

LOUISIANA CALLS SOLDIERS

MEN'S BODIES FOUND RILES A COMMUNITY

Hooded Act of Last August Is Connected With the Murders

GOVERNOR PARKER HAS MARTIAL LAW

Feud Existing Between People of Standing in Louisiana Town Ripens Into A Dangerous Condition.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 20.—Company G National Guard of Monroe has arrived at Mer Rouge, La., and pitched camp, having been called out yesterday by the governor.

(By The Associated Press.)
MONROE, La., Dec. 20.—State troops are believed to have been sent to Mer Rouge in connection with the report of the finding of bodies of two men who were kidnapped last August when five men were seized and carried off by hooded men between Monroe and Bastrop.

Watt Davenport was released within an hour, rumor reporting at the time that the masked men had mistaken his identity.

Two men, Daniels and Andrews, later returned to their homes at Mer Rouge in a serious condition from severe beatings.

Two others named Richards and Watt Daniels never showed up and effect that the bodies found were theirs. The bodies had been weighted with wagon wheels and thrown in a lake near Mer Rouge.

Petty jealousies among influential families are believed to have been the origin of the trouble.

Dr. B. M. McKern, prominent physician, then mayor of Mer Rouge, had aligned himself with one faction and served notice on the lawbreakers that he would enforce the law.

His life was threatened and he left Mer Rouge. He is now taking a post graduate course at Johns Hopkins university at Baltimore.

FATTY ARBUCKLE MAY COME BACK

(By Associated Press.)
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—Rose C. ("Fatty") Arbuckle has been given a chance to "come back" and will return to the motion picture industry, according to an announcement made today.

The Arbuckle films were withdrawn after his arrest in connection with the death of Virginia Rappe at a party in the Arbuckle rooms of the El Francis hotel in San Francisco one year ago last September. Though Arbuckle was acquitted his film were withdrawn.

DAVE LIGHTNER IS CONVICTED

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—Dave Lightner was convicted in the federal court today of conspiracy to violate the narcotics and liquor laws. He will be sentenced Saturday on this conviction, and also on a previous one of conspiracy to smuggle narcotic and liquor into this country.

Boy Scouts Will Hold Winter Camp Next Week

The La Grande Boy Scouts will leave Tuesday morning, December 26, after Christmas day, for Rubenstein's cabin near Mt. Emily where they will hold winter camp the remainder of the week, returning to La Grande on Saturday, December 30. Winter camp has been held for several years and the boys are beginning to look forward to the date set for the departure with a zest.

About twenty boys will make up the expedition, headed by A. E. Pryke and Harvey Carter and Jeff Dean and Lester Stoddard are also planning on making the trip. Skills will take the boys over the snow and walking will be in order the rest of the way. A good cook, a cold spring, and an ideal place for a camping site, promises that the five days' trip will be one that should be remembered.

Out door sports will be one of the main items of the trip and a cup will be given to the boy who makes the highest points in all around skiing and other athletic sports. A prize will also be given to the best photographer on the trip, to be judged by the finished pictures.

Plans are being completed for the trip and the boys are busy setting planning on making the trip. Skills will take the boys over the snow and walking will be in order the rest of the way. A good cook, a cold spring, and an ideal place for a camping site, promises that the five days' trip will be one that should be remembered.

ASSOCIATION TELLS OF AIMS

Young Men's Christian Association in La Grande Gives Interview on Their Organization.

In La Grande as in many other places today, the comment is not infrequently heard that the life of the community is over-organized. An increasing number of people are inquiring as to the purposes and values of the numerous organizations they are invited to join or otherwise support; and organizations are realizing more and more the importance of subjecting themselves to critical self-analysis.

"This is a healthy tendency," said the general secretary in commenting upon this matter today, "and it is to be hoped that it will continue, particularly as regards such organizations as are intimately allied with the life of the people. The more that the public will search into the nature and work of organizations which have grown out of its own vital needs and aspirations, as the Y. M. C. A. has done, the better will the public understand its own problems and the better will it be able to serve itself through these organizations."

