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FRANCE GETS BRITON AREA IN COLOGNE

Six Kilometer Strip Turned
Over to French and
Belgians.

FRENCH NOW HAVE THROUGH RAILROAD

Lithuanian Forces Continue
to Combat Polish Army;
Lithuanian Mobilization is
Ordered; Franco Appro-
priation Made.

(By Associated Press.)
COLOGNE, Feb. 19.—The British
turned over today a six kilometer strip
of the eastern end of their zone, to
give the French and Belgians complete
control of a double track railroad
from Düsseldorf, a short stretch of
which runs through the British area.

France Appropriation.
(By The Associated Press.)
PARIS, Feb. 19.—An appropriation
of 110,000,000 francs for expense in
the Ruhr operations in January and
February has been prepared for ap-
proval by the cabinet and parliament.

Fighting in Neutral Zone.
(By The Associated Press.)
WARSAW, Feb. 19.—Fresh attacks
by Lithuania on Polish forces in the
neutral zone allotted to Poland by the
League of Nations was reported here
today. Reports also stated that since
1922 has been mobilized by Lithuania.

PIONEER LADY DIED SUNDAY

Mrs. G. W. Raeburn, pioneer resi-
dent of Pendleton, died in La
Grande Sunday shortly before noon as
the termination of a brief illness. Her
death came as a severe shock to her
many friends, who sorrowfully mourn
her passing on.

The remains are at the Bohnen-
kamp Chapel and the funeral services
will be held from the Sumnerville
Cemetery Chapel tomorrow afternoon
at two o'clock.

NOON LUNCHEON PROGRAM GIVEN

Union County Farm Bureau
to Meet Tomorrow Noon
With Ad Club in Method-
ist Church.

With J. E. Reynolds as chairman of
the day, the Union County Ad. Club
will meet tomorrow noon in the Meth-
odist church with the Union County
Farm Bureau in charge. An interest-
ing program, which includes an ad-
dress by B. A. Barnes, field man for
the Oregon Grain Growers' Associa-
tion, on "Co-operative Marketing and
Distributing of Farm Crops," and an
address by County Agent H. G. Avery
on "Improved Farm Crops Produc-
tion," has been arranged. Several
other short talks will complete the
program.

The Methodist ladies will serve the
luncheon and members are urged to
be at the church by twelve o'clock
sharp.

Archdeacon May Locate In La Grande Is Report

The Rev. McLean Goldie of the
diocese of Eastern, Pa., has been se-
lected by Bishop William P. Remington
to be archdeacon of the diocese
of eastern Oregon to succeed Dr. Van
Waters, of Portland, resigned. It was
announced by the Episcopal diocesan
board on his return to Baker yes-
terday. Bishop Remington has been
in the east more than six weeks in
an endeavor to secure rectors and
other clergymen to complete the pul-
pit roster in the district, states the
Baker Democrat.

Charges State That New Yorkers Sell and Buy Congressmen's Influence

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—
Charges that a clique of New
York lawyers buy and sell the in-
fluence of Senators and Represen-
tatives without their knowl-
edge was made today before the
House rules committee by Chair-
man Johnson, of the House im-
migration committee.

TWENTY-THREE MEET DEATH IN NEW YORK FIRE

Manhattan State Hospital
for the Insane Swept By
Fire; Blast in Hellgate Is
Indirect Cause.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Twenty-
three inmates of the Manhattan State
hospital for the insane on Ward's island
in the East river were burned to
death Sunday morning in a fire
which swept the west wing of the
building, as were three attendants
who calmly died that 70 others
might be saved.

The immediate cause of the fire
is thought to have been a blast set
by dredgers in Hellgate Saturday
night. It rocked the building, ter-
rifying the inmates, who were calmed
down by attendants. Hospital
authorities and City Medical Exam-
iner Norris, who rushed to the build-
ing after the fire was discovered,
advanced the theory that the explo-
sion had caused a break in the in-
sulation of electric wires, which
started the blaze.

