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CHINESE TO FORCE ISSUE WITH BANDITS

Government Troops Making Advance Against the Outlaw Stronghold.

HEAVY GUNFIRE IN HILLS IS HEARD

Bandits Take Prisoners Two Miles Farther Back in Mountains; Troops to "Dig the Bandits Out."

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, May 25.—Less anxiety over the Chinese situation is evidenced by President Harding and his cabinet as a result of latest endeavors to obtain the release of foreign captives held by bandits. Tugues presented reports showing the captives in no immediate danger. It was decided to give Minister Schurman and the diplomatic council at Peking a free hand.

(By Associated Press)

TSAO CHAWANG, China, May 24.—Gunfire heard near here Thursday is taken to indicate that government troops are engaging the bandits in the hills, or the bandits are fighting among themselves as a result of a disagreement in their conference which was scheduled for Thursday. It was learned from different sources that the brigands have taken their captives from the Paochen mountain and have moved them two miles farther back into the hills.

This sudden retirement appears to indicate that the troops, acting under orders from Tiao Kun, inspector general of Shantung, are following the plan advocated by the tuchun of the province to "dig the bandits out."

TWELVE HOUR DAY IS UPHELD

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, May 25.—A committee of the Iron and Steel Institute, appointed recently to investigate the feasibility of abandoning a twelve-hour day in the steel industry, reported today through Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel corporation, that it could not at this time recommend such a step.

REPORT NOT FINAL

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, May 25.—Gary said that the committee did not consider its report final, but that under present conditions, with a big demand for steel and a scarcity of labor, it was not advisable to establish shorter day. Gary made optimistic comments on the steel industry and made a plea for nations and individuals to turn toward the Christian religion as a cure for world ills.

STATE OFFICIALS IN THE CITY TODAY

Among the visitors in La Grande today were Sam Koser, secretary of the state of Oregon, and T. A. Rafferty, state traffic officer, who arrived in the city from Ontario, Oregon, on their return trip to western Oregon. In Ontario they installed the bureau whereby non-resident motorists could register as they enter the state. They are making the trip by auto.

PLANS MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

The Summerville Cemetery association will serve their annual dinner and supper on Memorial Day, Wednesday, May 30, in the Masonic hall at Summerville from 12 o'clock until 2 o'clock in the afternoon and from 5 o'clock in the afternoon during the evening. Memorial services will be held at 2:30 o'clock. A splendid program will be given at that time. All are cordially invited to be present.

Weather Forecast

Portland, May 25.—Showers, colder tonight and Saturday.

Chancellor Post Vacant

(By Associated Press) LONDON, May 25.—Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer in the Asquith ministry, accepted the resignation of the chancellor in the Baldwin ministry to take office when he has recovered from present illness.

LONDON, May 25.—Whatever plans Premier Baldwin may have had for recruiting the conservative in the formation of his new cabinet by bringing in Sir Robert Horne, Asquith's chamberlain and others apparently have miscarried. Mr. Baldwin is still seeking a chancellor of the exchequer and Mr. Chamberlain, who was reported to have arrived in London Wednesday, is still in Paris and has seemingly no present intention of joining the government.

The cover returns to London Friday and the king will hold a council at which the prime minister will submit his cabinet list. This is said to be completed and is practically identical with Mr. Bonar Law's ministry.

(By Associated Press) LONDON, May 25.—The official list of the new cabinet shows Prime Minister Baldwin as chancellor of exchequer; Lord Robert Cecil, lord of privy seal; J. H. C. Davidson, chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. The others are practically the same as under the Bonar Law ministry.

ORCHESTRA TO APPEAR HERE

The Enterprise Philharmonic Orchestra to Give Concert Here May 31st.

Those who had the pleasure of hearing the Enterprise Philharmonic orchestra on last night at the hotel convention last fall will be glad to know that it will appear in concert at the Tabernacle on the evening of Thursday, May 31, under the auspices of Red Cross Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

The Pythians of the Domains of Oregon and Washington have combined to build, at Vancouver, Wash., a home for aged and dependent members of the order and their families. To finance the building an assessment of approximately \$5. per member has been levied against the lodges of the two domains and it is to raise money for this audacious purpose that Red Cross Lodge has entered into a contract with the orchestra.

