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GIRLS FOUND DEAD IN ROAD, THROATS SLIT

Bodies Discovered Along Isolated Staten Island Roadside Today

BELIEVED THROWN IN ROAD FROM CAR

Miss Bessie McMahon, of Utica, and Miss Irene Blainino, of Jersey City, Victims of Murderers.

NEW YORK, Apr. 6.—Miss Bessie McMahon, of Utica, and Miss Irene Blainino, of Jersey City, were found murdered along an isolated roadside at Dongan Hills, Staten Island, early today. Their throats were cut.

Police believe that they were murdered elsewhere, the bodies being carried to the place where they were found and thrown into the road from an automobile.

LUMBER MARKET REMAINS STRONG

With demand at normal, stocks improved and mills still far behind in filling orders, the lumber market retains its great strength, says the American Lumberman, Chicago. The weak spots caused by transit cars reaching demurrage points are fast disappearing as these cars are being picked up by buyers looking for bargains. Industrial demand continues strong with practically all the important consuming industries actively searching both the softwood and hardwood markets for material. Dry hardwoods being very scarce, these consumers are in many cases contracting for large quantities of green lumber, either for immediate delivery or for shipment when dry. Retail dealers are still conservative in their commitments, but they are quick to snap up anything that looks cheap, and are circulating numerous inquiries for material for spring delivery. However, they often find it difficult to place orders because of the low and broken condition of mill stocks.

The outlook for building does not appear to have been marred through the advances in building costs that have taken place during the last few months, the public feeling realizing that undue inflation is absent from the material markets and that present price levels are likely to prevail for a long time, so that there would be no advantage in postponing work in expectation of lower costs presently. It is felt that the greatest restrictive factor in building this spring will be labor supply, of which there is a marked scarcity in many cities. Lumbermen meanwhile expect that two or three weeks of weather favorable to outdoor work will be immediately followed by the starting of much new construction work and by a considerable amount in lumber demand which will keep the market active and strong throughout the spring. Foreign demand, too, is showing a gratifying volume, improvement being noted especially in European trade.

Production is increasing steadily, and is now virtually on a par with demand. Operators in both the south and the west, however, report a growing shortage of labor which may prove very embarrassing. Shipments of southern pine and hardwoods have declined lately as a result of inadequate saw supply, and though western shipments are still voluminous, they are threatened with an early reduction by the same factor.

WARRANTS CALLED IN

OREGON CITY, Apr. 6.—The largest warrant call in the history of Clackamas county is now being prepared, County Treasurer Everett announced today. A total of \$109,000 worth of warrants will be called for payment on April 24, he said. It is probable that the formal notice will not be ready for about ten days.

Sheriff Wilson turned over about \$22,000 to the treasurer last night from tax collections for the first half of the year. This amount represents about one-fifth of the total collection for the first half.

Reclamation Survey Is Ordered by Officials

(City Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, April 6.—A survey of reclamation projects in the west with special attention to charges of excessive overhead expenditures was ordered today by Secretary Work.

Assistant Secretary D. W. Davis and Director A. P. Davis, of the reclamation service, are to start on a tour April 14th. Their itinerary includes the Umatta project.

Airplane, En Route to Boise, Forced to Land At Powder, Wind Heavy

NORTH POWDER, Apr. 6.—C. A. Kaufman and Webber Appel of Boise, two aviators, were compelled to stop in North Powder by contrary winds. They left La Grande yesterday, expecting to get through easily to Boise before night. All went well until they came into the Clover Creek valley and then they said that they never in all their experience in aircraft had such a wind to contend with. The air seemed to be in pools and it came from every way at the same time. It took them forty-five minutes to come to North Powder from La Grande. They tried to go on but came to the conclusion that they would have to wait over one day for a better wind. Mr. Appel said that he has driven aircrafts over thirty-five thousand miles but had never encountered such a wind before.

Mr. Kaufman and Appel had purchased the machine in La Grande and are taking it to Boise where they will use it for commercial purposes and carrying passengers. It is a 250-horsepower machine. It carries three passengers. The mountains in this section produce very contrary winds that often bring grief to aviators.

