

La Grande Evening Observer

VOLUME XXVI

SECTION ONE

LA GRANDE, OREGON,

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 1923.

MEMBER OF ASSOCIATED PRESS

NUMBER 147

FRANCE GAINS ARE SMALL IN RUHR SEIZURE

Premier Poincare Admits Economic Results Have Been Slight.

GERMAN TRICK IS BROUGHT TO LIGHT

Secret German Customs Bureau Received German Taxes; 25 Officials Under Arrest.

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, Mar. 28.—Premier Poincare, appearing before the finance committee of the chamber of deputies Tuesday to give an account of the situation in the Ruhr, said he had great hope that Germany would yield "by the end of May."

The premier had with him figures giving the amount of coal and coke shipped from the occupied districts, but demanded from the deputies a formal engagement not to divulge such figures as he would announce. The Socialist deputy, Berthoin, whom Poincare recently termed "an admirable sounder" during a heated debate in the chamber, refused to pledge himself to secrecy so the premier withheld the figures.

An official account of the premier's appearance before the finance committee says that M. Poincare did not consent that to date the economic results from the viewpoint of realization of guarantees had been of slight importance; only prolonged and stable occupation would permit realization of the program for the operation of the occupied districts so as to regulate the problem of reparation.

German Trick Uncovered

(By Associated Press)
DUSSELDORF, Mar. 28.—The French authorities have discovered a secret German customs bureau in the Ruhr where German shopkeepers are paying taxes instead of to the French, it was announced Tuesday.

Twenty-five German officials and a number of shopkeepers have been arrested.

DRAPER DAUGHERTY QUESTIONED TODAY ON BLACKMAIL PLOT

NEW YORK, March 28.—Draper M. Daugherty appeared before the district attorney, Pecora, in his office and was questioned at length concerning any information he might have about the blackmail plots in which Dorothy Keenan, slain model, figured as a decoy.

BERRIES TO BE CANNED

HOOD RIVER, March 28.—An approximate 100 acres of raspberries planted by growers in various parts of the valley three years ago will come into bearing this season, and several hundred tons of this species of fruit will be marketed, it is anticipated. With plenty of irrigation water available, the yield of this season is expected to be heavy. The berries probably will be shipped to The Dalles cannery.

Raspberry harvest will follow immediately after strawberries, and growers fear no shortage of pickers.

TWO PUMAS KILLED

(By Associated Press)
SAN JOSE, Calif., Mar. 28.—J. C. Bruce, state lion hunter, has killed two more mountain lions, making a total of five during an eight-day hunting trip near here recently.

GREETED BY STUDENTS

(By Associated Press)
SANTA CLARA, Calif., Mar. 28.—Edgar H. Keenbold of Long Beach, new University of Santa Clara student coach, was greeted by the students with a body when he arrived here recently. He announced football practice for August.

A. Herman Arrested by Prohibition Officials

Alfred Herman, of Island City, pleaded guilty to the charge of the possession of a still illicitly in operation, before Judge U. G. Couch today and was fined \$250 and sentenced to 30 days in jail.

One more addition was made to the long list of liquor raids and arrests to the credit of the county and city peace officials yesterday evening when Sheriff Les Warnick, Deputy Sheriff John Stricker, Police Chief Clint Haynes and Police man Jim Nelson stopped down upon the residence of A. Herman, of Island City, at about five o'clock. Herman was arrested on his premises and brought to La Grande and is today awaiting his preliminary hearing before County Judge U. G. Couch.

Inspectors Claim That One Person in 72 Is A Confirmed Drug Addict

(By Associated Press)

INDIANAPOLIS, Mar. 28.—One person in every 72 in the United States is a confirmed drug addict, according to reports of narcotic inspectors made to the treasury department, Garland W. Powell, national director of the American commission of the American Legion, declared in an address at the Fathers' and Sons' association banquet here Tuesday night.

Medical estimates have been, he added, that each addict fastens the habit upon three normal persons during his existence. Mr. Powell announced that the American Legion is organizing a national campaign against the evil.

SUGAR INQUIRY WILL TAKE SIX MONTHS PERIOD

Investigation Into One Feature of Sugar Situation Is Begun Today; Harding Orders Action.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 28.—Although the machinery of the tariff commission had been set in motion today to clear up one feature of the sugar situation, at least six months is expected to elapse before the results of the inquiry will be made known.

Order by Harding.

Investigation by the United States tariff commission into the relation of the tariff rates on sugar to the present increased price, was ordered yesterday by President Harding.

The inquiry was requested by the president in a telegram addressed to Thomas O. Marvin, chairman of the tariff commission.