The fire was discovered at 5:05
a. m. Sunday by Michael Campbell,
an attendant in ward 43 in which
the fatalities occurred. His work,
and that of James Hill, attendant
in charge, and Patrick Billigan of
Hudson, Conn., George A. Deemo
and George F. Reiss, the three at-
tendants who were burned to death,
prevented a far greater death toll.

Members of the Eastern Oregon
Dental Society are meeting today in
Pendleton, the opening day of a two-
day conference. A very interesting
program has been arranged and it in-
cludes special clinics by Dr. Moore, of
Portland, and Dr. Claude Adams, of
Portland.

Dr. Moore, child specialist, will hold
a special clinic at the county library
Tuesday and will give a public lecture
in the evening. The Red Cross and
Salvation Army are co-operating with
the dentists to see that the needy
people of the city have an opportunity
to get free dental service at the clinics.

Dr. Adams will be in charge of an
exhibition which was displayed at the
California exposition, of teeth in their
various stages of decay, which will be
open to the general public.

FIRE DAMAGES ACADEMY

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 19.—A fire,
which started in the furnace room
of the heating plant about 7 o'clock
this morning, destroyed the roof and
damaged the upper floors of the
Academy of the Holy Names, doing
damage at between \$12,000 and \$15-
000.

INVESTIGATE IRRIGATION PROJECT NOW

Bill Authorizing Investi-
gation of Columbia Project
Passes the House

PROPOSERS OF SHIP BILL LOSE A POINT

Farm Bloc Seeking Imme-
diate Consideration of Ag-
ricultural Credits Legisla-
tion in House.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—A bill
authorizing an investigation and re-
port to congress on the feasibility
of the Columbia River Basin irriga-
tion project in Washington and its
bearing upon the Umatilla irrigation
project, passed the house today.

Farm Bloc in Action.
A drive was begun today by farm
bloc leaders to force immediate con-
sideration of agricultural credits
legislation in the house.

May Table Ship Bill.
The proponents of the administra-
tion shipping bill lost a strategic bat-
tle today, the Senate voting 44 to
42, not to table a motion by Sena-
tor Ladd, republican, of North Da-
kota, to lay aside the shipping leg-
islation and take up the filled milk
bill.

Another resolution proposing a
World's Economic conference in
Washington was introduced in the
Senate today by Owen, democrat, of
Oklahoma, pending the measure of
Borah, republican, of Idaho.

Final Action Tomorrow.
(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The
final action of the British debt fund-
ing plan will be tomorrow. The Far
East is on today's program.

With twenty-eight shooters on hand
to try their skill, yesterday's shoot at
the Country Club traps was the most
successful held so far this season.

stiff wind was blowing which caused
the clay birds to fly in many unex-
pected angles, but in spite of this the
scores show a considerable improve-
ment.

In only a few cases did scores go
below 500 and of the twenty-eight
shooters, twelve averaged 700 or bet-
ter. Those making the better are as
follows: Chase Bohnenkamp, 820;
Chas. Binger, 880; Smith, 850; For-
rest, 860; S. D. Crowe, 840; Claude
Mackey, 820; Frank Lilly, 780; W. H.
Bohenkamp, 770; Chas. Reynolds,
725; Dr. Murphy, 720; Jim Garrity,
720; Claude Seranton, 700; and Dr.
Ingie, 700.

TRAPSHOOTERS' SCORES GOOD

Comedy of Errors.
Saturday night, in a perfect com-
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EXTRA

"INCOME TAX AGREEMENT"

(By Associated Press.)
SALEM, Feb. 19.—The house and
senate leaders today reached an
agreement on the compromise income
tax bill following Sunday and all-
night conference among Senators Jo-
seph, Dennis, Corbett and the house
committee and tax experts. The gov-
ernor is said to have approved of the
compromise which eliminates the
plan to offset property tax against
income tax, reduces tax on individ-
uals in line with the federal tax and
includes the federal definition of net
income. The senate passed a bill
permitting the payment of automob-
ile licenses after April first. The
house killed a bill that transferred
the highway control from the secre-
tary of state to the highway com-
mission.

