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GREECE WILL ACCEPT TURK BATTLE GAGE

Alexandria Says the Greek
Army Can Defend
Its Honor.

REPARATION DEMAND BONE OF CONTENTION

Alexandria Declared That
Greece Will Not Pay One
Cent of Indemnity to the
Ottomans.

(By Associated Press)

LAUSANNE, May 22.—Greece is prepared to accept the gage of battle if Turkey insists on war, to settle the question of the indemnity she claims is due from Greece. M. Alexandris, Greek foreign minister, declared to the foreign correspondents Monday night. Unless Turkey changes her attitude in the reparation demands, the Greek delegates to the Near East conference will be withdrawn this week, he added.

The Turks have given no indication of an intention to recede from their reparation demands, and M. Alexandris declared that Greece was resolved not to pay one cent of indemnity, brought increased pessimism in conference circles.

The Greek foreign minister asserted that he had not come to Lausanne in a bellicose mood, and added that the Greek army had been reorganized since the overthrow of Constantine and was now well equipped and able to take care of itself.

Can Defend Honor.
"I think," he said, "if the worst comes to the worst, the Greek army will be able to defend its honor."

BALDWIN IS NEW PRIME MINISTER

Chancellor of the Exchequer
Named as Successor to
Bonar Law, Resigned.

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, May 22.—Stanley Baldwin is Great Britain's new prime minister. He accepted the premiership offered him this afternoon by King George.

Central News states that conservative party leaders selected Baldwin and that Sir Robert Horne, former chancellor of the exchequer, has agreed to succeed Baldwin in that office.

Baldwin, as chancellor of the exchequer in Bonar Law's ministry, visited the United States as the head of the British debt commission.

Death Calls Pioneer Baker County Woman

BAKER, May 22.—Word was received in Baker this morning of the death of Mrs. Emma Warfield, a highly respected pioneer resident of Baker county. Mrs. Warfield died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ed Sage in Walla Walla.

Mrs. Warfield was born in Iowa August 11, 1860, and with her parents crossed the plains in 1862, going first to Portland, Oregon, and two years later coming to Baker where she has since made her home.

The deceased is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Ed Sage of Walla Walla and Mrs. James Todd of Interstate, Idaho; two sons, John, of San Jose, California, and Ed Warfield of this city. She also leaves seven sisters, Mrs. Dr. Goodlove, of Greenwood, B. C., Mrs. M. F. Crosby, of Rockaway, Oregon, Mrs. W. L. Toney, Mrs. R. V. Toney, Mrs. B. F. Toney of Haines, and Mrs. S. E. Caviness and Mrs. Frank Caviness of Baker. The remains will be shipped to Baker where the burial will take place. Funeral services will be announced later.

OREGON WOMAN SAVED

MONTREAL, May 22.—Mrs. J. Holmes, of Aurora, Oregon, is among the 436 passengers saved when the liner Marjorie wrecked yesterday on the Newfoundland coast. The passengers are being transferred to the Steamer Melita and then taken to Southampton, England.

Weather Forecast

Portland, May 22.—Cloudy tonight and Wednesday; showers in the west portion.

2 Hurt When Hit By Train

ONTARIO, Ore., May 22.—Mrs. Eliza Ennis, may die, and her husband, P. E. Ennis, rancher and former stage driver of this city, is in a critical condition at the Holy Rosary hospital here as a result of injuries received when their automobile was wrecked by an Oregon Short Line local freight at Washoe station, midway between Payette and Ontario, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Both were unconscious as a result of the collision which occurred when their small car stalled on the crossing in front of the oncoming train.

ELGIN PEOPLE ATTEND LUNCHEON

Pledge Support to Old Oregon Trail Pageant at Top O' Blue Mountains on July Fourth.

Over one dozen strong, Elgin's most influential business and professional men visited the Union County Chamber of Commerce luncheon to be held in the Methodist church, with R. P. Landis as chairman of the day and with the Methodist ladies serving.

Headed by H. H. Weatherspoon, district horticulturist, the Elginites, consisting of Messrs. Bean, Simonson, Patten, Hug, Dahr Wilson, Crum, Ezell, Gray, and Hallgarth, pledged their hearty support to the Old Oregon Trail Pageant at Top O' Blue Mountains July Fourth in commemoration of the crossing of the Blue mountains by the first wagon train 80 years ago and a celebration of the opening of the Old Oregon Trail over the same mountains. Elgin is this year foregoing its annual Fourth of July celebration in order to attend the pageant en masse.