ROSE CITY MAY LOSE ITS TITLE

(By Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 28.—Fame as the "Rose City" Portland is in danger of losing, that title unless greater advantage is taken by the people in cultivation of the flower, according to organizations which have started a movement to stimulate interest. The chamber of commerce and the Portland Teacher association are back of this effort, one of the first steps being the formation of rose clubs among children. School pupils will be furnished plants and prizes will be awarded for the best results obtained.

Portland residents are using more shrubs and fewer roses in their landscaping, according to Clay E. Morse, who, through the chamber of commerce, is aiding in the rose culture movement. "Other cities in the northwest can grow roses," he said, "and if we don't watch out some one else will be stealing our laurels."

RAIL HEARING SHORT

PORTLAND, March 28.—Oregon's views on the railroad consolidation were given the Interstate Commerce commission today in a hearing to which two days has been allotted, but which ended in one hour and one-half. Chairman Covey, of the State Public Service Commission, drew the attention to Oregon's complaint now pending which comes up for a hearing in June, seeking to require the railroads to provide the interior of Oregon with facilities. He favored the proposed grouping of the Great Northern with the Milwaukee and Northern Pacific with the Burlington, but said that the Milwaukee and Union Pacific should not join. H. J. Ottenheimer and S. M. Mears urged caution in consolidation, saying they should result from a natural process.

THE HERMAN PLACE

The Herman place, known as the Taylor ranch, is located about one-half mile north of Island City. The raiding party, upon their arrival, failed to find Herman present but did find a fifteen gallon still, complete, 18 pints of moonshine whiskey, and about 20 gallons of mash. Apparently, the still had just completed a run, as it was still warm, according to the officials. A few minutes later Herman came home and walked into the clutches of the law.

According to the recent stringent laws passed by the Thirty-Second Oregon legislative body, if Herman is found guilty, he is subject to both a heavy fine and jail sentence, the jail sentence being peremptory.

COAL MINERS THREATEN TO GO ON STRIKE

SEATTLE, March 28.—Resisting the reduction of \$1.50 per day, the Union miners of the Roslyn-Clellum field in Washington a threat to strike at midnight Saturday. Two thousand are employed in the field. Western Washington mines on an open shop basis were not affected by the strike orders.

LA GRANDE BAND TO GIVE DANCE

The La Grande Municipal Band announces a dance to be given Wednesday, April 11th, in the Rex hall. This dance is given to pay off some indebtedness incurred in the purchase of instruments. The committee in charge composed of Messrs. Frank L. Robinson, Guy McMillan and Raymond McKennon, are busy preparing specialties for this dance among which will be a ten-piece orchestra composed of the best talent in La Grande and under the leadership of Mr. Andrew Loney.

CHURCHES PLAN COALITION NOW

Methodist Episcopal Church and Methodist Episcopal Church South Unification Discussed.

ST. LOUIS, March 28.—The subcommittee on unification of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, meeting here, decided to form a general conference to handle all major matters of both churches under the proposed coalition. Under the plan, each branch would have its own jurisdictional conference to administer lesser matters of church government.

HERBERT NUNN RESIGNS

PORTLAND, March 28.—The highway commission, today announced the award of contracts for \$700,000 for road work are contingent on the failure of the attempt to invoke the referendum on additional gasoline tax. If the referendum is not dropped the contracts will be withdrawn, the commission announced, and the bidders agreed. Herbert Nunn, highway engineer, resigned. Roy Klein, who has been secretary, was appointed to succeed Nunn.

LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE WOULD HAVE TO WALK AGAIN



Sarah Bernhardt To Be Laid To Rest Thursday; All Paris In Mourning

PARIS, Mar. 28.—The body of Mme. Sarah Bernhardt will be removed at noon Thursday from her late home on the Boulevard Pereire to the church of St. Francois de Sales, in a nearby street, and thence conveyed to the cemetery of the Pere-Lachaise, the last resting place of hundreds of France's famous people of all times.

It will be one of the most impressive funerals of a great public figure since that of Victor Hugo in 1885. Hugo's funeral was under the auspices of the government; Bernhardt's will be at the expense of the city of Paris.

OZARKS NOW DISCLOSE MANY INDIAN RELICS

ELK SPRINGS, Mo., Mar. 28.—Shelters beneath overhanging limestone bluffs along the White and Cowkin rivers in the Ozarks of Missouri and Arkansas are today giving up to science the relics of a prehistoric race that inhabited this section upwards of a thousand years ago. The work of excavation is being done here by an expedition from the Museum of the American Indian, Here Foundation.