The Enterprise Philharmonic Orchestra has become one of the outstanding musical organizations of the Northwest. Organized three years ago by Prof. J. David Haines with a membership of twenty, it has grown until it now numbers thirty-two, to which number it is limited because that is the capacity of the largest stage in Enterprise. It has, however, waiting list ready take the place of any who, for any reason, may retire. From the time of its organization the orchestra has maintained a pop and enthusiasm that has contributed in a large way to the wonderful progress of the order. It has given ten months each year. Mr. Haines has required and obtained practically 100 per cent attendance at rehearsals.

The orchestra is managed by the Enterprise Music Club, a body of active business men of Enterprise, who finance it by means of the sale of season tickets to a series of five concerts each season.

In its concert here the orchestra will be assisted by Mrs. A. K. Park, lyric soprano, soloist, whose voice of sparkling quality will delight her audience.

MALE QUARTETTE TO APPEAR HERE SOON

A male quartet of Columbia college, Milton, Oregon, will give a high grade of entertainment of vocal numbers and short addresses for both young and old next Saturday and Sunday evening, May 26th and 27th, in the M. E. church South on North Fir street. There will be a different program each evening. No admission charged.

SIGNS TREATY

(By Associated Press) LONDON, May 25.—King Hussein, of the Hedjaz, has signed a treaty with Great Britain which recognizes the Arab independence and regards Palestine as within the Arab zone. It does not modify the present form of government for the Holy Land.

RAILWAY COMPLETION SOON

(By Associated Press) SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—Robert E. Strahorn, who is building the Oregon, California and Eastern railway, announced here that he expected the completion before winter of the road from Klamath Falls to Bend.

COMMUNISTS STAGE RIOT

ESSEN, May 25.—Communists today attacked and looted warehouses and overran market places. Most stores throughout the city have been closed.

REBUKE BY CHURCH IS PROTESTED

Sixty-Six Church Leaders Protest Fosdick Action.

FUNDAMENTALISTS ATTEMPT OVERRULED

Presbyterian Grand Assembly Completes Its Eight-Day Session; Meet at Grande Rapids Next Year

(By Associated Press) INDIANAPOLIS, May 25.—Sixty-six leaders of the Presbyterian church of the United States filed with the general assembly Thursday a protest against the assembly's action Wednesday in condemning the doctrines preached by Harry Emerson Fosdick, in the First Presbyterian church of New York.

An attempt was made by fundamentalists to vote the protest out of the record, but Dr. Charles F. Whistler, the moderator, ruled a protest was not admissible without consent of the assembly.

The assembly completed its eight day session and adjourned at 4:15 p. m. to meet at Grande Rapids, Mich., May 22 of next year.

One of the last official acts was to send down to the presbyteries for their consideration, an overture to amend the church law to permit individual presbyteries to sanction the regular employment of ministers of other denominations, such as Doctor Fosdick, who is a Baptist.

Will Not Change Mandate.

While the overture, if approved, would legalize the employment of Dr. Fosdick and other outsiders in special cases, it will not change Wednesday's mandate to the First Presbyterian church of New York and all other churches of the denomination to see that the doctrine expounded in their pulpits conforms to the doctrine of the church and the Westminster confession of faith.

15 EXECUTED

MOSCOW, May 26.—Fifteen persons, all princes, generals or noblemen, were executed today as a result of a discovery of an active counter revolutionary plot in the Soviet Republic of Georgia.

Will Attend Old Oregon Trail Pageant In July



WARREN G. HARDING
President Harding will, according to the Oregonian News Bureau at Washington, participate in the Old Oregon Trail Celebration at Top O' Blue Mountains in July.

French Crisis Over Quickly

PARIS, May 25.—Premier Poincare and his colleagues in the cabinet Thursday submitted their resignations to President Millerand, but the president declined to accept them.

