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## VOLCANO IS TERRORIZING BIG DISTRICT

### Mount Etna Is Again Active—Pouring Lava on Fields and Woods.

### NO CASUALTIES YET REPORTED

### Station Wiped Away and Railway Is Obstructed; District Threatened by Lava Stream.

(By Associated Press) CATANIA, June 18.—Mount Etna is active. Several eruptions of the volcano were heralded by loud explosions, followed by streams of lava that overran a number of cultivated fields and woods.

A station at Sastiglionne was destroyed and a railway near the mountain was obstructed when a lava stream 300 meters wide threatened the district about Ligurossa.

The eruptive activity is accompanied by loud explosions and a tremendous discharge of ash and cinders down the sides of the mountain. Slight earth shocks are adding terror to the situation.

### Tombor Recorded.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—Earth shocks beginning at 3:55 o'clock this morning and lasting for one and one-half hours, were registered on the Georgetown seismograph here. They were estimated to have occurred 2700 miles from Washington and to be of moderate intensity.

### Liquolona Destroyed.

LONDON, June 18.—An exchange telegraph dispatch from Rome quotes an unconfirmed message received by Naples newspapers saying that Liquolona has been destroyed by lava from Mount Etna.

### TILDEN BEATS ALONZO

HARTFORD, Conn., June 18.—William T. Tilden of Philadelphia, national tennis champion, Saturday defeated Manuel Alonzo, former European and Spanish champion, in the final round of the New England tennis championship, 7-5, 7-5, 6-8 and 6-3. In the finals of the doubles Tilden and Alonzo won from Hyde and Wiley of this city, 6-2, 7-5, 6-1.

## XTRA

### Ford Not To Run.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., June 18.—"I have no desire to be president of the United States," Henry Ford said while stopping over the week end here on his way from Providence. "I am too much occupied with my affairs to become president and I do not intend to run. All this you hear about my name being associated with presidency is newspaper talk. There is nothing to it."

### Abandoned Pole Flight.

CHRISTIANIA, June 18.—Captain Roald Amundsen has abandoned a proposed flight across the North Pole by airplane, it was announced today by the Norwegian minister of defense.

### Expect Governmental Surplus.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—The heads of the departments and bureaus constituting the "business organization of the government" were called together today by President Harding and Budget Director Lord and told that the government has lived within its income during the past twelve months. Although the government machinery has yet two weeks to run on funds appropriated for the current year, treasury officials have figured confidently that a surplus of above \$75,000,000 will be rung up when business closes June 30. At the beginning of the fiscal year of July 1 an apparent deficit of \$123,000,000 confronted the treasury.

### Act Held Valid.

ST. PAUL, June 18.—Railway consolidation of stock ownership and a lease as authorized by the 1920 Interstate Commerce act are held valid in the federal circuit court decree decided on here in the Southern Pacific-Central Pacific case.

## Weather Forecast

Portland, June 18—Fair tonight. Tuesday moderate westerly winds.

## Harding Will Visit 2 Parks

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, June 18.—Not only the scenic wonders of Yellowstone park and the Yosemite valley await President Harding and his party en route to and from Alaska, but the sturdy trout that negotiate the rushing streams are practicing their stunts to give the distinguished visitors a thrilling entertainment.

The train's party is expected to reach Yellowstone June 29, on the outward trip, and will visit the Yosemite on the way back from Alaska, spending two days in each reservation. Mr. Harding will be the third president to visit Yellowstone national park, but just 29 years after Roosevelt and 49 years after Arthur went there.

## MASONIC HEAD ARRIVES HOME

### George T. Cochran Receives Congratulations of Many Friends on His Election.

Arriving home from Portland yesterday, George T. Cochran is receiving congratulations and well wishes of his many friends on his election to the highest office in the Masonic order in the state of Oregon, which election occurred at the Grand Lodge in Portland last week.

The Masonic order in this state is a big institution. Not only is it one of the oldest fraternal bodies but it now owns three quarters of a million dollars worth of property and therefore the Grand Master is necessarily a busy man, and due to the way he shapes the policy of the order in the general success of that institution.

Mr. Cochran finds himself at the head of this great order and La Grande is exceptionally well pleased to know that one of her citizens has been honored. The work of the order is in fine shape over the state and Mr. Cochran will give time to see that it is kept that way.

