

BURNS PROVE FATAL TO WEE WALLOWA TOT

Infant Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Maxwell Dies Tragically.

CLOTHING FIRED WHILE AT PLAY

Was Playing in Neighbor's Yard Near Bonfire; Aid Arrived to Late to Save Her From the Flames.

A tragedy of the regrettable kind that occasionally befalls a community, leaving in its wake sadness and horror, occurred at Wallowa Sunday afternoon between the hours of four and five o'clock, when Dorothy Louise Maxwell, the five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Maxwell, well received injuries that resulted in her death the following morning at 3:30 o'clock.

The little girl, who was playing in a neighbor's yard near a bonfire, apparently went too close to the flames, which caught her clothing and enveloped her in a mass of flames. Her screams brought some of the neighbors to the scene but an attempt to beat the fire out with their hands failed and before a blanket could be obtained to smother the flames, her body below the shoulders had been fatally burned. She was rushed to the hospital but her condition could not prevent her death.

At the time the little girl was playing near the fire no one else was with her and between the time her clothing caught fire and aid arrived, the flames had spread her body severely, resulting in her death.

She was five years, four months and 25 days old at the time of her death and leaves to mourn her death her father and mother and many friends and relatives. Her passing leaves a sad vacancy in the community in which she lived. Funeral arrangements are unannounced.

ELECTION ON IN WINDY CITY

Mudslinging Campaign Is Brought to Close; Religious Issue Features Last Days Before Election.

CHICAGO, April 3.—Voters are today selecting a mayor for the next four years following a campaign marked by mudslinging.

Arthur C. Luers is the republican standard bearer, Judge William E. Dever, the democratic nominee; and William A. Cullen, socialist.

The last days of the campaigning brought out the religious issue. The democrats connected the Ku Klux Klan with the republican campaign. The supporters of Luers stressed the fact that Dever was a Roman Catholic.

DR. COOK ARRESTED (By Associated Press) FORT WORTH, April 3.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, former cattle explorer, now oil promoter, surrendered to Federal authorities today on the charge of using the mails to defraud in oil promotions. Twenty-five other promoters face the same charge.

Water Users Ordered to Pay All Drainage Costs

SAN FRANCISCO, April 3.—Water consumers in the Nampa and Meridian irrigation districts of Idaho must pay the cost of drainage charges of \$1 for each irrigable acre, the United States circuit court of appeals held Monday in upholding an order of the secretary of the interior imposing the charge.

The court said that the secretary was "all powerful in matters of this kind," and that his rulings in this particular case could not be overturned by the courts.

The charge was imposed, according to the findings to prevent flood damage to the lands, which were under the Boise project of the United States reclamation service. The district court consumers resisted, holding that the secretary of the interior did not have proper authority to impose the charge.

BOARD MEETING CALLED Nampa, April 3.—Members of the district board of the Nampa and Meridian irrigation district will meet here today to confer on future action following the federal court decision in San Francisco that the district water consumers must pay the

Officials of Bulgarian Cabinet Are Sentenced To Life Imprisonment

SOFIA, Bulgaria, April 3.—The supreme court has sentenced to life imprisonment six members of the Radoslavoff cabinet which held office at the time of Bulgaria's entry into the European war. They are:

Vasile Radoslavoff, former premier and minister of interior; Dimitri Tontcheff, minister of finance; Piers Pesceff, minister of agriculture; Ivan Popoff, minister of justice; Dorby Petkoff, minister of public works.

General Naidenoff, former minister of war, was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment and five other generals from 5 to 10 years. The convicted men were ordered to pay war damages amounting to 32,700,000 lire.

Radoslavoff left Riga after the Bulgarian collapse in 1918. He went to Berlin, where he remained for a considerable time but eventually departed from that city fearing assassination.

K. Apostoloff, former minister of railways, posts and telegraphs, and Gen. N. Jekoff, commander in chief of the army, were both sentenced to 10 years.

J. B. STODDARD SELLS ACREAGE

Highly Cultivated Twenty-Two-Acre Tract Near the City Park Sold to Voelz.