The action of the ministers was the outcome of the refusal of the senate to proceed with the trial of Marcel Cachin and other Communists, charged with illegal acts against the French republic. M. Poincare informed the correspondents he interpreted the vote in the senate as proof of want of confidence in the cabinet, which made it impossible for the ministry to act against Communist plots.

The ministry remains in office, President Millerand holding that the vote of the senate was purely judicial and without political effect.

Polinore, Cheered.

(By Associated Press) PARIS, May 25.—Premier Poincare, whose resignation yesterday President Millerand refused to accept, was given an ovation by the entire chamber of deputies with the exception of the Communists when he entered the chamber today for a continuation of yesterday's interpellations on the Ruhr. The Communists booed the premier, but this only increased the enthusiasm of the remainder of the deputies.

DAIRY PLAN CONSIDERED

Enjoying one of those wonderful dinners that W. T. Phy, of Hot Lake, has the reputation of treating his guests with, the Agriculture committee of the Union County Chamber of Commerce, consisting of Floyd McKenna, Fred Kiddle, W. T. Phy, W. R. Ledbetter and J. E. Reynolds, last night considered the merits of the Idaho-Oregon Dairy loan association's plan to plant high grade cattle in Eastern Oregon on long time payments. In addition to the committee members, who were present at Hot Lake, H. G. Avery, county agriculturist; Oliver Daesch, of Hot Lake, and Earl Reynolds, of La Grande were in attendance.

The Idaho-Oregon Dairy loan association, with headquarters in Portland, has recently organized and desires to place cattle in this district and make long time loans on cattle. The matter was considered at length last evening and the feasibility of the plan was discussed. A speaker, representing the loan association, will appear before the Chamber of Commerce in the near future, and further outline the plan. Providing the plan is finally acceptable to the Chamber of Commerce, it will be endorsed and the club will make efforts to "sell the idea" to the agriculturists and dairy men in this section.

SCHOOL TERM COMES TO END THIS MORNING

Assemblies Held in Each School This Morning Before Dismissal.

COMMENCEMENT TO BE THIS EVENING

School Year in La Grande Has Been Successful One; Many Were Enrolled; Few Failures Noted.

A final student body assembled in the high school, and final assemblies in the Central, Riveria and Greenwood schools this morning, beginning at 9 o'clock, officially closed the La Grande schools for the 1922-23 semester. Three months of vacation now spreads invitingly in front of the students of the schools—and a lifetime that must be spent in hard work, in achievements, and in either success or failure, dependent upon the person of the graduate, spread before the seniors of the L. H. S.

At the assemblies this morning short talks were made by the principals and those in charge, and then the report cards, statements of the year's work, were given to each student, after which school was dismissed until next September.

Commencement tonight. The senior class will graduate this evening when J. E. Reynolds, member of the board of education, passes out the diplomas following an address by Professor Edwin T. Reed, of O. A. C., who arrived in the city this morning on No. 24. Mr. Reed's address will be "Speeding to What Goal?"

The exercises will be held in the L. D. S. church, beginning at eight o'clock with invocation by O. W. Jones, pastor of the Christian church, and closing with benediction by George R. Lyman, bishop of the L. D. S. church. Reservations are being made for the relatives of members of the graduating class.

School Term Successful. That the 1922-23 school year in La Grande has been a complete success is evidenced in many ways. Enrollment has reached a high mark, examinations have proved that the students' work has not been a failure, in fact every phase of the year was one that was marked with success.

Following the commencement exercises the mothers of the graduates will be hostesses at a reception to be given in the high school gymnasium and domestic science rooms.

P. E. O. CAUCUS COMES TO END

Three-Day Annual Convention at Portland Closed Yesterday With Election of Officers.

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, May 25.—Apparently undaunted by the local defeat of their plan to establish a \$1,000,000 endowment fund for sending girls to places of higher education, Mrs. Bertha Clark Hughes of Omaha, president of the P. E. O. Sisterhood, and Mrs. Louis C. Abrams of Bellingham, Wash., trustee of the national educational fund were lured out into the lobby of the Hotel Portland this morning from the room where the Oregon P. E. O. is holding its annual session.

