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## POSTAL CLERKS ARE GUILTY

### PORTLAND IS FIRM WITH W. W. FOLKS

Sixteen Men Placed in Patrol Wagon and Carried to the City Limits.

### DAYLIGHT EXODUS OFFICIALLY MADE

Many Foreigners Held for Investigation By Immigration Officers—Crowd Sees Deportation.

PORTLAND, Oct. 20.—Sixteen men were placed in a patrol wagon and a sight-seeing bus today and started for the city limits where the police announced the men would be ordered to leave Portland because of their alleged connection with the Industrial Workers of the World in the Longshoremen's strike.

A crowd filled the streets in front of police headquarters and saw the departure. This was heralded as the exodus of the men rounded up Wednesday night and yesterday. Of over 200 arrested eighteen were discharged by Police Judge Ekwall. A dozen foreigners were held for investigation by the immigration officers, the rest being turned loose by the police or not yet arraigned.

### CERTIFICATES TO BE ISSUED

World has reached the local granges that the new National Grange benefit is in effect now, and that benefit certificates will be issued to those making application at once. Leslie B. Smith is manager, and has headquarters at Washington, D. C., with the National Grange headquarters, and the representative for the grange in Coos Bay.

It is under the direct control of the national organization and will make but little extra cost to the members. No medical examination is required and it will in no way conflict with the co-operative insurance work of the state grange in Oregon or other states, which have their own property or life insurance organizations.

This is another step being taken to make the grange more useful to the people of the rural areas.

### Communists Recognize Private Capital

MOSCOW, Sept. 15.—(By Mail)—Private interests in Russia have received further recognition by the communists. The government has granted permission to private persons to participate, by their capital, in the organization of a Trade and Industrial Bank.

The institution which is now being organized and will begin its operations in November will be a private limited company. Fifty-one per cent of the shares are assigned to the founders, the Supreme Economic Council, while the remainder will be covered by public subscription by the trusts and syndicates and private persons.

The new bank is going to finance industry and transport on a broad, commercial basis. Private capital is not only allowed to participate, but guarantee is given to place its representative on the board of directors of the bank.

FOUR PASSENGERS DROWNED. ST. JOHNS, New Brunswick, Oct. 20.—Four passengers on the steam yacht Dream were killed today when the craft sank during a heavy wind in the St. Johns river. The crew of four and two passengers were saved.

THE WEATHER. PORTLAND, Oct. 20.—Tonight and Saturday will be fair except for rain in the northern portion of the state. Eastern Oregon will be colder tonight and heavy frosts are expected.

### Oklahoma Coal Mine Explosion Kills Eight Men and Injures Four

May killed eight men and badly injured four. The injured men were severely burned and their condition is serious.

### LAGRANDE HAS EVEN CHANCE

Line Expected to Top Elgins and Backfield, with Triple Threat, Expected to Show Versatile Attack.

"We are hopeful of winning," is about all "Skeet" Reynolds, coach of the Blue and White football squad, has to say in regards to the Elgin-La Grande game tomorrow afternoon at Elgin, which is expected to settle the championship, barring upsets, of Eastern Oregon for this season. At present both teams appear to be evenly matched.

"Skeet" also remarked that he expected a tough game and that was why 27 members of the football squad are going to be in uniform on the Elgin field before the game is called. Elgin, who for many years has had a strong team, is apparently nearer the championship this year than ever before. Starting with a partly green team last year, the squad was whipped into shape and proved too much for the Blue and White, defeating them 20 to 0 on the local field. With the exception of losing two or three linemen, the same team will be facing La Grande this year.

Elgin Aggressive. Elgin, with a big line and a fast, brilliant backfield, plays an aggressive style of football that is of a mighty fine quality. Her interference on end runs and off-tackle plays is one of her strong points and her aerial attack is anything but weak. Her weak point, in comparison with the local team, is conceded to be the line, which will probably underweigh the local forwards and is newer. Only one new player is hooked on the local line. Hart, the right tackle, who broke into football this year.

Smith at center, well built and an accurate passer, is flanked on the right by Bob Garrity and on the left by Metcalf, both guards of no mean ability. Abbott, all-Eastern Oregon tackle, is a whirlwind at left tackle, and Hart, though new, is able to hold his own.

With these ends to pick from, Elgin, Williams, and Blakland, these positions should be well taken care of. Sparden and Blakland are both fast in getting down the field under a punt and are fair on the receiving end of a forward pass. Williams is stronger on catching passes than the other two, but is not as finished in other departments.

### Backfield Contest On

La Grande's backfield is probably the best she has had since 1912, the days of Oregon championship fame. Such, at quarter, is a fair general, can run with the ball and can dropkick. The Larson, at fullback, is one of the strongest punters in Eastern Oregon and possesses the "triple threat" as he is equally good at running with the ball and forward passing. Sherwood and Chet Garrity, halfbacks, complete the backs. The former is the most consistent drop-kicker the locals have and both he and Garrity pass and run the ball well.