SALVATION ARMY PLANS ERECTION OF NEW BUILDING

Will Launch Drive for \$10,000 in Near Future; Have Outgrown Present Quarters.

The Salvation Army work in La Grande has advanced wonderfully in the past nine months under the leadership of Adjutant and Mrs. Peterson. According to Adj. Peterson, the Salvation Army headquarters here have outgrown their present building and are practically unable to accommodate the young people's work in their quarters.

They are planning to launch a campaign soon for a sum of \$10,000, the amount needed for the erection of a new building which will be located on their present lot on Fir street. Specifications, tentatively, call for a building 27 by 108 feet, with a public rest room, relief room, auditorium, gymnasium and a full basement. Class rooms for boys and girls' organizations where they will be trained in first aid to the injured, sewing and cooking will also be provided.

The following statement is given as to the charity work done during the past few months. Number of meals given to homeless men, 39; number of garments, 879; number of shoes given away, 158; and number of persons relieved otherwise, 572. The number of families given groceries total 198, the total value of the groceries being \$585.50. The number of lodgings given men, 27. Number of hours spent in visiting, 900. Number of families visited, 1,816. Number of open-air services held, 250. Number of inside services held, 350.

MR. MURR CALLED BY GRIM REAPER

Roy Murr died at the home of his parents at 2107 First street yesterday afternoon at the termination of an illness that assailed him over a year ago. With his passing on he leaves a host of friends, in addition to his sorrowing relatives, who mourn his demise.

Funeral services will be held at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon at two o'clock.

The deceased, who was 22 years, two months and 22 days of age at the time of his death, leaves his parents, James L. Murr and Mattie Murr, three brothers, Clyde, Wade and Floyd, and a host of friends.

He was born in Houston, Texas county, Missouri, January 13, 1901, and going to Melker, Colorado, whence coming to La Grande in 1920, where he has since made his home.

WHEAT QUOTATIONS

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Apr. 6.—Hard White \$1.24; Western Red \$1.17.

CHEESE DROPS

PORTLAND, Apr. 6.—Cheese dropped three cents here today, following a similar cut by the Tillamook association. Sugar is to advance here 25 cents on the hundred tomorrow.

Swedish Cabinet, Headed by Premier Branting, Resigns

BUSINESS IS REPORTED AS NEAR NORMAL

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Declarations were made in two official quarters Thursday that general business conditions throughout the east were nearly normal. The central and western parts of the United States were said at the same time to be making rapid strides towards recovery and the prediction was offered that those sections soon would be in better condition than at any time since the prosperity incident to the war.

Secretary Mellon asserted on returning from his first vacation since he became head of the treasury, that the industrial and financial situation in the east appeared "very satisfactory."

The federal reserve board declared in its official monthly bulletin, issued later today, that continued active business conditions in every section was shown by the maintenance of a high rate of industrial production.

Failure at Minimum

The bulletin also called attention to the unusually low number of commercial failures reported in February, which, according to its figures, was the smallest since September, 1920. The total number of failures, the report showed, was 44 per cent less than in February, 1922, and 51 per cent below the record reached in December, 1921, near the height of the deflationary process through which the country went.

There was a marked decline in the number of failures in February as compared with January and incomplete reports for March indicate another reduction.

Some concern has been expressed by government officials recently regarding marked tendencies towards inflation but these were discounted by the treasury secretary. He said that while there undoubtedly was some speculation, as is true always during periods of prosperity, and extension, it need not be considered dangerous.

INVESTIGATION WILL BE MADE RAIL RATES ON WOOL AND MOHAIR

WASHINGTON, Apr. 6.—All railroad practices and rates in the west with reference to transportation of wool and mohair were ordered under investigation today by the Interstate Commerce commission.

The examiners were ordered to open hearings at Billings, April 26th, Salt Lake City, April 30th, Boise, May 4th, Portland, May 7th, and Phoenix, May 14th.

