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## HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE DUE TO TYPHOON

Hongkong Visited by Terrible Storm Today; Many Europeans Dead.

### 2 BRITISH CRAFT GO TO SEA BOTTOM

Three Vessels Reported Ashore; Only Three Survivors Listed in Early Reports.

(By Associated Press) HONGKONG, Aug. 18.—A heavy loss of life was caused by a typhoon that visited here today.

Many Europeans are believed to be among the victims of the terrific storm.

The British submarine L-9, and the British steamer, Ming Sang were both sunk.

The British oil tanker Kark, a naval tug and a Chinese owned steamer, the Haldis went ashore.

One sailor was saved from the submarine and two survivors were listed from the Ming Sang.

### Naval Officers Inspecting Coast

(By Associated Press) ASTORIA, Aug. 18.—The coast naval affairs committee arrived today aboard the transport Chautauot, escorted by the Scout, Cruiser Seattle. After inspecting the Tongue Point, the naval base committee is going to Portland. They embark here Monday for Seattle.

### Offers Complete Authority.

(By Associated Press) ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 18.—William J. Simmons, emperor of the Ku Klux Klan today telegraphed Edward Young Clarke, at Indianapolis, an offer of complete authority of all matters pertaining to the Klan and Kameka if Clarke returns to Atlanta to assume control of both organizations, says the Atlanta Journal.

### City Treasurer Appointed.

BAKER, Ore., Aug. 18.—Axel Bond was appointed to fill the position of city treasurer of North Powder at a meeting of the city council of that city recently. He succeeds John M. Gikison, Sr., who has resigned.

## Chamber Will Visit Union County Cities

The Union County Chamber of Commerce will journey to North Powder and Union Thursday, August 23, on a trade excursion trip, according to announcements made today. Arrangements for the trip are being made by Sam Clinton, chairman of the trade extension committee of the Chamber. Those who wish to go should communicate with him early in the week.

The Chamber will have luncheon at North Powder at noon Thursday and will meet with the Union Chamber of Commerce in the evening at dinner in the Union Hotel.

## Many From La Grande Are Attending Railroad Picnic

Employees of the O. W. company are today frolicking at Elgin in a mammoth picnic. The branch train left La Grande this morning at 8:30 well loaded with picnicers for Elgin. This picnic is given by the employees of the railroad but all who wish to come, whether they be on the O. W. payroll or not, were cordially invited to be present.

### Weather Forecast

Portland, Aug. 18.—Fair in the west portion, cloudy to night and Sunday. Thunderstorm probably in the east with weather cooler tonight.

## Communists Defy Police; Three Dead

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Aug. 18.—Three Communists were killed and eight wounded, in further fighting with the police at Dattel, West Phalia, says Berlin dispatches.

The clash is said to have occurred when Communists attempted to hold a meeting against police orders.

## BAKER LINE-UP IN PART GIVEN

Names of Two New Ball-Players and Identity of Pitcher Withheld, However; La Grande to Be Strong.

With the Baker-La Grande championship game, the first of a series to settle the ownership of the 1923 Intermountain league pennant, due tomorrow afternoon at Baker City, the Colts have announced a major portion of their line-up.

According to the Baker press: "When the Baker ball club walks on to the field against La Grande they will have the strongest team seen this year. Judging from reports from La Grande they will need an exceptionally strong team to walk off with the big end of the game."

"As announced before, the local team will be strengthened by the addition of two new men. These men will fill the positions of third base and backstop. Both are good hitters and fast fielders and have been playing a good class of ball all summer. With the hot corner in good hands, Bates on short, Ansell on second and Cassidy on first, where could you find a better semi-pro infield? Baker, Robertson and Greer in the outfield rounds out as good a team as the fans could wish to see."

