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TO DEVELOP AGRICULTURE IN ALASKA

Secretary Wallace Sees a Promising Future for Northern Territory.

PRESIDENT LANDS AT SEWARD TODAY

Will Travel Over Alaska Railroad to Fairbanks Where He Will Visit District.

ABOARD THE TRANSPORT HENDERSON, July 13.—Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, after a consultation with agents of his department and other Alaskan agricultural experts, announced today that his conviction was that the future will see a great development in farming in the Alaskan territory but that the country will never produce crops beyond Alaskan needs.

ELK CONVENTION COMES TO CLOSE

ATLANTA, Ga., July 13.—The Elk tribes literally overran Atlanta yesterday. It was the occasion of their grand annual parade, the closing event of their grand lodge convention and reunion, and thousands of members of the order, with their two-score bands, drum corps and other musical units and their picturesque floats, received an ovation.

SPRAY NOW FOR CHERRY SLUGS

The cherry or pear slug is active now, states fruit authorities. Spraying should begin at once to prevent this pest destroying foliage and injuring trees.

The following methods of control have proven satisfactory: If trees are small and few in number shovel fine dust over trees at intervals of four or five days, as slugs appear. On pear trees and cherries when fruit has been removed spray with lead arsenate at the rate of two pounds to one hundred gallons of water. Where cherry trees are laden with fruit, spray with white hellebore at the rate of one ounce to three gallons of water or Black Leaf 40 at the rate of one pint to 100 gallons of water. With the Black Leaf 40, adding three pounds of soap will make the spray more effective.

Lands Eagerly Sought
PRINEVILLE, Ore., July 12.—The purchase of a 600-acre farm for Prineville has had an almost immediate and unexpected result in the colonization of the Ochoco project. Already a number of prospective beet growers and inquiries are coming in on every mail.

Body Found in Cowditz.
LONGVIEW, Wash., July 13.—A body, believed to be a victim of the Kelso bridge disaster on January 3, in which a score died, was found in the Cowditz river today. It is unidentified. No bodies were found after the disaster.

Broker Shoots Himself.
ORANGE, N. J., July 12.—Kenneth M. Eshel, a member of the New York consolidated exchange committee, shot himself at the home of his sister, Mrs. Eshel, in Orange, N. J., today. The police reported that the shooting occurred at about 10 o'clock.

Wilson Must Testify.
WASHINGTON, July 13.—A subpoena was prepared today for former president Woodrow Wilson to testify in the trial of Charles W. Morse, on the charge of shipbuilding frauds.

Weather Forecast

Portland, July 13
Fair tonight and Saturday.

Lieutenant Louis J. Roth Whose Body Was In Craft



Lieutenant Louis J. Roth, of Lakehurst, N. J., pilot of the U. S. Navy balloon which was wrecked in Lake Erie. His body was found in the basket of the balloon.

PIONEERS WILL MEET JULY 26

Annual Affair To Be Staged at Riverside Park; Enjoyable Program is Arranged.

The Union County Pioneers will hold their annual meeting at Riverside Park, in La Grande on Thursday, July 26th, according to an announcement today by T. H. Crawford, president of the Union county Pioneer Association.

MANY EDITORS TO MAKE CLIMB

HOOD RIVER, July 12.—With indications pointing to perfect weather conditions, the joint meeting of an estimated 125 members of the Oregon State Editorial association today and 400 participants in the third annual Mt. Hood climb of the Hood River post, American legion, Saturday will seem, make a new Oregon mountain climbing record.

Japanese Steamer Goes Ashore; Not in Danger

NORTHHEAD, Wash., July 12.—The Japanese steamer "Kamaishi" was reported to have run aground on the beach at Northhead, Wash., today. The ship is reported to be in no danger although a tug was sent from Astoria to assist in her unloading.

RAISE INCOME TAX EXEMPTION \$500.00

PORTLAND, July 12.—A resolution asking federal income tax exemption for single persons be raised from \$1,000 to \$1,500 was introduced by the Ohio delegation today at the convention of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women.

TIME TO ATTACK FRUIT PEST.

PENDLETON, Ore., July 12.—Between July 12 and 15 is the proper time for orchardists in the irrigated belts in Umatilla county to apply the first cover spray for the second brood of codling moth, according to information sent out from the office of the county agent. Data about the moths is collected by a number of crop protectors and sent to the office of the county agent to eliminate any element of chance as to the proper time to attack the fruit pest.

FIRPO BEATS JESS WILLARD IN THE EIGHTH

"Man Mountain" Outclassed by Argentinean "Mauler;" More Than 100,000 See Bout.

NEW YORK, July 13.—Luis Firpo, from Argentine, last night knocked out Jess Willard before the greatest crowd ever massed at a ringside, and today was shaking his fist in the face of Champion Jack Dempsey, challenging him to a fight with the heavyweight crown.

RINGSIDE, JERSEY CITY, July 13.—Jess Willard, the man-mountain from Kansas, went back to fistic oblivion Thursday night but he staged the last futile acts of a come-back before a vast throng of more than 100,000, the greatest in ring history, that filled Boyle's Thirty Acres to overflowing.