During the coming year there will be the club house erected at the University of Oregon and the Oregon Agricultural college, known as Craftsman club by the Masons. Each of these will cost \$15,000 and \$25,000 has been set aside to furnish each club house. "The Masonic order is very prosperous and is in excellent condition," remarked Mr. Cochran today to a reporter for the Evening Observer, "and it will be my duty and pleasure to keep it in that condition during my administration."

Mr. Cochran and their daughter, Miss Elizabeth, returned from Portland with Mr. Cochran yesterday.

## Ex-Governor Davis to Take Charge of Service

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, June 18.—Sweeping changes in organization of the reclamation service were seen today in an announcement by Secretary Work of the office of reclamation, effective May 1. J. W. Davis, former governor of Idaho, will assume charge of the service with the title of colonel-in-chief.

## VAN E. LONG IS CALLED BY DEATH

The funeral services for Van E. Long, who passed away Sunday morning at one o'clock, will be held from the Summerville chapel tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock under the direction of Reynolds and Zimmerman funeral service parlors of La Grande. Mr. Long was a successful rancher of Summerville for a number of years after which he moved to Imbler, where he has been connected with the bank for some time. He was 49 years, 5 months and 16 days old at the time of his death.

He leaves to mourn his demise, his wife, Mrs. Rita Standley Long, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Standley, old pioneers of the valley, his father and mother, Mrs. E. B. Long, besides a large circle of friends. Pneumonia was the cause of his death.

## LOCAL POSTMASTER HEADS MAILMEN'S COUNTY COUNCIL

The Union County Council of postmasters and rural carriers recently met in La Grande with practically a full membership present. In addition to many matters discussed officers were elected for the coming year.

Ralph H. Huron, La Grande postmaster, was named chairman of the council, Logan Anderson, Cove postmaster, vice-chairman, and George A. Bean, La Grande rural carrier, secretary.

The above officers form three of the five members of the executive committee, the other two being elected at the meeting. Toney D. Smith, Union postmaster, and Arch Neason, Alised rural carrier, were named in that capacity.

### Believed Murdered.

THE DALLES, June 18.—The finding in the wall of a ranch house belonging to Peter J. Adkins, slain mysteriously Saturday night, of a bullet whose course indicated it had been fired from a rifle clump 25 feet away was believed to indicate an elimination of the suicide theory.

## Old Oregon Trail Stage Coach will Arrive in La Grande on Saturday

## BAKER PITCHER BLANKS PIRATES

### Fosbury Pitches No-Hit, No-Run Game, Then Wins His Own Game by Clouting Homer.

Next Saturday evening at 5:30 the crack of the stage driver's whip will be heard in La Grande—the first time for many, many years.

The Old Oregon Trail stage coach will arrive in this city from Pendleton promptly at 5:30 for a good stage driver never comes in late. It will be the original old Concord stage pulled by six real, honest-to-goodness stage horses.

And what about the driver? Well, he is sure and see him. He is the typical stage driver who knows the game—has driven thousands of miles, been held up many times by highwaymen, and is a red-blooded man today full of pep and go.

The stage coach will stop at the postoffice first, then at the United States National bank, then at the Evening Observer office from where it will go to the Sommer hotel and then pull into the Foley hotel as its last stop on Adams avenue.

Arrangements have been made to have the stage driven through the residence section so that citizens may see, many for the first time, a real western stage coach in action. The speed limit has been lifted on stage coaches, in fact the legal department of the city has failed to find any law covering the speed of such vehicles hence the drive next Friday evening will be full of thrill and will be a mighty interesting sight.

### Traffic Is Problem.

"One of the main problems to be solved on the top of the Blue mountains when President Harding is at Meacham July 3, will be parking," explained Chief Rafferty of the state traffic police, to the Portland press. "There will be thousands of cars at Meacham and there must be an intelligent programme for handling them. The cars can be parked in the fields near by, but some system will be required to prevent blockades and congestion. On the Old Oregon Trail between La Grande and Pendleton eight state traffic officers will patrol the road.

It will have to be one-way traffic. I mean by that there be no cars allowed to get out, but some system ahead. All cars will have to stay on their side of the road and keep moving at good clip. Any old machines which lag behind and hold up the movement of other cars will have to be parked on the side of the road until the rush is over. Half of the state traffic force will be used between Portland and Astoria and on the Pacific Highway south of Portland on July 4. Multinational county will control the highway within the county, by its own force."

## TWO SENTENCED TO ONE YEAR IN JAIL

L. M. Myers, found guilty of a charge of altering a forged check, was sentenced to one year imprisonment this morning by Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles.

Fred Brown, of La Grande, who was found guilty of obtaining money under false pretences, was also up for sentence, receiving one year imprisonment.

