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TURK-GREEK
AGREEMENT
IS REACHEDThe Question of Reparations
Which Threatened Hostilities Is Settled.TROUBLES NOW
SMOOTHED OUTSituation Was Regarded By
Powers as Extremely
Critical Before Agree-
ment Was Reached.(By Associated Press)
LAUSANNE, May 26.—Turkey
and Greece have reached an
agreement on the question of re-
parations which threatened a
breach and possible hostilities, it
was announced this afternoon.Situation Critical.
LAUSANNE, May 26.—The situa-
tion facing the Near East confer-
ence continues extremely critical. All
the delegations admitted Friday that
the question of peace or war in the
Near East depends upon the nature
of the Turkish government's reply to
the Greek offer of ceding the town of
Karagatch to Turkey in place of
the cash indemnity demanded by the
latter. The Greek offer, it is learned,
also includes a short stretch of
railroad leading to the Bulgarian
frontier.The European powers, through
their representatives here, are exert-
ing the greatest pressure on both
the Turks and Greeks to prevent
hasty action.

"PEACE"

LONDON, May 26.—An agreement
for the settlement of the Turkish-Greek
controversy was reached after three
hours conference at Lausanne, ac-
cording to dispatches. Ex-Premier
Venizelos, emerging from the confer-
ence, said to newspapermen laconically
"peace."CHINESE TAKE TOWNS;
DEAD FILL STREETS(By Associated Press)
CANTON, May 26.—The streets of
Shanghai, 50 miles west of Canton,
are blocked by soldiers' bodies. Fol-
lowing the capture of the town by
Banton constitutionalists after two
city gates had been mined. The re-
treating army stripped the place.ATTEND MEETING
OF OSTEOPATHSLa Grande osteopathic physicians,
accompanied by the Baker county os-
teopaths, will drive to Pendleton to-
morrow to attend the joint meeting
of the Eastern Washington and Eastern
Oregon Osteopathic Association.Dr. Margaret Ingle will read a
paper on "The Care and Feeding of
Children," and Dr. J. L. Ingle will
talk on "Diagnosis and Treatment
of Spinal Curvatures."The party intends to have a pic-
nic lunch at "Top O' Blue Moun-
tains," the site of the Old Oregon
Trail Pageant in July.RAILWAY OPENS
NEW TIE PLANTTHE DALLES, Ore., May 26.—
Preceded by a programme of speeches,
in which officials and employees of
the O. W. R. & N. company were
featured, The Dalles' newest indus-
try, a \$540,000 tie treating plant, was
formally dedicated this afternoon
before a crowd estimated in excess
of 1000 persons. With the band
playing and amid applause a mini-
ature gasoline locomotive chugged up
the narrow gauge incline, pushing
five cars of ties. Into a giant re-
tort, one of the four, the ties were
crowded and all. The door was
shut, pressure turned on and the
largest plant of its kind owned by
the Union Pacific system, and prob-
ably the largest in the world, was in
operation.

GOLDEN BEARS WIN

(By Associated Press)
FRANKLIN FIELD, Penn., May 26
—California today won the intercol-
legiate track and field championships
for the third successive time, defeat-
ing the pick of stars of 23 eastern
colleges, in a two day meet. Cali-
fornia scored 393 points, Princeton
33, Yale 23, and Pennsylvania 21.

