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Giants Win Pitcher's Battle; 1 to 0

FIVE MEN ARE DEAD; "WHITE MULE" CAUSE

Poisonous Liquor Takes a Heavy Toll in Illinois City.

THREE OTHERS IN SERIOUS CONDITION

Reports Reaching Pana, Ill., That Others Were Also Poisoned by Bad Liquor.

PANA, Ill. (AP).—Five men are dead and three others are in a serious condition after drinking a quantity of poisonous liquor.

Reports are arriving here from other parts of the neighborhood stating that others have been poisoned by "white mule" whisky.

L. H. S. RALLY IS TONIGHT

Serpentine Through Town Will Advertise Union-La Grande Football Games Saturday.

Today is a big day at the local high school.

First on the program, at 2:30 o'clock, the Freshmen and Sophomore boys will hold a sack contest on the football field. This event is of importance, inasmuch as it carries with it all the intense rivalry that is ever associated with Soph and Fresh entanglements.

Then, at 7:30 o'clock, a rally, to create spirit for the Union-La Grande football games to be played Saturday here, will be staged through the streets of the city, the students forming an immense serpentine. Preliminary to the actual rally, a short program will be held in the high school auditorium, beginning about seven o'clock. The school board, parents and general public are invited to attend both the program and serpentine.

Yesterday at an assembly of the student body, several matters of importance were taken up. Among them was the announcement of the election of this year's student council. Members are Eleanor Glass, chairman, Howard Beatty, Lillian Sims, Robert Smith, Claire McKenney, Elmer Day, Dorothy Eberhard and Robert Sullivan.

CHINESE PIRATES ATTACK YANK BOAT

CANTON. (AP).—Pirates attacked an American passenger freight steamer at Wai Nam on the west river at 7 o'clock, but were repulsed. No casualties.

Women Conferring In Capitals 2 Continents

WASHINGTON. (INS).—There was a peace conference today, Columbus Day, in every national capital in the Western Hemisphere.

From Ottawa, Canada, on the north, to Buenos Aires, on the south, women of North, South and Central America flocked together to talk peace and goodwill and to pledge themselves to strive for better understanding between all the countries of the Americas.

These meetings are being held simultaneously in 21 countries following a call for them sent out by the Women's Auxiliary Committee of the United States of the Second Pan-American Scientific Congress, of which Mrs. Charles Evans Hughes, wife of the Secretary of State, is chairman.

The Washington Conference was held in the magnificent Pan-American Building, the scene of the conference on Friday.

Solons Ignore Walton; Ouster Plans Advance

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (AP).—Plans for holding a court of impeachment to review the official conduct of elective state officers moved forward Thursday night with apparently nothing to impede their progress.

Ignoring for the time recommendations of Governor J. C. Walton that his bill ordering the Ku Klux Klan be considered, house members Thursday at the opening session by a unanimous vote authorized their speaker, W. D. McFie, to name a committee of investigation and impeachment to inquire into all offenses charged against state officers.

The house then recessed until Friday afternoon, when the personnel of the committee is expected to be announced. The senate, awaiting the lead of the house, where all impeachment action originates, had previously recessed until Friday morning.

RELIEF FUND OVER THE TOP

William Carl Hunt, Red Cross, Compliments La Grande Chapter on Securing Quota.

Complimenting the La Grande chapter of the American Red Cross for securing their quota for the Japanese relief fund, William Carl Hunt, division manager, addressed the following letter to the local chapter:

Please let me congratulate your chapter and members of the committee responsible for securing the quota assigned you for the Red Cross Japanese Relief Fund. Your response to the call and the prompt way in which your funds were collected and transmitted to the Division office is a source of pride to all who have the privilege of representing the American Red Cross.

One of the most interesting Red Cross experiences I have ever had has been my contact chapters in the Pacific Division during this relief fund campaign. It has brought out splendid co-operation and fine spirit everywhere, and we made, as you know, a magnificent offering, with more than 300 per cent return on the quota allotted the Pacific Division.

Should any struggling contribution.

APPLE JACK GULCH OPENS ITS GATES AT IMBLER TONIGHT

IMBLER. (Special to the Observer).—Preparations are today completed for the opening of the annual Apple Jack Gulch, sponsored by the American Legion post here, this evening. The gulch will be in full swing tonight and tomorrow night.

Indications are that Imbler will be host to a much greater crowd than was present last year, the time of the first annual Apple Jack Gulch. Dancing, cards, games, etc., with music by Loney's orchestra of La Grande, promise all who come a fine evening of amusement and clean, wholesome fun.

Proceeds of the gulch will be used to defray the expense of the annual Legion Christmas tree for the kiddies of Imbler.

HOLD UP MEN KENT SURVEY MADE ESCAPE SHOWS WHEAT VIA ASHLAND CROP HEAVY

Auto, Containing Five Men, Dashed Through City Hour After Holdups.