The Baker City manager, although giving to the public his line-up carefully refrained from mentioning anything about the pitcher. Which might indicate that the Queen City still have something up their sleeve to spring against the Pirates Sunday. The only regular twirler they have on hand is Fosbury, Sutherland having left Baker, and as Fosbury has been knocked out of the box several times this year, once by the Pirates, it is unlikely that he starts the game.

Manager Greer still maintains silence regarding his line-up but no worried wrinkles crease his face—he merely smiles and says that "we're going to beat them." Which would all point toward the fact that the Pirates will invade the "Colt camp with baseball players of much merit—plenty strong enough.

Scores of La Grande fans have announced their intentions of hitting the Old Oregon Trail for Baker tomorrow.

## WESTERN TARIFF CONGRESS CALLED

DENVER, August 18.—A call for a western tariff congress, signed by eight western governors, was issued today by the Western Tariff Association. The meeting will be held early in October.

### Courier's Jury Acts.

KEMMERER, Wyo., Aug. 18.—The coroner's jury investigating the explosion in which 29 miners died Tuesday, found that the explosion was caused by igniting gas in a room of an entry when the fire boss relighted a safety lamp.

### Forest Fires Out of Control

ELLENBURG, Wash., Aug. 18.—Forest fires near Whittier, east end of Lake Keechelus, that have been burning three days, are reported out of control. Forest rangers and employees of the Milwaukee railroad are fighting the blaze.

## WHEAT CHIEF UNION COUNTY CROP, REPORT

98,304 Acres Under Cultivation in Union County; Wheat Raised on 49,654 Acres.

There are 1976 farms in Union county, with a total of 284,196 acres in farms, according to Dave Proctor, county assessor, who has just completed a report for the state tax commission.

The county assessor completes these reports every 2 years which contain much valuable and interesting information.

The climate in Union county seems to be favorable to the raising of practically any kind of fruit or grain or garden truck, but wheat seems to be the chief crop of the county. There are 24771 acres of winter wheat under cultivation and 14882 acres of spring wheat. The following list shows the number of acres under cultivation:

Winter wheat, 24771; Spring wheat, 14882; Oats, 11294; Barley, 4180; Rye, 1396; Corn, 787.25; Clover, 228.5; Alfalfa, 18318.5; Wild or marsh hay, 7892; Other hay crops, 4692; Potatoes, 521; Other root crops, 247; Field peas, 2; Field beans, 9; Other crops, 54; Apple trees, bearing, 1321; (Continued on Page Five)

## G.S. Birnie Is Appointed

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Aug. 18.—Governor Pierce has removed William M. Pearce, of La Grande, from the state board of optometry, and has appointed in his place George S. Birnie, also of La Grande.

By commission issued August 6, 1923, Governor Pierce appointed George S. Birnie of La Grande as a member of the State Board of Optometry. Prior to coming to Oregon, Mr. Birnie passed the Board examinations of the State of Minnesota for the purpose of practicing in the United States, and in 1905 he came to Oregon and passed the examinations required in this state. The optometry law had just come into effect at that time. For several years he was in business in Woodburn, and then moved to La Grande, where he worked in the firm of Skirgird & Company for six years, and then went into business for himself as a jeweler and optometrist. In 1909 he married Jean McDonald, one of La Grande's native daughters. Since coming to La Grande, in 1906, Mr. Birnie has been closely identified with the social, religious and business life of the city. He is now a member of the Art Club, Grotto, and in addition to his business activities, helps to entertain many of the meetings of the Chamber of Commerce with his musical talents.

## SEVENTEEN AMERICAN MARINES MAY BE DEAD IN SANTO DOMINGO

Drawing the Payroll



A paymaster of a German concern goes to the Reichsbank in Berlin to draw the weekly payroll. He takes along several mail bags, a cart, and an assistant or two to handle the piles of marks he needs.

Rumors of Uprising in Island; U. S. Cruiser Rochester, With Rear Admiral Aboard, Leaves Panama Canal Zone

(By Associated Press) SANTO DOMINGO, August 18. (Sub Panama)—There is no foundation for the report of an uprising in Santo Domingo and that 17 American marines were killed. American military authorities stated. Complete quiet prevails in the country.

