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Robbers Raid Four Banks; Escape

GERMANY IS
NOW FACING
REAL CRISISSituation May Terminate in
Proclamation of a National
Dictatorship.THINGS LOOK BLACK
FOR YOUNG REPUBLICPolitical, Economical and
Social Crisis Faced; Ebert
and Stresemann Are De-
fenders.BERLIN (AP)—Food and
clothing shops were looted last
night. Numerous automobiles
were held up, and the occupants
robbed of their personal belongings.
Rioting occurred in the
Jewish quarters. Women in mobs
are storming food shops. Loaf
bread is today retailing at 80-
100,000,000 marks as against
10,000,000,000 marks yesterday.BERLIN (By the Associated Press).—
Armistice week finds the five-year-
old German republic in the throes of
a nationwide political, economic and
social crisis, the outcome of which
minor factors as the rising or falling
price for bread, potatoes and coal.
It may also terminate in the sudden
proclamation of a national dictator-
ship, the demand for which is gaining
momentum among all
classes of the people who apparently
are willing to barter their present po-
litical liberties for even a hazy pros-
pect of amelioration of their social
condition. Germany Monday night
outwardly suggests a loosely feder-
ated people's republic without such
elementary requisites of a national
currency or a safely anchored con-
stitutional government supported by
a representative parliament.Into this situation President Ebert
and Chancellor Stresemann, who
might project an appeal to the na-
tion in which they affirm their de-
termination to defend the republic.
(Continued on Page Five.)SINNOTT IN
CITY TODAYCongressman Spoke Before
Chamber of Commerce on
Irrigation and Reclama-
tion.Hon. N. J. Sinnott, United States
representative, arrived in La Grande
this morning on No. 24 for a brief
visit in La Grande. He appeared at
the Chamber of Commerce luncheon
today as chief speaker, using as his
subject "Irrigation and Reclamation."MURDER NEAR
CANYON CITYClaud Amos Held in Con-
nection With Shooting to
Death of Carl Minkler.CANYON CITY (AP)—Claud Amos
is in jail here in connection with
the shooting to death Saturday at Mon-
ument, of Carl Minkler. The shooting
was the result of a quarrel.Many Orders To Assist
Red Cross Roll CallSeveral civic and patriotic or-
ders have combined to direct the
annual Red Cross Roll Call
which will be conducted in Union
county simultaneously with the
national campaign to obtain
members for that splendid
agency of mercy. General Cham-
berlain Manager Ralph Huron has
announced the executive commit-
tee, which will be the directing
body, and in the committee are
men and women representing
well known organizations. These
include:Union County Red Cross Chap-
ter, Bruce Dennis.
American Legion Post, La
Grande, Roy B. Curry.
Legion Auxiliary, Mrs. C. N.
Palmer.
Neighborhood Club, Mrs. J. D.
Lynch.Chief Issues
Thanksgiving
ProclamationWASHINGTON (AP)—Presi-
dent Coolidge's Thanksgiving
proclamation calls to mind that
the year brought to American
people two tragic experiences, the
death of President Harding and
the Japanese earthquake, but says
that such experiences serve to
test and refine men and nations.
During the year, the proclama-
tion says, the nation has been
blessed with much material pros-
perity.President Coolidge asks the
people on Thursday, November
29th "To seek guidance of the
Almighty God that they may de-
serve continuance of his favor."LEGION TO MEET
WEDNESDAY EVELegionnaires and Ladies'
Auxiliary to Discuss Armis-
tice Day Plans and
Nominate Officers.The American Legion post No. 43,
of La Grande, and the Ladies' auxil-
iary will convene tomorrow evening
at the K. of L. hall for a regular
monthly meeting.Chief among the items to be
brought before the two organizations
will be announcement and discussion
of plans for the Armistice Day cele-
bration at Union, in which the La
Grande club will take part with other
clubs in the county.The celebration will be held Mon-