S. P. CO. OFFERS AN INDIVIDUAL REWARD

Price of \$2,500 on Head of Each Bandit Set by Railroad Company Today.

MEDFORD. (AP).—A report that an automobile containing five men dashed through Ashland an hour after the holdup of the Southern Pacific train near Ashland an hour after the holdup was received by the sheriff today.

Three men were in the rear seat with their heads covered with a blanket and two were in front, according to those who saw the car. The Southern Pacific company has offered a reward of \$2,500 on each of the bandit's heads.

To Try Turner On October 22

The case of the State of Oregon vs. Sidney Turner, charged with manslaughter, will be tried in the circuit court Monday, October 22, at 9:30 a. m., according to announcement today. No other additional cases have been set.

China Pheasant Season Opens Sunday Morning

The open season on China pheasants begins in Union county Sunday morning, October 14, at sun-up, and will continue through the week, coming to an end Sunday evening, October 21, at sun-down.

FOOD RIOTS IN BERLIN. (AP).—Food riots occurred in two of Berlin's densely populated sections, participated in by unemployed men, accompanied by women. The population is without meat and potatoes.

Statistician Says Potato Prospects in Oregon Have Declined.

PRUNE GROWERS HEAVY LOSERS

Oat Crop Best in Several Years; Corn Better; Wheat About as Forecast; Apples Good.

PORTLAND. (Special).—Fall seedling has been considerably delayed as a result of below normal rainfall for the month of September. Practically no fall plowing could be done in the western part of the state and summer fallow was too dry to seed properly until right at the close of the month, says F. L. Kent, Statistician, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

Soil moisture conditions materially improved during the first ten days of October, and at the present time seedling operations are well advanced. The weather under very favorable conditions in the western part of the state. The rainfall in general has been good, but in the western part of the state, the rainfall has been done on early potato land and corn stubble, but not much corn or potato acreage has been harvested to date.

No general killing frosts have occurred so far this fall. Some of the higher altitude reported light frosts about Sept. 15th, but not sufficient to injure vegetation. In the western part of the state tomato vines and other equally tender vegetation have generally been uninjured by frost to date.

Corn

Oregon corn is rather better than usual, on the average. The crop did not get a very good start owing to cold damp weather, but better than average summer moisture conditions and the absence of early frosts have made possible a better late growth than usual. Not much of the crop has as yet gone into the silo, but the usual 70 to 75 per cent of the average will doubtless be cut for silage. The Oregon crop this year is estimated at about 71,000 acres compared with 69,000 acres last year. The United States corn crop is now (Continued on Page Five)

Late News Flashes

Bandits Thought To Have Taken Detour.

MEDFORD. (AP).—According to the sheriff's office the automobile supposed to be carrying the hold-up men did not pass through Medford and did not reach Grant's Pass. The supposition is that the car made a detour somewhere north of Ashland, according to Deputy Sheriff Fornerook, of Medford, who was the first man to reach the scene of the holdup of the Southern Pacific train from here. The engineer of the train was seen to hold up his hands as he entered the tunnel and it is supposed that he was forced to run the train through the tunnel and come to a stop so that the mail car stood directly over the charge of explosive which it is believed a man on a ledge above the track connected with a wire which set off the discharge. The recently opened Klamath River highway is being closely watched for the bandits.

Gompers Re-elected A. F. of L. Head.

PORTLAND. (AP).—Samuel Gompers was unanimously re-elected president and El Paso, Texas, was chosen as the 1924 convention city at the American Federation of Labor meeting today.

FOUR MEN KILLED IN TRAIN HOLD UP

Henry Ford Scores Weeks

DETROIT, Mich. (AP).—Henry Ford's offer for the purchase of the Muscle Shoals project in Alabama is still before congress, and will not be withdrawn, Henry Ford said Thursday, in a statement, his first public assertion since the sale of the Gorgas plant to the Alabama Power company.

Mr. Ford charged that political influences were brought to bear to keep him from obtaining the plant, and that "certain influences prevented a vote in the house last spring" on the sale of Muscle Shoals to the Ford Motor company.

Mr. Ford's statement says: "The United States government, through Maj. Gen. Lansing H. Beach, asked me to bid on Muscle Shoals, not on a piece of Muscle Shoals. I did so, and because my bid included all of Muscle Shoals it was the only one thought worthy of reporting to congress. But I have a very strong conviction that while we have been negotiating with Mr. Beach, we have not been negotiating with the United States government. John W. Weeks' repeated assertions that Henry Ford would never get Muscle Shoals, neither with the (Continued on Page Four.)

Robbers Kill Engineer, Fireman and Brakeman; Blow Up Car, Loot Safe and Escape.

