

WOMAN'S BREAST BRANDED

PROTEST IS SENT SLAV GOVERNMENT

Alien Ambassadors Ask the Lictanian Government to Take Action

URGE CURTAILMENT IN MEMEL DISTRICT

Ambassadors Believe Slav Government is Able to Stop Movement if Prompt Action is Taken.

French Flag Torn Down. (By Associated Press.) BERLIN, Jan. 12.—The French flag hoisted by occupation forces was torn down and destroyed at Steele two miles outside of Essen. The burgomaster was obliged to apologize and warn people against violence.

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WEEK OF WHEAT MEETS STARTS

Oregon Graingrowers Association and Union County Farm Bureau Combines.

Combining with the Oregon Grain Growers Association the Union County farm bureau has made arrangements for a series of meetings to be held in North Powder, Union, La Grande, Imbler, Summerville and Elsie beginning Monday and being completed Saturday.

The purpose of the meetings will be the discussion of cheaper crops from the production side, wheat varieties, smut control, potato diseases and other phases of farm life.

E. R. Jackson, crop specialist from the extension service of the Oregon Agricultural college, will be present at the meetings and give addresses on various subjects. C. A. Barnes, of the Oregon Grain Growers' Association, is also to be present.

The program for the week's meetings is as follows: North Powder, Monday, January 15, 1:00 p. m., city hall. Union, Tuesday, January 16, 1:00 p. m., city hall. La Grande, Wednesday, January 17, 1:00 p. m., city hall. Imbler, Thursday, January 18, 1:00 p. m., K. P. hall. Summerville, Friday, January 19, 1:00 p. m., L. O. E. hall. Elsie, Saturday, January 20, 1:00 p. m., city hall.

France Faces Gigantic Task in Coal Regions

(By The Associated Press.) DE ESSEL, (G.H.P.), Jan. 12.—The first day of the occupation of Essen was taken up practically in obtaining contact between the French economic missions and representatives of the German coal mine operators and steel mill owners, with a view to finding a basis of co-operation in working the Ruhr industries.

Conferences between M. Coate, the French inspector general of mines; General Leventis, superintendent of iron and steel plants and representatives of German industries, were held in Düsseldorf and Essen. The Essen conference was attended by delegates from both the Krupp and Thyssen plants.

LOCAL QUINT DOWNS UNION FIVE 29 TO 14

Gives La Grande Two Wins from Maroon and White; Union Seconds Defeat La Granders 15 to 13.

In one of the fiercest struggles ever witnessed on a Union county basketball court, the La Grande high school squad won a victory from the red team by a score of 29 to 14. The first half ended 21 to 5 in La Grande's favor but in the last half the Union bunch whipped up and scored 9 points to La Grande's eight. In a second team game played just before the main event, the Unionites won 15 to 13, the first half ending 12 to 6 for Union. In the last half La Grande outplayed her opponents but could not overcome the lead.

Rarely is so rough a game seen in the hoop contests. Both teams were fighting fiercely and playing their best ball and the checking was one of La Grande's main standbys. Giving an exhibition of aggressive teamwork under close guarding, the Blue and White scored again and again in the first half, dropping nearly half of their baskets in from near the middle of the floor.

Team Going Good. Ray Lynch, who was held to the sidelines part of the time a week ago, went the whole game and was easily the best player on the floor. His long distance shots were phenomenal and his foul conversions were absolutely accurate. Lynch dropped in 6 points from the foul line without a miss. Hummelt, the big Idaho boy, was the closest second to Lynch, playing a beautiful game on the floor and giving his opponents the time of their lives trying to keep their eyes on him. Garrity at guard, played a star game.

On the Union team Clifford Johnson probably played the best game on the floor with Martens showing up good also, despite the fact that the Blue and White warriors swamped him on most of the plays. As a unit the red team was fighting all the time.

FIRE FIGHTERS NAME OFFICERS

A meeting of the La Grande fire department was held last evening and the following officers were elected to appoint Fire Chief C. O. Murch; L. L. Enderss, assistant chief; James O'Neill, captain; Nate Zwickel, first lieutenant; F. B. Suydam, second lieutenant; A. Van Fleet, secretary; H. E. Keeney, treasurer; C. L. Mackey, president; Lloyd Scriber, vice-president.

THREE MORE EXECUTED IN IRISH STATE

Official Announcement Is Made Today by Free State Authorities

KIDNAPPING PLAN PROVES FAILURE

Two Men Kidnap Mr. Gregory, Member of the Free State Senate, But Escape Is Made.

(By The Associated Press.) DUBLIN, Jan. 12.—Three men were executed in Dundalk this morning. Free State authorities officially announced.

SANDERS SAYS RUM RUNNERS ARE PROLIFIC

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—William B. Sanders, chief customs inspector here today, characterized as "laughable" the prohibition agents' denial of rum running activities of large proportions off Sandy Hook. Sanders Thursday night captured four rum runners off of the Jersey coast.

CONGRESSMAN DIES SUDDENLY

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Representative Montoya, of New Mexico, died suddenly at his home here today. He was stricken while shaving.

J. A. TEDFORD NOW IN CHARGE

Takes Over Management of the J. C. Penney Co.'s Store in This City Upon Mr. Short's Retirement.