Weather Forecast

Portland, May 26
—Showers tonight
air Sunday.INDEX TO TODAY'S ISSUE OF
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tion; 8 pages.42 MILLIONS
WILL BE SPENT
BY U. P. SYSTEMPresident Carl R. Gray Tells
of Extensive Improve-
ments to Be Made in Sys-
tem.OMAHA, May 26.—(Special).—
Forty-two million dollars will be
spent by the Union Pacific this year
for new equipment and improve-
ments, according to C. R. Gray, pres-
ident of the Union Pacific system.
In addition to the regular routine ex-
penses for maintenance, the im-
provements will be financed from
new capital, and not from earnings,
Mr. Gray says.The additional double-tracking will
give the Union Pacific virtually a
two-track line all the way from Oma-
ha to Ogden and Salt Lake City.
Considered in connection with the
double-track roads of Omaha,
will make a double-track from Chi-
cago to Salt Lake City, 1515 miles,
the longest stretch of double-track
in the United States over which solid
through trains are run.New construction in Utah opens
up territories rich in iron, agricul-
ture and scenic attractions. A line
has just been completed from Delta
to Fillmore, Utah, and the line from
Delta to Cedar City, Utah, is in pro-
cess of construction. The 1923 pro-
gram of the Union Pacific contem-
plates an alternate main line through
Idaho, and a branch in the
Idaho Falls district.When the 57 all-steel passenger
trains, covered by the 1923 program,
are received, this will provide all-
steel equipment for all main line
through passenger trains. Seventy-
eight freight locomotives, and more
than 5,000 locomotive cars have been
ordered for delivery in time for the
next harvest, in addition to 8,529 new
refrigerator cars of the Pacific Fruit
Express, a company owned jointly
by the Union Pacific and Southern
Pacific."This program is entered upon,"
says Mr. Gray, "with a firm belief
in the prosperity of the western
states and a confidence that the peo-
ple in the territory served by the
Union Pacific will co-operate in
maintaining the railroad at a point
of greatest effectiveness."German Is Executed By
French Today In Ruhr(By Associated Press)
DUSSELDORF, May 26.—Al-
bert Schlegel was executed by the
French today for sabotage
on railroads in occupied regions
and for other offenses. He was
shot in a stone quarry near a
cemetery and the body was deliv-
ered forthwith to the ceme-
tery. This is the first execution
in the occupied zone.OBSERVER FORCE
WILLING TO RESTBig Edition Taxes Physical
and Mental Capacity of
Every Employee.Tonight every member of the Even-
ing Observer force is willing to
rest. The big edition is out and ap-
parently it is one of the biggest ef-
forts ever made by a newspaper in
Oregon outside of the metropolis.
This edition has been issued whole-
ly on overtime and no extra help has
been imported. L. B. Tuttle, at one
time editor of the Elgin Recorder,
joined the Observer force when the
issue was first started, and has done
a great deal of the outside work, but
with the exception of Mr. Tuttle no
one except the "regulars" have been
on the job.Mrs. W. Donald Sargent, who was
formerly a regular linotype operator
on the Observer, consented to assist
in the mechanical department
through this edition.At this time the Observer wishes
to acknowledge excellent cooperation
from everyone in the way of infor-
mation and support. Some of the
cuts in this issue were loaned by Roy
A. Klein, secretary of the state high-
way commission, the Burlington
Broad, George P. Cheney of the
Enterprise Record-Chief, Old
Oregon Trail association, W. B. Mc-
Intosh of Walla-Walla Lake Park and
the La Grande high school. The
photos for cuts in this issue were
mostly taken by Harry Richardson
and Henry Ritter.BUSINESS IN
EAST OREGON
PROMISINGConditions in Eastern Ore-
gon Held Never Better
Than at Present.BIG WHEAT YIELD
IS ANTICIPATEDThe U. S. National Bank of
Portland Gives Quarterly
Account of Financial Out-
look.The following report of conditions
in Eastern Oregon is taken from the
Business Digest spring number and
proves an accurate and detailed re-
sume of conditions in every city of
important size in the state. It is
issued by the U. S. National bank of
