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BIG HAUL MADE BY BANDITS

RESERVE BANK HIT FOR HUGE SUM OF MONEY

Shot at Guards Who Were Taking Bills From the Government Mint

BUNDLE OF \$200,000 TAKEN BY ROBBERS

Escaped in Motor Car That Was in Waiting; One Bandit Believed to Have Been Shot as They Got Away.

DENVER, Dec. 18.—Linton died early this afternoon.

DENVER, Dec. 18.—Leaping from an automobile which had drawn up alongside a Federal Reserve delivery wagon at the main entrance of the Denver mint and shooting toward four Federal Reserve guards, who were emerging from the building carrying \$200,000 in five dollar bills, two bandits at 10:45 o'clock this morning shot, probably fatally, injuring Charles Linton, one of the guards, seized entire consignment of money, sprang into their motor car and escaped.

A third member of the bandit gang remained at the automobile wheel. One of the bandits is believed to have been shot while escaping.

ARMY TO GIVE CONCERT SOON

Salvation Army Will Give Program in High School Auditorium on Wednesday Evening.

One of the attractions of the coming week will be a benefit musical concert to be given at the high school auditorium on Wednesday evening by the Salvation Army under the direction of Mrs. Lee Reynolds and Mrs. E. L. Korns, assisted by many other local artists. The proceeds of the evening will go towards the Salvation Army Christmas dinner.

A delightful program, consisting of many national numbers, will be rendered on this evening and tickets may be obtained from the Red Cross drug store.

SUBSIDY BILL BRINGS FIGHT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Opponents of the shipping bill today got into action on a motion to replace the shipping bill with the Norris agricultural financing measure. Senators of the latter party, however, refused to give the motion a hearing and the bill was passed.

TWO DIE FROM INJURIES

PORTLAND, Dec. 18.—Two men, Albert W. Baird, and Anthony Blase, died in the hospital here last night from automobile injuries, suffered last week.

Walter Pierce Outlines Plans for Cutting Taxes

A very interesting meeting was held at the Blue Mountain Grange hall Saturday afternoon when representatives of Granges and farmers unions from over the county met for the purpose of having officials discuss the possibility of curtailing public expenses. L. A. Carter put the meeting in good humor by reciting one of his original poems on Governor-elect Pierce. Representative Albert Hunter discussed many things which will come before the legislature this session, giving information that was a benefit to everyone who follows public questions. Governor-elect Pierce was present and went over a long series of cuts in public appropriations which he believes can be made without seriously crippling the state. The subject of alfalfa was discussed and the governor said he would, in his message, ask the legislature for an appropriation of \$3000 to patrol

COLDER WAVE STRIKES THE MIDDLE WEST

Coldest Temperatures of the Season Descend on Gulf States; Conditions Fair in Portland.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Another cold wave has spread over a great portion of the United States west of the Appalachian mountains today, bringing lower temperatures than any previously reported this winter in the northwest upper lake region and in the middle and west gulf states.

SILVER THAW AVERTED

PORTLAND, Dec. 18.—Sleet and rain early this morning threatened a silver thaw but rising temperatures averted it. The weather bureau predicted warmer weather tonight with rain. The minimum this morning was 22 above rising to 32 above at 9:30 o'clock. A storm north of Prince Rupert changed conditions here.

HEAVY STORMS ON COAST

PORTLAND, Dec. 18.—A southeast storm which already has reached the Oregon coast this morning was driving a cold wave. Fifty miles an hour was the speed of the wind at the mouth of the Columbia. It sent the warmer atmosphere inland. Storm warnings have been ordered all along the coast.

BLIZZARD IN GRANDE RONDE
Today has been a typical winter blizzard in the Grande Ronde valley. The wind has been terrific throughout the valley and snow has been piled in reefs along the highways. There is little travel engaged in which can be dispensed with. Thus far little or no suffering has been reported among either people or livestock.

WALLACE REID IS NEAR DEATH

Film Star Critically Ill at Sanatorium; Doctor Denies That it is Due to Dope.



LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—Wallace Reid, famous film star, who is on the verge of death in a sanatorium, is suffering from a complete exhaustion or from influenza, according to a physician who said that his present illness has no connection with his recent indulgence in alcohol or in narcotics.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—Wallace Reid's condition is reported as somewhat better today. His wife said that hospital charts showed that influenza was the ailment.

Carr's Is Wiped Out In Early Morning Blaze, Loss Nearly \$85,000.

Saturday evening Carr's Furniture store, situated on the corner of Adams and Fir, at the eastern end of the La Grande business district, one of the finest establishments of its kind in Eastern Oregon, stood in all its glory. Today—a mass of shapeless debris is all that is left. Twisted iron, piles of bricks, lumber and damaged stock, and ashes mark the spot where the building stood only a short time before.

Starting in the basement from a source as yet merely one of conjecture, the fire ate its way into the stock, largely consisting of mattresses, and was undisturbed until about half past four Sunday morning, when a brakeman, returning to his home from an early morning train, saw the fire and turned in the alarm. Shortly afterwards an explosion occurred, followed by another that blew Christmas toys across the street, breaking plate glass windows on the south side and eastern side of the street, and wrecking the inside of the store.

The fire department responded promptly and although they worked heroically in an effort to check the blaze it was impossible to do more than save the surrounding buildings.