Today papers were passed in the deal between A. L. Voelz, formerly an employee of the O-W, and J. B. Stoddard, in which Mr. Voelz becomes sole owner of the Stoddard fruit ranch near the city park.

The tract contains 22 acres and is recognized as one of the most highly cultivated pieces of land in Eastern Oregon. It is irrigated and responds to the labor of men with remarkable results. Mr. Stoddard has brought the tract up to the thirty-third degree of productivity but ill health caused him to consider the Voelz offer of \$10,000 for the property and finally accept it.

The Evening Observer figures very conspicuously in this deal. Mr. Voelz was in Keno, Washington, at work. He received a copy of the Observer one day and in that issue was a little advertisement by Stoddard saying that the place could be bought by someone who wanted a good layout for the two men began negotiations, which resulted in the sale being finished today.

"That's what I call a clean real estate commission," said Mr. Stoddard, "and it only cost a few cents but it is the thing that made this deal."

While the Stoddard family will remain on the ranch for another month, they are undecided as to where they will locate after that time.

J. M. GILBERT WILL SUCCEED W. L. KUSER IN TRAINING SCHOOL

(By Associated Press) SALEM, April 3.—The State Board of Control, on the motion of State Treasurer Hoff, supported by Governor Pierce, today voted for the removal of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Kuser, superintendent and assistant of the state training school for boys. The same combination elected J. M. Gilbert to succeed Kuser. Gilbert, formerly superintendent of the school was removed during Olcott's administration February 15, 1922, and was succeeded by Kuser.

THE WEATHER (By Associated Press) PORTLAND, April 3.—Probably rain tonight and Wednesday.

Butchkavitch is Shot Under Veil of Secrecy

(By Associated Press) MOSCOW, April 3.—Constantine Butchkavitch, vicar general of the Roman Catholic Church in Russia, was executed by a firing squad, according to the Pravda which says that the execution occurred March 31. The newspaper also reports the execution but not the time or place. The details of the execution may never be known.

Butchkavitch was sentenced to death March 26th after he and sixteen other prelates, including Archbishop Zepiak were convicted of opposing the Soviet government. Zepiak's sentence was commuted to ten years' imprisonment, but clemency for Butchkavitch was refused on the grounds that he had used his position as a priest to carry on treason.

HOOPER SEES NO LET UP IN BUSINESS

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, April 3.—"The country's present business boom is on a sound foundation," Secretary Hoover said today, "and there is a good reason to expect a long continuance of prosperity."

"The business condition is marked just now by the fact that goods are not accumulating," he continued. "Although production is at a high point, consumption is equaling it. Goods are moving continuously through distribution channels and are not piling up in a way that might indicate a check to business activity would be possible. Likewise prices are not showing a runaway tendency and although economic forecasting is always hazardous, I can see nothing on the business horizon indicating a reverse."

SPANISH WAR VETS TO MEET

Baker and La Grande Spanish War Veterans to Gather at Union April 25th.

Possibly one of the most important matters discussed at a recent joint meeting of the Spanish War Veterans of Baker and La Grande, held at Baker last Friday when the La Grande members visited the Queen City lodge, was in regards to a joint meeting of the two organizations.

An agreement was reached to hold the meeting at the Union Hotel at Union on the evening of April 25th, which is the anniversary of the declaration of war on Spain. H. E. Condit of La Grande will preside at the meeting as chairman and plans as they now stand call for a banquet and a short program in commemoration of the day.

Condition of Lenine Is Unchanged, Satisfactory

MOSCOW, April 3.—No material change is regarded in the condition of Nikolai Lenine, Soviet premier. The physicians' bulletin Monday gave the temperature as 100, pulse 112 and adds: "Since Saturday there have been evident catarrhal symptoms of the left lung which are not developing. The general condition is satisfactory."

RIGHT ON THE JOB, B'GOSH!



YELM SAFE IS CRACKED; LOSS CONSIDERABLE

(By Associated Press) TACOMA, April 3.—Safe crackers blew the safe at the Grange Warehouse company, the Farmers Co-operative store at Yelm, early today.

