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GERMANS ARE WARNED BY THE FRENCH

Further Assassinations Will Be Retaliated By "Eye for Eye."

VELVET GLOVE TO BE STRIPPED OFF

French to Tighten Grip In The Ruhr Due to Increasing Disturbances, Is the Report.

(By The Associated Press) ESSEN, Mar. 12.—The German population of Beckinghausen districts have been warned by General Laignelot, commanding the district, that if any further French troops are assassinated or ambushed, the burgomaster of Buer, who is held as hostage, together with four town officials, will be shot at once as retaliation.

May Use Iron Fist

(By The Associated Press) PARIS, Mar. 12.—It is understood that the proposal to strip "the velvet glove" from the Ruhr occupation, augmenting the number of effective troops, is soon to be considered by the cabinet because of increasing disturbances.

DEATH CLAIMS POPULAR LADY

Miss Nell Grinnett received the sad telegraphic information today from Erie, Pennsylvania, stating that death claims to Miss Janet Jones, former teacher in the La Grande schools, yesterday.

La Grande people who know and loved Miss Jones will receive the news with profound sadness for she was an admirable character. Several years she taught in the schools of this city. She was a devoted mother and a devoted wife. She was a devoted friend and a devoted citizen. She was a devoted worker and a devoted volunteer. She was a devoted patriot and a devoted patriot.

For several months her physical condition has been weakened but her friends held to a hope for the better and expected to have her return to La Grande, where a welcome for her existed that rang true, where both children and adults appreciated her. No details were announced in the telegram received by Miss Grinnett as to the funeral services or the place of burial, but it is presumed that her body will be interred at Johnsonburg, Pennsylvania, her old home.

Cove Sends First Cash To Red Cross Chapter From Outside District

Cove not only has cherries that beat the world, but the people who there have the Red Cross spirit also, for today Cove sent in a remittance of fifty dollars to the chapter with the cheerful news that Cove deeply appreciates the work of the home charity under Mrs. Catlin and under no circumstances must Union county be without this department of mercy.

While very bad weather has been a hindrance to activities of the soliciting committee, yet tomorrow's work in La Grande is expected to give showing, for all have agreed that it is little use to consider March weather longer and the proper thing to do is to get out and finish the task before the different committees.

Following the announcement yesterday that the American Legion of Union county is lending the Red Cross drive with all cylinders working, new life and energy have been put in the movement. The drive will go over for the Legion men standing guard against failure, maugre the success of the venture.

To more thoroughly impress all citizens who do not come in close contact with the work being done it will not be amiss to recall the following incident which is one of the many that every citizen should remember:

Jane Doe and Mary Doe Dole Out Five Dollars Worth of Dough to City

Although the police blotter has many times carried the name of John Doe, charged with nearly every crime under the sun, very few times has the name Mary Doe appeared on the docket during the past few months. But yesterday the name Mary Doe and her sister, at least so the last name would imply, Jane Doe, got into trouble. The two ladies were charged with speeding within the city limits and were each fined \$4 upon entering pleas of guilty before Police Judge H. J. Kitchin.

AD CLUB MEETS TODAY NOON IN K. OF P. HALL

With J. H. Peare presiding as chairman of the day, the Ad club met today noon in the K. of P. hall in their regular weekly meeting. Reverend A. R. Sitten opened the meeting with prayer and G. L. Larson, president of the Ad club, told how the committees should be appointed and also outlined the year's work.

C. E. Short made an announcement telling of the Red Cross drive and Dr. W. T. Phipps gave a short talk, telling how the work of the Ad club could mould public opinion in this city and of the good that the civic organization could accomplish in this manner.

Dr. J. L. Ingle, the main speaker of the day, gave a very interesting and instructive talk on "The Work Being Done by the International League for the Prevention of Spinal Curvature."

The next meeting of the Ad club will be held in the K. of P. hall next Tuesday noon with Charles Reynolds presiding. E. T. Reed, of the Oregon Agricultural college will be the principal speaker and the O. A. C. band, which will be here at that time, will favor those present with an impromptu concert, preliminary to the dinner, the concert of at 11:30 o'clock. The band is being brought to La Grande under the auspices of the L. H. S. student body.

WILLIAM BARTZ IS CALLED BY DEATH

William Bartz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bartz, of La Grande, died yesterday morning in Pendleton, at the close of a brief illness. The remains were brought to La Grande this morning and are at the Bohlenkamp Chapel pending funeral arrangements, which are indefinite until word is received from Mr. Bartz in Nobraska, where he was called by the death of his sister.

The deceased leaves to mourn his demise a father and mother, two sisters, Mrs. Rudolph Becker and Mrs. Ed Stewart, of La Grande, and three children, Bruce, Bertie and Lulu, of Helger, Washington.

PACIFIC ISLAND SINKS

PAPEETE, Tahiti, Mar. 12.—Easter Island, 2,300 miles off the Chilean coast in the Pacific ocean and famous for its ancient gigantic statues, has disappeared, according to the captain of a French merchant ship who has just reached here.

