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ZEPLAK'S SENTENCE COMMUTED

Archbishop Given 10 Years
Imprisonment Instead
of Death.

BUTCHAVITCH IS HELD TREASONABLE

Appeal for Clemency Is De-
nied; Central Executive
Committee Announces Re-
sults of Investigation.

(By Associated Press)
MOSCOW, Mar. 30.—The death
sentence recently imposed on Arch-
bishop Zeplak, head of the Russian
Catholic Church in Russia, was com-
muted today to ten years imprison-
ment under strict isolation. The ap-
peal of General Butchavitch for clemency was denied.

The central executive committee
commuted the Archbishop's sentence
because the Catholics might exploit
the sentence.

L. H. S. HAS A NEW CURTAIN

No more will they occupy the
high school auditorium during en-
tertainments or for other reason
since in its best days, but will
henceforth be delighted by a curtain
prepared by the Van Wic company,
of Portland, that contains on its
surface a beautiful likeness of Mt.
Emul, reproduced from a photo-
graph taken by Harley Richardson,
of this city, recently. They who
have seen the curtain, which arrived
yesterday, are vociferous in their
praise, and class it as one of the
most beautiful in the city.

The curtain, which is said to have
cost the sum of \$300, was presented
to the high school board and a num-
ber of business concerns in La
Grande, as follows: La Grande Na-
tional Bank, Modern Laundry, Mac-
phersons Bakery, J. G. Snodgrass,
Oregon Hardware and Implement
company, Richard P. Landis, C. J.
Black and company, Palmer's La
Grande Printing company, Grande
Ronde Meat company, G. S. Birnie,
Andrew Brothers, Newlin's Book and
Stationery company, the Home In-
dependent Telephone company, G. R.
Vehrs, Bug Mountain Creamery and
the La Grande school board.

The names of the donors are listed
on either side of the reproduction
of Mt. Emul.

BOND APPROVAL ASKED

BEND, Mar. 30.—Whether or not
the contract for the sale of the north
unit \$4,910,000 bond issue to Morris
Bros., Portland bond dealers, should
have state approval is expected to
be one of the points to be decided
by Governor Pierce and members of
the state irrigation securities com-
mission when they meet central Ore-
gon next week. They will reach
Bend next Wednesday.

Originally the visit of the com-
missioners had been understood to be
entirely in connection with the se-
curities of the Powell butte project,
but the request of John L. Etheridge
of Morris Bros. for certification of
the north unit bonds has given the
launt to central Oregon a new angle.

Bank Governors Meet; Silent on Rediscount

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 30.—The
semi-annual conference of the gov-
ernors of the 12 reserve banks was
concluded here Thursday after more
than six hours had been spent in dis-
cussing general economic and finan-
cial conditions with members of the
federal reserve board who partici-
pated in the final session. Much of
the more than three days taken up
by the conference was occupied in
general exchange of information con-
cerning bank operations.

Acting Governor Platt of the re-
serve board issued the following
statement at the close of the session,
covering the reserve board's part in
the meeting:

"During the semi-annual confer-
ence of governors, which closed
Thursday, the federal reserve board,
as usual, discussed with the gov-
ernors many matters of operations, in-
cluding the amendments to the re-
serve act contained in the agricul-
tural credits act, changes in the

Lenine Dying Of Paralysis

LONDON, Mar. 30.—Lenine is dy-
ing, according to a message via the
Soviet legation at Helsingborg. The
paralysis of his right arm is spreading.

LANSING-ISHII AGREEMENT IS NOW CANCELLED

Action Taken By Mutual
Agreement of Washington
and Tokio Governments.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30.—The cele-
brated Lansing-Ishii agreement, by
which the United States in 1917 re-
cognized Japan's "special interests" in
China, has been cancelled by mutual
agreement between the Washington
and Tokio governments.

Diplomatic negotiations resulted in
new understandings, based primarily
on provisions of the Nine Power Pact,
written at the Washington Armament
conference, and regarded as applying
more effectively to the "principles of
the open door or equality of opportu-
nity in China."

NAME OFF OF ROLL

(By Associated Press)
SALEM, Mar. 30.—Governor Pierce,
when informed today that the Jack-
son county game protective associa-
tion had stricken his name from its
membership rolls as a protest
against what the association claimed
was a violation of a promise to ap-
point A. L. Hill, of Medford, to the
state game commission, said he had
no recollection of such a promise, and
that he appointed Roy Davis, chair-
man of Jackson county's democratic
committee as a member of the game
commission because he received peti-
tions in behalf of Davis from Klamath
and Josephine counties as well
as independent petitions from Jack-
son county favoring Davis.

VAN DUZER ACCEPTS

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Mar. 30.—H. B. Van
Duzer, yesterday accepted the ap-
pointment as a member of the state
highway commission and will suc-
ceed John B. Yeon. The announce-
ment of Mr. Van Duzer's acceptance
was made by Governor Pierce in
Portland.