But, as Mr. Weatherspoon stated, in a short speech, "When the Union county fair time, September 25-28, arrives, we expect every Union county citizen to turn out and come to Elgin en masse to attend our celebration. We're going to have a real fair this year," he emphasized, "a five day affair, one that will totally eclipse all former attempts by us."

Many announcements were made today noon at the luncheon. Mr. Olson, of North Powder, announced the North Powder Rodeo June 22-24, inclusive; Mr. Glass announced that the La Grande quota of the Old Oregon Trail advance budget would be raised tomorrow; William Miller announced a coming concert by the Enterprise Philharmonic orchestra, which will appear here on the evening of May 31, the funds derived from their concert to be used to send them to the National Dokie convention in Portland in August representing the Khaled Temple No. 170; and the Baker Community Dance, to be given soon, the proceeds to go to the Old Oregon Trail Pageant fund, was also announced.

The meeting was opened by Reverend A. R. Sifton, who said grace, and following the numerous announcements, several delightful musical numbers were rendered. Messrs. Loney and Robinson, accompanied by Mrs. Julia Metzger on the piano, played two cornet-trombone duets, the Neighborhood club quintette favored the audience with two exceptionally pleasing vocal numbers, and Mrs. C. B. Carse, of Portland, played two violin solos.

W. G. Ross, who was to have been chief speaker of the day, was unable to make his address due to limited time but will appear before the commercial body some time in the future.

Before adjournment Mr. Landis announced that Charles Binger would be chairman at next Tuesday's luncheon of the Union County Chamber of Commerce.

DEMAND RECOGNITION

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, May 22.—The Socialist convention today adopted a resolution demanding that the United States recognize the Mexican government.

BRITAIN READY TO SEND CRUISERS TO RUSSIA, IS REPORT

LONDON, May 22.—Preparations are in progress in Portsmouth for the immediate dispatch of light cruisers and mine sweepers to Russian waters, according to the Daily Herald (labor organ), which specifies four cruisers and seven sweepers which thus far have been detailed for Russian northern waters. It also asserts that there may have been significant movement of warships in the Mediterranean this week towards the Dardanelles, "possibly en route to the Black Sea."

The paper declares that Great Britain is preparing for something more than a mere diplomatic rupture with Russia. The Herald has been making an ardent pro-bolshevik campaign in connection with Lord Curzon's recent note to the Russian soviet.

POPULATION OF WORLD IS ESTIMATED

Berlin Statistics Put World
Citizenship at 1,804,187,631.

NEW YORK GIVEN AS LARGEST CITY

Asia Has More Large Cities
Than North America; Six
of 92 Asiatic Cities Have
More Than 1,000,000.

BERLIN, May 22.—Scattered over the face of the earth is a total population of 1,804,187,631, only seven percent of which is in cities of more than 100,000 inhabitants, according to statistics compiled here and based largely on 1922 census reports. Only 30 of the 70 nations listed have cities of or above the 100,000 class, which is the lowest counted within the classification of "large cities."

Approximately 40,000,000 of the globe's inhabitants live in the 18 centers having a million residents or more each. About 90,000,000 live in the smaller large cities, of which there are only 333 in the whole world. The average large city is said to number some 320,000 souls. From these figures, it is stated, every forty-fifth human resides in cities housing millions, while every fourteenth finds his home in a large city of some sort.

New York Greatest.
New York is given as the largest city in the world, with a population of 5,620,048. London is second with 4,483,249, and Berlin third with 3,803,770.

Europe leads the continents in point of population. It has six cities in the million class, London, Berlin, Paris, Glasgow, Vienna and Moscow, and 193 with more than 100,000 inhabitants. Of the European countries, England has 53 large cities, Germany 45, Italy 16, France 15, and Russia 15.

Many Asiatic Cities.
It is considered surprising that Asia has more large cities than North America. Six of 92 Asiatic cities have more than 1,000,000.

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DR. PHY DONATES SETTINGS FOR NEW UNION AUDITORIUM

Announcement has been made that stage settings for the Union Community hall, the large combined gymnasium and auditorium lately completed just west of the high school building at Union, have been secured and, as soon as completed, will be installed.