J. A. Tedford, formerly of The Dalles, is now in charge of the J. C. Penney company store of La Grande, succeeding C. E. Short, who retired from the business yesterday. Mr. Tedford has been with the J. C. Penney company for two and one-half years as manager of the store at The Dalles and the La Grande business section welcomes him as a distinct addition to their personnel. Mrs. Tedford and their two sons Myron and Wilbur, arrived in the city last evening.

"The condition of the store is excellent," Mr. Tedford remarked today. "Under Mr. Short's supervision, the Penney interests in La Grande have been raised to a standard above the average throughout the northwest and rarely have I seen a store so efficiently managed. We hope to be able to merit the confidence of our patrons in the future in the same courteous and efficient way that Mr. Short has and will extend the same courteous and excellent service that has been manifested in the past."

COMPTROLLER IS APPOINTED

President Harding Clears Treasury Appointment Slate; Names Governor of Federal Reserve Board.

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—President Harding cleared the slate of important pending treasury appointments Friday by nominating D. R. Crandiger of Marion, O., now controller of the currency, to be governor of the federal reserve board; Jas. H. McNary, of Jax Vegas, N. M., to succeed Mr. Crandiger as comptroller, and Alvin D. Campbell, of Coldwater, Mich., to be the "dirt farmer" reserve board member.

KLANSMEN IN MURDER CASE ARE ACCUSED

Witnesses Give Details of K. K. K. Activities in South

SAYS KLAN LEADERS HEADED THE RAIDERS

Murdered Men Knew Too Much, Skipworth Is Alleged to Have Said; Northworthy is Quizzed.

(By Associated Press.) BASTROP, La., Jan. 12.—William B. Stuckey, Mer Rouge lawyer, testifying today declared that the theory had been advanced in the Mer Rouge connection in the alleged attempt to kill former Mayor McKoin that McKoin "shot up" his own car to gain the support of the Ku Klux Klan.

(By The Associated Press.) BASTROP, La., Jan. 12.—Will R. Northworthy, Morehouse parish planter, testifying Friday in the open hearing investigation of masked band depredations in Morehouse and the slaying of Watt Daniel and Thomas Richard, victims of a black hooded mob, credited Capt. J. K. Skipworth, leader of the parish organization of the Ku Klux Klan, with having said Richard and Daniel "knew too much."

Northworthy was testifying as to a conference he said was held with Skipworth in the latter's home at Vaughn, La. The discussion led up to the disappearance of Daniel and Richard.

TURKS READY FOR HOSTILE SMYRNA MOVE

Reports State That Ottomans are Making Ready to Resume Hostilities in Event of Lausanne Failure.

RAY OAKLEY KILLS SELF IN PORTLAND

Illness which had so distorted the vision of Ray W. Oakley that he thought it a burden in the lives of his wife and two children led him yesterday afternoon to shoot and kill himself in his small home at 1115 East Twenty-seventh street North, says a dispatch from Portland. He was 38 years of age and was in the employ of the Southern Pacific as a draftsman.

Mr. Oakley was well known in La Grande and had been here as an employee of the O.-W., and later with the state highway department. He was a candidate for the office of city manager at the first of the year and resided in this city for a period of one year. He had many friends in this locality who extend their sincere sympathy to his surviving wife and children in their loss.

GAME WARDEN'S REPORT IS OUT

(By Associated Press.) UNION, Jan. 12.—State Game Warden Burdett has rendered his report of the Game Commission for the State of Oregon, and it is a very readable little pamphlet done in the highest style of the typographic art, containing much information of interest to hunters and fishermen and taxpayers in general, as well.

There is a fine picture of the State Fish Hatchery at Union in the report, which shows also for the period from December 1921 to Nov. 29, 1922, the expense of the Union hatchery was as follows: Operating \$21,841; construction, \$128,449; equipment, \$287, total \$520,290. And this is one of the State hatcheries that has functioned right from the start and probably has one of the best records for fish distribution of any hatchery in the state.

Cholera Kills 71 Hogs in Tom Johnson's Herd

Tom Johnson, prominent Union county stockman and exhibitor, is shouldering a loss of 71 market hogs due to hog cholera, which broke out in the herd, which is housed in his (last year) south of Island City, this week, being the first large outbreak of cholera in Union county during the past year. Several hogs died as a result of the disease and the remainder had to be killed and burned to check the disease and save the remainder of the herd. The loss is approximately \$2500 by Mr. Johnson.

WHITE ROBED MEN BRAND OREGON LADY

Mrs. Nevada Standish Was Branded With A Hot Metal Cross

ALLEGED ATTACK WAS A MONTH AGO

District Attorney Goyne Is Investigating Outrage; Mrs. Standish Recently Before Courts.

(By Associated Press.) TILLAMOOK, Jan. 12.—White robed men entered the home of Mrs. Nevada Standish here and branded her on the breast with a hot metal cross, according to reports which District Attorney Goyne has been investigating. No formal charge has been filed. According to the reports reaching Goyne the alleged attack occurred about a month ago.

Mrs. Standish was recently tried and acquitted on the charge of being implicated in moonshining operations, according to Goyne.

REPORT MADE BY TAY DODD

(By The Associated Press.) TILLAMOOK, Jan. 12.—Two men knocked at the door of Mrs. Standish's house shortly after midnight on November 21. One asked her, the other held the small cross by a pair of pliers, heating it with matches and then applied it to her breast in the story that she told. They warned her not to tell before they left, she said. Her attorney, Webster Holmes, said today that the scar was still visible on the woman's breast. He said he had heard that another woman was treated the same way on the same night at Bay City.