244 to 61. An amendment is included in the bill to control legislation at the close of next year.

BUSINESS IN LA GRANDE TO CLOSE MONDAY

Large Number Will Go to Pendleton with Municipal Band to Celebrate and This City will be Quiet.

There will be relaxation in old La Grande Monday for that in Labor day and over across the mountains Pendleton people are going to do the entertaining this year.
Early Monday morning large delegations of La Grande people will line up with the Municipal band and journey to Pendleton for the day. Here at home there will be little doing and the day will be a little quiet, which is a matter of pleasure to those actively associated in the Dokie celebration as they will be ready to rest following the hilarity which the weavers of the fens and the treaders of the sand will have raised in all parts of the town.
The labor organizations are preparing for proper representation in Pendleton and La Grande's section of the Labor day parade will without doubt be one of its best features.
Business houses in La Grande will close as usual on Labor day.

LA GRANDE NOW A FUR CENTER

Chris. Miller, Largest Dealer in High Class Furs in the Northwest is Located Here.

When the strange Dokies come in to town and you are showing them some of the fine things here, don't point to the Chris Miller fur display and tell them that "these furs were all taken from animals which belong in the Grande Rode Valley."
For, if you should do such a thing you would be flirting with falsation. But you must show them Chris Miller's fur display just the same, for it is the best in the northwest, Seattle and Portland not excepted.
That is generally understood when New York fur buyers now buy their tickets to La Grande, instead of to coast points, for they know where the goods are.

You might say, that sounds funny, for an interior town like La Grande to have such a fur market. But it is as gospel.
Chris Miller makes La Grande his home. From here he travels everywhere in search of fine furs, Elk teeth, etc. He goes to Alaska among the Indians, where he trades for months at a time. He talks their language, plays their games and knows their religion.

It is said when Chris heads into an Alaska Indian village they declare a holiday and begin bringing in furs. He leaves with a boat load of the fine ones. All up and down the north coast Chris is known far and wide.
He ships the furs to La Grande, where he cares for them at his home, and let it be known to the world that he has some of the finest things in the way of choice furs one ever looked upon.

"I did think I would quit the game," said Chris today, "but how can a fellow quit. It is a great game; it is one that every chap can't play, and I have a lot of fun out of it."

LEEWAY GIVEN TO RAILROADS

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Railroads of the Mississippi river were authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission to give preference to the movement of foodstuffs, live stock, perishable products and fuel wherever the operating conditions cause congestion.

MILT MILLER TO QUIT.
(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Aug. 31.—Milton A. Miller, who was nominated as the democratic candidate for state treasurer today withdrew his name from the ballot, stating that the conditions of his health made it impossible for him to undertake a campaign or to assume the burdens of the office if elected. The democratic state chairman, Dr. C. J. Smith, will call the state committee together to name a new candidate.

JOHNSON AND RICHARDSON ARE WINNERS

California Election Returns Merely Give Larger Leads to Both Senatorial and Gubernatorial Nominees.

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 31.—Senator Hiram Johnson's majority over his opponent, C. C. Moore, reached 66,982 today, and Friend W. Richardson, the newspaperman running for the gubernatorial nomination, has won over Mr. Stephens by 17,368.
Though Stephens won the prohibition nomination for governor he cannot run on that ticket, according to Secretary of State Jordan, who ruled on that subject today.

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 31.—Wood was the democratic nominee for governor.

NELLIE SWARTS LEADS IN RACE

Goddess of Labor Standings.
Nellie Swarts 3946
Leona Waldorf 3819
Marie Bowman 3362
Pearl Cyr 2746
Evelyn Smith 1930
Roberta Smith 610

Leona Waldorf dropped from first place today noon when the daily count was made and Nellie Swarts superseded her at the top of the ladder. She leads Miss Waldorf with 127 votes at the last counting. The remaining contestants all boosted their number of votes with the exception of Miss Evelyn and Roberta Smith, whose totals remained the same. Pearl Cyr dropped from second place to fourth, and Marie Bowman climbed from fourth to third.

COLORADO HAS MINES WORKING

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 31.—Wages of Colorado coal miners probably will be increased September 1 to the scale in effect prior to November 1, 1921, operators declared late Wednesday, after a conference with the state industrial commission.

Wages were reduced approximately 30 per cent last November, in anticipation of similar reductions in other fields. Since the recent agreements in other states, restoring the former wage scale, Colorado wages are much over than in surrounding states.

An exodus of miners, which would seriously cripple the coal production of Colorado, will commence within a few days unless the 1921 scale is restored immediately, as operators from various producing fields told the industrial commission during the conference Wednesday afternoon.

The conference was held for the purpose of discussing the legality of an immediate increase in wages, in view of that section of the Colorado industrial law which provides that employers shall give to the industrial commission, "at least 30 days prior written notice" of any intended change with respect to wages.

Delay Detrimental.
At the close of the conference, during which different operators expressed the belief that delay would be detrimental both to the coal industry and the public, the commission announced it was unable to advise operators as to what course they should pursue.

