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SIX KILLED IN WRECK OF AIRPLANES

Fokker Collides with Martin Bomber; Both Planes Crash to Earth

THREE BURNED TO DEATH AFTER FALL

Major Gearhart, Captain Doyle, Sergeant Marick Caught in Flames; Four Enlisted Men Die.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 6.—Major Guy L. Gearhart, Captain Bencon A. Doyle and four enlisted men were killed at Lantley field today when a Martin bomber collided with an airplane while making a landing. The bomber was in the air when Major Gearhart took off in his Fokker, a lighter machine, and struck the tail of the bomber causing both machines to fall. Major Gearhart, Captain Doyle, and Sergeant Marick were caught in the wreckage and burned to death. Blunka and Jordan were killed almost instantly when they jumped from the falling planes, crushing themselves when they struck the ground.

ANOTHER YEAR'S WORK PLANNED

Red Cross to Remain the Charitable Exchange for Union County.

At the annual meeting of the La Grande Red Cross chapter last evening in the city hall old officers and directors were re-elected for the coming year. It will be very much the same as that of the past year, as the chapter is to remain the headquarters and parent of all charitable work in the community. The prevention of overlapping and duplication has been so thoroughly stressed with the chapter as the one charitable organization that continuation of that plan was decided on unanimously. The annual drive for funds will be made in the late winter or early spring and a general outline of its plans was drafted last evening. Attendance was not large at the annual meeting, due, probably, to the heavy storm, and while old officials in many instances would have preferred not to have served longer, it was deemed the proper thing by those in attendance to keep the organization intact as it has been working with very good success during the present year.

ORGANIZATIONS TO NAME HEADS

The American Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary will meet this evening at 7:30 o'clock in the K. of D. Hall in their final meeting of the year. Both units will elect officers for the coming year and will clean up the past year's business. A complete attendance is being urged by both organizations.

Country Club Faces New Year Free From Debt

At the last regular meeting of the Country club directors which was held last evening a number of important matters were brought up. Activities of the club during the past year were discussed and all of the directors expressed themselves as delighted with the way the members were making use of its facilities and the popularity of its various forms of recreation and social amusements. A report was heard from the treasurer and it was reported that practically all bills had been met promptly and that by the end of the present month all current bills would be paid and all old construction bills settled leaving only a small debt against the original land purchase. At the beginning of the present year a large

NEARLY 75 ENROLL FOR CONFERENCE

Registration Still Incomplete; Total Expected to Go Over One Hundred Mark.

That the Older Boys conference to be held in La Grande Friday, Saturday and Sunday will be one of the most successful in history, is expected due to the heavy registration that is coming in. Pendleton, Baker, Hermiston, Condon, Cove, Union, Joseph, Elgin, Wallawa, Enterprise, Haines and Astoria have already sent in a list of delegates, either complete or incomplete, and in proportion to their respective sizes, Baker and Haines leads with 25 and 8 delegates. Baker is also sending an orchestra which augurs well for the entertainment of the attending delegates. All told about 75 boys have already registered and over 25 more are expected to enroll before Friday afternoon.

The People of La Grande are responding to the call for housing and eating facilities for the delegates but the provisions for the entire delegation is yet unprovided. All who can "adopt" a boy during the conference is asked to notify the Y. M. C. A.

The Friday evening banquet, a combined delegates dinner and a father and son feed, to be held at the L. D. S. Amusement hall with the L. D. S. ladies furnishing the dinner, will find Rev. Clark, of Pendleton, as the main speaker of the evening. Mr. Palmer of Portland, entertainer and song-leader, will also be present.

The conference headquarters are at the Y. M. C. A., located at the intersection of Elm and Washington, about 80 feet nine inches south of Adams avenue.

BAKER TO HAVE TITULAR MATCH

Two championship titles, the Australian and Pacific coast middleweight belts, will be at stake on Friday evening of this week when Tom King, middleweight champion of Australia, and Jimmy Darcy, middleweight champion of the Pacific coast, crawl through the ropes in their ten round event at the Baker Theater. Darcy tried his level best in a match with the Australian in Portland on November 1 to life the coast crown, but the affair ended in a draw and the Rose City lad was forced to put his hopes off for awhile at least.

Both battlers are among the best men in their class and the gloves travel with speed and science when they clash in the square circle. The fight will be the biggest boxing card that the eastern part of the state has witnessed in many a year. Promoter Park, who was in La Grande this morning for a short time, stated that seats for the affair will be placed on sale at the Smoke Shop Thursday morning and as all seats will be registered, it is first come, first served.

Billy Berdeaux and Battline Lubbes, who meet in the six-round semi-final, are putting on their final touch-up preparatory for the card, and Ralph Rinn and Husky Woodfin, who will open Friday's card with a six round bout, are each confident of victory.

Large delegations are expected from neighboring cities for it is seldom that Eastern Oregon fans have an opportunity of seeing men of ability of King and Darcy in action.