POINDEXTER HONORED.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Presi-
dent Harding today nominated Sena-
tor Pointexter of Washington, next
ambassador to Peru.

"Get For Home Bruno" Is Fact Now; Dog Tax Must Be Paid for 1923

All dog owners are warned by
the chief of police that today is
the last day of grace wherein their
canines may continue to
remain in safety without procur-
ing 1923 licenses. Tomorrow
morning the work of checking
up and taking necessary mea-
sures to insure compliance with
the city ordinance relative to
licensing dogs will be taken up.

City dog licenses may be pro-
cured at the city recorder's of-
fice, the tax being one dollar on
dogs and two dollars on females.

BAKER SMITES LOCAL CAGERS WITH DEFEAT

Championship! Championship! Who
has the championship? Joseph?
Baker? La Grande? Who? Oh,
foolish sakes! After La Grande's de-
feat at Baker Saturday night, that
question is uppermost in the minds
of the basketball fans of the Union,
Valhalla and Baker county division.
Dopesters, after La Grande's win
from Joseph conceded the champion-
ship to the Blue and White. But
the dopesters, when they saw how
badly their dogs had been upset, re-
sented to the much mentioned cor-
ner, and wapt huge crocodile tears,
and made earnest vows that they
would never again play anything but
a sure thing. Hereupon, so they
vow, we'll wait until after the game
before we predict a victory for any
team.

Comedy of Errors.
Saturday night, in a perfect com-
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CROWDS VIEW OPENING OF ROYAL TOMB

Hundred Distinguished Per-
sonages Admitted to the
Canopy Chamber.

RICHES PILED HIGH IN FOURTH CHAMBER

Belgian Queen is Present at
Official Opening of King
Tutankhamen's Tomb at
Luxor.

LUXOR, Egypt, Feb. 19.—The
tomb of Tutankhamen was opened
officially to visitors Sunday after-
noon when about 100 distinguished
personages were admitted to see the
splendor disclosed last week. From
early in the morning the track
alongside the Nile leading to the
Valley of the Kings was crowded
with great numbers hastened in various
conveyances to the scene of the ex-
cavations, among them being some of
those privileged to entrance into the
tomb itself.

Lord Carnarvon, Howard Carter,
Professor Breasted, Professor Lacau
and other noted Egyptologists, had
assembled early to supervise the ar-
rangements for receiving the guests.
Thieves Do Little Damage.

The damage done inside the tomb
by thieves seems to have been far
less than was anticipated. The can-
opy chamber itself apparently is al-
most untouched. The large size of
the canopies, which to a great extent
hide numerous inscriptions and deco-
rations on the walls, has led Mr.
Carter to think that it may cover
other mummies in addition to that
of Tutankhamen.

About 2 o'clock in the afternoon,
the queen of the Belgians, the crown
prince, and Field Marshall Viscount
Allenby and Lady Allenby were con-
ducted into the tomb. They were ac-
companied by Professor Lacau and
M. Cappart, director of the egi-
ptian museum at Brussels.

The queen's slight figure easily passed
through the narrow opening in the
sealed door. But some of the others
had to squeeze through, especially
Lord Allenby, who is a big man.

Entering through the highest into
the inner chamber, who now was
brilliantly lighted by electric lamps,
the visitors exclaimed with delight
and astonishment at the beauties of
the glorious shrine. Notwithstanding
the heat and the closeness of the at-
mosphere, Queen Elizabeth remained
for more than half an hour, plying
her conductors with questions and
expressing intense interest, but when
she emerged it was manifest that
she had suffered, and she was glad
to rest in a nearby chair and take
a draught of water.

The American minister to Egypt,
J. Morton Howell, and Mrs. Howell
also inspected the treasures, and the
treasures are marvelous.