Chairman Bell, however, read from a previous decision, in which it was stated to be the custom of the commission to recognize agreements between employers and employees unless such agreements were protested.
Several operators declared after the conference that the old scale would probably be restored September 1, on the basis of agreements with employees.

An increase in the price of coal in Colorado of at least \$1 per ton will result from the restoration of the 1921 wage scale, the operators told the industrial commission. They declared, however, that the public would have to meet higher prices if the wages were not raised, as the operation of the mines at less than capacity would involve higher operating costs per ton.

THE WEATHER.
PORTLAND, Aug. 31.—Tonight and Friday will be fair except probably showers in the northwest portion of Oregon.

What is a Dokie?

By A Dokie.

Notwithstanding that there are 1100 families of Eastern Oregon that unite through D. O. K. K. fraternal blood ties, it is entirely possible that other thousands in the same district have not the least idea of what the Dramatic Order of Knights of Khorassan really is or what it stands for. Pangently, it can be said that it is the sunshine and playground branch of the well known Knights of Pythias order, which nowhere in its ritual devotes time or effort to frivolity.

But, nevertheless, the outsider who has heard of and seen all this feverish preparation for the entertainment of delegates and visitors from temples in Western Canada and the Pacific Northwest, is entirely justified in asking the question, "What is a Dokie?" "What do they stand for?"

Based on Historic Teachings.
History is rich with fact and legend to justify the name. Those of us who read our Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam will find in that classic much justification of the selection of "Khorassan" as a name to signify a certain and specific purpose in life. Omar's Rubaiyat, you will recall, speaks at some length of the Imam of Mowafak, of Mashapur, which was a leading province of Khorassan. This particular Imam was such a wonderful man that he had a great school, like Socrates and Pythagoras. He was a great philosopher, this man Mowafak, and he had around him a great school of young Persians and Arabs who were drawn to him by his kindness and his great learning and common sense.

History tells us of many other great old men who hailed from Khorassan and who had spiritual qualifications but the present day lodge, which is soon to hold its convention in La Grande, would not pattern particularly after one man or two men, but they have adopted a creed which is centuries old and which was the particular earmark of the 12th century knight who lived in Khorassan, a remote corner of Persia. These fellows taught a creed and religion that are mighty good today and they practiced what they preached. They would not keep the alabaster boxes of love and tenderness sealed up till their friends were dead; they filled their lives with sweetness. They spoke approving and cheering words, while yet their friends could hear them. The flowers they sent went to brighten and sweeten the homes of their friends before those friends were dead. Fragrant perfumes of sympathy and affection were spread upon their colleagues before the funeral. They believed it was better to have a plain coffin without a flower, a funeral without an eulogy, than a life without the sweetness of love and sympathy. Knights of Khorassan today would imitate the Khorassan knights of old.

Wholesome fun may be a conspicuous portion of the whole, but fun and frivolity are, nevertheless, not the whole. Through seven spectacular scenes and episodes, the story of the fraternal lesson is unraveled in all seriousness and soberness.
To create and hold a smile may be said to stand shoulder to shoulder with the avowed purpose or the order as expressed in the motto "Lift up the Fallen."

For Handy Reference.
For the benefit of novices and the uninitiated, the Observer herewith gives the temple names, location and quota of delegates, so that the names worn on the boxes may be understood and know to what city each belongs.

Al. Hossayna, Rattle, Montana 7; El Maharrat, Spokane, Wash., 14; Abd Ul Attif, Portland, Ore., 29; Kuh Ala Dakh, Seattle, Wash., 5; Omar Alkayam, Lewiston, Idaho, 9; Omar Khayyam, Lethbridge, Alberta, 4; Tel El Kibir, Vancouver, B. C., 5; Teshmah, Aberdeen, Wash., 5; Tel El Mahut, Victoria, B. C., 4; Khalid, La Grande, Ore., 10; Shem El Nassim, Nelson, B. C., 3; Al Kindi, Walla Walla, Wash., 10; Acca, Pocatello, Idaho, 3; Fahat Burkan, Medford, Ore., 4; El Kallian, Yakima, Wash., 3.

Soldier Bonus Measure is Passed by the Senate; Harding Probably Veto It

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—The four billion dollar soldier bonus bill passed the United States senate today by a vote of 47 to 22, with party lines well out.

Senate Majority and Standfield of Oregon voted for the bonus.
Treasury officials apparently are confident that the president will veto the bill if it passes as it now stands.
High officials today indicated that the president had not changed his intention from the announced proposition to disapprove bonus legislation which does not carry means of raising revenue needed.

Officials of the treasury say the bonus passed by the senate today does not carry that requirement.