"There is an aspect of Y. M. C. A. work on which we would greatly appreciate frank comment and help. It is this: how best to keep the emphasis clear and definite that the purpose behind every Y. M. C. A. activity is the spiritual life of helping men and boys to live the most useful lives of which they are capable."

"The platform on which the association has stood, from its beginnings in a small group of young men until its round-the-world status today, is that every young man should be given a chance for all-around development. This means development of body, mind and spirit, side by side. It believes the spirit stands a better chance with a sound body and an occupied mind, and in its 75 years of history, has made of this theory an axiom, so that numerous organizations that look toward the training of youth have adopted this idea."

"If the association were merely a club where at a small price men and boys could get advantages of physical training, education opportunities and healthful social contacts, it would in my opinion still be worth all it costs to any community. Were it taken out of the community, it would have to be invented again, because it meets a general need economically and democratically."

"But the ideal of the Y. M. C. A. is more than this. It is the ideal of practical religion permeating every activity of living, building honorable, generous public-spirited citizens, and bringing together men of differing shades of beliefs in common interests and common service to their fellow men."

"We of the La Grande Y. M. C. A. want to serve, and want to help others serve, in that way. We want to enlist men and boys for service, in leadership and in the ranks. For associations to be that it stands for the practical religion which is indicated by its name."

LOCAL TALENT IN CONCERT

Under the auspices of Mrs. Lee Reynolds and Mrs. E. L. Evans, the Salvation Army will give a benefit concert for the Salvation Army Christmas dinner, this evening in the high school auditorium. A delightful program, which was published in yesterday's Observer, will be rendered and those who have music are promised a concert that will not be soon forgotten.

The Salvation Army Christmas dinner is becoming an annual affair and brings a Yuletide cheer to the hearts of many who would not otherwise be aware that "peace on earth and good will to men" still existed.

POWERS BUSY CARRYING OUT NAVAL TREATY

Work is Being Done by Signatories of Washington Conference Pact, Says Denby.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Responding to a house resolution, Secretary Denby transmitted to congress Tuesday the information in the hands of the navy department on the status of the Washington arms conference naval treaty, or otherwise disposed of by the signatories since the adjournment of the conference.

The report showed that neither the United States nor Japan plan to complete the scrapping of any existing capital ships pending promulgation of the treaty, although both nations have stopped work on large building programs of capital ships. Great Britain, on the other hand, was shown to have disposed of or to be disposing of a very considerable number of older capital ships.

The United States, according to the report, in addition to suspending work on vessels under construction under the treaty, has decommissioned all completed ships affected except the battleship Connecticut which soon will be placed out of commission, and has sold the Maine and the Missouri which are actually being broken up.

LUMBER DEMAND REMAINS HEAVY

Though no important contracts for rolling stock have been placed by the railroads during the last week, there are numerous inquiries in circulation which aggregate a huge total, and it is expected that additional orders will be placed at any moment, according to the American Lumberman. The mills meanwhile are carrying on their books heavy orders for car and other railroad material which, in combination with prospects for enormous quantities of future business of the same character, make for an exceedingly strong market. The railroads are also reported to be contemplating making heavy expenditures in improving their properties and rights-of-way during 1923, and their requirements appear certain to dominate the lumber market for some time. Industrial business as a whole is unseasonably active. This is especially noticeable in the hardware market, where furniture, automobile flooring and interior trim, box and

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EXEMPTION OF SECURITIES BRINGS FIGHT

Green of Iowa, Introduced Measure to Cease Issuing Tax Free Securities

ROW BEGAN WHEN PROPOSITION CAME

Shipping Bill Supporters Made Effort Today to Get Vote on Proposal to Side-track Measure.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Futile efforts were made again in the senate today by supporters of the shipping bill to bring to a vote the question of whether that measure should remain before the senate or be displaced by the Norris agricultural measure.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—House Republican leaders decided today to postpone further consideration of the Green resolution for the constitutional amendment prohibiting the issuance of tax exempt securities.