MUCH IMPROVED

Mrs. C. C. Bull, who has been con-
fined to the Grande Ronde hospital
for sometime due to illness, returned
to her home today in a much im-
proved condition. Her many friends
are rejoicing at her recovery.

NOTICE

The La Grande municipal band has
a general all-around man capable in
clerical and other lines of work whom
the members wish to retain in La
Grande and they ask that any po-
sition open or to be open soon for
such a man be reported either to the
band leader, Andrew Loney, Jr., or
to the Observer office.

WEATHER FORECAST

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Mar. 30.—Cloudy in
the west, fair in the east tonight.
Saturday probably rain in the west,
cloudy in the east portion. Cooler
with moderate southerly winds.

STORM LOST ON OCEAN
(By Associated Press)
SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 30.—The
weather bureau reported today
that the Pacific storm has ap-
parently blown itself off steam
er lanes but may still be mak-
ing for the coast in a north-
westerly direction.

PORTLAND, Mar. 30.—The
temperature is about five de-
grees lower today than yester-
day's new March record.

TO JOIN IN MARKETING OF WHEAT

(By Associated Press)
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Mar. 30.—
Agreement to co-ordinate efforts in
marketing grain was reached by the
United States Grain Growers, Inc.,
and American Wheat Growers Asso-
ciated, Inc., Newton Jenkins, general
counsel for the American Farm Bu-
reau Federation announced today.
The agreement was reached last
night following a conference of the
officers of the two bodies but must yet
be approved by both organizations.
The agreement provides that
American Wheat Growers Associated
restrict their grain dealings to wheat
in Washington, Oregon, Montana,
Idaho, North Dakota, South Dakota,
Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, Colo-
rado.

The United States Grain Growers
Association will handle the wheat of
Ohio, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana and per-
haps Minnesota, and will handle
coarse grains in all states.
Both organizations are to have fa-
cilities at terminal points. They will
work together in organization, field
service and publicity.

KYNE'S STORY IN FINE FILM

Peter B. Kyne may have had hat-
red for the yellow race in his heart
when he wrote the "Ranch of Palo-
mar," but nevertheless he produced
a great story. The film maker and
director lost none of that excellent
tale when they transferred it from
the printed book to the screen. This
is plain to everyone who has read
the book if they will but go to the
Arcade and enjoy the remarkable
production which ran last night and
will run tonight.

While Don Mike is rather a super
young man his work is great and
every character that supports him
even to Panchito, the perfect horse,
is excellent. Few pictures will give
one the entertainment for the evening
that this California picture
gives.

DROP TAX REFERENDUM

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Mar. 30.—The gaso-
line tax referendum is to be dropped
by automobile men on the promise
that the committee will prepare a
revision of the automobile license tax
for the next legislature.

BOOTLEGGERS IN MINORITY

(By Associated Press)
SALT LAKE CITY, Mar. 30.—
Contrary to popular belief the fed-
eral prisons hold few bootleggers,
according to Finch R. Archer, war-
den of McNeil Island, Wash. peni-
tentiary, who was a visitor here re-
cently. Of the 500 or more prisoners
at McNeil Island, he said, only
three are serving for liquor viola-
tions.

Annual "April Antiks" To Be Presented By The A. G. S. On April 13th

An annual event that takes a
prominent place in dramatic ac-
tivities in the La Grande high
school will be held April 13th,
when the girls of the high school
through their organization term-
ed the Associated Girl Students,
will present "April Antiks."
Plans are being formulated,
but as yet are in an immature
stage with no definite program
yet arranged. The executive
committee of the A. G. S. and
Miss Conestock, faculty director
of April Antiks, are expectant
of a presentation that will out-
rival all preceding attempts.
The members of the A. G. S.
have already begun working dili-
gently in preparation for the af-
fair. As the plans now stand,
music, dancing and singing will
make a prominent part of
the program which will also be
augmented by band music.

BRITAIN'S AIR STRENGTH WEAK CAUSES WORRY

LONDON, Mar. 30.—Britain's
weakness in air defence again oc-
cupies public attention, and the gov-
ernment is being urged to give se-
rious and immediate attention to the
strengthening of that arm of En-
gland's fighting forces. In an article
in the Daily Telegraph Major C. C.
Turner, a well known air expert,
compares Britain's air equipment
with that of France and declares
that the British "are incredibly weak
in this respect, considering their
geographical situation and their re-
sources."

Major Turner proceeds to give
some interesting figures respecting
France's growing airplane resources,
and says France easily is mistress of
the air of the world. "That coun-
try," he says, "according to authori-
tative information available in Pa-
ris, will have a total of 230 air
squadrons by the end of the present
year. This means 2,200 airplanes in
the first line, with proportionate
reserves and with the necessary
transport, medical and other auxil-
iary services. The French govern-
ment is actuated by the considera-
tion that the strategic situation in
France makes her more open to at-
tack by land and sea than any other
western power, and it feels, there-
fore, that as her military power di-
minishes it is necessary that her
air power be increased."