Both women were laden with Oregon flowers and exuded Oregon mirth.

"You can tell the world," said Mrs. Hughes, "that Chapter N has been the most hospitable host that I have ever met."

The annual convention closed a three-day session today with the explanation of a model meeting by chapter W. officers as the high point of the program. Reports of guards were given and Miss Vera May Houston of chapter U, spoke on the responsibility of the association to the community, and Mrs. Josephine Lytle, chapter K, talked on its responsibility to nearby towns. The meeting closed with the election of officers late this afternoon.

The first chapter of P. E. O. Sisterhood was installed in Oregon in 1905 and since 1915 Oregon members have contributed to the national educational fund \$12,250. Through this revolving fund 21 Oregon girls have received financial assistance enabling them to obtain college educations.

Oregon chapters rejected the plan to transfer the \$200,000 now in the national educational revolving fund to the permanent endowment fund. It will again come up at the national convention at Seattle in October.

WHEAT QUOTATIONS

PORTLAND, May 25.—Hard White \$1.30; Western Red \$1.15.

Boise Man To Be Tried

(By Associated Press) PORT WORTH, Tex., May 25.—The trial of 87 oil men indicted on charges of using the mails to defraud, will begin Monday in federal court. The first case to be heard is that of Charles Sherwin, H. H. Schwartz and "General" Robert E. Lee, indicted in connection with the General Lee Development company.

In this case the government is preparing to call Confederate veterans as witnesses. The government will endeavor to show by them that they purchased stock in the company because Lee posed as a descendant of General Robert E. Lee.

More than 60 witnesses have been summoned in the case. The government will endeavor to show that Robert E. Lee is not a descendant of the southern general, but at one time was a janitor of the state house in Boise, Idaho.

MRS. DUNBAR IS NEW PRESIDENT

Wins Race With Mrs. Elkins in Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs Election; La Grande Lady Director.

MEDFORD, May 25.—The annual election of officers at the closing session this afternoon of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs was marked by some of the bitter feeling that has been smoldering during the convention and which broke out into a row.

Following the election and installing of new officers, with convention wounds patched up, on the surface at least, most of the delegates began leaving for their homes in various parts of the state, by automobile and train, filled with pleasant recollections of the hospitality of Medford and Ashland and memories of one of the largest and most successful conventions in the federation's history.

Mrs. Dunbar is elected. Two hundred and fifty-six votes were cast at the election, which resulted as follows:

President, Mrs. Sallie Orr Dunbar of Portland, by 147 votes, against Mrs. Collins W. Elkins of Prineville, who received 101 votes. Two irregular ballots were thrown out and one was a blank.

First vice-president, Miss Grace Chamberlain of Ashland, by unanimous vote.

Second vice-president, Mrs. L. E. Bean of Eugene.

Recording secretary, Mrs. William Pallock of Forest Grove.

Auditor, Mrs. John H. Albou of Salem.

Treasurer, Mrs. G. J. Frankel of Portland.

Directors are chosen. Directors Mrs. William Bell of Roseburg and Mrs. George Cochran of La Grande, six other candidates also in the race; Mrs. L. T. Hadden of Portland, Mrs. E. C. Price of The Dalles, Miss Susan Moore of Baker, Mrs. E. C. Wells of Hillsboro, Mrs. John Sommers of Hood River.

Scarlet Fever Invades Joseph; Now Three Cases

JOSEPH, May 25.—Three cases of scarlet fever have developed in Joseph and the city health officer is taking steps to prevent the spread of the disease. The home of Pike Delisle in under quarantine and also the home of Steve Houck and it is possible that other homes will be adorned with red flags before the week is up.

Mary Delisle is the only member of that family to be afflicted so far. She is broken out with a disease which both the city health officer and the county health officer have diagnosed as scarlet fever. Pike is living away from home and running the barroom above the court.