The stock, valued at between \$40,000 and \$45,000 was a complete loss, and the building, owned by Mrs. J. C. Henry, was likewise demolished. The stock was insured for about \$24,000, the Christmas stock not having been insured, and the building, which would take \$20,000 to replace, was insured for about \$15,000, making a total loss amounting to between \$50,000 and \$55,000. Business establishments nearby lost a considerable sum from windows and \$900 worth of genuine Persian rugs went up in the flames. \$500 worth owned by Earl Stoddard, which had been imported from the buyer in Portland and stored in Carr's, and \$400 owned by Herman Siegel.

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X-MAS LUNCH WILL BE HELD BY AD CLUB

President P. L. Campbell, of the U. of O., Will Speak Tomorrow; Fine Program Prepared.

A program, typical of the Yuletide season, will be rendered tomorrow noon at the Ad club luncheon, states Dr. E. P. Mossmat, chairman of the day. Among the special numbers will be a tenor solo by G. L. Dutton and three songs by the Ad club quartette, "Oregon," "Silent Night," and "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear." The quartette is composed of G. L. Dutton, Elmer Stoddard, Sherwood Williams and G. S. Birnie.

Two men of prominence will appear on the program with addresses, both President Prince L. Campbell and Lamar L. Toose, of the University of Oregon, La Grande scheduled to appear at the luncheon. Several announcements will be made at the luncheon.

The college men, back home for the holiday season, are invited to the banquet, which is being prepared by the Royal Neighbors, and will be held in the K. of P. hall at noon.

X-MAS SEASON NEARLY HERE

Christmas Show Windows, Christmas Trees, and the Christmas Spirit Predominate in La Grande.

With the Yuletide season nearly upon La Grande, the mercantile establishments and other business concerns have blossomed forth in decorations to display representatives of the Christmas and Santa Claus. The Salvation Army Santa Claus has already made his appearance on the streets and in some of the show windows of La Grande's business section, the Yuletide displays are of an exceptional nature beginning to be seen in the residential districts awaiting the coming of the birthday of Jesus Christ when they will be in their full glory, festooned with gala decorations and holding precious gifts.

The weather in La Grande, from present indications, will probably be of the recognized holiday variety. Plenty of snow is on the ground at present with the weather cold enough to indicate that a Chinook will not take the white covering away before Santa Claus comes.

The schools will hold their last session of the year Friday afternoon and will be closed until after New Year's Day. The business section of La Grande will halt Monday, Christmas day, and all else will temporarily cease their regular duties to celebrate with the kiddies one of the greatest of America's holidays.

JAY SHAW HAS HAND INJURED

Jay Shaw of Fruitdale was very painfully injured Saturday while sawing wood with a big gasoline wood saw. All the fingers of his right hand were cut badly, but it is thought that amputation will not be necessary.

"The Restoration" Is Unveiled Saturday Eve

Unveiling of "The Restoration," that marvelous painting by L. A. Ramsey occurred Saturday at the L. D. S. Tabernacle and a large number of La Grande and Union county people enjoyed it. It was presented to the Union Stake Tabernacle of the church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints by the Women's Relief Society of the stake. The size of the painting is six by nine feet and it shows the angel Moroni delivering the plates to the Prophet Joseph Smith on September 21, 1827. The picture is artistically framed, the work having been done by Harley Richardson. A very fine program marked the unveiling of this masterpiece. Stake president William D. Hanks presided. The first number was a song by the stake choir entitled "What Was Witnessed in the Heavens," which was followed by prayer by Elder James England. The relief society choir then rendered that very pretty song entitled "Come Dearest Lord," Jonathan pronounced the benediction.

CONSULATES IN RUSSIA ARE CLOSED

Soviet Government in Vladivostok Orders Ten Consuls to Leave in Week

UNITED STATES IS INCLUDED IN LIST France, Great Britain, Italy, Germany and Austria Receive Orders to Close Consulates.

VLADIVOSTOK, Dec. 18.—The Soviet government of Vladivostok which recently took over the administration of the city and surrounding territory known as the Primoria, today ordered the consuls of France and ten other countries to close their consulates and leave within a week. Consulates of the United States, Great Britain, Italy, Germany, Austria and others were ordered closed.

TUG SINKS 27 BELIEVED DEAD

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., Dec. 18.—Twenty-seven persons are missing and are believed to have been drowned or died from exposure following the disaster which overtook the tug Reliance when it hit the rocks off Lizard Island four days ago.

This was the fear expressed by officials of the Superior Paper company, owner of the tug, who Sunday night for the first time, admitted that in addition to the crew of 14, the Reliance carried 22 passengers. Seven survivors of the wreck reached here Saturday night. Two others, Mr. and Mrs. John Harten, cooks, were suffering so from cold and exposure that they were left at a station of the Algoma Central railroad for medical attention.

REFUSE TO HAVE POWERS COMBINE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Central American conference today rejected by a vote of three to two a proposal that the meeting discuss a program looking to the political union of the five central American republics.

BUTLER MAY BE SUPREME JUDGE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The nomination of Pierce Butler, associate justice of the supreme court, is ordered reported to the senate today by a unanimous vote of the judicial committee.

RUSSIA'S PORTION AT LAUSANNE