day 12, at Union, that day having
been declared a legal holiday in Ore-
gon for the purpose of observing Armis-
tice day which in reality falls upon
Sunday, November 11. The declaration
was made by Governor Pierce Satur-
day at Salem who officially stamped
November 12 as a legal holiday thru-
out the state.Will Aid Roll Call.
Both organizations will discuss the
American Red Cross Annual Roll Call
which will be held throughout the
United States next week. The Ameri-
can Legion in sponsoring the work
and intends to take an active part.ASKS—AND GETS
REGULAR AUTUMN
PRISON SENTENCENEW YORK (U.N.S.)—Every fall
John Frankenstein, 57, gets a han-
ker for free board and lodging
that can only be satisfied, it seems,
by a jail sentence.This year was no exception.
Frankenstein showed up recently
for arraignment on a charge of vag-
rancy and at his own request was
given 30 days.Court officials said he had not
missed once in the last five years,
only hitherto he has asked and re-
ceived 300 months.He was formerly a policeman.
MAY BUY STOCK IN COMPANY
ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)—Employees
of the Great Northern railway are
given an opportunity to become stock
holders in the company through pur-
chase of preferred capital stock on a
partial payment plan announced
Monday by President Ralph Budd.Boat Capsizes, Three Drown.
SPOONER, Wis. (AP)—A triple
drowning occurred at Spooner lake,
near here, Sunday, when Vernon La-
page, 26, his brother Billie, 12, and
Harry Cudding, 35, lost their lives
when the boat in which they were
duck hunting was capsized.Ministerial Association, A. R.
Sutton.
Chamber of Commerce, A. W.
Nelson.
Public Schools, A. C. Hampton.
In addition to the executive
committee there is an advisory
committee embracing many other
points of the county.
These include: Lay, Stringham,
Joubert, Guy Patten, Elgin, J. P.
Hutchinson, Union, Grover Duf-
fy, Cove, J. E. Garrison, North
Powder, Frank Baker, Palmer
Junction, Eddie Stoddard, Per-
ry, Myron Kiddle, Island City,
Martin King, Kamela, Ben
Young, Hildard, Dora Olson,
Telecast, H. W. Waggoner,
Summersville, Mrs. Grace Powers,
Medford Springs, Mrs. Grace Bar-
rie, Hot Lake, R. O. Watkins,
Alice.MURDER AT
ATLANTA IS
STARTLINGPhilip E. Fox Accused of
Slaying W. S. Coburn,
Attorney for Klan
Officials.FOX ALLEGED TO BE
KLAN PUBLICITY MANDenies These Statements,
However, Saying, "What
I Did Had No Connection
With the Ku Klux Klan."ATLANTA, Ga. (AP)—Philip
E. Fox, alleged Ku Klux Klan
publicity man, was indicted today
for killing W. S. Coburn, attorney
for the Simons faction of the or-
ganization.ATLANTA, Ga. (AP)—Philip E.
Fox, alleged publicity man for the
Ku Klux Klan, late Monday shot and
killed W. S. Coburn, Atlanta attor-
ney and counsel for the faction fight-
ing Imperial Wizard H. W. Evans
and another official of the order. Fox
is held at police headquarters with-
out bond under a charge of murder.
Coburn, a former official of the
klan and later legal representative of
what is called the insurgent faction,
was shot five times as he sat in his
office on the ninth floor of the At-
lanta Trust company building. He
tumbled over dead.Fox Makes Statement.
When taken into custody, Fox is
quoted as saying: "I am sorry to have
had to do it but I am glad he is dead.
He was planning to ruin me and I
had just as soon be home as hurt.
What I did has no connection with
the Ku Klux Klan."
(Continued on page 5)BRITISH RUM CREW
CAPTURED BY U. S.JACKSONVILLE (AP)—The
British auxiliary schooner Louisa
P. was captured after a three-
hour chase Monday by federal
authorities and 5000 cans of
liquor valued at \$375,000 was
seized, according to the report of
prohibition officers.The capture was effected
within the 12 mile limit off San
Pablo and Captain Johnston of
Harbor City, British West Indies,
and 6 men of the crew were ar-
rested. They are being brought
to Jacksonville where they will
be charged with violation of the
national prohibition laws.