Gladys and Pauline Houck are the sufferers at the Houck residence and the household was placed under quarantine yesterday morning.

Thirty-one Chosen For Circuit Court Jury Panel

The panel of jurors for the June term of circuit court recently selected, includes no women. Thirty-one were selected, ten of them from La Grande, six from Union, three from Baker, one from Coquille, three from Elsie, four from North Powder, two from Alsea and one from Summerville and Island City.

The complete list is as follows:

D. Fitzgerald, La Grande, foundryman; Wm. Anson, La Grande, farmer; Louis Axon, Union, laborer; A. E. Bieker, Union, farmer; Le Roy Blanchard, Imbler, farmer; George Alexander, Cove, farmer; O. M. Crossland, Union, barber; Paul R. Answorth, La Grande, laborer; S. R. Haworth, La Grande, retired; R. G. Cusick, North Powder, farmer;

Leonard Adams, Elgin, farmer; J. C. Bonnette, Summerville, farmer; H. D. Ashmead, Union, farmer; D. D. Gaskill, Alsea, farmer; E. H. DeLong, La Grande, farmer; Stephen Gardner, Union, farmer; Gilbert Courtwright, Union, farmer; W. O. W. Hewick, La Grande, farmer; J. E. Gilkinson, North Powder, farmer; Wm. S. Gekeler, La Grande, farmer; E. R. Henderson, La Grande, farmer; Frank Elmer, Alsea, farmer.

HARDING WILL ATTEND OLD TRAIL FETE

President to Make Address at Old Oregon Trail Pageant.

PAGEANT COMMITTEE WILL MEET SUNDAY

Oregonian Dispatch States Harding To Be at Meacham July 2nd; Mistake In Dates Held Possible.

A dispatch to the Oregonian from the Oregonian News Bureau, dated Washington, D. C., reads as follows: It appeared today to be definitely established that President Harding will reach Portland on July 4th, his itinerary calling for his participating in the Old Oregon Trail celebration at Meacham, Oregon, on July 2nd.

An announcement to this effect was expected to be made at the White House tomorrow.

Arrangements Completed.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Arrangements of major details of President Harding's trip to the Pacific coast and Alaska were completed at the White House Thursday, and formal announcement as to the itinerary is expected before the end of the week.

The above dispatches from the Oregonian News Bureau and the Associated Press, indicate that President Harding will address the throng to gather at Top O' Blue Mountains in attendance at the Old Oregon Trail pageant.

It is believed that the pageant committee will conform with the president's wishes in holding the pageant in connection with his address but the committee believes that some mistake in regard to his appearance here July 2nd has been made, and that the president will be at Top O' Blue Mountains July 3rd instead.

To Hold Meeting.

A meeting of the executive committee, officials and heads of local committees of the Old Oregon Trail Pageant will be held in La Grande Sunday morning at eleven o'clock to discuss conference of the dates of the pageant to coincide with the president's arrival and also to decide whether the celebration will be held on July 4th also. No definite plans have yet been made but with confirming reports expected from Washington at any moment relative to his visit at Meacham, it is believed that the matter will be definitely ready for action Sunday.

CHURCH MAINTAINS ITS STRENGTH TODAY

Declaring that "The war clouds and tempests of each century have swept to the ground the substitutions of man's construction, and their debris in strewn on the wastes of centuries, yet, towering with divine dignity and strength, the church stands above it all as it ever has." Evangelist Gilstrap outlined to a splendid audience the beginnings, conquest and future mission of the church.

He said that we should not try to stop our ears to the music of the world, but should "make sweeter music within our own hearts."

Maintaining that "The question is not how to save the church," as some seem to think, he declared that the church could never be safe until we "have it in service, by helping to bring life and immortality to light."

Announcements were made that the subject for Saturday evening would be "The Little Benjamin," and "Christian Union," or "An Important Prayer." Sunday evening, the evangelist is to speak to the Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. and at 8 p. m. his subject will be "An Old Bachelor's Love Letter."