Although there have been persistent rumors as to the sinking of the island, there had been no confirmation thus far.

HARDING'S HOUSEBOAT GOES SLOW

(By Associated Press) FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla., Mar. 12.—The president's nomadic vacation cruise down the Florida East Coast became even more nomadic today.

Owing to tides and sandbars only about 30 miles have been traveled since the houseboat left Palm Beach Sunday.

POWDER MAN IS JUDGED INSANE

(Special to The Observer) NORTH POWDER, Mar. 12.—Bert Wright, recently arrested in La Grande charged with the theft of a Ford car, is reported as being in an Idaho insane asylum, held by officials as mentally deranged, due to poisonous effects of "moonshine."

Wright was paroled to the care of his mother by Town Recorder Sencerbois recently and she left with him for points in Idaho, but he is said to have eluded her, going to Payette and thence to Weiser, where he was placed under arrest and upon examination was declared to be insane and ordered taken to the Idaho asylum, according to a letter received here from his father.

PREMIER LENINE IS SERIOUSLY ILL

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Mar. 12.—A Reuters dispatch from Helsingfors says that Premier Lenine, of Russia, suffered a stroke of apoplexy yesterday. His condition is serious.

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Mar. 12.—Penitentiary officials had no trace today of James Hanford and Frank Payne, trustees who escaped Sunday night from a wood camp near Marion.

Scandal Is Loosed In City Circles! Psyche On the Downward Path

Psyche, the trained Parisian hooch hound, controlled and fed by the city police chief, Clint Haynes, is rapidly on her way towards the depths of demoralization. Fears were held in city official circles, for her morals some time ago when she upset all traditions and adopted a harem but that isn't half of it! She has started smoking. A reporter for the Observer, walking past the police station yesterday looked within the portals and gasped! Then gasped again, rubbed his eyes, pinched himself and finally finding that he was not a victim of somnambulism or day dreaming, entered within and looked again.

Setting in honor on the green covered table that looks somewhat like a billiard table only minus the pockets, was Psyche with a mammoth cigar firmly clutched between her jaws, at peace with the world. The cigar was taken from her, after a brief and growly struggle, and a pipe tendered. She took it but acted like it was hard to take—it was the chief's pipe. Still unsatisfied, the reporter took a cigar from his case and offered her that. Sniffing languidly, she finally put it between her lips—began chewing it! So Clint has decided to buy double portions of Clinax next time in an effort to keep her away from the deadly pill— for, according to the statutes of the state of Oregon, it is against the law for a minor, and she isn't 21 years of age, to smoke cigarettes.

THREE PUT TO DEATH TODAY IN OLD ERIN

Michael Crevy, Henry Keenan and James O'Rourke Executed by Free State.

(By Associated Press) DUBLIN, Mar. 12.—Michael Crevy, Henry Keenan, both Republicans, were executed today. They were convicted of possessing arms and Crevy was an irregular leader.

James O'Rourke, convicted of taking part in an attack on the national army troops, was also executed.

Four Arrested.—William Healy, James Tarle, Patrick Hogan and John Creke were arrested while possessing arms.

NOT GUILTY PLEA ENTERED

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Mar. 12.—Robert Burns and Edgar Smith faced a preliminary hearing here this afternoon on the charge of holding up the St. Paul bank yesterday. They pleaded not guilty. Burns, who yesterday said that he was paroled by Ritner was paroled by Olcott October 19th, and released on November 20, prison records show.

CREDIT PLAN OUTLINED BY LOAN BUREAU

Regulations Guiding System's Operations Are Completed.

INDIVIDUAL LOANS NOT TO BE MADE

Association Will Make Advances to Marketing and Livestock Bodies with the Proper Security.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Mar. 12.—The federal farm loan bureau, charged with administration of the new government financed intermediate credit banks, completed Monday the regulations which are to serve as the guide for the system's operation.

Indications were given, following a conference Monday between Commissioner Lobell of the board and Secretary Mellon, that a billion dollars will be turned over to each of the 12 banks immediately upon the issuing of charters. Additional funds, up to the aggregation of \$60,000,000 will be supplied as needs arise.

The board plans, temporarily to hold loans to a basis of nine months maturity. The first few months or, perhaps a year, he said, would be regarded as a period of experimentation.

"It is the ambition of those charged with the administration of the new law," said the commissioner, "to render maximum service but elemental safety must be the first consideration. Banks and cooperative associations."

BENGLESDORFF BUILDING SOLD

N. K. West and Herman Siegrist Add Building to Their Inside Property Holdings.

As a further evidence that conditions in La Grande property continue to grow, George H. Currey has just completed the sale of the brick business building on Adams avenue, owned by Mrs. Augusta Benglesdorff to N. K. West and Herman Siegrist. The building is a two-story structure and is in the heart of the downtown section. It is now occupied by G. S. Birnie's jewelry store and H. W. Noyce's barber shop.

