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EIGHT GERMANS ARE KILLED

LEGION AIM MADE CLEAR BY WILBUR

Americanization is the Big Factor in Power of Organization.

LEGION ENDORSES RUHR OCCUPATIONS

Legion Does Not Recognize Gentile or Jew, Race or Creed, Class or Politics, Says Harry N. Nelson.

"Americanization is one of the most important aims of the American Legion organization," stated Legion organizer George I. Wilbur, of Hood River, at the Legion district conference banquet held Saturday evening in the Methodist church basement with the Ladies Auxiliary to the La Grande Post No. 43 serving.

"Every man within the United States an American citizen would be the full realization of our ideal and we're doing everything possible to put that ideal across."

Commander Wilbur stated that the Legion was in favor of stopping immigration to the United States for a period long enough to insure the Americanization of those who are now within the country but not much more.

Tom Ladd's Auxiliary. Commander Wilbur urged that the Legionaries stand solidly to the La Grande Auxiliary for "without their support the welfare of the Legion would be impaired to a great extent."

He told of the details concerning the formation of the Legion, telling of the working part of Assistant General George White had in the organization, and mentioned that the Legion was really formed before the Armistice was signed.

"The chief program of the Legion is Americanization," he reiterated. "First, in regards to its duty to our comrades; second, our aim is to put something into America instead of taking something out, and third, the care of our disabled brothers and the helping of those over-seas men who are down and out, and fourth, the making of better communities."

His talk, the main address of the evening, was extremely interesting and instructive. Among the points that he stressed was the fact that the Legion was entirely unselfish and that its purpose was above reproach.

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New Members are Added To the La Grande Band

Several new members have been added to the La Grande Municipal Band of late which brings the band up to the highest point of efficiency it has attained since its organization. These new men are already permanently located in La Grande where they will make their future home.

Among the new additions is Raymond Bigger, until recently solo cornetist of the La Grande band, and now solo cornetist of the Nampa Municipal band. Mr. Bigger is a cornetist of exceptional ability and wide experience. During the World War he was associated with Mr. Loney, bandmaster of the La Grande band, in the navy yard at Bremerton, Washington. He, together with Frank White, solo cornetist of the La Grande band, will make some of the strongest solo cornet sections of any band in the Northwest.

Another new member is Harry V. Price, until recently solo cornetist of the 7th Infantry Band stationed at Vancouver Barracks, and the 10th Infantry Band is

24 DEAD IN FIERCE SOUTHERN CYCLONES

Mexican Public Aroused Against Bull-Fighters; Many Actions Expected

MEXICO CITY, Mar. 12.—The bullfight season in Mexico City has come to an inglorious end several weeks before scheduled time, with the management in disfavor, the toreros dissatisfied, and the public in general disgruntled. "El Torero" arena has been turned over to prize fights and grand opera, and the sports loving public, if it desires to see bullfights, must journey to other cities in the republic where corridos will be continued until the latter part of March. The situation is causing more discussion and speculation than riot or revolution of almost any magnitude could command.

BULLETINS

BANK ROBBERS CAUGHT.
NEWBERG, Ore., Mar. 12.—Two men held up the bank at St. Paul, Oregon, today and within an hour two suspects were captured here by Marshall Ray Amy, who found \$704 on them.

Miss Beatrice Murphy, 22, teller in charge of the bank today, during the absence of Cashier Smith, and her father were in the bank when the robbers entered. The bandits ordered them to throw up their hands. The man safe had not been unlocked. The young woman warned the bandits that the safe was charged with electricity and it would kill them if they touched it.

They then took some money and departed. Marshall Amy, armed with a revolver, caught the suspects by leaping in front of their automobile after hiding behind a telephone pole.

One suspect arrested here gave the name of Robert Burns and said he was paroled by Illinois last November and had served four years of a fifteen-year sentence from the Milton highway robbery conviction. The other gave his name as Edgard L. Smith, of Oregon City.

ATHENA WINS TITLE.
PENDLETON, Mar. 12.—Athena high school captured the second interscholastic district basketball championship by defeating McLoughlin high of Milton-Freewater in a fast game at the Pendleton high gymnasium. The battle was a hard one, the final contest of an elimination tournament, but Athena, by consistent teamwork, won by a score of 29 to 19.

COMMUNIST ON TRIAL TODAY

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., Mar. 12.—William Z. Foster, of Chicago, was placed on trial today charged with radical activities, and is the first of 32 persons arrested in a raid in the Communist convention last August.

GERMAN BACKS RUM RUNNING IS REPORT

LONDON, Mar. 12.—Wholesale rum running into the United States by a fleet of four or five ships registered under the Panama flag is being financed by a prominent German magnate, according to information received in responsible American quarters here.

Death List at Pinson is 20

Seventy-Five Are Seriously Injured In Storm In Tennessee.

TERRIFIC WINDS SWEEP THE SOUTH

Dwelling Are Wrecked; Freight Train Blown from Track, Chaos Reigns, Casualties Heavy.