La Grande is expected to meet Elgin's versatile attack with one just as brilliant. With a well balanced team that finds the aerial attack, the end-runs and off-tackle play, and the plunging equally easy, the Blue and White is going into the game with about an even chance to emerge victorious.

The squad will leave La Grande tomorrow morning shortly before noon by auto and will arrive in Elgin early enough to limber up and get the kinks out of their muscles before the game. Quite a number of rooters are planning on accompanying the team.

### BIG FIREWORKS WILL BE SEEN

One of the finest pyrotechnic assortments that has been brought to La Grande in 15 years, now rests in a local powder magazine awaiting the arrival of Armistice Day at which time it will be fired for the benefit of the visiting Legionnaires and the public.

The assortment includes aerial bombs, Japanese candles, and signal flares of many colors. The committee in charge had a big list to pick from and selected a very spectacular display. There are about 200 pieces in the lot.

### MANTLE FALLS UPON SOLDIER FROM TEXAS

A. W. Owsley is Elected National Commander of American Legion

### FOUR PRINCIPLES WILL BE SUPPORTED

Texas is Carried to Speakers' Platform Amid Great Enthusiasm.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 20.—Alvin W. Owsley, of Texas, was today elected National Commander of the American Legion.

After being carried to the platform on the shoulders of the Texas delegation, Owsley declared the "four great principles on which we rest are hospitalization, rehabilitation, adjusted compensation and Americanization."

The Legion vice commanders elected were Edward J. Barrett of Sheboygan, Wis.; Robert S. Blood, Concord, N. H.; Charles E. Plummer, Casper, Wyo.; Earle Cooke, Shreveport, La.; Watson B. Miller, Washington, D. C.

### STRIKERS EXPECT ALL WINTER FIGHT

(By Associated Press). SPOKANE, Oct. 20.—Anticipating the possibility of an all-winter's fight, Spokane striking railway men are making plans for a committee to provide food for strikers' families at cost.

A strikers' committee has been appointed. This committee proposes to secure a building in the downtown section of Spokane and to obtain wholesale prices on staple groceries. W. S. Ponshee, chairman of the committee, said that if necessary the committee would conduct a campaign for donations.

### MEXICANS HUNG FOR TAXI MURDER

(By Associated Press). AZTEC, Mex., Oct. 20.—Steve Kantonka was hanged today for the murder of William Kelley and Sam Gray, taxicab drivers near Ship Rock, New Mexico, on July 31st last year.

### WRECKED BY SPIKE PULLERS

### LA GRANDE WILL HEAR M'NARY

Oregon's Senior Senator Speaks on Political Issues Here Next Wednesday Evening.

The political pot is boiling in Oregon and evidently will continue to boil until election day. Following the governor's speaking date in La Grande comes the announcement of Walter L. Toomey, chairman of the state central committee, that Senator Charles N. McNary, senior senator from Oregon, will hold a political meeting in this city on Wednesday evening, October 25th.

The senator has just returned from Washington and will campaign the on the state for the Republican party. The talk here will probably give the voters a better idea of what is doing and has been doing in the national congress.

### COLLEGE YOUTH HURT IN RIOT

(By the Associated Press). LOS ANGELES, Oct. 20.—Over a score of college students were injured today in a riot in which the students of the Southern Branch of the University of California were attacked by students of a rival university while gathered for a "Palomero" party.

The attacking party used "gasoline bombs," bricks, fists and other weapons. The attacking students were from the University of California. Police reserves and the fire department were called when assailants ignited a big wood pile.

Alger Vagner, eighteen years old, is in a critical condition, with indications of a spine fracture. The attacking party used "gasoline bombs," bricks, fists and other weapons.

LIVESTOCK MARKETS. PORTLAND, Oct. 20.—All live stock was steady, eggs were firm and butter weak today.

### THE BUSY MAN'S NEWSPAPER



### DEATH CLAMS MRS. G. H. GLASS

Comes as Sorrowful Shock to Her Many Friends in La Grande; Attributed to Heart Failure.

La Grande experienced a shock today when the information gained circulation that Mrs. George H. Glass had died very suddenly last evening at her home on O avenue. Following an injection by her physician of an anti-toxin in an endeavor to protect her health from diphtheria which the physician had pronounced as the disease affecting her son. It is said that weakened heart was immediately affected by the drug and she sank away, passing on in less than five minutes.

The Glass family lately came to La Grande from Nampa, Idaho, and are very popular among those with whom they have associated. The deceased was thirty-five years of age and is survived by her husband, a daughter Eleanor, and a son George. Funeral announcement will not be made until Mr. Glass' brother and sister-in-law arrive from Nampa. The remains are at the Bohnenkamp chapel, and it is stated today that burial will take place in Nampa, the former home of the Glass family.