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New Addition Is Made To City Force; "Queen Elizabeth" Now on Roll

Parked in all her glory just in
front of the city hall, "Queen
Elizabeth," the latest addition to
the city force, resides in splendor
today. Just inside the police sta-
tion Chief of Police Clint Haynes
over so often passes out upon her
with an outburst of just pride.
Occasionally the city recorder and
city manager also deign to glance
outward upon the resplendent ve-
hicle. For the city of La Grande
has purchased a new Ford road-
ster to carry their servants with-
er and yon within their official
jurisdiction—and no more will
they jump hurriedly into a mo-
torcycle or a used car and bump
to their destination.

ART AND DOPE ARE DISCUSSED

Mrs. Mossman and Dr. Lan-
dis Speak on "Art in the
Bible," and "The Narcotic
Evil" Sunday Evening.

Art in the Bible and the evils of
narcotics formed topics for inter-
esting discussions at the Pleasant Hour
services of the Methodist church
last evening. Mrs. E. P. Mossman
discussed a deep and thorough
knowledge of art and of the new
testament when she gave a sym-
posium of the great masterpieces
that have been inspired by the life
of Christ. Preliminary to these,
however, some of the well known
masterpieces such as "The Man
With the Hoe" and others were
thrown on the screen to emphasize
the artistic perceptions of the great
artists. Mrs. Mossman has made a
deep study of the subject, and her
discussion in connection with the
presentation of the pictures was at
the same time learned and very in-
teresting.

The large audience enjoyed both
the spoken words and the silent pic-
torial stories.

Dr. R. P. Landis discussed the
evils of narcotics in a clear and
concise manner. He illustrated how
much more easily the transportation
and carrying of narcotics is as com-
pared to liquor, the vial being so
small that large quantities can be
carried in the seams of clothing, in
the lining of hats, etc. This ad-
vantage goes far to keep up the
illicit trading in narcotics. He de-
monstrated the process of making
and filling the "needles." In the
course of his talk he impressed upon
the audience the need of wide agi-
tation against the evil, pointing out
that there is a strange silence in
the press in this regard, when the
tremendous evils are considered. The
speaker declared that in the average
life it took two years of the habit
to break down the physical body,
and become an incurable addict. At
the same time, he declared, the ad-
dict has lost his moral stamina as
well.

The music for the evening was ex-
ceedingly well rendered. Miss Schike
sang "My Task," (Ashford), in a
very pleasing and skilled manner.
Mrs. Hal Bohnenkamp displayed fine
artistic ability and a good voice in
her rendition of "The Man of Sor-
rows." The chorus delivered "Wood-
ard's The Radiant Morn," and a
trio composed of Mrs. Williams, Mrs.
Nelson and Mr. Quigley sang "Lead
Kindly Light," as arranged by a
sister of the Order of Mercy.

FARMER KILLS RED FOX
(Special to The Observer)
THE FARMER, Feb. 18.—M. J. Fos-
ter of Lower Catherine Creek, killed
a red fox yesterday with a pitch fork
close to his home. The fox was killed
only after a hard fight.

CORRECTION
An article in the Saturday's issue
of the Observer stated that Roy
Couch, of Wallawa, had been ar-
ranged before Judge J. W. Knowles
in a larceny charge. The article
should have read Roy Couch, of Ladd
Canyon.

WHEAT QUOTATIONS
(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Feb. 19.—Wheat,
\$1.22 to \$1.35.

MERGER BILL IS NOT THE MAIN ISSUE

So Says Senator Dennis Be-
fore Portland Chamber
of Commerce.

TAX REDUCTION IS SUBJECT OF TALK

Income Tax Bill Would Fail
in Purpose Unless It Re-
duces Taxes on Real Es-
tate, Asserts Senator Den-
nis.

