

CHINA HAS A NEW WAR ON ENGLAND IS PONDERING TODAY

GUNBOATS IN BATTLE WITH LAND FORCES

AMOIY, China, Aug. 1.—Firing between invading northern forces and defending southern troops continued all night, quiet being restored early today, but later gunfire has resumed. Chinese gunboats sent by the Peking government have been attacked by land forces under Chang-dse-Ping, Sun Yat Sen's ally. The gunboats returned the heavy fire and troops from both sides are reported moving on Amoy. The attack on Amoy appears to be calculated as an attempt to bring China under a central government.

44 Bodies Taken From Train Wreck; 100 Believed Dead

BERLIN, Aug. 1.—A great disturbance occurred at the Reims station, at the junction of the Hanover and Canal line Tuesday, caused by a collision between the Hamburg-Munich express and a train standing at the station. Up to 4 o'clock, 44 bodies had been recovered from the wreckage and the estimated number of killed was 100, while 2000 were removed to the hospital at Goettingen. Identification of the killed is extremely difficult and in some cases impossible owing to their mangled condition. The collision is attributed to the inability of the driver of the express to see the signals because of fog which had been blown into his eyes. The crash was terrific and most of the cars were flattened and piled on top of one another. Those who were instantly killed suffered the heaviest fate, for many others were crushed in the wreckage and endured agonies before the end came.

Body Will Be at Stoddard Home From 12 to 1:30

Announcement was made by relatives today that the body of Mrs. John I. Stoddard will lie in state at the Stoddard home, 1504 Fourth street from 12 o'clock noon, until 1:30 p. m. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 from the L. D. S. church.

Railroad Decision Soon. SAN FRANCISCO, August 1.—Atterney General Daugherty upon arriving here today said the administration's policy on the Central Pacific-Southern Pacific merger would be announced within four or five days whether or not the President was able to discuss the subject.

Mansfield Running for Senator. PORTLAND, August 1.—George Mansfield of Jackson county, today formally announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for United States senator from Oregon.

Lettuce Lands in Demand. WATSONVILLE, CALIF., August 1. (A. P.)—A large crop of growing lettuce on the market is in demand in the vicinity of Watsonville since it was reported that the lettuce crop from twelve acres near here had been sold to Los Angeles distributors for \$3,000.

Gov. Davis' Hat in Ring To Stay

CHICAGO, Aug. 1.—While friends of Governor Jonathan Davis of Kansas put his hat into the ring for the Democratic presidential nomination, the governor today stated he would

GASOLINE AND SUGAR FALL TODAY

Entire Pacific Coast Sees Reduction of Two Cents a Gallon on Gasoline.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1.—Leading oil companies today announced a reduction of two cents a gallon on gasoline on the entire Pacific coast. The new price here is 17 cents. Several companies have announced an over-production of gasoline.

Sugar Drops a Quarter. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1.—A reduction of 25 cents a hundred pounds on refined sugar was announced today, making the total reduction 75 cents a hundred since Monday.

MISS HOLMAN GETS POSITION

Will Instruct in Mathematics in University of Wyoming for Coming Year.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Aug. 1.—Miss Minnie Holman, formerly of La Grande and a graduate of the University of Oregon in the class of 1913, has just received an appointment as instructor in mathematics in the University of Wyoming, at Laramie. Word of her appointment as received here by Dr. J. E. Tricot, head of the Department of mathematics, who was her major professor here.

After leaving the University of Oregon, Miss Holman spent a year (1914-15) in graduate study of mathematics at the University of Chicago. She was later principal of the high school at Raymond, Washington. Miss Holman spent the year (1922-23) doing advanced work in mathematics at the University of Oregon and will take examination for her master's degree here on Friday.

A. E. Pryke Leaves for Spokane After Excellent Work Done in La Grande

Having completed his work in this city as secretary of the Y. M. C. A. and chief of the Boy Scouts, A. E. Pryke took his departure last evening for Spokane where he will remain for some time before entering another position.

Mr. Pryke carried on the work of the Y very satisfactorily and only through lack of funds was the building closed temporarily which caused the secretary to seek other fields. His last act in La Grande was to marshal the Boy Scouts on one of the most successful summer camp trips they have ever had.

