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FIRE SWEEPS IRON WORKS

TURKS LEAVE CONFERENCE IN LAUSANNE

Ottomans Depart from Hall As Protest Against Allied Action.

BELIEVES ALLIES INCITED ARMENIANS

Riza Nur Bey Said He Understood Allied Stand on Armenian National Home Due to Moral Interests.

(By Associated Press.) LAUSANNE, Jan. 6.—The Turkish delegation to the Near East Conference left the meeting hall today as a protest against the Allied insistence upon the establishment of an Armenian national home.

LIQUOR CASE HEARING HELD

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Contending that the prohibition amendment was unconstitutional with the constitution, extending to all places where the United States has jurisdiction, Mrs. Mahel W. Withbrandt, assistant attorney-general, presented the government's argument in the supreme court today in the appeals brought by the American steamship companies, to have set aside the decision of Judge Hand at New York. The decision sustained the ruling of Attorney-General Daugherty that American ships were prohibited from having liquor aboard for beverage, that by passengers on the high seas, and in foreign ports, and from bringing such liquor into American ports in their sealed sea stores.

BASKETBALL GAME TONIGHT

The Blue and White basketball team will open their season this evening against the Union high school quintette in the La Grande high school gymnasium. Both teams are reported to be hitting a fast game and a close race for the victory is expected. Two teams will be in uniform this evening, each nearly the same in strength.

LA GRANDE ELKS TO GIVE SOCIAL DANCE

Announcement was made today that the Elks would give a big social dance on January 15th. The ball will be one of the important social affairs of the season. Complete arrangements for the staging of the affair have not been finished.

Blasts To Raise Debris In Cowlitz; River Rises Four Feet During Night

(By The Associated Press.) KELSO, Wash., Jan. 6.—The rapid rise of the Cowlitz river caused a break in the dike. One hundred fifty men are working to save the structure on a farm of Kelso from a new disaster. Cowlitz river is higher than ever before.

(By Associated Press.) KELSO, Wash., Jan. 6.—Dynamite will be used in an effort to raise the bodies of victims of the bridge disaster. The rising list was reduced today when Leslie Seimer, of Laveport, Wash., was found alive. This balanced the odds in a race that right and wrong, the latter

HOOVER NOT TO SUCCEED FALL WHO RESIGNED

President Offers Herbert Hoover Position as Secretary of Interior; Hoover to Stay in Present Place.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The president today tendered Secretary of Commerce Hoover the place as secretary of the interior which Albert B. Fall will vacate March 4th, but Hoover is understood to have informed the president that he adhered to his original intention of making the commerce organization a real department, and that he would retain his present position.

BASTROP CASE MOVES AHEAD

Investigation Into "Klan Murders" Was Started; Open Hearing Expected to Be Sensational.

BASTROP, La., Jan. 6.—Doctors Duval and Langford today reported in the Morehouse investigation that the bodies of Daniels and Richards were subjected to some specially constructed device designed to inflict punishment.

BASTROP, La., Jan. 6.—The state of Louisiana, through the state attorney general, Friday night had set up the groundwork of its investigation into masked band outlawry in Morehouse parish—the identification through half a dozen witnesses by tickets and bits of clothing, of two headless and mutilated bodies forced to the surface of Lake Fourche by a mysterious dynamite explosion, as those of Watt Daniels and T. F. Richards, missing Mer Rouge citizens.

Identification of the bodies was the first move in an open hearing which it is promised will culminate in one of the most sensational exposures of masked band depredations ever unfolded.

Called "Klan Murders," the slaying of Daniels and Richards has been referred to by Gov. John M. Parker of Louisiana, at whose direction the hearing was undertaken, as "klan murders."

MONTHLY REPORT OF RED CROSS

The monthly report of the La Grande Red Cross was received by the Observer today and contains the following items: Expenditures for the month were \$263.23 and the returned expenditures were \$125.30. One hundred and eight families were served, 46 of them being post war cases and 62 civilian. Two hundred and twenty seven visits were made to the 108 families.

GREEK PRINCE IS COMING TO AMERICA

PARIS, Jan. 6.—Prince Andrew of Greece, who was exiled after the Greek revolution on conviction of charges that he had contributed to the Greek debacle in Asia Minor, called on Myron T. Herrick, the American ambassador, today and announced he would sail for New York on the liner Olympic next Wednesday.

Prince Andrew told the ambassador he intended to join Prince and Princess Christopher of Greece in New York and probably would remain in America several months.

HIGH WATER MARK FLOODS MANY HOMES

(By The Associated Press.) PORTLAND, Jan. 6.—Heavy rains and melting snows have flooded Oregon streams, causing much damage. The suspension bridge across the Hood River, two and one-half miles south of Hood River, went out when hit by logs and drift wood last night. Several small bridges near The Dalles are reported out. The Hood River has reached the eleven-foot stage, the highest record, due to the sudden rise of the Columbia also. The Columbia highway is blocked by mud slides, and telephone and telegraph connections are crippled. Many railroad tracks were washed out. At Willamina families were removed from their homes in boats. The bridge over the Willamina is closed.