JACKSON, Tenn., Mar. 12.—Twenty persons were killed and 75 were injured near Pinson, Tennessee, 12 miles south of Jackson, by a storm last night. A number of the victims are negroes.

About fifty dwelling houses around Pinson were wrecked. A freight train was blown from the track.

RICHMOND, Ky., Mar. 12.—Three persons were killed, two fatally injured, and a number seriously injured by a cyclone which swept a small section of Madison, Fayette county, border last night.

BIG DISTRICT IN STORM

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Mar. 12.—Death, injury and damage was done by furious March storms last night and today in many sections between the Rockies and the Appalachians. In addition to those dead at Pinson, Tennessee, and Richmond, Ky., two are dead indirectly from storms in Chicago.

One man fell dead from exhaustion in a storm at Milwaukee and a wreck at Pulaski, Tenn., is due indirectly to the storm.

150 MEN DROWN

ATHENS, Mar. 12.—It is estimated that 150 Greek naval officers and men were drowned Saturday when the Greek transport Alexander capsized and foundered during a fierce gale between Salamis and Piraeus. The transport had on board 250 officers and men, on furlough from the cruises George, Savroff, Kilkis and Lemnos.

Alfred Meyers and Ralph Poston, Of La Grande, In U. of O. Glee Club Now

ETHEL, Mar. 12.—Ralph Poston, senior, and Alfred Meyers, freshman, in the university from La Grande, are members of the University of Oregon Men's Glee club, which will tour Eastern Oregon and Western Idaho as far as Boise during spring vacation, and which will appear in La Grande April 4.

The invasion of Idaho by the glee club will be the first time an Oregon club has left the state since 1912, when a trip as far as Boise was made. About 21 men will make the trip in a special car, and appearances will be made in Portland, The Dalles, Pendleton, Baker, in Oregon, and Caldwell, Nampa and Boise, Ida.

The university orchestra will tour coast cities, and the women's glee club will journey through Southern Oregon during the vacation period.

WORK OF 67TH CONGRESS TOLD BY F. MONDELL

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 12.—A law and a half a day for 624 days was the record of the Sixty-seventh congress, Frank W. Mondell of Wyoming, retiring republican house leader, said in a statement Sunday inserted in the congressional record.

In addition to 231 measures enacted, Mr. Mondell said, 144 bills passed by the house had failed in the senate, adding that "it ought to be in order in the house to discuss rules or lack of rules in the senate under which a minority, and frequently a small minority, of the senate can prevent action on highly important legislation which the house has considered."

Muscle Shoals Proposal.
Declaring there was not sufficient time which might have been utilized for consideration of the Ford offer for Muscle Shoals, the retiring majority leader said that the proposition had been made by "anyone, but Henry Ford. It would have been another in a long line."

Under the Ford offer, Mr. Mondell said, both imports and exports have increased, and as a result of good business management of the nation's affairs, the country's gross debt was reduced from \$25,354,277.87 on August 31, 1916, to \$22,715,228.72 on February 25, 1922.

"In three years," he said, "we have reduced the national debt as much as it was reduced between the close of the Civil war and the beginning of the World war."

"The nation in the fiscal year which ended last June 30, met all expenditures out of revenues," Mr. Mondell added, and has a balance of nearly \$200,000,000.

DUBY GREETED BY MANY MEN OF LA GRANDE

Judge William Duby of Baker, now Highway Commissioner Duby of the state of Oregon, having been appointed to that important position a few days ago, was greeted today by many La Grande business men and farmers of the Grande Ronde valley in a luncheon at the Country club.

Judge U. G. Couch and Commissioner Hutchinson were also guests of the meeting. The purpose of the occasion was to "look the new highway commissioner over" and to talk about a few items of unfinished business between Union county and the state relative to the roads.

The Oro Dell overhead crossing was one of the chief topics of conversation. Commissioner Duby, being new in office, naturally would make no statements as to the future, but he very plainly told all the men present that he had been chosen to represent the Eastern Oregon district on the commission and he expected to fight for what he thought was fair, right and just for his district.

Reviewing the many features of Oro Dell crossing G. L. Larson, president of the Ad club, presented the case in detail. Elmer Stoddard took the position that the city, county and state should proceed with the grading graveling to Oro Dell, and during process of constructing the river on the present bridge and crossing the main line of the O-W, again striking the new graveling road and coming into the city around by the Grande Ronde hospital. August Stange also took the same position and the county court expressed a willingness to proceed with the county's portion of the work. Engineer Baldock suggested that inasmuch as the entire piece of work was not large the city, state and county should join in asking for a construction bid for the entire piece of road. This was agreed as far as possible and the county court will take the matter up with the highway commission in the hope that the work may be advertised for next month's meeting.

According to the best information obtainable the Public Service commission, being behind with its work, has not yet been able to hold the hearing asked for relative to the overhead at Oro Dell. It was stated that the date for the hearing had been set for the first week in April and it is expected that developments will come fast following the decision of the commission.