Snakes Become Hazard. MILLER CITY, MONTE, August 1. (A. P.)—Golfers on the Miller City links who have found the number of snakes and pits too few to tax their skill have a new mental hazard to keep their scores from becoming too great. Battenheads constitute the mental hazard. They have appeared on the course in numbers.

readily accept any position in which he could be of service to his country. He was on his way back to Kansas today after spending two days in this city on business connected with his state.

Mr. Harding Shows Slight Improvement Over Night

MINISTER TO BE GREETED

Rev. and Mrs. Keith Will Enjoy Reception Tendered by Their Church.

A reception will be held in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Keith Grant tomorrow evening at eight o'clock in the parlors of the Methodist church. A special invitation is out to all church members and the public of La Grande who wish to attend.

WHEAT STORAGE IS PROPOSED TO RELIEVE MARKET

CHICAGO, Aug. 1. (AP)—The proposal of the American Farm Bureau federation to withhold 200,000,000 bushels of wheat from the market until more favorable prices have returned, is an emergency measure seeking immediate relief from present market conditions, O. E. Bradford, president of that organization, said Tuesday.

"A flood of unfavorable statistics has taken public support from the market and financial conditions abroad prevent the heavy customary purchases for foreign account during the harvest season," he said. "Farmers must meet this situation by freezing the market gradually and it has been our hope that all the machinery created by the last congress would be geared with all possible speed to aid in this endeavor."

"It is our suggestion that a warehouse association be organized in each county and act in its corporate capacity as the official warehouseman under the federal law, leading such storage houses as may be available at the country shipping points and such farm granaries as may be adequately constructed for designation as licensed houses."

HOPEFULNESS FELT TODAY BY CLOSE FRIEND

PRESIDENTIAL HEAD-QUARTERS, Palace Hotel, San Francisco, Aug. 1.—The official word a 10 o'clock a. m. today by five physicians announced "President Harding still much exhausted, but maintains buoyancy of spirit."

At that hour the President was breathing with less labor than previously and had but a slight cough. "While progress is being made, every care is necessary to assure freedom from further complications," the statement said.

The presidential party is expected to return direct to Washington as soon as the president can be moved, which will be probably next week. The return route will be through Ogden, Omaha and Chicago.

Presidential Headquarters, Palace Hotel, San Francisco, August 1.—An informal statement issued at 5 o'clock this morning by Brigadier General Sawyer, said the President spent a "very restful night; pulse at that 114, temperature 99, respiration 49. These figures represent depression." (Continued to Page Five.)

RHEA LUPER IS STATE ENGINEER

SALEM, August 1.—Rhea Luper was today appointed by Governor Walter M. Pierce as state engineer succeeding Percy A. Cupper.

Mr. Luper is a Republican and has been assistant state engineer under Cupper for some time. His home was formerly at Keppner.

Rhea Luper and family lived in La Grande for several months a few years ago and most of La Grande is well acquainted with them. Mr. Luper was connected with the state water office when George T. Cochran handled that department prior to the legislative act abolishing the department because of its work having been very largely completed.

STEAMER HANEY IS DISABLED

PORTLAND, Aug. 1.—The steamer, Bert E. Haney, en route from Portland to San Pedro, is disabled off the coast of Oregon near Tillamook as a result of the bursting of her main stem pipe. A tug and cutter have been ordered from the Columbia river to her aid.

Meetings At Santa Cruz. SANTA CRUZ, CALIF., August 1. (A. P.)—Santa Cruz will be the scene for the many delegates who will be held grand councils of the Young Men's Institute and the Young Ladies' Institute. Special trains are being scheduled from San Francisco and other nearby points.

CARL GRAY DENIES ANY GUARANTEE

Head of Union Pacific System Explains Relationship of Government to Railroads.

OMAHA, August 1. (Special)—That the United States government does NOT guarantee the railroads of the country is brought to the public view in a recent statement of President Carl R. Gray of the Union Pacific System.

President Gray cites the transportation act under which the railroads are now operating, and accentuates the point that the arrangement under which the railroads were paid during the Federal Control came to an end on the last day of August, 1920.

The statement of President Gray quotes figures showing that the railroads of the country have never yet secured the return of 6 per cent (later reduced to 5.75 per cent) fixed by the Interstate Commerce Commission, and asserts that, on such a basis, the government would now owe the railroads more than a billion dollars.

That the railroad earnings have been better since January, 1923 than for the same period in any of the three preceding years we are assured, "but the rate of return is still lower than the Interstate Commerce Commission has prescribed as reasonable."