### Wheat Quotations.

PORTLAND, June 18.—Soft White \$1.07; Western Red \$1.02.

## NORTHERN IRELAND DRY; TOWNS ACROSS BORDER KEPT BUSY

(By Associated Press) BELFAST, June 18.—Northern Ireland's first prohibition Sunday was the cause of a rush to towns just across the border from the six-county area for liquid refreshments. The Donegal, Cavan, Monaghan and Louth districts had many visitors. Banzor, the home of the Lipton cup challengers, and Belfast's famous seaside resort, was hard hit, as was Warren Point on the county Down shore of Carrigford Lough.

Passengers on the Canadian liner Metagama, arriving at Belfast from the dry and dusty Atlantic were astonished to find themselves in purchased, arid Ulster.

## Gun Carrying Transport Seized by British Ship

(By Associated Press) CONSTANTINOPLE, June 18.—The British destroyer Splendid has seized in the Sea of Marmora a Turkish transport carrying a cargo of guns from Thrace.

## BLUE MOUNTAIN CREAMERY SOLD

G. C. Hopkins has sold the Blue Mountain Creamery to H. F. Tyler of Villisca, Iowa, who took possession on the sixteenth of June. Mr. Tyler and family recently moved here from the East where Mr. Tyler has been in the creamery and ice cream business for 34 years. He is well acquainted with the business and expects to carry it on in the same satisfactory way as Mr. Hopkins has done. Mr. Hopkins has not announced his future plan.

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## TRADE LINES DEVELOPMENT IS FAVORABLE

### Investment Demand Shows Vigor; Wheat Softens; Industrial Activity near Record.

NEW YORK, June 18.—While the financial markets displayed some hesitation during the week this was regarded in business circles as but a natural and familiar occurrence for this season of the year. There were, however, a number of developments that were regarded as especially favorable. There was some resumption of copper buying and improvement in prices.

The increase in the dividend of the New York Central railroad contributed strength to the rails, although the stocks of the industrial corporations needed to lower levels. The successful flotation of the Austrian loan, with its immediate rise to a substantial premium, showed that the demand for good investment issues is still vigorous.

### Carloadings Are High.

Carloadings continue at a high record for this season, and this is interpreted in financial circles as an indication that goods are going freely into distribution and not accumulating at the mills and factories. There are other indications that industrial activity continues at a very near record rate in spite of the relaxation reported for some of the basic industries.

The census bureau's report on cotton takings for May showed total bales for the month of 629,900 bales. This is only 3000 bales less than the record figure for March and is held to indicate that the temporary suspensions by a number of mills in the Fall river district has very little during that month on the total output of textiles.

Following the past week, however, there has been further curtailment by mills in other textile centers in New England. The heavy mill curtailment is offset in considerable degree by the slump in exports of raw cotton.

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## Redcoats May Participate In Oregon Trail Pageant

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H. C. Eagles, field representative of the Famous-Players Lasky corporation who has placed himself at the disposal of the trail association, will extend the invitation on his trip to ask Lieutenant Governor Walter Nicol of British Columbia to represent that province at the celebration.

Redcoats Visit Portland.

In June 1920 a small group of the red-coated heroes of the North participated in the combined Rose Festival and national Shrine convention at Portland (and made a distinctive hit with Oregonians and Shriners at that time.

Enthusiastic co-operation from every source is reported by Mr. Meacham who yesterday returned from a trip to the Rose City. A special committee of 100 men representing the Portland chamber of commerce will make up a special train to precede that of President Harding as an escort when he makes the trip from Meacham to Portland.

### Dana Named Orator.

Marshall Dana, one of the editors of the Oregon Journal, will deliver the July 4 address at Top o' Blue Mountains, and with him on the program will be Congressman N. J. Smith, and Miss Nettie Galbraith, prominent Walla Walla educator and speaker.

The trail association reports that it was fortunate enough to secure the services of Miss Leah Leasky, dramatic soprano who has recently completed an engagement in New York. She has donated her services for the July 3 and 4.

The Oregonian has made arrangements to broadcast the Old Oregon Trail story Monday, June 25. On this program will be Miss Leasky and Mrs. Mable Bulger, violinist.

## Oregon Trail Is Now Open

According to reports received here today from the La Grande department of the highway commission, the road over the Blue mountains is again open and cars may go over the "five-mile stretch" without assistance and without chains. The dry, sunny weather of the past few days has dried the roads so that they are now passable.