Luis Angel Firpo, the dark-brown mauler from the Argentine, closed the door to Willard's attempted return to fistic fame by knocking out the giant former champion in the eighth round of a slashing battle.

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Another special feature of the meeting will have will be music furnished by the old fashioned violin and banjo orchestra, lead by M. L. Carter, assisted by Trippier and Miller.

Everyone is invited to be present, especially all of the pioneers and their sons and daughters. Don't forget to bring the baskets well filled with goodies.

Four years ago Willard came up after being knocked down seven times in the first round of the fight in which he lost his title to Jack Dempsey, but while the same courage remained Thursday he could not muster the strength to arise after that devastating attack of Firpo.

Firpo's better speed and ability to attack his big target at more angles gave him an early advantage. But the South American often displayed bad judgment of decision and this coupled with Willard's ability to block his opponent's rushes resulted in little effective battling.

Willard, except for an occasional (Continued on page 3)

French Occupy More Districts

BERLIN, July 13.—Eberfeld, the big industrial city on the edge of the Ruhr region was not occupied by the French and was stated in early reports. French patrols advanced to the city's outskirts but withdrew.

BERLIN, July 13.—French troops have occupied the big industrial city of Eberfeld, on the edge of the Ruhr region.

DUSSELDORF, July 13.—The town of Limburg, just beyond the Coblenz bridgehead, which Americans formerly held, was occupied yesterday by French troops. Barmer, in the Eberfeld industrial manufacturing district, was also occupied by a detachment of French troops several Barmer city officials being arrested, after which the French withdrew.

ROBBERS ENTER BOHNENKAMPS

Several Dollars Cash Taken from Register; Nothing Else Bothered.

At the opening hour this morning employees of the W. H. Bohnenkamp company of La Grande discovered that the cash register had been pilfered to the extent of a few dollars. Nothing was missing, the stock being untouched.

The police believe that the robber or robbers were merely in search of money and upon finding none easily accessible excepting in the cash register, took what they could get and left. The cash register was picked open forcibly.

Chinese Bandits Feared By Foreign Population

HONGKONG, July 12.—Chinese robbers today raided and looted the residence of a German at Tung Shan, near Canton.

GILBERT TAKES LONG HIKE
BERNINA, Cal., July 12.—Through all sorts of country, steeping under the giant redwoods when no other hostelry presented itself, Miss Lenora Durant, 29, of Portland, Ore., arrived here on a marathon hike from the Rose City to Los Angeles, where she will visit her parents.

Advised by a physician that unless she spent more time in the outdoors she would be in for a sick spell, Miss Durant decided to try hiking, and with a companion, left her home in Portland about a month ago. Near Tillamook her companion suffered a severe attack of "cold feet," according to Miss Durant and returned to her home.

ETHERIDGE INDICTMENTS DISMISSED
PORTLAND, July 13.—Three remaining indictments against John L. Etheridge, in connection with the Morris Brothers, incorporated, bond house, failure were dismissed today. He was acquitted on one indictment last April.

JUDGE FAVORS A LEGAL BAN ON ALL WARS

Judge Florence Allen Proposes to Outlaw Conflict By International Treaty.

PORTLAND, July 13.—War should be made illegal by agreement among civilized nations and a start in that direction should be made by treaty between the United States and Great Britain, or the United States and South American nations, Judge Florence E. Allen of the supreme court of Ohio told the fifth annual convention of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's clubs here Thursday night.

Judge Allen, whose address was delivered at the annual banquet, said that the treaty she proposed should declare that henceforth between the signatories war is outlawed.

Tornado Toll Is Two Dead and Two Injured

GRANITE, Okla., July 13.—Two persons were killed and several injured when a tornado struck this city late Thursday. Considerable property loss was reported.

The dead: Theopholis Elliott, S. Oklahoma City; J. C. Mulanax, 65, Granite; Jim Christy and Willibeach Christy were seriously injured.

U. S. KEEPING SKIRTS CLEAR

WASHINGTON, July 13.—An authoritative statement here Thursday made it clear that the Washington government had not been consulted by British officials regarding the forthcoming British reply to the German note on the reparations situation. It was added also that Washington had volunteered no suggestions and that press reports that there had been interchange of views through the London embassy were without foundation in fact.

In support of the official denial that there had been any negotiations it was pointed out that the state department was dependent, Thursday on press accounts from London for light as to the nature of the British plan, department officials declined to comment in any way on what the premier said.

Mr. Baldwin's phraseology at several points was generally regarded in Washington as implying that some attempts was in process to find a remedy for the reparations tangle thru point international action to determine Germany's capacity to pay as an economic basis for peace.

Similar to Hughes' Plan
If that should prove to be the substance of the British cabinet proposals when they are announced, undoubtedly the plan would have much in common with the suggestions made by Secretary Hughes to the French government last October.

Officials here still take the position that there has been no change in the European tangle that makes the matter one in which the American government could intervene in any way.