Senator Bruce Dennis of La Grande
in a recent speech made to the Port-
land Chamber of Commerce, expres-
sed his views on tax reduction. The
following report from the Salem press
gives the gist of his speech:

"The theory of reducing taxes is
largely an iridescent dream," he said
in the beginning. "The govern-
ment shied like a coyote at a white spot
in the road, around the bill reducing
all state appropriations 10 per cent,
saying that he simply 'must' have
enough money to run the state. How-
ever, when it was shown that the gov-
ernor would be the final arbiter in
political unit taxes, he agreed. The
bill passed the senate Friday, 23 to 1;
it goes to the house today. That will
actually cut a little, though not much.

Big Jumble Soon.
"You can't reduce the taxes you've
already voted. Tax reduction is much
like the boggy of consolidation. That
consolidation is not a main issue—it is
only a by-product. It will not save
money; but it might bring more effi-
ciency. Things look quite differently
to democrats who are now inside, and
they aren't as keen as they thought
they were. But we have an organiza-
tion of 17 there in the senate, who are
going to pass a consolidation measure,
and an income tax; the very best that
we can get.

"And yet that income tax bill is
monkeying with one of the worst ma-
chines that ever cut off the fingers
of the treasury. The last bill is a jum-
bled mass of detail, prepared by sev-
eral hands; a group of us stayed up
until two o'clock to study it, and I
frankly don't understand it. I don't
believe anybody does. The governor
my personal friend, though political
enemy, doesn't know what is in that
bill. It has more 'saying clauses' and
exceptions than you ever saw. Sim-
plification was a lost art to the men
who drew that bill. We're going to try
to simplify it.

H. B. 141 Discussed.
"But this bill, perhaps the most im-
portant measure before the legislature,
fails unless it automatically reduces
the taxes on real estate, and finds
some of the sources of wealth that
have not been bearing their proportion
of the load, ought not to pass.
We don't want, or need, more money
for state purposes; we need redistri-
bution of the load. If we can cuten
the man who is now dodging with his
high salary or other income, and cut
the taxes on lands, we will have done
something big."

The speaker told at some length of
H. B. 141, the measure providing a
central state assessment board, and
gave the good points of the measure
as against biased, inequitable local as-
sessment.

Live Too High.
"The governor can't cut taxes; he is
no Superman. But each school dis-
trict, city, county, or other local sub-
division, can and must do it. It is
to be done. It's your job, not the gov-
ernor's. Your household expenses and
mine, we've got to cut them. It's the
way we live that's sending us to the
devil. We say we want the other fel-
low to cut his expenditures. That won't
do it at all; we've got to cut our own."

NEW MAY BE GOVERNOR
(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The
president was said by friends today
to have virtually decided not to ap-
point Senator Harry S. New of In-
diana, to a cabinet place. New may
be made governor of Porto Rico, suc-
ceeding E. Mount Rely.

East Oregon Osteopaths Gather In La Grande

The Eastern Oregon Osteopathic
Association is meeting in La Grande
today with Dr. Dayton B. Holcomb,
of Pasadena, California, as the principal
speaker. Dr. Holcomb, who has been
doing research work for the last nine
years and who worked with the fam-
ous Mechnikoff in Paris, believes that
most of the deadly diseases of the
human body are caused primarily by
auto-intoxication (self poisoning) due
to a poison (dropping) of the intes-
tines to such an extent that digestion
is interfered with.

Dinner was held at the Country
Club this afternoon at one o'clock and
after the dinner, many of the attend-
ing doctors enjoyed a round of clay
pigeon shooting, but it is reported that
they are more professed in a sym-
posium in knocking down
the Holcomb birds.

Dr. Holcomb demonstrated to the
association in the morning meeting his
original methods of treating auto-in-
toxication conditions with the object
of preventing cancer.

The association also passed resolu-
tions approving the work of the Na-
tional League for the Prevention of
Spinal Curvature and agreed to assist
the league officers in observing Na-
tional Spinal Curvature Week from
March 12-17 inclusive. The object of
the league is to impress upon the par-
ents the need of early examination of
children with the view of early cor-
rection.

The next meeting of the association
will be held in Pendleton.