Turner Pool Hall in Union Raided Last Night

The sheriff's officers visited Union last evening and at midnight raided the Turner Pool Hall, now managed by J. O. (Bull) Turner, and discovered three games of croquet. Turner, or was put under arrest and brought to La Grande and released under \$500 bail. His trial has not been set but will be held within the next few days. He is officially charged with possession of intoxicating liquor.
The sheriff's forces, as well as Union's police, have tried many times to "get the goods" on the Turner Pool Hall, which officers have long suspected as being a gambling house and saloon, but until last evening, no evidence warranting an arrest had been found. At the same time the Emmons Cigar Store was raided about two weeks ago a raid was conducted on Turner's but no hint was found. The pool hall was formerly owned by Al Turner, now living in Baker.

MINERS DIE IN EXPLOSION

(By Associated Press.)
CUMBERLAND, B. C., Aug. 31.—Fifteen men were killed and sixteen injured in an explosion late yesterday in Number 6 mine of the Canadian colliers of the Dunsmuir coal properties. All of the bodies were recovered.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.
(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Aug. 31.—Live stock stood steady, with eggs strong and butter steady.

RAIL TROUBLE SPREADING TO SOUTHEAST LA GRANDE WELCOMES THE D. O. K. K.

Many and Serious Things Happen Throughout Railroads of Country.

SHOP CRAFT HEAD IS MURDERED

Damages Are Being Blown up in Several Places—New Employees Sign U. P. Contract.

(By Associated Press.)
SACRAMENTO, Aug. 31.—William Mero, president of the Federated Shop Crafts of Sacramento, died early today from a bullet fired by H. B. DeBolt, an alleged strikebreaker, who confessed the crime, the officers stated.

Dynamite Is Used.
(By Associated Press.)
WILMINGTON, Del., Aug. 31.—The Pennsylvania river railroad bridge was damaged by an explosion believed to have been dynamite, early today.

Seven Bridges are Blown.
(By Associated Press.)
TEXARKANA, Ark., Aug. 31.—Seven bridges on the Cotton Belt railway between Texarkana and Stamps, Arkansas, were burned last night.

Trackworkers Killed.
(By Associated Press.)
COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Aug. 31.—One Maintenance of Way worker was killed and two were fatally injured and another was slightly hurt when an Illinois Central motor driven section car jumped the track here today. Officials are investigating the possibility of a grease track or loosened spikes in the rails.

Strike Breakers Contract.
(By Associated Press.)
SALT LAKE, Aug. 31.—Recognition of individual ability, detailed segregation of work and a sliding scale of wages running in some instances from 2 to 15 cents per hour higher than that recommended by the railroad labor board, together with provision for a progressive line of promotion, are embodied in an agreement signed Wednesday by representatives of the newly organized shop employees' association, Union Pacific system, and the managers of the various lines included therein. About 30 delegates of the association representing the shop employees from Omaha to Los Angeles attended the meeting. The new rules and rules are to become effective September 1.

The agreement fixes wages of 75, 80, 85 and 90 cents an hour for thoroughly skilled mechanics who formerly were paid dead level rates of 70 cents an hour with 5 and 10 cent differentials in some instances. Under the new plan a progressive line of promotion is provided for with rates ranging from 54 cents an hour for the rough or slightly skilled work, advancing on up to the pay for the highly skilled classifications. The new rules provide a rate of 49 cents an hour for helpers as against the former rate of 47 cents. Overtime will be adjusted on a fluctuating scale. As to the seniority rights the agreement provides that those who remain in or returned to the service on or before July 8, 1922, and those who entered the service beginning with and since July 1, will rank first.

Accommodations have been arranged for the arrival of the Dokies and it is expected that every one will be promptly assigned to their rooms without a minute's delay upon their arrival. The incoming delegations are expected to number about three thousand and La Grande will truly present the aspect of a metropolis in full celebration tomorrow and Saturday.

MEN ENTOMBED NOT RESCUED

(By Associated Press.)
JACKSON, Calif., Aug. 31.—At dawn of the fourth day of the battle to rescue the forty-seven entombed miners in the old Aragon mine, found crews still working against seemingly insurmountable odds. All hope for recovering the men alive is slowly fading.

Must Have a Mail Box or a Slot in the Door for Mail Man, is the Order

According to one of the several routine orders that hits the local post office every so often and causes all hands to stop, look and stub up what the department is getting at, such a mail box must be provided or a slot cut in your door so that the mail man can slip in your letters, else you will be passed by with as much certainty as the proverbial pay train passes the tramp. The order says:

"On account of the delays caused to carriers at dwelling houses where no door slot or mail receptacle is provided, and the fact that a large majority of dwellings are thus equipped already, it seems timely, within a reasonable period, to require all who are to receive mail by street carriers at their dwellings to provide such accommodations, the expense of the same being small. Postmasters are therefore thus instructed."

"It is not the department's desire, of course, that any shall be deprived of delivery by this requirement, but rather it is earnestly hoped that all will see the reasonableness of it and its advantages to themselves as well as to the carrier. But if it finally becomes necessary, mail delivery will be discontinued where no door-slots (or, if only, no mail receptacles, are provided.)"

WHEAT MARKET.
(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Aug. 31.—Wheat was \$1.02 to \$1.03 today.