SITTIN' PRETTY?

Methodists To
Hold Public
Meet TonightGathering from Eastern Ore-
gon and nearby districts. Metho-
dist ministers are in La Grande to-
day for the purpose of a round
table discussion of the opportuni-
ties of the church and how to
meet them. The conference will con-
tinue today and tomorrow morn-
ing, closing at noon.Dr. William M. Ewing, district
superintendent for the La Grande
district, will hold a public meet-
ing in the main auditorium of the
Methodist church this evening
which will take the form of a
debate.Last evening the visiting minis-
ters were guests of the local
brotherhood at a banquet in the
dining room of the church and
today they were guests of the
Chamber of Commerce at lunch-
oon.The visiting ministers include: Wm.
M. Ewing, district superintendent, of
Boise, R. A. Quinn, of Union, J. Fred
Stilwell, of Joseph, George H. Pease,
of Walla Walla, H. K. Wallis, Island City;
Josie Van Holsland, Sumpter, E. J.
Clover, Haines, W. A. Armstrong,
Elgin, Herbert Pailard, Canyon City,
Walton, Prairie City, Fred Post, Cove
and I. McFarland, North Powder.
The conference this morning began
at 8:30 o'clock.ELECTRIC UNIT
FUNCTIONINGE. O. L. & P. Company
Steam Plant at Baker Is
Finished and Now Oper-
ating.Slowly but surely the super-heated
steam was turned into the turbine,
the hum of the generator was heard,
and the speed increased to 2600
revolutions per minute, the new 1000
kilowatt electrical generating plant of
the Eastern Oregon Light and Power
company went into service at the
South Baker steam plant at 2:55
o'clock Monday afternoon. Officials
and employees of the company, rep-
resentatives of the press and inter-
ested spectators were present for the
occasion.Most of the \$100,000 piece of con-
struction work is complete, only a few
details left to finish, and the General
Electric turbine-generator, which has
a capacity of 1350 electrical horse-
power is now delivering energy into
the main transmission system of the
company.
The installation of this new unit,
is one of the largest pieces of construc-
tion work in the territory of the
company this year, and adding 1000
kilowatts to the power supply will
mean the elimination of a possible
shortage.
(Continued on Page Five.)George Cochran Sat By
President Coolidge At
Laying Of CornerstoneLa Grande Man Took Im-
portant Part in Dedica-
tion of the George
Washington Masonic
Memorial.A communication received from
George T. Cochran, of La Grande,
grand master of the Oregon Masonic
lodges, today described the dedica-
tion of the George Washington masonic na-
tional memorial at Alexandria, Va.,
in which Mr. Cochran took an active
part.The communication was dated No-
vember 2 and read "Yesterday was a
great day. The cornerstone of this
great building was laid. It was a great
inspiration to me to be honored as a
guest and participant in the cere-
monies. President Coolidge sat beside me
with Judge Taft in the next row of
seats just behind me. I followed these
gentlemen in stepping up to the cor-
nerstone and with the trowel George
Washington used, spread some of the
cement."Mr. Cochran did not state when he
would return to La Grande but he is
expected home within a short time.USE CHURCH FOR
HOUSING GRAINRITZVILLE, Wash. (AP)—Travel-
ers passing the historical George
Washington Masonic National Memorial
Congregational church near here, in-
stead of hearing prayers and music
issuing from the building, as has been
the custom for nearly half a century
see it filled with sacks of grain.The building was abandoned a few
years ago as a church and recently
converted into a granary, as with the
arrival of the automobile, the farmers
could attend services in town.FOUR FOUND GUILTY
OF CARRYING GUNSRASTROP, La. (AP)—Four
alleged members of the More-
house Ku Klux Klan, including
Capt. J. K. Skippwith, exalted cy-
clops, Monday were found guilty
of "carrying firearms on the
premises of another," in connec-
tion with hooded band activities
in Morehouse parish last year.
Sentences will be pronounced
later.Others found guilty were Ben-
ton Pratt, Marvin Pickett and W.
G. Intosh.
Three alleged klansmen, tried
jointly with the four were found
not guilty. They were Sam El-
dridge, Sam Cox and Bud Pick-
ett.The seven were tried jointly
before Judge Fred C. Odum in the
Sixth district court. They were
charged with a raid on the home
of Alonso Broadhead, farmer who
was believed to be engaged in
the illegal manufacture of whis-
key.THREE BANKS
PILFERED IN
MIDDLE WESTTwo Robberies at Spencer,
Indiana, and One at
St. Louis Today.LOOT OVER \$17,000
TAKEN BY BANDITSTwo Citizens Wounded in
Spencer Robbery in
Which 14 to 20 Men Took
Part; Made Escape by
Autos.SPENCER, Ind. (AP)—Bank
robbers estimated at numbering
14 to 20, robbed two banks here
early today of approximately
\$15,000 and wounded two citi-
zens.Traveling in four automobiles
the robbers first isolated the
town by cutting the telephone
and telegraph wires, then post-
ed guards while they blew the
bank vaults. The blasts prac-
tically wrecked one building.ST. LOUIS (AP)—Three ban-
dits today robbed the Park
Savings bank of \$2,380 and
made their escape in an auto-
mobile. Three employees were
injured.
(Continued on Page Five.)OSCAR BERGER
HURT SUNDAYNearly Suffocated Under
Car; Prompt Assistance
Saved Life; Injuries Are
Slight.According to reports today at noon,
Oscar Berger, who was injured in an
automobile wreck near La Grande
Sunday afternoon, is recovering nicely
and in suffering few ill effects with
the exception of a few bruises and
scratches.Mr. and Mrs. Berger were driving
near La Grande Sunday and somehow
the car became ditched. At the time
of the accident it was not going fast-
er than 20 miles per hour. Mr. Berger
was pinned under the car and by the
time assistance had arrived in the
form of Dr. E. G. Kirby, was nearly
suffocated. After several minutes
work, however, Dr. Kirby, succeeded
in bringing Mr. Berger to conscious-
ness after which he was taken to the
hospital for examination, which
showed no broken bones and he was
returned to his home.LA GRANDE VOTING
ON TAX MEASUREPORTLAND (AP)—Ideal au-
tumn weather and general inter-
est in the measures were factors
which observers said should
bring out a larger vote than
usual at the special election to-
day on the state income tax refer-
endum. In Portland a special
tax levy for the purchase of vot-
ing machine and a proposed bond
issue for another bridge are on
the ballot. Lane county is also
voting on bridge bonds.Indications throughout the city
today, the day of the special elec-
tion on the income tax referen-
dum, are that a heavy vote will
be polled before the hour of clos-
ing comes tonight. This morning
voting was light in most precincts
but the heavy rush is expected to
come this afternoon and in the
evening.The opinion expressed on the
street by the greater number of
voters is that the "income tax
will be upheld."WOMAN'S BODY
FOUND IN RIVERUnidentified Human Being,
Thought Woman, Is Dis-
covered; Foul Play Sus-
pected.PENDLETON—The wasted body
of a human being thought to be a
woman, was found yesterday morn-
ing in the Columbia river about three
miles below where the J. Edgar em-
pty into the river.A fracture of the skull on the left
side indicates, according to officials
who went to the scene as soon as the
ghostly discovery was made, that
murder was first committed and that
the body of the victim was then placed
in the river to hide the fact of the
crime.