Dr. W. T. Phy, of Hot Lake, has donated a front and rear drop curtain and two sets of scenery for the auditorium. The front curtain will be 22 by 16 feet and will depict an ocean scene.

Charles Runyan of La Grande, is painting the scenery and curtains.

Texas Judge New Umpire

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Partial reorganization of the mixed claims commission, constituted to adjudicate war claims totaling \$1,470,000,000 of the United States government and American citizens against Germany, was called Monday by the retirement of former Justice Day of the supreme court and umpire of the commission. Judge Edwin B. Parker of Texas, American member of the commission, was appointed immediately by President Harding to succeed Mr. Day as umpire, leaving the post of American commissioner temporarily vacant.

NINE GRADUATE AT POWDER HIGH

Reverend Starkey, of Baker,
Delivers Baccalaureate
Sermon Sunday Evening.

(Special to The Observer)

NORTH POWDER, May 22.—Nine students will graduate from the North Powder high school, the names of whom are: Iris Carnes, Luik Davis, Opal Gilkison, Ella Hobbs, Martha Pearson, Bernice West, Zeila Wallace, Kenneth McGrath and Gerald Peterson.

Reverend Starkey, of Baker, delivered the baccalaureate sermon Sunday evening to a well-filled auditorium. In his discourse he called attention to the fact that cultivation of three sides of life is one of the most important factors, also that the heart must not be neglected at the expense of the physical and intellectual side. He emphasized the fact that one must have a sane confidence in oneself as well as in God so as to live that full rounded life which is within reach of all. One's determination to resist evil must be rooted in the teaching of Christ and that without him one's life would be a failure, Mr. Starkey stated.

The class day will be held tomorrow evening and a splendid program has been arranged. Commencement exercises will be on Thursday evening at the high school auditorium and Edwin T. Reed, of the O. A. C., will deliver the address. Mr. Reed has appeared before North Powder audiences before and has a reputation of being an able speaker.

Bandits Shoot Cashier
And Escape With Loot

(By Associated Press)
LOS ANGELES, May 22.—Automobile bandits late Monday shot Dave Antink, cashier of the Sun Drug company, according to the police, and escaped after robbing him of \$38,000, which he was carrying to a bank in a suitcase. Antink, whose wounds were not serious, said he believed the driver of the robbers' car was hit by one of the bullets he fired at the men as they fled.

Election Is Expected To Find Keen Competition

(By Associated Press)
MEDFORD, May 22.—Keen competition is expected for the election of officers at the Oregon State Federation of Women's clubs. Today's program included addresses by Alice Ames Winter and Elbert Bede, a reception, musical entertainments and a banquet.

WHEAT QUOTATIONS

PORTLAND, May 22.—Hard White \$1.31; Western Red \$1.17.

ABOUT THIS TIME O' YEAR



Hot Springs Flood and Fire Tragedy Pictured



More than \$2,000,000 damage was done when flood and fire swept Hot Springs, Ark., after a cloudburst. Communication was cut off for 18 hours and innumerable hardships endured, but no lives were lost. Here is a section of the Marquette Hotel, consumed by fire caused by a bolt of lightning striking the adjoining building. The loss in this one building alone is estimated at \$250,000.

TRAIL PAGEANT INTEREST KEEN

President Harding States
That Pageant Appeals to
Him More Than Anything
Else on Alaskan Itinerary.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, May 22.—President Harding yesterday again expressed his interest in participating in the Old Oregon Trail celebration at Meacham, Ore., in July, in a conference with Senator Stanford, of Oregon. The senator, in accordance with a request made by the president last week, addressed a letter to the White House carrying all the details of the proposed celebration to be held on the summit of the Blue mountains.

The president said that the trail celebration appealed more to him than any event so far mentioned in connection with his proposed trip to Alaska. He said, however, that his speech at Portland probably will be made on the return, instead, as at first planned, on the going trip to Alaska.

Two Officers Shot Fatally

(By Associated Press)
JERSEY CITY, May 22.—Two policemen were shot to death and two others seriously wounded in a gun battle when they tried to arrest Frank J. Sayes, hold-up suspect, at his residence.

Sayes and a woman companion were captured by the police finally after being driven from the house by tear gas bombs.