PHONE SERVICE HURT BY BLAZE

Foundry Fire Burns Large Telephone Cable; Connections Re-established This Morning.

Adding to the trouble that the E. O. L. & P. company and the Home Telephone company combated yesterday due to the heavy snow of Friday morning came more woes to the telephone company today. One hundred feet of the 25 leaden cable by the La Grande Iron Works was burned last evening when the foundry was razed by fire and as a result the connections east of the foundry were out of order all morning. Workmen were dispatched to the seat of trouble immediately and after many hours work, succeeded in putting in a new cable and getting the line back into order, connections being made about noon today.

Large Shipment of Reed Furniture Received Today

W. H. Bohnenkamp company have just received the furnishings for the assembly room of their new chapel. Taken altogether it makes probably the largest shipment of reed furniture ever received in La Grande, is the opinion expressed by members of the company.

SAVOY HOTEL CHANGES HANDS

Ben Decious, of La Grande, Assumes Proprietorship of Establishment This Morning.

Ben Decious, formerly proprietor of the Silver Grill restaurant, went down to the Savoy hotel early this morning, took off his hat and coat, seated himself behind the hotel register and prepared for the first day of business as proprietor of his new enterprise. "The hotel will be conducted on practically the same plan as before," he stated. "It will be run as a family hotel and the same excellent and efficient service will be maintained as when Mr. Staley was in charge." Any remodeling of the building, if necessary, will be attended to at a later date, Mr. Decious stated. Mr. Decious is going into the hotel business on a large scale and he will also take over the proprietorship of the Sommer hotel on March 1st. No remodeling of the building will be done until that date, due to the feeling that the inclement weather would impede progress in that direction and that the work would be finished as quickly when started at that time.

AD CLUB LUNCH TO BE TUESDAY

The Union County Ad club will hold their regular weekly non-day luncheon in the K. of P. hall on Tuesday with Dr. J. L. Ingie as chairman of the day. The W. R. C. will prepare the dinner and the members are expecting a royal feed, as the ladies have quite a reputation as being caterers par excellence. W. L. Kaddery, associated with the extension division of the Oregon Agricultural college, is expected to make an address to the members at the luncheon and other matters will be discussed at this time.

WYRES OUT OF ORDER

According to an advice by the local Western Union office the telegraph wires between Portland and La Grande are out of order, the trouble thought to be near Hood River. No dispatches have been received since 1:30 in La Grande from outside points and as a result, the Evening Observer failed to receive any telegraph news after that time.

DANGER OF COAL STRIKE IS NOW OVER

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Practically all danger of another coal strike in the unionized bituminous fields after April first has passed, said Federal Coal Commissioner John Hays Hammond.

GAS PRICES DROP IN CITY

Retail Price of Gasoline is Now at 27 Cents; Two-Cent Drop Went Into Effect Friday.

Coming simultaneously with a similar cut in prices in Portland, the price of gasoline came down from 29 cents per gallon to 27 cents per gallon retail in La Grande, the new price going into effect yesterday. All four of the companies operating in the Portland territory, the Standard of California, the Union, the Associated and the Shell participated in the drop, the Portland prices declining from 25 cents to 23 cents, these figures including the 2 cent gasoline tax in this state.

LEGION HEAD IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Jan. 6.—Every Legionnaire for his comrade and all for America! is the slogan for ex-service men brought to Portland last night by Alvin M. Oswald, national commander of the American Legion, who arrived from Salem at 6:10 by automobile.

Full of optimism for the entire success of the legion program and for a greater organization and nation, Mr. Oswald expressed the belief that the majority of the things for which the legion stood would be achieved.

CONCERT POSTPONED

The concert that was to have been given on January 17th by the scholarship loan committee of the Neighborhood club of La Grande has been postponed until a later date.

RACE BATTLE DEATH TOLL REACHES SIX

Posses Numbering Nearly 300 Scouring Country for Jesse Hunter, Negro Convict.

ROSEWOOD, Fla., Jan. 6.—Armed posses of white men, numbering between 200 and 300, Friday night were scouring the countryside for Jesse Hunter, escaped negro convict, search for whom Thursday night in connection with an attack on a white girl resulted in the killing of two white men and four negroes and the wounding of four other white men. Sheriff Elias Walker said only six were killed despite reports of a large number. Additional ammunition has been ordered from Gainesville and Sheriff Walker said Friday night that further trouble appeared imminent. Relatives of the slain negroes are believed to be armed and are expected to cause trouble is overtaken by the whites.

Following the clash between the races, the negro section was fired and virtually was destroyed. All negroes have fled Rosewood and are believed to be hiding in the woods for protection.