DIES ON LONG WALK AT 104.
IDE HILL, Eng., Mar. 12.—Mrs. Eliza Sutton, aged 104, dropped dead while walking seven miles, to her

Whiskey Disclosures In Washington May Strike Many Prominent People

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 12.—Prohibition officials must take whatever action is necessary in connection with the discovery and the accounts of the bootleggers' statement of the list of Washington residents, including the names of several state department officials and many officers in the army, navy and marine corps.

CONSERVATION OF WATER IS URGED, HAYES

City Manager Speaks on the Water System; H. E. Dixon Urges Civic Center, at Pleasant Hour Service.

Speaking before a large assembly gathered in the Methodist church Sunday night during the "pleasant hour" service, H. E. Hayes, city manager of La Grande, asked the cooperation of the citizens during the coming summer in the conservation of water so as not to make it necessary for the city to build a new water system. "There is plenty of water to supply the needs of all if properly conserved," he stated, "and necessary repair work and a united co-operation on the part of the water users will insure no shortage being felt." Mr. Hayes told of the Pendleton system, where the cement pipe line, 20 miles in length, needed but one sack of lime and one lead of sand to keep it in repair for a period of ten years. "I want to see such a system in La Grande as soon as possible," he asserted.

Mr. Hayes promised that the city authorities would uphold the laws in the future even more stringently than during preceding years. Especially would the reckless motorists, who endangered life and limb by careless and speedy driving, and the bootleggers and purveyors of intoxicating liquors, be checked up on, arrested and punished.

Wants Community Center.
Attorney H. E. Dixon spoke on what the citizens might expect from the present city administration. He contended that aside of the upholding of the laws and everyday routine matters, that the administration should begin to plan for the future with the view of making La Grande a city twice as large ten years from now.

He reiterated his opinion that the city should have a civic center, in a suitable central location, combining a community auditorium and a post office. "It is quite necessary that such a center be located near the center of the city," he stated, "for we have a beautiful park at present on the outskirts of the city, but still have need of a post office located within easy reach of all." The proposed auditorium would house all civic organizations and would also be able to accommodate all large crowds, a need that is much felt in La Grande at present. The G. A. R. and W. R. C. the Ad club, American Legion, and the Red Cross are

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TROOPS ARE RUSHED TO BUER AREA

One Frenchman, Three Germans Wounded in the Dortmund Riots

RECKLINGHAUSEN NOW UNDER SIEGE

Mobs Run Wild Following Killing of Two Frenchmen at Buer Yesterday; Action Is of Serious Import.

RECKLINGHAUSEN, Mar. 12.—Eight Germans are dead as a result of clashes with French troops in various parts of Recklinghausen. One French soldier and three Germans were wounded in a riot at Dortmund. A state of siege has been declared in the entire Recklinghausen district.

These disturbances followed an incident at Buer in which the French Lieutenant and French Director of the Buer railroad station were killed. Buer faced martial law and a fine of 100,000,000 marks. Additional troops have been sent to Buer.

Buer Disorders.
RECKLINGHAUSEN, Mar. 12.—Two Frenchmen, one an officer and the other a civilian railroad man, were assassinated in the streets of the mining town of Buer, near Recklinghausen.

Each body when found had five bullet wounds in it. One of the victims was Lieutenant Colonel Tim of the chassours and the other M. Joly, chief of the Buer railroad station. Unrest and discontent among the population of the Recklinghausen district have been smoldering for several days. Sunday feeling was running high on both sides. The slaying of the Frenchmen is considered the most serious affair since the occupation of the region began.

AD CLUB MEETS TOMORROW NOON

The Union County Ad club will meet tomorrow noon in the K. of P. hall, with J. H. Pearce as chairman, and with the Loyal Neighbors serving. Dr. J. L. Ingle will be the main speaker and his subject will be "The Work Being Done by the International League for the Prevention of Spinal Curvature."

DIVORCE DECREE ENTERED.
LOS ANGELES, Mar. 12.—The final divorce decree of Rudolph Valentino, motion picture actor, was entered here today. An interlocutory decree in Valentino's suit against Jean Acker was entered March 9, 1922 and about three months later he married Winifred Hudnut, dancer, at Mexico.

THE GREAT AND ONLY UNCLE SAM.



Red Cross Home Charity Drive Opens With Vigor Legion Takes Hand

county is functioning in behalf of the soldier. The hundreds and hundreds of stories from civilians which could be told would convince one of the great mercy shown by the temporary aid granted that has saved the homes, saved the girls and saved the boys. A testimonial could be printed that would bring every reader to tears for the Red Cross, with Mrs. Catlin in charge, has cared for the needy; it has warmed the cold children, has fed the sick mothers, has brought relatives together, has prevented divorces, has saved the good names of girls and grabbed the erring boy and put his feet on rolling ground.

Few people realize, who have not been closely connected with the work of Mrs. Catlin, what has been and is being done. The Legion boys know, hence their positive statement which will be used as the guide-post for workers in this drive.

Solicitors Started Today.
Although another storm swept down upon the county it was decided to postpone the Red Cross Home Charity drive no longer and today the soliciting committees began

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