Portland.La Grande.
T. J. Scroggin, Cashier, The United
States National Bank—"Business
conditions in this section of the
state, generally, were never better.
Our sawmills and logging operations
are running to full capacity and there
is no idle labor in any line. Our mer-
chants are doing exceptionally good
business and our sheep men are all
feeling good, but the cattle men and
our farmers, generally, are not ex-
periencing conditions as mentioned
above, for everything in their line is
below the cost of production and that
naturally makes times close. The
crop prospects were never better and
we look for a bumper crop this season."Joseph.
H. M. Swartwood, Cashier, The
First National Bank—"The season
in Walla-Walla County is from two
to three weeks earlier than last year.
Live stock at this writing is going on
to very good spring range. Lambing
is in operation, with all reports in-
dicating a good lamb crop and with
continued favorable weather ewes
and lambs will do well on the early
grass. Cattle as a rule are in very
good condition and an abundance
of early grass on the range should
assure an early turn of a good beef
crop. Increased interest is shown
throughout the county in dairying,
hogs, and coarse grains, the hog
crop of the county will be double the
last season's crop. Moisture is ample
for all agriculture operation at this
season. Fall wheat is in better con-
dition than anticipated, much of the
good condition and an abundance
owing to continued drought, has
owing to favorable weather, in most
cases come on in good shape. Gen-
eral business conditions, being some-
what improved, possibly owing in a
degree to a certain optimism which
usually follows the advent of spring
weather and the opening up of farm-
ing operations. Lumber interests in
the county are active and with more
or less prospective road work in the
county the farmer faces a shortage
of labor with consequent high wages
and for this reason operations will be
continued on page four)Pirates Play
Colts SundayFollowers of the national sport
are expecting a first class exhibi-
tion of baseball as it should be
played tomorrow afternoon when
the Baker Colts and the La
Grande Pirates, tied for first
place with Cove in the Inter-
mountain league, meet here in
the second of a series of four
games scheduled between the
two aggregations. Baker won
the first one, the opener, which
was played at Baker, this hav-
ing been the only defeat the Pir-
ates have suffered this year. The
game will begin at 2:30 o'clock at
the fairgrounds.McGee and Johnson will be La
Grande batters, and Fostbury and
Grant will serve in that capacity
for Baker. Although La Grande
is slightly weakened by the ab-
sence of Buck Knight, shortstop,
it is believed that the two teams
rate about even on pitching, field-
ing and batting strength.Baker and La Grande
are fighting it out here Cove and
Union will meet at the Cherry
Pickers' home town.J. E. REYNOLDS
IS DELEGATEDistrict Branch of Oregon
Co-operated Grain Grow-
ers' Association Holds An
Election.Meeting in session in the city hall
here last evening, the district branch
of the Oregon Co-operative Grain
Growers Association elected delegates
who will convene, with other dele-
gates from Oregon, in Portland next
month for the purpose of electing di-
rectors of the Oregon association.J. E. Reynolds, of La Grande; H. B.
Davidhizer, of Joseph, and Carl Whit-
more, of Baker, were named as dele-
gates from Union, Walla-Walla and Ba-
ker counties.McFarland Is Named
Collector of Customs,
Haney On Ship Board(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, O. C., May 26
—Earl C. McFarland was ap-
pointed collector of customs for
Portland, Oregon, today.HANEY NAMED
(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 26
—Bert S. Haney, of Portland,
Oregon, was appointed by the
president today as a member of
the shipping board succeeding
former Senator Chamberlain,
who resigned, effective June 30.(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, May 26.—Bert
E. Haney, appointed to the ship-
ping board as a Portland attor-
ney, and former United States
district attorney. He was born
at Lafayette, in Yamhill coun-
ty, Oregon, in 1879.