University Glee Club To Appear in Concert This Evening at High School

Interest among not only the University of Oregon alumni and friends of the glee club but the music-loving public as well, is at a high point today with the University of Oregon glee club concert at the high school auditorium scheduled for tonight. Members of the club are here today and are being royally entertained with La Grande's usual hospitality which is ever shown to visitors. They appeared in Baker Wednesday evening and according to reports from the Queen City, presented a high class program, alive with interest throughout.

The doors at the high school will open this evening at 7:30 o'clock and the curtain will rise at 8:15 o'clock. Tickets, which have been on sale at Glass Drugs for the past three days, have been going like hot-cakes and the few seats that remain unoccupied will be offered for sale at the high school this evening.

VICE PRESIDENT SEES A HARDING VICTORY IN 1924

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Apr. 6.—Responding today to inquiries as to his attitude toward 1924, Vice President Coolidge predicted that President Harding's re-nomination and re-election would be demanded by the people because of the record of his administration.

Coolidge refused to state at this time his own attitude toward re-nomination as a running mate for Harding.

PHYMERE FARMS COW IS LISTED

A purebred Holstein owned by W. T. Phymere, Hot Lake, Oregon, has made a good record of production and is listed in the latest bulletin of tests published by the Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

Fishes Pontiac Longford (C. C. 1784), a two years and three months old Holstein, produced 16,313.8 pounds of milk and 598.21 pounds of butterfat, equivalent to 748.8 pounds of butter in 205 days.

The test was supervised by a representative of the dairy division of the college of agriculture. The supervisor watched the milking, weighed it and took samples for testing. A duplicate sample is sent to the college to check figures. The figures are later checked by the Holstein association.

SOMEONE IS DUE FOR AN AWAKENING



Mimir, L. H. S. Annual, To Have Special Section On 'Old Oregon Trail'

An additional feature, that promises to augment the attractiveness of the Mimir, the annual published each year by the Senior class of the La Grande high school, has been added to the program.

This feature will consist of traditional stories and facts concerning the Old Oregon Trail. Many of the pioneers, who came into this country via the Old Oregon Trail, have contributed to the program and the editorial staff of the annual promises that not only will this section be exceptionally interesting, but that the annual as a whole will surpass former publications.

The Mimir is nearly ready to go to press and as the staff is ordering a limited number, all who wish to secure one are requested to notify some member of the staff.

BAKER PROJECT HELD 'HOPEFUL'

President Gray, of the Union Pacific System, Meets With Baker Chamber of Commerce.

BAKER, Apr. 6.—President Carl E. Gray, of the Union Pacific system, met with a committee of the chamber of commerce and the directors of the Lower Powder Irrigation district last night for the purpose of considering the expense of moving the railroad in connection with the Lower Powder project. J. P. O'Brien, vice president of the O.-W. R. & N., H. M. Adams, vice-president of the Union Pacific, and Arthur C. Spencer, general attorney for the O.-W. R. & N., were with Mr. Gray at the meeting, which was held in the law offices of Nichols, Hallcock & Donald. Nothing of a definite nature was arrived at, but the situation "looks very hopeful," according to those in attendance.

PACIFISTS ARE CALLED ENEMY BAND, WEEKS

Declares Pacifists Preach Revolution and the Establishment of Communistic Government.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, April 6.—Pacifist propagandists and other similar organizations in the United States were denounced as public enemies today by Secretary Weeks. He said that Americans would do well "to inform themselves of facts and examine into the character of those promoting factious campaigns before they had taken steps that may alien them with enemies of the republic."

He charged that misleading statistics had been circulated by pacifist agencies, including forces preaching revolution and the establishment of a communistic government.

FRAUD CASE DELAYED

PENDLETON, Apr. 6.—John E. Smith, charged in a long indictment involving crops and farm lands, with obtaining approximately \$700 by false pretenses, asked for time to make a settlement. The recommendation that he be paroled from the bench he is alleged to have defrauded. Circuit Judge Phelps granted him until tomorrow.

James W. Sims, indicted for forgery, indicated today to the judge that he would plead guilty tomorrow morning. Andrew Bushman, larceny and assault, and Gus Johnson, obtaining money under false pretenses, asked for more time. Seth Reids, attempted holdup, is expected to plead tomorrow also.