Lumber Employes to Picnic
BAKER, July 13.—Between 300 and 400 employes, employes, their families and invited guests of the Baker White Pine Lumber company will participate in a summer picnic next Sunday. The affair will be held at Camp One, situated about ten miles above Camp Curry. The journey will be made in a special train on the Stimpert Valley railroad. A program of horse skidding, log sawing and demonstrations of other logging operations is scheduled. At noon a barbecue dinner will be served. A program of get-together and get-acquainted events will take place in the afternoon.

Heat Prostrations Numerous
HELSINKI, July 13.—During the past six days 129 cases of sun stroke and heat prostration were treated in the hospitals. Several railroad accidents have occurred due to expansion of the rails from the excessive heat.

Little Hope Held For Lieutenant T. B. Null



Lieutenant Telford B. Null, aid to Roth. Little hope is held for him, although he is believed to have put on a life preserver before leaving the balloon basket.

EXCLUSION OF JAPS IS URGED

Dr. W. L. Hyde Addresses Spanish - American War Veterans on the Japanese Question.

ALBANY, July 13.—The Spanish-American War Veterans were urged to get behind the uncompromising campaign for Japanese exclusion by Dr. W. L. Hyde, of Hillsboro, at a meeting last night in connection with the veterans convention here.

Resolutions were adopted endorsing the anti-child labor laws, the state loan privileges for Spanish War veterans, and pensions the same as for Civil War veterans.

Applications For Grain Certifications Made Now

Farmers who want seed grain certified should apply to County Agent H. G. Avery at once, as the inspector will be here within a few days.

Seed which passes the test as to purity and variety and freedom from impurities is given a certificate and recommended as seed.

CONSTRUCTION OF MCKAY DAM IS ON
PENDLETON, July 13.—Construction of the McKay creek dam to impound the flood waters of McKay creek, long dreamed of by owners of irrigation lands in the west end of the county in those projects where the present water supply is not sufficient, and planned for several years by the reclamation service, is under way.

The first of the camp buildings have been erected and during the week the bulldozers are striking out other buildings that must be built before any large force of men can be accommodated.

Mortgage Incineration Was a Merry Occasion

When G. L. Searson burned the country club mortgage to the ground held by Fred Kiddle and the flames and smoke heaped heavenward last evening, Oro Dell canyon was filled with joyous shouts of La Grande people who gathered to see the last vestige of mortgaged indebtedness wiped out.

The occasion was a "picnic for true." Baskets of good things to eat were contained in every automobile that headed into the canyon, and the exceptional Mc. Rully band, crooked in dough jackets rattled their sweet odor with the aroma of "Baron Bismarck's" coffee pot, causing the appetite of every guest to jump a few points.

Band Plays
Following the dinner the Municipal band donated its services for a concert which met the slight response from the picnic crowd and played the band one more notch higher in popularity if such a thing is possible.

BUSINESS MAN OF PORTLAND IS MURDERED

Sebastian Natscher Found Dead in San Francisco; Skull Crushed.

ROBBERY MAY HAVE BEEN CRIME CAUSE

Pockets of Dead Man Were Turned Inside Out and His Socks Were Turned Down; Investigation On.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 13.—Police here are investigating the murder of Sebastian Natscher, of Portland, Oregon, whose body was found in a vacant lot with the skull crushed.

Left Portland Sunday.
PORTLAND, July 13.—Sebastian Natscher, 58 years of age, lived in Portland for twenty five years, owning an apartment house and hotel here.

He leaves a wife, and four daughters, all living here.

He left Portland Sunday for a two months visit in California, as was his habit every summer for some years past.

MOTOR VEHICLES MANY IN U. S. A.

NEW YORK, July 13.—A survey just completed showing 13,048,128 motor vehicles registered in the United States on July of this year indicated that over six billion gallons of gasoline must be supplied to automobiles alone this year, according to the weekly survey of the American Petroleum Institute. The gain in the number of cars is 2,440,000 over July 1, 1922, and 683,751 over the high mark of December, 1922.

The daily average production of the United States decreased 11,200 barrels for the week ended July 7, totaling 2,190,150 barrels, according to the weekly summary of the Institute. The daily average production east of the Rocky mountains was 1,304,100 barrels, a decrease of 16,200. California production was 835,000 barrels, an increase of 5000.

Imports of petroleum for June totaled 7,211,000 barrels, compared with 4,985,000 for the month of May. Imports for the week totaled 1,965,000 barrels, compared with 1,285,000 barrels for the week ended June 30.

BAKER SELLS BOND ISSUE
BAKER, Ore., July 13.—Acceptance of the bids of Ralph Schuelock & Co. and the Fern & Hargrove company for the work and material in the purchase of \$50,000 street improvement bonds of Baker was made by the city commissioner yesterday.

The A. L. Smith received the contract for the sidewalk construction in improvement districts Nos. 1, 2 and 3 and the paving of the alley system with a bid of \$54,657.20. The Triangle construction company was awarded the contract for the street improvements and curbs in districts Nos. 2 and 3 with a bid of \$52,948.30. Other bidders were A. H. Hinkle and the Johnson Construction company.

The Market

PORTLAND, July 13.—Livestock prices better steady.

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