Every indication now points to a completion of this link of the Old Oregon trail before the celebration at Top o' Blue Mountains July 3 and 4.

## SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY LOSES

### Portland Election Results Are Announced; Economy Forced on School Board.

Complete vote in school election Saturday:

Directors.
W. C. North, 5,025.
F. L. Shull, 14,220.
J. F. Wilson, 6,206.
W. F. Woodward, 10,687.
Bond issue.
Yes, 6,120.
No, 12,306.
Special Tax Levy.
Yes, 8,248.
No, 10,414.

PORTLAND, June 18.—With the school election over and the will of the people expressed in no uncertain terms at the polls Saturday, members of the board of directors are now faced with the task of shaping their future course along the lines indicated by the voters.

Economy in school administration and school building will be necessary. No additional revenue will be provided since the \$750,000 special tax was decisively voted down. Building plans, except those now under way, will have to await another time.

School officials had little to say yesterday regarding their future policy. Their entire course must be changed immediately, semi-essentials cut from the school curriculum, expenses spared and economy practiced if the schools are to be kept open the regular terms and the ledger balanced at the end of the year.

### Details to Be Worked Out.

But just what plans the board will devise to obey the mandate of the people, as expressed Saturday, remains to be seen. At their meeting Saturday night, the four majority members showed an inclination to go ahead with past plans and let the future take care of itself.

### Election on Here Today.

As the Evening Observer goes to press this afternoon the polls are open in the Central School building for the annual election of school board directors. Four candidates are in the race, Chairman C. J. Black, whose term as a member expires today, L. L. McKennon, L. W. Weeks and R. P. Landis. Two vacancies are to be filled.

The polls are open today from two o'clock until seven o'clock and all citizens over 21 years of age and who have resided here for not less than 30 days, may cast their vote.

### FIGHT POSTPONEMENT DENIED

LONDON, June 18.—The fight between Beckett, the British heavy-weight and Georges Carpentier, former French champion, set for July 4 in London, has not been definitely postponed, as has been reported, according to announcement by the promoter of the match, Beckett, he said, is coming to London to consult a horse specialist about his left hand which was injured when he fought Dick Smith a few weeks ago.

The fact that the hand was still in bad shape was given as the reason for the reported postponement of the July 4 match.

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## PLAN DETAILS FOR MEACHAM CELEBRATION

### Pageant Managers Met in La Grande Yesterday in Executive Session.

### PIONEERS TO BE GUESTS OF HONOR

### Musical Program Is Arranged; Shelby Fight Reports to Be Handled at Pageant; Special Trains to Run.

President Warren G. Harding and his party will view the pageant parade at the Old Oregon Trail celebration to be staged at Top o' Blue Mountains July 3 and 4 from a point that will permit them to see the parade as it first comes over the mountain, on the original Oregon Trail, thence as it comes practically to the stand and then on into the meadow where the pageantry will be staged, according to arrangements made here yesterday when nearly 40 members of the Old Oregon Trail association, from La Grande, Baker, Union, Haines, Pendleton, Walla Walla and other points met in executive session.

Many reports were received yesterday among them being one to the effect the Leah Leasky, dramatic soprano, of national renown, will sing both days at the pageant. The remainder of the musical program will be made up with three bands, the Union Community Chorus and the Union County Chamber of Commerce.

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## SPORTSMEN IN SESSION TODAY

PORTLAND, June 18.—Information that all but one of the Governor's newly appointed game commissioners have committed themselves in favor of a retention of Captain Bighdurff as state game warden and that the state administration has indicated it favored his retention, had to turn the State Sportsmen's meeting into one purely of organization.

PORTLAND, June 18.—Governor Pierce's coup in discharging four members of the state game commission Saturday under warning, because of alleged lack of harmony, is expected to have its repercussion today at the meeting of sportsmen from all over the state to reform the Oregon State Sportsmen's association.

The meeting will be held this morning at the Benson hotel. Some already here to attend say the meeting will be harmonious. Others are of the pronounced opinion that it will occasion an eruption of adverse sentiment that will make the recent show of fireworks on the Rose Festival program pale into insignificance.

### Comment Is Varied.

Comment on the order dispensing with the services of the four commissioners was varied. The view generally taken was that Governor Pierce, proposed to have the game commission behind him, rather than to have an administrative state body that might or might not be working against him and that the considerable state patronage in the way of wardens throughout the various counties, was worth while attaching to his interests and those of his party.

A. Andrews, secretary of the Union County Wing, Fin and Fleet club, is representing this district at the meeting today.