The remains of Mrs. Glass will be in state at the Bohnenkamp Chapel from two until four o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

### PLANS TO MERGE THREE BIG ROADS

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—Representatives of banks identified with railroad interests were present at an informal conference here Thursday of leaders in the movement to merge the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Burlington railroads into one big railroad system. Although no details of the meeting were given out, it was learned that only the operating details of the proposed merger were under discussion.

A member of a prominent banking firm denied that any discussion had taken place so far on the financial problems involved in combining the three big roads.

"The merger has been under discussion for many months," he said, "but any assertion that the merger plans have been completed is without foundation. It is not so close at hand as some persons think."

Plans for the merger, when completed, will be presented to the interstate commerce commission at Washington, November 17. The commission already has announced tentative consolidation plans for the roads involved. Under these plans, the Great Northern would be joined with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, and the Northern Pacific coupled with the Burlington.

The promoters of the proposed three-cornered merger deny that the St. Paul system is included in their considerations. Theodore F. Merceles of Chicago was elected director of the Northern Pacific Railway company at a directors' meeting Wednesday, to fill an existing vacancy.

WHEAT MARKET. PORTLAND, Oct. 20.—Wheat was \$1.19 to \$1.25 today.

### MOONSHINE IS CAUSING DEATH

BUTTE, Mont., Oct. 20.—Moonshine whiskey is raising the death mark in Butte at an alarming rate, and untold misery have been caused by the liquor. According to the city health officer, the first nine months of this year show during the same period in 1921, according to figures compiled by the city health officer.

Between last July, August and September, five men and one woman died from moonshine, according to the death certificates received at the office, and at least 12 more deaths are reported as indirectly attributable to the same cause.

In the same months 126 deaths were reported in Butte, 121 being males. Accidents brought 29 people to their deaths, leading the cause listed on the report.

### Bankers Indicted for Alleged Bond Thefts

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 20.—Two by the federal grand jury charged with stealing bonds from a national bank, and three or four bond thefts. United States District Judge Peterson, have been indicted Attorney French announced today.

### CLEAN-UP IN SERVICE IS A SURPRISE

Forty-One Clerks Were Suspended Yesterday After Investigation

### SIX OF THEM PLEAD GUILTY OF CHARGE

Warrants are Out for Thirty-Three Others—Twenty-Five Clerks Said to Have Confessed Crimes.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Oct. 20.—Six of forty-one postal clerks suspended here yesterday for alleged pilfering of the mails appeared before United States Commissioner Byers and pleaded guilty. They were bound over to the federal grand jury. Warrants are out for thirty-three others. Twenty-five clerks are said to have confessed.

### PROBLEM FOR POLICE

CALGARY, Alta., Oct. 20.—Seven feet four inches in his stocking feet, and built in proportion, "Cowboy Slim" Griffen, arrested on a charge of automobile theft, proved a problem for the police. "Slim" unthinkingly lay down, and his No. 12 shoes knocked six steel slats out of the cell wall.

### WHITMAN MAN IS CHOSEN FOR EAST

A former Whitman professor is to hold Persia's purse strings as a part of the general program of reconstruction now being put into effect in the eastern country. That man is Dr. A. C. Millwright. He has resigned his position as economic adviser to the state department to accept the post of administrator general of the finances of the Persian empire. He will sail early for Persia next month. Mirza Khan Alai, Persian minister, personally conducted the negotiations with Dr. Millwright and the U. S. department which has been aiding the Persian government in selecting officials to head the reconstruction movement. His efficiency in handling the matters of his department in Washington drew attention of Persia and U. S. officials to him. Dr. Millwright was professor of Political Science in 1914-17.

### Houdini Doesn't Like Psychic Phenomena

BOSTON, Oct. 20.—Morbidness and melancholia induced by interest in psychic phenomena threaten the health and sanity of many persons in the opinion of Harry Houdini, president of the Society of American Magicians, expressed at the annual dinner of the society here. He spoke of his 25 years' investigation of the subject, and said he had never seen anything to convince him that there had been a single communication from the dead.

"I have never seen any of the mediums or spiritualists do anything or produce a single effect which I could not, through my knowledge of magic, account for or duplicate," he asserted. "I have had nine pacts with the dead, who have agreed with me to try to communicate with me from beyond, but each has been fruitless."

He said he had worked with Sir Oliver Lodge and other scientists engaged in the study of psychic phenomena and respected them. "But," he added, "when I demonstrate to them the secrets and reveal the methods used by mediums and they tell me that I too am a medium in spite of myself, I am forced to conclude that they merely do not know."

"I have seen people who previous to the war, never concerned themselves with things psychic now delving into it to the point of hysteria. It is conducive of morbidness, brooding and melancholia. It becomes an obsession very quickly and I would warn against it. It is threatening the health and sanity of those who indulge in it."