According to reports they obtained a thousand dollars in money orders, \$400 cash and an unknown amount of negotiable securities from safety deposit boxes.

RAIL TRAFFIC IS VERY LARGE

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, April 3.—The board of directors of the American Railway Association today began a series of conferences to recommend a plan to obtain additional equipment to meet increasing traffic demands throughout the country.

Weekly statements of car loadings of the first three months of this year have, with few exceptions, broken all records for this season of past years.

Railways are facing the need of an immediate increase in freight equipment.

BRICK BUILDING FOR WOLF CREEK

The progressive people of Wolf Creek are planning to build a new brick schoolhouse before another school year comes. At a special meeting last week the whole district was unanimous in their desire for a new building. The present one cannot house more than one-half of the pupils attending the school. At present the grain hall is being used for school purposes.

The new building being planned will be a two-room brick building and if the district keeps up its present growth they will soon need three rooms. However two rooms will do for the present.

A meeting will soon be held for the purpose of voting bonds and it is thought that they will be voted by a large majority.

If Wolf Creek could see their way clear to join the North Powder school and send their children to the town school it would be better for all concerned. The country school with two rooms and cash teacher four grades cannot hope to compete with the town school, where each teacher has only one grade and never over two.

Idaho Falls Girl Elopes With the Son of William R. Hearst; Now Married

MARTINEZ, Cal., April 3.—George Hearst, son of William Randolph Hearst, and Miss Blanche Wilbur, daughter of O. K. Wilbur, of Idaho Falls, Idaho, eloped from the University of California at Berkeley and were married here Monday. Both have been prominent in college activities.

The couple appeared at the county clerk's office and applied for a license. Hearst gave his age as 21, his birthplace as Washington and his father as W. R. Hearst. Miss Wilbur confessed to being 19.

The license obtained, the two hurried to St. Catherine's cathedral church, where the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father E. S. Olsen. As the youthful couple had apparently taken no one into their confidence, it was necessary for the priest to provide witnesses. Father Barragan and Miss Mary Kane officiated in that capacity.

SPOKANE BOY ACCIDENTALLY SHOT AT COVE

Shotgun In Back of Auto Is Discharged, Filling Earl Tilton's Knee Full of Shot; Operation Performed.

According to advices received late this morning from Hot Lake, Earl Tilton, of Whitman College, who was accidentally injured near Cove Saturday afternoon by a charge of shot, is recovering very favorably from an operation and conditions are bright for no future complications.

Mr. Tilton, who is attending Whitman college, but is a resident of Spokane, Washington, was at Cove spending his Easter vacation with Grant Conley, also a Whitman student. While on an auto ride a shotgun, in the back part of the car, accidentally discharged, the shot going through the rear of the front seat and lodging in the outer surface of Tilton's right knee, filling the joint and the surrounding tissue with shot.

Tilton was rushed to the Hot Lake Sanatorium and an operation was performed, removing the shot from his knee.

Tilton, who is about 22 years of age, was a member of the Whitman football team during the 1922 season and is prominent in both athletic and social activities at college.

Milk War Brings Price Of Milk to Low Marks

(By Associated Press) SEATTLE, April 3.—A conflict of independent grocers, milk dealers and members of the Seattle Milk Dealers Association resulted today in a milk war bringing the prices in some stores as low as four cents per quart. The normal price is 11 to 12 cents.

OFFICIALS MUST REMAIN ON JOBS

Work Instructs Registrars and Surveyors to Devote Time to Their Duties.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Registrars and receivers of local land offices, along with surveyors general, will hereafter remain on the job, and devote their entire time to government business during office hours, under instructions sent out Monday by Secretary of Interior Work. The secretary finds that numerous complaints reached the department from settlers and others having business at local land offices or with surveyors general to the effect that when they called, they found the officials away. In his instructions to offices in the west Secretary Work says:

"If applicant or other person having business to transact with registrar or receiver, or surveyor general comes a long distance to transact that business and finds the official absent during office hours, it subjects applicant to unnecessary expense and delay and creates in his mind belief that the official is not looking after the business which he is paid to transact."