Two Whites Killed. C. P. Wilkinson, a merchant of Sumner, and Henry Andres, superintendent of the Sumner Lumber company at Otter Creek, were killed when they advanced on a negro house Thursday night to see Sylvester Carrier, a negro, who was believed to know the whereabouts of Hunter. Their companions then rained bullets on the house, the negroes returning the fire.

Before dawn the white men's ammunition was exhausted and the negroes escaped before the supply could be replenished. A search of the house disclosed that Sylvester Carrier and his mother, Sarah Carrier, had been shot to death. Lesty Gordon, negro woman, was shot to death as she was leaving her burning dwelling, it was reported. Friday afternoon the body of Mingo Williams, negro, was found on a road about 20 miles from Rosewood. He had been shot through the jaw.

AIRMAN FALLS 10,000 FEET

SALT LAKE, Jan. 6.—Pilot Henry G. Boonstra of the western division of the United States aerial mail service fell about 10,000 feet with his airplane near Wanship, Utah, Thursday afternoon, and escaped with only slight injuries, according to an announcement by air mail officials here Friday.

News of the mishap was kept secret until Friday, the officials said, because it was desired to first learn definitely what had happened to the aviator.

ENGLAND WATCHING EVENTS IN MEXICO

LONDON, Jan. 6.—Anxiety regarding the status of foreign property in Mexico is expressed in British official circles, and if present conditions continue, it was said Friday that the British government, likely would take new steps to insure the security of foreign interests there. The recent killing of a British subject has served to bring the situation to the fore.

MARKET STEADY

(By The Associated Press.) PORTLAND, Jan. 6.—Livestock, eggs and butter were steady today.

FACTORY IS RUINED BY A FIERCE BLAZE

La Grande Loses One of Her Larger Industrial Plants

TOTAL LOSS WAS ABOUT \$35,000

D. Fitzgerald, Proprietor of the Razed Works, Announces That He Will Rebuild Immediately.

La Grande received her second fire tragedy last evening when the La Grande Iron Works, situated on Cove avenue, burned to the ground, the building and the greater share of the machinery being a total loss. Some of the heavier iron working machinery may possibly be renovated and made usable but all of the wood-working and electrical machinery is completely ruined.

According to Dave Fitzgerald, owner of the plant, the loss amounted to between \$30,000 and \$35,000 of which \$9,000 was covered by insurance. Several of the office fixtures were saved but outside of the articles in the office, nothing was taken from the building.

Interior Burning. The alarm was put in about ten o'clock and the fire department made a fast run, despite the wet condition of the streets, but upon their arrival, little was to be done with the exception of holding the fire within bounds. The interior was ablaze, the fire apparently having started either in the furnace room or some point on the inside and getting a good start before the blaze was noticed. Within a few hours the entire factory, with a floor space of about 12,000 square feet, was burned to the ground.

Will Rebuild. "I expect to be ready to serve my customers in a short time," Mr. Fitzgerald announced today. "Just as soon as the insurance matter is adjusted I will start rebuilding on the same site. The building will be more modern and I expect to have the plant running full blast before many more months have passed."

The firmen worked heroically from ten o'clock until 3:30 this morning when the recall was sounded but it was impossible to save the building. No one was injured.

In the face of the loss of his factory, Mr. Fitzgerald proved himself a great loser. Ignoring the financial blow, he has already begun making preparations to rebuild and expects to have a bigger and better business in the future. The merchants and business men in general in La Grande are sympathizing with him in his loss.

SPOKANE JUDGE IS NOMINATED

PORTLAND, Jan. 6.—Frank H. Rudkin, United States judge of the district of eastern Washington, today was nominated to be United States circuit judge of the 9th circuit, San Francisco. The nomination was marked by several unusual features, states a special dispatch from the Oregonian.

Walter M. Pierce Will Be Inaugurated Monday As Governor Of Oregon

Oregon's seventeenth governor will probably be formally inaugurated Monday afternoon at a joint session of the senate and house of representatives of the Thirty-second legislative session. Walter M. Pierce, democrat of La Grande, governor-elect, will be the first governor formally inaugurated since January, 1919, when the late James Withycombe was inaugurated for his second term, which was terminated two months later by his death. Ben W. Olcott, who was at that time secretary of state, succeeded Withycombe. Following the inauguration of Governor Pierce, he will proceed to Portland, where he will be the principal speaker and guest of honor at a meeting of the Jackson Democrat club on Monday night at 8 o'clock in the green room of the chamber of commerce, in the Oregon building. Legislative Session to Open. The session will open Monday morning at ten o'clock, go into committee of the whole and elect the clerks of the session and then adjourn into the permanent organizations of the senate and house. Following the election of president of the senate and speaker of the house, a resolution authorizing a joint session of both bodies will be passed and in the presence of the supreme court, with the president of the senate presiding, the inauguration of Governor Pierce will be held in the chamber of the house of representatives.