After a sharp preliminary skirmish, the house Tuesday took up the resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution under which issuance of tax-exempt securities by the federal government and the states would be prohibited.

Backed by the enforcement of President Harding and the treasury, the proposal was the center of a hard fight, in which many Republicans opposed it.

Passage of the measure, offered by Representative Green of Iowa, ranking Republican of the ways and means committee, which reported it, will require a two-thirds vote of the house. Opponents claimed Tuesday night it would be defeated although leaders who caused it to be brought up insisted it would go through. Four hours of general debate, allotted under a special rule giving the measure right of way, had not been concluded on adjournment Tuesday night.

THE WEATHER

PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—Tonight will be fair except for rain in north-west portion. Thursday will see rain in the west and snow in eastern Oregon with increasing southerly winds.

OREGON GRADS ORGANIZE AN ALUMNI BODY

Lemon-Yellow Alumni Association is Formed; H. E. Watkins is Elected President.

A La Grande University of Oregon Alumni association was affected last evening at the Lemon-Yellow Alumni banquet held at the Country club at which time President P. L. Campbell spoke of the \$10,000,000 fund campaign which is being taken up by the state university.

H. E. Watkins was elected president unanimously and Mrs. William Miller received the office of secretary-treasurer. An executive committee, composed of Ed Jasper, of Elgin, Dr. Ray Murphy and Homer Leffel was organized.

Those present at the banquet were Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Ingle, Dr. and Mrs. Ray F. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Rickerts, Ruth Nash, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hampton, Mr. Davidson, Fred Kiddle, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Farley, Mr. and Mrs. Roy B. Curry, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Dutton, Mr. and Mrs. William Miller, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hanna, Mr. and Mrs. Albert R. Curry, Homer Leffel, President Prince L. Campbell, Lamar Tooez, W. K. Newell and Palmer Burkett.

BULLETINS

POLAND HAS NEW PRESIDENT

WARSAW, Dec. 20.—Stanislaw Wojciechowski was elected president of Poland today.

AGED TEACHER DIES.

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—Miss Christina MacConnell, for fifty-nine years a public school teacher and forty-two years a teacher in Portland, died here today at the age of eighty-two.

WHEAT MARKET.

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—Wheat, \$1.20 to \$1.50.

EIGHT STRIKERS CONVICTED.

(By Associated Press.)
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—Eight union trainmen leaders were convicted of conspiracy to obstruct the interstate commerce for their activities in connection with the strike here last August against the Santa Fe, by a verdict of the jury in the federal court here today. In this strike twenty trains were abandoned in California and Arizona deserts, leaving the passengers stranded.

L. H. S. PLAYS ALUMNI FRIDAY

Will Be First Game of Season for the High School Team; Alumni Team Considered Stronger.

Alumni basketball artists, heroes of many a hard fought game during former years under the Blue and White colors, will play the high school basketball team Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the gymnasium in the first practice game of the season. From present looks looks more as if the game would be a practice contest than the alumni than for the high school men, however.

Such men as "Toots" Garrity, Pete Stoddard, "Bud" Theison, George McDonald, "Skeet" Reynolds, Judy Ash and Black will invade the high school camp and as several of them have been playing basketball at college for a month things look pretty gloomy in the opposing camp. The positive lineup for the Alumni has not been announced but the above men will be available and ready to don the court shorts.

Class games have been in order during the first part of the season and the first team, as a unit, has had very little practice this season. Heavy practice is in order this week but it is doubtful if a few days' work can prepare them sufficiently to down the Alumni.

Captain Glenn Metcalf will probably start at center and others who may play are Ray Lynch, Robert Garrity, Francis Hough, Eugene Metcalf, Bernard Humpel, Joe Funk, Floyd Smith and Owen Price. Other men are showing up well in practice and may be given a chance to show their stuff under heavy fire.