France's war reserve in the air
service, Major Turner continues, is
about 4,800 airplanes of various
types, with the necessary means of
supply and maintenance. "In the 11
months ended Nov. 30, 1922," he
writes, "French airplane manufactur-
ers turned out 3,300 machines, in-
cluding a few required for export."
The total number of British ac-
tive air squadrons is 32, of which
the greater number are abroad. This
makes a deplorable showing as
against France's more than 200
squadrons.

The British expert then says that
aerial warfare as conducted in 1914-
1918 was child's play compared with
today's.

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SIX DEAD, MANY INJURED IN AUTO-TRAIN SMASHUP

CONTRACTOR SHOT, WOMAN IS SUICIDE

NEW YORK, Mar. 30.—After
sending in her card, and then calmly
waiting in an anteroom for an in-
terview, 26-year-old Helen Zeigler of
Riverside drive Thursday entered the
private office of Frederick W. Burn-
ham, wealthy contractor, shot him
with a double-barreled pistol, and
then killed herself with the weapon.
Burnham, 44 years old and a mem-
ber of a fashionable suburban col-
ony at Dobbs Ferry, was rushed to
Bellevue hospital, where it was said
he was dying.
The shooting took place in his
suite of offices on the second floor
of the Grand Central terminal build-
ing.
The body of Miss Zeigler, pros-
trate and with the two-barreled .45-
caliber pistol still clutched in her
right hand, was discovered in Burn-
ham's private office, 15 minutes after
those outside had heard voices raised
as if in violent argument, had
heard two shots rapidly fired, and
then unbroken silence.

HUG EXCHANGES OLD HILL RANCH

Arthur L. Berry, of Pendle-
ton, to Stock Farm With
Milch Cows.

Bert Hug has completed a deal
with Arthur L. Berry of Pendleton,
in which Mr. Hug traded the ranch
formerly owned by A. T. Hill east of
La Grande to Arthur L. Berry of
Pendleton for property in Pendle-
ton and a large ranch in Wallawa
county.

The deal was about a \$40,000
transaction and was made by the Se-
curity Land and Savings company,
L. A. Stoop, of that company, han-
dled the matter and he states that
Mr. Berry will soon put on fifty
cows on the Hill ranch making it an
ideal dairy place. The place has 250
acres, is irrigated and possesses ex-
cellent improvements.

Mr. Hug, who is one of the suc-
cessful farmers of the Grande Ronde
has decided to retire from active
work. He will probably make his
home in La Grande.

THE MARKET

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Mar. 30.—Livestock,
eggs and butter steady.

Harding Is Expected To Name Henry M. Dawes Comptroller of Currency

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Mar.
30.—President Harding let it be
known that upon returning to
Washington he would appoint
Henry M. Dawes of Chicago, a
banker and a brother of Charles
G. Dawes, former director of the
budget, to be comptroller of the
currency.
Mr. Dawes will take the of-
fice filled by D. R. Crissinger
prior to his appointment to the
governorship of the federal re-
serve board. The Chicago man
will be the second member of
Dawes' family to be comptroller
of the currency, his brother
Charles having served as comptrol-
ler in the administration of
President McKinley.

FOSTER DENIES BEING MEMBER OF COMMUNISTS

(By Associated Press)
ST. JOSEPH, Mich., Mar. 30.—
William Z. Foster, charged with
criminal syndicalism, last summer
planned the radical unions copper
miners of Butte and in Minnesota
and Michigan mines, Foster admitted
on cross examination today.

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., Mar. 30.—
William Z. Foster of Chicago, charged
with criminal syndicalism for as-
sembling the Michigan sand hills
with an organization alleged to have
been formed of the United States
government by force and violence,
took the stand in his own behalf
Thursday and admitting his pres-
ence at the Communist convention,
denied all connection with the or-
ganization.

He denied that he had filled out a
questionnaire at the convention in
which his occupation was stated as
industrial organizer of the Commu-
nial party of America, and he denied
he had been issued a portfolio con-
taining radical documents.

Both the alleged questionnaire and
the portfolio said to have been in-
troduced in evidence by the state.
Foster admitted on cross exami-
nation that he had sat in one meet-
ing of the presidency of the party
body of the convention.
There was nothing, in Foster's
bearing to indicate he was the man
who organized more than 200,000
steel workers and led the great 1919
steel strike, or who, according to
his own statements, has been an ac-
tive revolutionary leader for nearly
20 years.

DEATH CLAIMS LA GRANDE GIRL

Miss Eileen Mills Passes On
at the Grandy Home—The
Funeral Will Be Held To-
morrow.