(By Associated Press) PANAMA, Aug. 18.—The sudden departure of the United States cruiser Rochester with Rear Admiral Dayton aboard is said here to be the result of an uprising in Santo Domingo. The cruiser Galveston is expected to follow.

Although naval authorities are silent it is reported that 17 American marines have been killed in Santo Domingo. No confirmation of the report has been received, however.

Washington Not Notified. WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—No word of an up rising in Santo Domingo or of casualties among the American marines there has been received by the American government.

## SCHOOL TERM TO OPEN ON SEPTEMBER TENTH

### W. H. Bohnenkamp Concern Purchases Jefferson Lots

Again showing their faith in La Grande and its future, W. H. Bohnenkamp company have just purchased the three building lots located on Jefferson avenue, across the street from the La Grande Grocery company.

In speaking of this purchase, Chase Bohnenkamp, manager of the company said that it was their plan to build on the lots in the near future. An effort was made to secure this site when the implement stock was purchased recently but without success. Other arrangements were then made to take care of this department but it was found that they would be insufficient to take care of the needs of the implements and also of the storage and service on the Franklin and Oldsmobile cars.

With the purchase of the lots just acquired, which join the present implement and garage building, additional quarters can be provided to take care of the added stock and also provide much better facilities for caring for the automobile departments. The new building will cover a space of 90x110 and it is planned to have room for two or three storerooms or shops for rental purposes in addition to the storage needed by the company.

### Asks Receivership.

(By Associated Press) MEMPHIS, Aug. 18.— Clarence Sanders, president of the Piggy-Wiggly corporation, filed a petition in the federal court yesterday asking an appointment as receiver for the corporation.

Best Year in La Grande School History Is Anticipated for 1923-24 Semesters.

The fall and winter semester in the La Grande public schools, including the three grammar schools, Gree, Wood, Rivera, and Central, and the high school, will open Monday, September 10. Registration will be in progress the week prior to the opening date. Complete arrangements for the registration will be announced by officials within a few days.

The greatest year in La Grande school history is expected this year, both from an angle of enrollment and in attainment.

The staff of teachers has been practically completed but will not be announced until next week due to the fact that a few vacancies are now being filled.

### Work to Start Immediately

Principal E. D. Towler, of the high school, announced today that the work would start immediately on September 10. Enrollment during the preceding week will do away with the greater share of hustle and bustle on the opening day, and it is expected that the greater share of the classes will meet on Monday in short sessions.

Football practice will begin Monday evening under the supervision of Coach Hal Holmes. A large turnout is expected on the opening day. The grid schedule will be announced within a few weeks—now being in the process of completion.

## GREAT OIL BLAZE ENDS IT'S MENACE

Half Million Barrels of Liquid Flame Simmers Down at Last.

### OCEAN WINDS NOW ONLY THING FEARED

One Thousand Fire Fighters Fight Blaze Valiantly; Broke Bounds Four Times During Night.

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Aug. 18.—A cauldron of one half million barrels of liquid flame, one of America's greatest oil fires, smoldered down today with indication that the five and one half acres of flaming crude oil tanks of the General Petroleum company would not again lash long tongues of flame beyond the earth dykes guarding adjoining residential districts and Fort MacArthur.

### Combat Fire's Flames

One thousand fire fighters held the monster kettle pent up after it boiled over last night four times, once sending a stream of flames a mile down the canyon and into the ocean. The only menace that remains is the possibility that ocean winds might stir the flames toward other tanks.

SAN PEDRO (AP)—The 500,000 fire which has been burning since early Friday spread with new fury at 7:30 o'clock Friday night when the Fort MacArthur Military reservation was surrounded by flames. The stream of fire extending from the tank now covers an area one mile long and several hundred yards in width. Previously the fire was held within a 10-acre area.