Buried deep in the dry dust of centuries beneath these formations of shelving rock where the ancients made their homes, these relics are being unearthed with no little difficulty. A cloud of powdery dust arises as the workers search the deep for traces of a civilization that is still unidentified. Use of masks often is necessary. For the present, the ancient people of the region are being referred to by M. R. Harrington, in charge of the expedition, as the Ozark bluff-dwellers. They have not been identified as the ancestors of any modern Indian tribe.

In some of the rock-shelters, particularly on the Cowkin and Elk rivers, the expedition has found near the surface traces of a different and more modern, but still pre-colonial Indian race. These Indians, according to Mr. Harrington, probably were the Osages or some related tribe. It is estimated that even these specimens are at least three or four hundred years old. Those left by the spear-throwing bluff-dwellers of the Ozarks, which also have been uncovered, are probably upwards of a thousand years old.

Everything so far found is purely aboriginal. Mr. Harrington explains, not the slightest trace of the white man's handiwork or influence having been discovered. The specimens include baskets, woven twines, wooden articles, implements of stone and bone and even pieces of pottery. Some of the articles no doubt were buried by the ancient dwellers for safe keeping. It is believed by the excavators, while others simply were lost and were discarded or lost in the ashes and trash of generations that has accumulated beneath the bluffs. At some places the deposits have been found so well protected by the overhanging rock formation that they are absolutely dry, which has resulted in remarkable preservation.

SOVIET HALTS EXECUTION OF 2 CHURCHMEN

(By Associated Press)
WARSAW, Mar. 28.—The Soviet minister informed the Polish government that the death sentence against Archbishop Zepiak, head of the Roman Catholic church in Russia, will not be carried out by the Russian government, "at least for the present" and that the affair will be taken up in diplomatic relations.

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Mar. 28.—The chairman of the all-Russian central executive commission in Moscow Tuesday ordered Tuesday a postponement of the executions of Archbishop Zepiak and Monsignor Butchkevitch, pending the issuance of special instructions, says a dispatch to the Times from Riga.

Date Set for Thursday

(By Associated Press)
ROME, Mar. 28.—The executions by the Soviet government of Archbishop Zepiak, head of the Roman Catholic church in Russia, and Vicar General Butchkevitch have been set for Thursday, according to a report from Monsignor Lorenzo Lauri, papal nuncio in Warsaw, as made public in a semi-official statement from the Vatican Tuesday afternoon.

British Protest Falls

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Mar. 28.—Donald McNell, undersecretary for foreign affairs, told the house of commons on Tuesday that it was feared the Soviet government would carry out the death sentences against Archbishop Zepiak and the priests found guilty with him, within the next 48 hours.

He based his statement on a telegram from the British agent in Moscow, who reported that he had done all in his power, under repeated instructions from the British government, to save the ecclesiastics.

Poland Gives Warning

(By Associated Press)
WARSAW, Mar. 28.—When Premier Sikorski learned that Archbishop Zepiak, head of the Roman Catholic church in Russia, and the 15 priests tried with him, had been found guilty by the Moscow court, he sent for Leonid Obolenski, soviet minister of Poland, and informed him that the Polish government and population observed with anxiety the soviet attitude toward the Catholic church and the Polish minority.

U. S. HORRIFIED

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The decision of the Soviet government to execute Archbishop Zepiak and Monsignor Butchkevitch of the Catholic church in Moscow tomorrow was characterized by the state department officials as an outrage against humanity which could not fail to create the deepest resentment and horror in the United States.

Cove-Island City Road Matter Is Up To Judge Knowles

Prediction That Harding Would Be Candidate For Renomination Questioned

(By Associated Press)

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Mar. 28.—President Harding, it has become known, did not consider it necessary or in good form in regards to the recent statement by Attorney General Daugherty predicting that Harding would be a candidate for renomination. The president expected to discuss the subject with Daugherty who arrived here today from Miami.

REFERENDUM DEADLOCK IS ON

It does not look like there is going to be any truce more friendly than an armed armistice between the Oregon Just Tax League, captained by Col. R. W. Hagood, and the state income tax referendum league. They both agree that the income tax law should be put on the ballot, but they both insist they are going to lay their own tracks up the same canyon regardless of any certificate of necessity and convenience, double cost, duplicated effort or any little thing like that, states the Oregon Journal.

Brownell, speaking generally but to the point, says that so far as he and the plans of the income tax referendum league are concerned, there is but one movement extant. And he says that "if that other person" (referring to Col. Hagood) wants to join forces and to concentrate efforts it is up to him to come up to the headquarters of the State Income Tax Referendum League and talk things over.