TURKS SHIFT TO ENTENTE PLANS TODAY

Dardanelles and Bosphorus Would Be Kept Open in Entente Plan.

TURKS ABANDON PLAN RUSSIANS ADVANCED

Turkish Delegates Suddenly Realized that the Russian Plan Would Force Them to Build a Navy.

LAUSANNE, Dec. 6.—The entente plan for keeping open the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus in peace and war provides for the appointment of an international commission of control composed of the great powers, including the United States, as well as Turkey and countries bordering on the Black Sea.

Lord Curzon presented the allied plan to the Turks who, it appeared, suddenly realized that the Russian plan for control by Turkish warships would force Turkey to build a navy. Hence doubts arose in the minds of the Turkish delegates, who seemed more disposed to negotiate a scheme for neutralization of straits with some form of international control.

United States Views.

LAUSANNE, Dec. 6.—Richard Washburn Child and Joseph C. Grew presented the United States' views. Ambassador Child said that the United States holds that the straits and the Black Sea must be open to ships and warships of all nations in time of peace and war, and opposes any plan giving one power the control.

Foreign Minister Tchitcherine, of Russia, opposed the entente proposition.

SHIP MEASURE BEFORE BOARD

President Urges Elimination of Madden Amendment in Shipping Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The elimination of the Madden amendment to the shipping bill, giving congress control over the extension of government aid to shipping companies, was urged by President Harding in a letter to Chairman Jones, of the Senate Commerce Committee, which was read to the committee today when it took up the measure.

NORTHWEST HIT BY BIG SNOW

Eastern and Southern Oregon Reports Falls Varying from Six Inches to Two Feet.

PORTLAND, Dec. 6.—Temperature moderated slightly in Portland today, precipitation ceased thus eliminating danger of a silver thaw which threatened here last night. Only a thin coating is present here. Southern and Eastern Oregon points reported a snow fall varying from nine inches to two feet.

Blizzard This Morning.—LA GRANDE, Dec. 6.—Citizens of La Grande awoke this morning to find, on top of a six to eight inch snowfall, that had blocked auto traffic between Pendleton and La Grande a driving blizzard in progress. The kept up until about nine o'clock. Snow has been falling intermittently throughout the morning and early afternoon. The streets, while a bit slick, are slippery and not dangerous.

SENATE WILL INVESTIGATE HUGE MERGER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The senate today adopted a resolution of La Follette calling upon the secretary of agriculture for full information regarding the proposed Armour and Morris packing merger. La Follette, attacking the proposed merger in the senate, declaring that packers were seeking immunity in advance from the president and government officials.

TROJANS WILL PLAY PENN II

PORTLAND, Dec. 6.—The University of Southern California's football team was selected to meet the Pennsylvania State eleven in the New Year's game at Pasadena, Cal., according to announcement received here Tuesday night from Dr. L. G. Duhaque, president of the Pacific coast intercollegiate conference. The Trojans received six of the eight votes, Oregon voting for herself and Idaho voting for California, explaining her steps by stating that she believed that the best team should represent the west and that necessarily she must cast her vote for the Golden Bears.

MELODRAMA STUFF



UPTON MEN CONFER AT PENDLETON

Supporters of Jay Upton Meeting at Round-Up City Today.

WILL DECIDE UPON FURTHER SUPPORT

Eastern Oregon Senators May Ask Upton for Release; Moser's Vote Is of Great Importance.

A caucus on their course of action regarding the presidency of the state senate will be held by Eastern Oregon senators today in Pendleton. It is understood that all will be present with the exception of Jay Upton of Crook county.

The conference is to decide whether the delegation will remain with Upton and continue supporting him for president or ask release of their pledges to him. Following the conference, Roy W. Rittner, who is now acting as governor by virtue of being president of the senate, will return to Salem to resume the duties of chief executive. Mr. Rittner is the heir apparent to the governorship until the 1923 legislature elects his successor as senate president.

Provided the conference agrees to stick to Upton the latter has 15 votes and can be elected president. There is some doubt, however, whether they will remain with him, owing to Upton's acceptance of Moser's support following an explicit understanding that Moser was not to be made the deciding vote, either in the Upton camp or the Eddy camp.

Providing the majority of the eastern Oregon delegation concludes to ask its release from Upton the latter may then release all the remainder of his supporters. While the Eddy people do not say so in so many words, they expect that in the event of the Upton strength going to pieces, enough will come over to Eddy to give him the election. Senator Bruce Dennis left for Pendleton this morning and Roy Rittner, acting governor of Oregon, passed through Portland last night enroute for Pendleton.

BULLETINS

SEARCHING FOR CLARA

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6.—Highways and desert in Lower California, sea and air, are being watched for trace of Clara Phillips, hammer slayer who escaped yesterday. Her husband is under technical arrest here.

WHEAT MARKET.

PORTLAND, Dec. 6.—Wheat \$1.12 to \$1.48.