The statement concludes with a reminder that the "price of transportation can only be reduced as the cost of transportation is reduced," referring to the advance in a railroad's cost of living as in the case of the individual. President Gray caps his statement with these words: "Constructive suggestions are always welcome."

Base Ball Results Today. American League—St. Louis 2, Philadelphia 0; Chicago 4, Boston 2. National League—New York 1, Pittsburgh 2.

REPARATION IS CALLING BIG MEN TO MEET

LONDON, Aug. 1.—The cabinet today resumed one of the most important conferences of British ministers since the world war in an attempt to formulate a British policy to be adopted in the reparation settlement with Germany.

It is announced this conference will continue today and tomorrow.

Prime Minister Baldwin is to make a statement to the house of commons tomorrow night.

Cabinet members are today considering how England could deal separately with Germany without incurring a break with France and Belgium.

BAND CONCERT FRIDAY NIGHT

Director Loney of the Municipal band announces a band concert Friday evening at the corner of O and Second streets. At the same time the Campfire Girls will give a social on the lawn of the home of J. C. E. Short near the corner where the concert is being rendered, and the two events will combine to make a pleasant evening for many La Grande people.

Local Dokkies Will Be At Portland Gathering

Members of the special D. O. K. K. band will have to strut as they never have strutted before when they head the big delegation of D. O. K. K. members out in Eastern Oregon who will be bound for the Portland gathering on August 15th. One reason why the band members must strut is because elaborate Turkish suits with bloomers and jackets and bright colors in vest, leggings and stirrings, along with the white sash have been provided. La Grande temple is taking a twenty piece band and the local D. O. K. K. temple membership will include Union, Baker, Wallowa and Umatilla D. O. K. K's. P. M. Bushnell, a Froedonian musician, will probably direct the Turkish band and Chris E. Mays of La Grande will be its manager. This D. O. K. K. temple is also taking a patrol from Pendleton to the big show, and all will leave Eastern Oregon Sunday night, August 12th. The program for entertainment of the delegates and guests at the sixteenth biennial convention of the Imperial palace, Dramatic Order of the Knights of Khorassan, the week of August 13, has been completed by the committee in Portland. The headquarters of the convention will be at Pythian temple and part of the sessions will be held there and part of them at the Municipal Auditorium. The complete program follows: Monday, August 13. Morning and Afternoon—Assembly day, arrival and registration. Monday Evening—Public reception and concert at Auditorium. Address of welcome by Governor Walter M. Pierce, Mayor George E. Baker and Sam C. Hauer; response, Imperial Prince Guy C. Mosee. Tuesday, August 14. 9 a. m.—Convening of Imperial palace at Pythian building 328 Yamhill. 11 a. m.—Columbia River highway trip for Imperial palace officers, representatives and women. Lunch at Bonaville and inspection of hatcheries. 1 p. m.—Dull team contest at Multnomah field. 4 p. m.—Concert by Enterprise Symphony orchestra, at Tenth and Main streets. 8 p. m.—Illuminated street parade. 9:20 p. m.—Dancing at Multnomah, Morrison and Yamhill, at Nineteenth street. 9:30 p. m.—Ball for Imperial palace and representatives at Multnomah hotel. Wednesday, August 15. 9 a. m.—Convening of Imperial palace, Pythian building. 9:20 a. m.—Band concert and exhibition drills on streets. 12:20 p. m.—Luncheon for women of Imperial palace, officers and representatives at Multnomah hotel. 1:20 p. m.—Concert by Enterprise symphony orchestra at Multnomah hotel. 1:50 p. m.—Convening Imperial palace, Pythian building. 1:55 p. m.—Band concert at Multnomah field. 8 p. m.—Memorial services at First Presbyterian church, Twelfth and Alder streets. Thursday, August 16. 9 a. m.—Convening of Imperial palace at Pythian building. 10 a. m.—Columbia River highway trip for uniformed units. Lunch enroute. 1:20 p. m.—Convening Imperial palace, Pythian building. 2 p. m.—Concert, Multnomah field. 8 p. m.—"Entertainment Night" and presentation of prizes to unit winners in contests, Auditorium. Friday, August 17. 9 a. m.—Convening Imperial palace, Pythian building. 10 a. m.—Representative visits to wards. 1:20 p. m.—Convening closing session Imperial palace, Pythian building. 8 p. m.—Ceremonial, Auditorium. Saturday, August 18. Visit to Astoria, Rosside and Pacific ocean.

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