SAN PEDRO (AP)—A half-million-barrel oil tank of the General Petroleum company here, catching fire from an explosion believed to have been caused by static ignition, boiled over the flaming edges of the cauldron late Friday and filled the emergency dykes on the hillside on which it is located with lakes of liquid fire.

The dykes held the blazing stream from hundreds of homes that were imperiled, but as the torrent advanced it piled up in other dykes against a 55,000-barrel fuel oil storage tank, which was filled to capacity. Near by was a tank of distillate, and this, firemen and officials feared, might explode at any minute scattering a seething spray over the countryside.

A brisk wind also added to the danger and drove the flames toward the distillate.

Another menace was the danger of explosion in the burning tank when the flames of the gigantic torch (Continued on Page Five)

## MISS AINSWORTH LEADING RACE

Has Lead of 400 Over Miss Zabel, in Second Place; Mrs. Bairie Withdraws From Competition.

The La Grande American Legion Bathing Girl contest is going on with a rush. The rivalry between the girls is very keen and all are working hard. All friends of the girls are asked to assist them in any way they can by the Legion.

The contest is to determine the girl who is to represent La Grande as a bathing beauty at the American Legion convention at Seaside. The girls are selling tickets to the American Legion dance at the Zuber hall, August 31. The girl that sells the most tickets to the dance will be the winner. The tickets are \$1.00 or 100 votes.

The first prize is a free trip to Seaside as the guest of the American Legion and a Janzen bathing suit by Clint's Clothiers. The second prize is a bathing suit, cap and shoes given by Westenhaver and Gilbert. Third is a bathing suit given by Andrews Bros., and fourth is a brushed wool sweater given by N. K. West & Co.

The standing to date of the girl is:  
Effie Ainsworth ..... 3800  
Ione Zabel ..... 3400  
Iris King ..... 3250  
Irene Hughes Bairie ..... 2800  
Mrs. Bairie has withdrawn from the race.

Watch Monday's Evening Observer for more details.

## FOUR KILLED WHEN TRAIN HITS AUTO

(By Associated Press) LOS ANGELES, Aug. 18.—Two men, a woman and one boy were killed, and one man injured, when an automobile was struck by the Pacific Electric train today.

### Grouse Season Opens On September Tenth

Many inquiries have been made recently regarding the opening of the grouse season, which, until the change of the deer season opening, was identical with the former.

According to Game Warden John Watson, of La Grande, the grouse season will not open until September 10.

## California Girl Winner In Net Play

(By Associated Press) FOREST HILLS, N. Y., Aug. 18.—Miss Helen Wills, 17-year-old Berkeley, Calif., tennis meteor today won the national tennis championship, dethroning Miss Molla Mallory, seven times holder of the title, in crushing fashion. The score was 6-2, and 6-1 in the final match.

British Win Doubles. FOREST HILLS, N. Y., Aug. 18.—Great Britain triumphed in the national women's doubles championship today when Miss Kathleen McKane and Mrs. Nancy Covell defeated Miss Eleanor Goss, of New York, and Mrs. Hazel Hotchkins, of Wightman, Boston.

## Providence To Be Site Of Next D.O.O.K. Convention

PORTLAND, August 18.—The Imperial Palace of the Dramatic Order of the Knights of Khorassan today rejected a resolution proposing an election of entirely new officers each biennial convention, deciding to retain the present system of progressive election officers and advance from the Imperial Aim to the Imperial Palace.

Providence, Rhode Island, was chosen for the 1925 convention. The Imperial palace initiated 1,000 tyros Friday night.

Today many visitors went to Astoria and ocean beaches.

Attending Ceremonies. VANCOUVER, Wash. Aug. 18.—High officers of the Dramatic Order of the Knights of Khorassan, who have been attending the sixteenth biennial convention of the Imperial

## THE SICK MAN OF EUROPE