Ranchers Find Body

The discovery was made by Char-
les A. Gilbe and John Pechten when
they drove their car to the river to
replenish the supply of water in the
radiator of the machine.The head, which was under water,
was visible and the stub of one leg
could be seen.The sheriff was immediately noti-
fied by telephone, and Sheriff Zoeth
Homer and Coroner J. T. Brown went
to the spot to investigate the case.The body was found close to a rock
which slopes down to the water and
was in a back eddy between the rock
and an old log which in part had
been cut out.
(Continued on Page Five.)HEARINGS OF TWO
CHINESE DELAYEDArraignment of Dr. T. H. Lee and
Lou Gong Men, to be halted before
the United States Commissioner Will
Chou on narcotic violation charges,
has not yet occurred. It is understood
that the commissioner here is await-
ing the arrival of a United States Mar-
shall from Portland. As yet Dr. Lee
and Lou Gong Men are incarcerated
in the city jail, awaiting a hearing.

Late News Flashes

Man Injured by Car.
A man, aged about 55, named White, was run over and in-
jured, as the Observer goes to press, today on Adams avenue
in the business section. How serious the injuries are is not
known at this time although it is believed that they aren't dan-
gerous. A young man, named Shanks, was driving the car.
Further details are unknown.Three Killed in Miami Accident.
MIAMI, Okla. (AP)—Three men were killed and a fourth
seriously injured when the hoist can in the Lucky Bill lead and
zinc mine dropped two hundred feet today.West Virginia Has Mine Disaster; 12 Bodies Recovered.
CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP)—Twenty-three bodies had
been taken from the Glen Rogers mine this afternoon, six be-
lieved still in the wrecked interior.CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP)—Twelve bodies have been
recovered from the shaft of the Raleigh Wyoming Coal company
at Glen Rogers today following an explosion. Thirty were still
in the workings at noon. Twenty-three had escaped uninjured.Walton Seeking Injunction.
OKLAHOMA CITY. (AP)—Governor Walton today filed a
writ in the federal court asking all persons concerned in his
impeachment trial be restrained from further proceedings.