Mr. West and Mr. Siegrist, in adding this property to their list of inside business properties, show their confidence in La Grande's future. They are now among the largest realty owners in the city.

Dogs Are Plentiful In La Grande; Must Be At Least 1,243 Canines Here

Things interesting to you—La Grande's canine population amounts to 1,243 according to the latest figures. Going a little further that might mean that if a dog barks 20 times during each night that 24,860 barks are turned loose upon an innocent ear—each sleeping period. Or even going further still, setting a round average of 10,000 fleas to each dog, the flea population of La Grande would equal 12,430,000.

How the above statistics were gathered would probably prove interesting to the reader. They came from the offices of Clint Haynes, chief of police, where reporters are wont to loaf when no other news is in sight. Yesterday a reporter scoured in and asked the jovial chief how many dog licenses had been issued. And the reply was "243, a record, but there is at least 1,000 dogs still untagged and we're going to check up on them in short order, too, unless the owners buy them licenses." He went on to say that the license could be obtained from the city recorder.

ST. JOSEPH TRIAL MARKED BY ARGUMENTS

(By Associated Press) ST. JOSEPH, Mich., Mar. 12.—Questioning the venue in the trial of William Z. Foster, charged with violating the state anti-syndicalism law, was marked today by clashes between lawyers over the definition of words used by radical leaders.

Judge White held the reading of the writings of Thomas Jefferson on fundamental right of engaging in revolution to overthrow oppressive governments was not germane to the case.

BAND CONCERT TO BE SUNDAY

Andrew Loney, director of the La Grande band, announced today that a public concert would be given at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Reverend Quilty will deliver a ten-minute talk during the intermission. Plans are nearly complete, according to Mr. Loney, for the presentation of the best program given in many months and music lovers are looking forward to the Sunday concert with anticipation.

BOXER DIES AS RESULT OF BLOW

(By Associated Press) TACOMA, Mar. 12.—Fred Powers, 26, local boxer, died early today from a hemorrhage of the brain due to a blow received at a boxing bout last night. Powers, a featherweight known professionally as Freddie McCue, boxed Jimmy Smith. The police play no action as Powers was not knocked down. They held the death as accidental.

SECOND NIGHT RIDER TRIAL (By Associated Press) JACKSONVILLE, Mar. 12.—Alexander Morris and Thomas B. Goodie went on trial today in the second night rider case accused of "hanging" Henry Johnson of Jacksonville April 9th last. The selection of the jury was begun.

THE WEATHER

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Mar. 12.—Tonight rain; Wednesday rain.

ROBBERS GET A RICH HAUL IN PORTLAND

Jewelry Store Looted; Loss Estimated At \$20,000.

BANDITS ESCAPE; LEAVE NO CLUE

Proprietor and Three Employees Bound By Unmasked Men at Point of Revolvers.

(By The Associated Press) PORTLAND, Mar. 12.—Two armed highwaymen bound the proprietor and three employees, one a young lady, in the G. Cramer jewelry store on an upper floor of a downtown office building, late Monday, and escaped with several thousand dollars in jewelry and watches.

Both bandits were young men, fairly well dressed. They wore no masks. They entered the jewelry store, and immediately drew their revolvers, ordering Cramer, C. C. Tonner, a watchmaker; J. G. Jassan, a clerk, and Miss Mildred Hall, a clerk to throw up their hands and get about.

The bandits produced ropes and tied up the four persons, but did not gag them. Cries for help attracted other persons in the building soon after the robbers had fled, and the police were called.

Gus Cramer, proprietor of the jewelry store, said Monday night that the robbers took approximately \$20,000 worth of loose diamonds, rings and watches.

One robber opened the showcase, took out the jewels and after carefully rubbing out all fingerprints with a handkerchief and warning the store people not to make an outcry, left with his companion. No one reported having seen the two leave the building, but it was apparent that they had left by one of the elevators, all of which were crowded with people leaving their offices after the day's work.

WATKINS BUYS ROBINSON HOME

Ernest Watkins, of the Hill Department store, has purchased the Robinson home at 1521 First street and as soon as remodeling is completed the Watkins family will occupy the property.

This is one of the pleasant cottages in the First street residential section. It is known as the Robinson home and was formerly owned by Mrs. N. K. West, from whom Mr. Watkins made the purchase.

High Temperature Due To Hot Water Bottle Hoax

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, Mar. 12.—A flesh colored hot water bottle was the secret of the hoax by which Miss Evelyn Lyons of Escanaba, Mich., had been able to persuade doctors for three weeks that she had a temperature of 114 or higher, although in apparently good health, it was asserted Monday night by Dr. Morris Fishbein, associate editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association, who reported the investigation he made of the case.

The woman, who had once been a nurse, concealed a small hot water bottle in her bed, he said and through pretended fits of coughing and hysteria, managed to place the thermometer bulb on the bottle long enough to drive the mercury to the desired point.

Doctor Fishbein, who returned Monday from Escanaba, termed the girl a "hysterical malingering."