Therefore direct that all officers of this department, except when absent on official leave, shall devote their entire time during office hours to transaction of business of their several offices."

CUSTOMS RECEIPTS HUGE (By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, April 3.—Customs receipts for March totalling \$62,172,000 broke all records.

WHEAT QUOTATIONS (By Associated Press) PORTLAND, April 3.—Hard White \$1.24; Western Red \$1.17.

A. C. HAMPTON EXPLAINS THE GARY SYSTEM

La Grande Superintendent of Schools Speaks Before the Ad Club.

U. OF O. PROFESSOR COMMENDS SYSTEM

Rousing Meeting of Club Held Today; Many Business Matters Taken Up and Acted Upon.

"The platoon system or Gary plan, as it is known, is the solution for our school problem," state A. C. Hampton, superintendent of the La Grande schools today before the members of the Union County Ad club gathered at their weekly Tuesday noonday luncheon. His speech clearly represented to the people present that the system was indeed a reliable remedy for conditions that the local schools are confronting today.

Telling in a general way of the benefits and workings of the system, which is to be inaugurated in the Greenwood grammar school in La Grande, beginning with the fall term, Mr. Hampton impressed many facts concerning the plan and its appliance to local problems. La Grande is today facing a problem of overcrowding in the schools that has practically come to a crisis. Either more schools would need to be built or else some system inaugurated that would prove a fitting remedy. "That is what the Gary plan will do," Mr. Hampton stated. How the system increases the housing capacity of the buildings at a much less expense than would be required to build new buildings and how it also creates a greater standard of educational efficiency were also brought out in his talk.

"The platoon system is not an experiment," he emphasized. "It has long since passed that stage and is now being used in many schools in the east and elsewhere with more than efficient results. In one school while in the east, I found that 1100 to 1200 children were being accommodated in a nine room school, and that they were not over-crowded in the least, that they were receiving more efficient tutoring and that in every way, the plan was working out thoroughly successful."

Comments System. Following Mr. Hampton's talk, preliminary to adjournment, Ira Richardson, a member of the University of Oregon extension service now making a tour of the state in the interest of vocational and educational contact with the schools, in a few well chosen words, commended the platoon system and expressed his entire faith in it. Mr. Richardson believes that La Grande will find the system entirely satisfactory and praised Mr. Hampton and R. A. Wilkerson, principal of the Greenwood school, for their progressive actions in presenting the proposition to the local board and for their interest in the elevation of the educational efficiency of the schools.

Much Business. Considerable business came before the Ad club session today. The Better Business Bureau, through H. E. Dixon, chairman, reported on the request of W. C. Crews, manager of the La Grande baseball team, for permission to solicit the business men of the city for funds to begin the baseball season with. His report was favorable to the request and the Ad club, by a unanimous vote, accepted his report.

C. E. Short also reported on preparations for the tree-planting time, to be held April 10th, at which time trees would be planted along the Victory Way, the movement being sponsored by the Neighborhood club, American Legion, and other civic organizations. He suggested that action be taken to declare a half holiday on that day, and that the entire community combine in the work. Preliminary to adjournment A. W. Nelson, acting as chairman of the day, announced that several expert tree planters were desired to aid in the planting. The holes are now being dug and the engineers have completed the survey for the work and everything is now reaching a point where all but the last preparations are complete.

Mr. Divens, of the Western Union headquarters, announced a benefit dance to be held in the Zuber hall tomorrow evening and invited the Ad club members to lend it their support.

Musical Numbers. Two excellent musical organizations made their appearance on the program, lending much to the entertainment phase of the meeting. The high school saxophone quartette, composed of Jack Dennis, Jack Hiatt, Paul Meyers and Vincent McEwen, with Wesley Heath at the piano, furnished two delightful numbers early during the hour and shortly before closing the Ad club quartette, long famous for their excellent music, composed of G. L. Dut-

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