This will be the first time the high school team will appear this season, and many are anxious to get a line on their strength and possibilities and a large crowd is expected.

Pet Larson will be another Alumni prospect for the game.

NAVY EMPLOYEES UNDER A CHARGE

Government Property Valued Up to Million Dollars Said to Have Been Stolen Since the War.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Twenty-two civilian employees at the Brooklyn navy base were arrested today on indictments returned over a month ago charging government property worth over a million dollars had been stolen since the war.

HARRY BRINK WILL BE LAID TO REST

The funeral of Harry Brink, a former resident of La Grande, who passed on in Portland recently, arrived in La Grande today and the funeral will be held Friday afternoon from the Snodgrass and Zimmerman chapel.

BYERS FUNERAL TO BE HELD THURSDAY

The remains of S. C. Byers arrived in La Grande last evening from Roseburg where he passed on recently and his funeral will be held Thursday afternoon, the interment to take place in the Summerville cemetery at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Snodgrass and Zimmerman have charge of his remains.

LIVESTOCK MARKET

PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—Livestock and eggs were steady and butter firm today.

Elks Christmas Tree is To be Bigger than Ever

It will be at 1 o'clock on Christmas day, let all children of La Grande and surrounding country take notice.

Why, the Elks' annual Christmas tree which has grown to be a juvenile event that has few equals in the northwest. The kids know about it and they will be on the job a little before 11 o'clock when Ed Meyersick, chief herder of the youngsters will marshal them into line and Harry Hoffman and Roy Healey, other members of the Elks' committee will see that Santa Claus overlooks not one little tot. The age limit is 12 years, but big hearted Elks never turn down a youngster whose birthday happens to be just before Christmas.

Toys and candy—lots of both—will be on taps according to word received from Table Mountain where

TURKS FACE ULTIMATUM ON STRAITS

Turkey's Answer to Allied Powers' Proposal for Free Straits is Awaited

CONFERENCE SUCCESS HINGES ON REPLY

United States is Silent on the Situation; The Allied Leaders Bring Matters to a Climax.

LAUSANNE, Dec. 20.—Turkish fears of submarines, Turkish fears of swiftly flying military airplanes laden with bombs, and generally, Turkish fears of aggressions from without that would put Constantinople in danger, Tuesday might have put the whole Lausanne conference in jeopardy.

The United States is silent on the situation, but the allied leaders say that they have uttered their last word on the question of liberty of the straits. Wednesday the Turks must say yes or no to the allied project.

The British experts, Admiral Keyes and General Burdett-Stuart, already have left for England, believing their work to have been completed and the French experts are preparing to depart Wednesday night, at the conclusion of the "last session" for discussion of the straits. Whether a rupture will come on the straits problem depends chiefly on whether the entente diplomats and their experts can remove the Turkish fears. This they were trying to do Tuesday night.

The allies have emphasized that they could not accept the Turkish request for the suppression of submarines and military airplanes; especially they have been unable to accept the Ottoman suggestion that combined foreign fleets entering the Black sea should not exceed in strength the fleet of the strongest naval power of the Black sea.

"That would make the Black sea forbidden ground," said a French expert Tuesday night.

Russians in Fighting Mood.

As the Russians are here only for discussion of the straits question Wednesday may see the last of them at Lausanne. They still are in a fighting mood, however. George Tchitcherine was in argumentative form Tuesday. He tried to win American sympathy for the Russian straits projects by insisting that it incorporated the American idea of "beneficent warships." But the allies have argued that the Moscow straits plan is absolutely unacceptable.

United States Speaks

(By Associated Press.)
LAUSANNE, Dec. 20.—American opposition to the proposal of the Allied powers for a commission for the control of the Turkish straits today took a concrete form in a memorandum presented by Ambassador Childs to the secretary general of the Near East Conference.

Unless a position is taken of "freedom of the straits for nations without discrimination" he declares that it will best be served by a reliance on treaty rights and agreements rather than on a joint or international commission of the straits.