The untimely death of Miss Eileen
Rose Mills occurred yesterday at the
home of her grandmother, Mrs. Ly-
dia Grandy. The young lady was but
20 years of age having been born in
Ashland, Oregon, and later living in
Alberta, Canada, where she spent
the greater portion of her life.
About three years ago she came to
La Grande and was taken ill shortly
afterward. With the hope of regain-
ing her health she returned to Can-
ada but there was little change and
several months ago she came back
to La Grande remaining here until
the end came. She was very popu-
lar with her friends and deep sorrow
is today expressed over her death.
She leaves her parents, James S.
Mills and wife, two brothers, Stanley
Mills of La Grande and James R.
Mills of Edmonton, Canada; three
sisters, Lydia and Kathleen Mills of
La Grande and Josephine Mills of
Edmonton. All of her brothers and
sisters were with her when the final
summons came.

Funeral services will be held from
the Zimmerman-Reynolds undertak-
ing chapel at 2 o'clock tomorrow af-
ternoon. The remains will be at the
Grandy home on Fourth and Adams
until the hour for the funeral.

KELLY AFTER JOH

SALEM, Mar. 30.—C. H. Kelly,
of Portland, whose term as a mem-
ber of the state board of barber
examiners expires May 1 was in Sa-
lem yesterday conferring with Gov-
ernor Pierce with relation to his
chances for reappointment. It was
said today that there are not less
than ten applications for the berth
held by Mr. Kelly.

The scramble for the office of
barber examiner is typical of the
scramble for all of the jobs on the
smaller boards and commissions. In
most instances these jobs carry
small salaries and give the appoint-
ees an opportunity to travel about
the state.

Train Piles Up in Ditch

In Addition To Dead, Many
Were Injured In The
Columbus Tragedy

COLLISION KILLS TWO CHILDREN

Horace Holbrook, Warren,
Ohio, Publisher, and One
Lady Included In the List
of Dead.

COLUMBUS, O., Mar. 30.—
Six were killed and many
injured when the fast Big
Four Pullman train, Boston
to Cincinnati, struck an au-
tomobile at a grade crossing
here today. The engine turned
over in a ditch, four Pull-
mans piling on top of it. The
dead are: Earl W. Wilson,
fireman, Columbus; J. W.
Kleek, fireman, Cleveland;
Mrs. Frank S. Hemminger,
wife of an attorney driving
the auto; Robert Hemminger,
aged five; an infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Hem-
minger; and Horace Holbrook,
Warren, Ohio, a pub-
lisher.

OBSERVE PARKING LAWSAYS CHIEF

Business District Congested
Because of Machines Be-
ing Parked Too Long.

If you have a little note from
Chief Haynes in your automobile
don't get excited nor filled up, for
the chief is just enforcing the park-
ing law and is endeavoring to keep
the business district open for traffic
instead of letting it clog up with
machines.

Today Chief Haynes said, "here-
after there will be no machines al-
lowed to stand more than thirty min-
utes in the business district, which
is from Fourth street to Greenwood
on Adams avenue, between 8 o'clock
a. m. until 6 p. m. Leaving ma-
chines parked indefinitely is caus-
ing considerable distress to busy
people who want to use the main
thoroughfare of La Grande and it
is unfair to business houses. The
law is on the books and its enforce-
ment will be positive from now on."
This includes machines owned by
professional men, according to the
chief today, as well as other cars.

IMPROVEMENTS MADE IN STORE

Hill's Department store, located on
the south side of Adams between
Depot and Elm streets, has just com-
pleted a rearrangement of the inter-
ior and installation of interior de-
corations that add much, not only to
the efficiency and capabilities of ren-
dering service, but to the beauty and
attractiveness.

The interior has been repainted
and refurnished in light gray and
white and new blue and white tile
linoleum has been laid in the rear
of the store which enhances the lat-
est wear and shoe departments. The
same type of linoleum will be laid
in the front of the store as soon as
weather conditions permit.

Departments Rearranged.
Probably the most decided im-
provements have taken place in the
rearranging and replacing of several
departments. The ladies' wear de-
partment is now situated in the right
hand side in the rear, behind the
men's clothing and shoe department.
Three booths have been built for dis-
play purposes and many other
changes add greatly to the general
appearance and efficiency.

Directly in front of the ladies'
wear department, the men's clothing,
furnishings and shoe department is
located, all grouped together. Sev-
eral changes have already been made
there, and more will be made in the
future. It has been partitioned off
from other departments.
The shoe department, proper, has
been located on the left hand side
of the store, starting at the rear and
stretching almost the full length of
the store, giving ample room for the
fine line of shoes that are offered.
A new lighting system was recent-
ly installed in the entire store which
is now one of the best lighted busi-
ness establishments in the city.