Hagood Goes Ahead

Colonel Hagood, by the same token, is marching blithely onward with his plans seemingly totally oblivious of the fact that there is such an organization as the State Income Tax Referendum League, or such an individual as Representative Brownell, in essence. He intimates, with softly intoned Southern courtesy, that "any series" of "that other fellow" have been to sound him out about packing up his ammunition and moving over for the purpose of being assimilated. But that is all. He has not met the other big chief face to face and there is no immediate possibility of such an event unless it should occur in the colonel's own office. And there you are.

In the meantime the attorney general, up at Salem, has taken the two petitions "by the four corners," as they say in the law, and has evolved two ballot titles, each of which is identical in terms with the other.

Representative Brownell says he started first and he intimates that the colonel "jumped the gun" on his game. He says he told everybody frankly and openly through the public press just what he was going to do to the income tax law, and that then, before he could get his attorney up to Salem with the petitions of the State Income Tax Referendum league, Colonel Hagood and the Oregon Just Tax League beat him to it and filed their petitions first.

But that doesn't make any difference to him, Brownell says. He and his league are going right ahead. Under the procedure of the law he will have to wait for about 20 days after the ballot titles have been fixed by the attorney general to give any one who may desire an opportunity to protest against their form. During that time he will get his machinery all oiled up and everything ready to roll so that when it starts out with his petitions after signatures the desired 13,000 can be secured in no time.

THE WEATHER

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Mar. 28.—Fair to night and Thursday.

Pendleton-La Grande Road Closed, Others Passable

According to information given by R. H. Baldock, of the state highway commissions headquarters here, all of the roads in this district are passable to motor traffic at the present time with the exception of the Pendleton-La Grande road over the Blue mountains. From La Grande to Baker is clear sailing, the road to Elgin is used daily by scores of motorists, and practically all of the other roads in Union county, of any importance whatever, are receiving their share of the daily grind and whirl of gas driven vehicles.

"As near as we can ascertain, no one has crossed the Pendleton-La Grande road this spring," Mr. Baldock stated. "We understand that the snow is drifted badly at points near the summit and thick mud is also another detriment to travel on that road." The exact depth of the snow at the summit is not known, due to the difficult approaches, caused by mud, mostly, on both

The alternative writ of mandamus, filed by Mayor Joe Trippler, of Cove, and others, directed at the Union County Court, demanding that they construct and build a hard surface paved road between Island City and Cove and to spend on the same the full sum of \$275,000 of the bond money voted for the construction of permanent roads in the county, which had been set aside for this purpose, was heard before Judge J. W. Knowles, in the circuit court yesterday afternoon. The defendants were represented by Attorneys Crawford and Eakin, and Ed Wright, while the plaintiffs were represented by Jno. S. Hodgins.

The plaintiffs claim that the road is a permanent road, and that it is a hard surface of concrete, asphaltum, bituminous or a similar kind of hard surface and that a road properly constructed and finished with macadam surface is not a permanent road within the meaning of the law.

Claim Disputed.

The defendants, in reply, claim that any road properly and substantially constructed, whether finished with hard surfaced pavement or macadam, is a permanent road within the meaning of the law. It was also claimed by the defendants that such a road as demanded in the alternative writ of mandamus, cannot be constructed for the sum of \$275,000 or for a less sum than about \$330,000.

Moves Dismissal.

In answer to this the plaintiffs say that a combination type of road, consisting of a strip of concrete nine feet in width and seven inches thick with a macadam shoulder seven feet wide properly laid can be constructed for \$242,000. The defendants then point out that the alternative writ of mandamus does not call for the building of such a combination type of road. They then moved the court for judgment on the pleadings, to dismiss the proceedings on the grounds that the alternative writ does not state facts sufficient to contribute such an action and that the question as to whether or not a hard surface paved road shall be constructed or a substantially constructed macadam road be built is a matter for the sound judgment and discretion of the county court, which the circuit court cannot control or interfere with. They also advance the further grounds that the alternative writ commands the construction of paved hard surface road and the expenditures in such construction of the full sum of \$275,000, and that it is clear that the circuit court cannot compel the county court to spend that sum or any other sum over and above what is necessary to construct a permanent road and that, as the circuit court cannot grant all that is requested it must deny the issuing of a preceptor writ of mandamus and dismiss the proceedings.

If this motion is sustained it will end the proceedings for the present. Judge Knowles has the matter under consideration and will render a decision during the day.

SELL AND SCRAP SHIPS, IS ASKED

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 28.—The United States Ship Operator Association, the second of organizations representing interests affected with the American Merchant Marine act, responded to the House committee request for co-operation in formulating a policy, recommended today that the board scrap all unserviceable tonnage, sell its good tonnage to American operators and strictly withhold any tonnage from aliens.

THE WEATHER

(By Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Mar. 28.—Fair to night and Thursday.