ASHLAND, Ore. (AP).—The rough country on both sides of the Oregon-California line near here is teeming with armed men today seeking some trace of robbers who yesterday held up the Southern Pacific train in tunnel 13, killed three trainmen and a mail clerk, and wrecked the mailcar with dynamite. Sheriff Terrell, of Jackson county, was directing the search from the Oregon side and besides regular possemen had detailed men from the Oregon Coast artillery company of Medford.

An inquest will be held on the bodies today of Sydney Bates, engineer, Marvin Seng, fireman, H. C. Johnson, brakeman and C. F. Danaher, mail clerk, victims of the bandits. Officers working on the case, as well as railroad men, express the opinion that the bandits were either employees or former employees of the railroad and they had killed the trainmen because they were recognized.

KIDNAPING CAL. (AP).—Armed posse Thursday night are scouring the Shasta mountains on the Oregon-California state line for bandits who held up Southern Pacific southbound passenger and mail train No. 13 at 12:40 o'clock Thursday afternoon, shot three trainmen and blew open the mail car and a safe, killing a mail clerk. The robbers escaped into the mountains with an unknown amount of loot. The dead:

B. L. Bates, of Dunsmuir, engineer; Marvin Seng, of Redding, fireman; C. O. Johnson, of Ashland, brakeman; Edwards, mail clerk. The robbery occurred at the train, the crack Southern Pacific San Francisco express, was emerging from tunnel 13, south of Shasta, on the state line 17 miles south of Ashland, Ore. Then engine was about 10 feet south of the tunnel entrance when an explosion blew away part of the roof of the tunnel and caused it to cave in on the train.

Shoot Three On Engine. Two men participated in the robbery, according to advices received here. As the engine crew brought the train to a halt, these two advanced to the locomotive and shot the engineer, fireman and Johnson, who was riding with them, although he was not on duty.

Engine and crew are believed to have fled instantly from bullet wounds in (Continued on Page Four.)

NEHF PITCHES BRILLIANTLY; CASEY HOMES

Giants Score Only Run of Game in Seventh Inning.

NEHF AND JONES TWO MOUNDSMEN

Fair Weather Grooms Fans Early This Morning for World Series Contest.

Yankee Stadium. (AP).—The New York Nationals won today's game 1 to 0, putting them one game ahead of the New York Americans in the world series. The Giants have won two, the Yankees being victors once.

YANKEE STADIUM (AP).—Old Casey Stengel blossomed forth a hero again today. With a home run smash off Sam Jones in the seventh inning, he scored the N. Y. of the contest and the Giants walked off in field victors, one to nothing—victors in the third world's series game. Both Nohr and Jones pitched air-tight ball. A crowd covered saw the contest. The bedlam pitching and speedy (Continued on Page Five)

TEMPLARS MEET IN PENDLETON

Thirty-Seventh Annual Convocation of Knights Templar Held Thursday.

PENDLETON. (Special to the Observer).—Knights Templar, numbering over five years, decked in black and gold regalia, white plumed hats and scarves, paraded through the streets of Pendleton yesterday, at the opening of the thirty-seventh annual convocation in which 22 Oregon commanderies are represented.

At noon they gathered at the Masonic hall where members of the local commandery entertained them at luncheon and had evening, they convened at the Parish hall, Church of the Redeemer. Among the grand officers who are here are: George T. Cochran, La Grande, grand captain general; Milton L. Myers, grand commander; F. A. Van Riel, deputy grand commander; E. K. Macos, grand general; Clyde McKay, senior grand officer; Andy P. Davis, junior grand officer; John B. Chisum, grand treasurer; James B. Robinson, grand recorder; W. W. Youngman, grand secretary; Fred A. Hume, grand standard bearer; George Dunn, grand sword bearer; W. E. Brock, grand warden; and Norman L. Crout, grand captain of the guards.

Stringent Immigration Laws Desired, A. F. of L.

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—More stringent immigration laws, with reduction in present quotas, will be sought from the State eighth congress, as a result of action taken by the American Federation of Labor here Thursday.

Protest against importation of cheap labor into Hawaii was voiced by the convention, which adopted resolutions declaring there was no labor shortage in Hawaii that would justify introduction of cheap labor.

The Japanese question was brought before the convention by Paul Scharenberg, San Francisco, of the Seamen's union, and Jere L. Sullivan, Cincinnati, of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers' union. Scharenberg referred to conditions in Hawaii and asserted that they would be prevailed upon California if the people of that state had not resisted against Japanese immigration. Sullivan spoke of the rapid

multiplication of Japanese in this country, and said this was a real menace.

Effort to organize migratory workers and to assist those to assist themselves, were ordered by the convention when it had taken action recommending the Inter-Union Committee of the World. The committee was instructed to turn the batteries of publicity on the I. W. W., many members of which it was charged were in the employ of interests seeking to destroy organized labor.

Election of officers and selection of the next convention city was made a special order for Friday morning. Re-election of President Samuel Gompers and the other officers was predicted by convention leaders. El Paso and Detroit were leading contenders for the next convention, according to convention talk Thursday.