QUICK FOLLOWS HECTIC NIGHT

ALBANY, Ore., May 22.—Albany is quiet today after a night of exciting rumors of intended violence against Parker and Beckley. A party of 25 or 30 men arrived from the Shedd home of dead Sheriff Dunlap but were dispersed by order of the officers.

After midnight a report circulated that a string of automobiles was approaching from Shedd, but motorcycle officers were unable to find anything unusual. The district attorney will call the grand jury to act on the charges against the prisoners.

State Help Asked

ALBANY, May 22.—Pearing violence as a result of the sheriff's death, deputies yesterday afternoon called upon the governor for instructions and help. Ward Irvine, Pierce's secretary, started for Albany with 10 blank appeal state officers' commissions. It was said that troops would be used if necessary.

TUNNEL CAVES IN; TRAFFIC IS HALTED

SAN FRANCISCO, May 22.—Passenger and freight traffic on the Southern Pacific main line from Portland to San Francisco is cut off today due to a fire in a long tunnel at Coram, Cal. The tunnel caved in at both ends. The company is considering taking the passengers up to the tunnel by train, then taking them by truck or otherwise to a train at the other end of the tunnel.

U. H. S. Graduates Class Of Twenty-Three Seniors

(Special to The Observer)
UNION, May 22.—The Union schools closed one of their most successful years of work last Friday when the final reports were given out and the children were turned loose for the summer vacation. The graduating class of the high school was large, there being 23 members who finished their senior year. Commencement week was replete with graduation and similar exercises.

Thursday evening the seniors put on a college play entitled "The Touch Down" and between acts were the several class papers: Velora Miller as reader, Emma Kohler and Emma Nielson as prophets; Juanita Wright as historian; Gladys Leistikow as poet; Doris Lehart as valedictorian and the will by Esther Edvalson. Sadie McKenney gave the salutatory prayer to the first act of the play. All the exercises of the week were held in the new gymnasium, for which the school have recently purchased about 400 folding chairs. All the parts in the play were well taken and the other numbers, especially the poem and valedictory, made quite a hit with the audience.

Thursday evening was graduation. After the invocation by Rev. Quinn and two numbers by the men's chorus a lecture was given by Prof. Hewitt of the O. A. C. Then Supt. Conklin presented diplomas to the following graduates: Harold Turner, Clark Martins, Eugene Bates, Kenna Gads-

LIMIT IS UP, NO NEWS OF EXECUTIONS

"Zero Hour" Over and No
Death Reports from the
Brigands' Stronghold.

GOVERNMENT TROOPS ARE WITHDRAWING

Pessimistic Reports Received
at Washington Today;
Bandits Threaten Lives of
Two Today.

(By Associated Press)

SHANGHAI, May 22.—(10:00 o'clock)—"Zero hour" for the captives of the Szechow bandits has passed and no announcement has been received from the brigand stronghold of any executions. Government troops are withdrawing as the bandits demanded. The nearest soldiers to Paotzu-ku, the captives' mountain prison, are now six miles distant.

LITTLE HOPE IS HELD

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, May 22.—Pessimistic reports were received Monday from Americans in China as to the probability of successful negotiations between the Chinese government and bandit leaders for the release of American and other captives. As a result concern was felt in government circles, but the state department was not swayed from the conviction that the only practical means of dealing with the situation was through the Peking diplomatic council.

So far as could be learned, no move was afoot to intervene from Washington in Minister Schurman's efforts, in association with his diplomatic colleagues, to bring about the release of the captives unharmed. It was made plain that the Washington government was relying on its representatives on the scene to find the most hopeful course to pursue. The position is taken here that any other course might be fraught with extreme danger to the captives.

May Send Troops.
WASHINGTON, May 22.—Acting Secretary of War Davis conferred with Secretary Hughes today regarding the Chinese situation. Should military action against the bandits be decided upon additional troops will be sent to China, possibly from the Philippines, as 800 Americans in China would be insufficient.

CAPTURE THREE

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, May 22.—Three members of a band of twenty military bandits, all former U. S. cavalrymen who battled with guards here last Tuesday night in an attempt to rob Les Samuels distillery at Deatsville, Ky., were captured at Waukegan, Ill., late last night. Two were wounded.

THE MARKET

(By Associated Press)
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