EXTRA

KLEPPER FOREVER BANNED
(By Associated Press)
LOUISVILLE, Dec. 6.—President Klepper, of the Portland baseball club, was forever banned from the National Association of Professional Baseball League, by action today at the baseball meeting here. He was charged with filing a false statement relative to the capital stock of the Tacoma club.

CLEMENCEAU PAYS VISIT TO HARDING

Visit Described as Merely a Social Call of Courtesy at Which Serious Problems Were Not Discussed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—George Clemenceau visited the White House today and talked with President Harding for 40 minutes. But the subject nearest his heart—American participation in European affairs—did not come up.

The visit was described at the White House as merely a social call of courtesy at which, it is said, serious problems of state were not discussed.

The Tiger said tonight it was "a delightful visit," during which he gave the president his views about economic conditions in general. He said that he did not ask the president for any assurances, pointing out that he was merely a private citizen of France, and asserted he had not gone to "preach to the president, but to pay my compliments."

BUCKS WISH TO KEEP CUP

States that La Grande's Claims to Championship are Doubtful; Cup May Not Be Awarded.

Under a heading, "Sectional Grid Title Still in Controversy," a Pendleton paper prints an article today disputing La Grande's claims to the championship. "Local followers of the game believe that the challenge to Athena was most unfair," the La Grande school waiting until the Athena team was practically disorganized and until a post season game was practically impossible, "was one of the statements." "So many set-ups were played this year that neither backs, percentage of scoring or end plays, percentage of scoring, seems to establish a team with a clear title," was another thrust.

"It is believed that owing to the confusion, there will be no award of the Sheehan cup, and that before any other season ends around there will be definite rules laid down upon which a championship can be based," the article continues.

The first assertion is a mistake, as both La Grande and Athena contemplated a possible game several days before Athena closed the season against Endicott. Washington, as can be clearly proven by correspondents between the two schools filed in the office of Principal E. D. Towler, of the La Grande high school. Athena had not turned away from football before the game was discussed between the two schools.

And set-ups, while there were many, were very few for La Grande. Wallawa whom La Grande beat 72 to 6, defeated Enterprise decisively, whom Pendleton defeated 25 to 6. La Grande.

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IRISH GAIN FREEDOM BY ROYAL ORDER

Announcement from London Will Inaugurate Free State Government.

TIMOTHY HEALY IS GOVERNOR-GENERAL

Position Will Be Similar to Governor-General of Canada; Will Be Sworn in Today.

DUBLIN, Dec. 6.—Permanent parliament and cabinet of the Irish Free State started functioning today, giving Ireland a place among the world's commonwealths.

DUBLIN, Dec. 6.—With the announcement from London that the royal assent had been given to the Irish constitution and that Timothy Healy had been appointed governor-general, all formalities have been concluded for the inauguration of the Free State government. The Dail Eireann meets as the Free State parliament Wednesday night to elect a speaker, swear in the members and proceed with the election of a senate.

Mr. Healy will be sworn in as governor-general Wednesday by the lord chief justice. At his residence at Chapelizod, in the outskirts of Dublin, the new governor general said Tuesday night that his position was that he was the representative of the imperial government and had to see on the one hand, that the constitution was not violated, and on the other, that the treaty was adhered to.

As he understood it, his position was similar to that of the governor-general of Canada, where consultations were held between the governor and the London cabinet whereby a common state of mind was reached. In internal Irish affairs, he would be the servant of the Irish government and would be advised by that government.

JUDY ASH IS ON ALL-STARS

Bob Cronin, Seattle Sport Writer, Places Ash at Guard on All-Coast Second Team.

In his selection of an all-coast mythical first, second and third eleven, Bob Cronin, sport writer of Seattle, names Judy Ash, of La Grande, who is a member of the Oregon Aggie team, as guard on the second team. Cronin's selection is not made by himself but with the aid of many other sport writers, coaches and others well versed in coast football, and is considered as truly representative.

In Cronin's selection, Ash was the only O. A. C. man to be named on the two first teams. McFadden and Gill are given positions at end and fullback, respectively, on the third team. Oregon placed two on the first team, four on the second and one on the third.

IRRIGATION HEARING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Hearings were begun today by the house irrigation committee on the bill authorizing the government to survey and determine the feasibility of the Columbia Basin irrigation project which General Goethals, one of the witnesses said, would reclaim immediately 1,753,000 acres in Washington state.

Dan Cupid Has Not Lost His Eye-Scores 9 Hits

Snow scurries intermittently interrupted by brief thaws that make things slippery for the citizens of Union county appears to have no influence on the little god of love. Dan Cupid, who despite the persistent inclement weather, sends his darts hither and thither with telling effect. Maybe some of them went astray during the past seven days, but nine balls-eyes were pierced and nine new families were added to the role of Union county's wedded population.

Scanning the records of the county clerk for the past seven days, Dan Cupid was found to have been very busy. Nine couples heard the words, "I do," and while his bride is a La Grande girl, comes to light. And Dan Cupid sits back in his winter abode, from which he ventures forth spasmodically, and rubs his hands in glee.