SPOILING THE ACT

Wants Larger
Standing Army(By Associated Press)
SAN FRANCISCO, May 26.—
The standing army of the United
States stands forty-sixth on the
list of active armies of the world,
and is "too small to accomplish
what is intended for it to do,"
Secretary of War John W. Weeks
said Friday night, in an address
at a public banquet presided over
by the Association of the Army
of the United States. Other
speakers were United States Sen-
ators Francis E. Warren of Wy-
oming and Samuel M. Shortridge
of California, Congressman Julius
Kahn of California and Maj. Gen.
Charles G. Morton, commanding
the 9th corps army area.
The present standing army
"should be brought back to the
earliest possible date to the min-
imum of 150,000 enlisted men and
13,000 officers," the secretary
said.CHAMBER WILL
MEET TUESDAYUnion County Chamber of
Commerce to Gather in
K. of P. Hall; W. C. Ross
Chief Speaker.The Union County Chamber of
Commerce is promised a very inter-
esting session Tuesday noon. They
will convene at the K. of P. hall at
12:05 o'clock with Charles Ringner
as chairman of the day. The Women
of Mooseheart Legion, noted as be-
ing caterers of par excellence, will
serve.
W. C. Ross, pastor of the Pres-
byterian church, will be the main
speaker of the day and has a very
interesting subject to form the base
of his speech.In addition to several business
matters that will be transacted, St-
uart Bennett will sing a vocal solo,
and the Chamber of Commerce quar-
tette will sing several numbers.British Will Not Break
With Russia Is Report(By Associated Press)
LONDON, May 26.—Great
Britain has decided there shall
be no break with Russia. Diplo-
matic circles hold that while
the last note from Moscow is in
some respects not wholly satis-
factory, the points in dispute are
susceptible of solution by nego-
tiation.RODEO AT NORTH
POWDER IN JUNEThe last emblem of the old west
is not yet gone. At North Powder,
on June 21-23 inclusive, will be held
a big rodeo, under the direction of
O. R. Olson, a resident and business
man of North Powder. Mr. Olson
announces that he has had splendid
responses to big money posted for
contestants. The purse is sufficient
in size and bulk to entice the best
riders between Weber and Pendle-
ton. Some fine strings are already
signed up, he states.
The rodeo will be held on the
new race track. Each day will be
a day unto itself, so that one would
be justified in attending all three.
Said Mr. Olson while in La Grande
yesterday.
An invitation has been extended
to Governor Pierce to be present on
one of the three days.
The official name of the attrac-
tion at which will be seen some of
the best riders and the worst buck-
ing horses of Oregon, is Powder
River Rodeo.Court's Stand On Liquor
Now Assailed By Powers(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, May 26.—Great
Britain, France, Italy, Spain and
Holland have called the United
States government's attention to the
inconvenience resulting from the su-
preme court decision against the
presence of liquor on foreign ships
inside of the three mile limit, and
pointed out that freedom of inter-
national intercourse is threatened if
heretofore recognized practices of
comity between nations in this re-
gard are abandoned.WASHINGTON, May 26.—Great
Britain's position on the ships liquor
question, as communicated to the
state department Friday by the Brit-
ish embassy, is understood to be
based on a contention that American
port authorities have no jurisdiction
in international law over liquor
brought into American waters as a
part of the regular supplies of for-
eign vessels.
The authority of American offi-
cials, under this construction, extends
only to portions of the cargo of for-
eign ships which are intended for
importation into the United States,TRAIL FETE
IN JULY WILL
ENTICE MANYOld Oregon Trail Pageant
Expected to See 40,000
In AttendanceHARDING EXPECTED
TO MAKE ADDRESSPlans for Celebration at Top
O' Blue Mountains Is As-
suming Concrete Shape.The celebration to be held at Top
O' Blue Mountains, near Macham,
Oregon, in July, commemorating the
80th anniversary of the crossing of
the Blue Mountains by the first wagon
train and in celebration of the open-
ing of the new Old Oregon Trail over
the same mountains, is expected to be
one of the most gigantic pageants ever
staged in the western portion of
the United States. Approximately 40,-
000 persons are expected to be in at-
tendance.Over 100 men, members of commit-
tees and officials, are devoting their
time to completing all preliminary
preparations for the pageant.Many Features.
Countless features of interest are
included in the pageant program as it
is outlined at present. One of the
chief features of the day will be the
annual Linville Indian "pot-latch," a
dance that is rarely witnessed in the
world today excepting on Indian res-
ervations. A mammoth parade, bring-
ing back memories of the frontier
days, will be held including over a
score of wagon trains reminiscent of
the "opening days" of the Old Oregon
country. Dancing and concessions
will be at the pageant grounds.

Harding to Speak.

Possibly the most interesting
event on the day's program will
be an address by Warren G.
Harding, president of the United
States, who will make one of his
Oregon addresses at Top O' Blue
Mountains. That the president
will be here is practically certain.Every facility for the comfort of
the throng that will attend the Old
Oregon Trail Pageant is assured by
the committee. The pageant grounds,
consisting of 300 acres, are surround-
ed by hills rising as the walls of an
amphitheatre on which 50,000 people
can be easily accommodated. An emer-
gency hospital will be on the scene.
Parking facilities for all who wish to
come, combined with a supply of pure
water, will make camping an attrac-
tive item of the trip to Top O' Blue
Mountains.The pageant grounds themselves,
set on the summit of the Blue Moun-
tains, are of a scenic beauty that is
hard to excel.Exactly what date, whether it will
be July 2nd, 3rd or 4th, or possibly
two of the three mentioned days, that
the pageant will be held is not yet
decided. A meeting will be held in
La Grande tomorrow morning for the
purpose of making the above ar-
rangements. One thing is assured—
the pageant will conform with the
President's visit.REFEREE GIVES
BAIRIE A DRAWThe ten round main event at En-
terprise last evening, between Bus
Bairrie, of La Grande, and Frankie
Dean, of Pueblo, Colo., was called
a draw by the referee. However in
the opinion of the fans, Bairrie was
winner by a large margin. Although
Dean put up a game fight he was
unable to mar the local boy and Bair-
rie is reported to have broken two
of Dean's ribs and his nose.
Due to dissatisfaction among the
fans it is believed that the Enter-
prise boxing commission will change
his ruling.