BULLETINS

LIFE IMPRISONMENT

(By Associated Press)
SANTA CRUZ, Calif., Apr. 6.—J. R. Master was sentenced to life imprisonment today following his conviction of beating his wife to death with an iron bar February 22.

TWO KILLED IN SMASH

(By Associated Press)
INDEPENDENCE, Ore., Apr. 6.—Fred J. Featherstone, 40, Joseph M. Jones, 50, farmers were killed and David Quiring, 20, was seriously injured today when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by the Southern Pacific Electric train at a crossing two miles south of Independence. The automobile was demolished and the front of the train damaged. Two bodies were thrown 100 feet. The men, employed on construction jobs, were driving to work when the accident occurred.

BRIDE IS DIVORCED

YANCOUVEIR, Wash., April 6.—Peter Christensen, 38, today received a divorce from his 18-year-old bride of a few weeks. The girl was formerly Miss Sylvia Douglas of Washington, who brought suit against her husband, alleging that he has an unreasonably jealous temperament. Christensen countered with the story of his arrest upon complaint of his wife after they were married, and the night he spent in jail because he remonstrated in a local restaurant against her staying away from home at late hours of the night.

The couple live in Canada.

CALLS FOR STATEMENTS

WASHINGTON, Apr. 6.—The comptroller of the currency today called for the condition of National banks at the close of business April 3rd.

Railways to Spend Vast Sum for Equipments Now

Dog Foregoes Care Of Cat to Mother a Brood Of Incubator Chickens

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Apr. 6.—Strangest of dumb mothers is "Muggins," a Spaniel, owned by E. Johnson of Taft, near here. The dog has taken into her keeping a brood of incubator chickens. "Muggins" possesses a reputation as an incurable mother. She but recently relinquished guardianship of the Johnson household to the Johnson household which she reared from a kitten. Now she has a whole flock of chickens. The fluffy little balls of feathers peep merrily as they scratch over their sluggy mother. Should they fall off, they are consoled with a lick from Muggins' tongue.

ROBBERS TAKE \$2,139,900 IN A RICH HAUL

St. Louis Daylight Robbery Loss Becomes Known Today.

REGISTERED BONDS MADE LOOT LARGE

Bonds Were Unsigned By Officials of Bank But the Authorities Expect Robbers to Forge Signatures.

(By Associated Press)
ST. LOUIS, Apr. 6.—Registered bonds of the St. Louis Federal Land Bank amounting to \$2,139,900 in loot, was obtained by five bandits who Monday held up a mail truck in the downtown business district here according to information obtained today by the St. Louis Post Dispatch.

The bonds had been printed in Washington and were being forwarded here, but lacked the signature of the vice president and the secretary of the bank.

Postoffice authorities do not think that the bandits would hesitate to forge these.

ISLAND RACE IS VANISHING

PAPEETE, Tahiti, April 6.—The native race in French Oceania is doomed. Today it is rare to find a pure blooded Polynesian on Tahiti. The Marquesan native is in the late twilight of his existence, according to the French authorities here.

Chinese are crowding the natives off the islands, and besides constant addition to the present Chinese population by new arrivals, the birthrate among the Chinese on the islands is steadily increasing. While some of the Chinese marry native women, the majority are bringing in Chinese wives and are raising a new generation of pure Chinese.

The expedition of the New York Museum of Natural History which has recently returned from the other islands of Tahiti, where they have been collecting specimens of birds, report a deplorable state of affairs as far as the Marquesans are concerned. There are scarcely any Marquesans left and they are in a wretched condition from disease and underfeeding, the New Yorkers state.

CHINESE PAIR TO MARRY

CORVALLIS, April 6.—The engagement of Miss Kim Moy Yap of Portland, Chinese girl in the Foreign-born class, to John S. Chu of Kwantung, China, now taking a graduate course in agriculture, was announced yesterday. Miss Yap is talking pre-nuptials.

The young oriental students will leave this week for China, where they will be married in two or three months. They have many friends among Oregon Agricultural college students, particularly in the Cosmopolitan club.

THE WEATHER

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Apr. 6.—Tonight and Saturday rain.