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The Weather

PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon—Fair tonight and Saturday. Colder in the east portion tonight.

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VENIZELOS WILL FORM A CABINET

To Place Himself at Head of Ministry as Grecian Premier

HELD SOLUTION OF GREEK CRISIS

George Roussos, Republican Liberal Leader, Is Expected to Be Foreign Minister.

ATHENS (By the Associated Press)—Ex-Premier Venizelos today decided to form a cabinet with himself as premier, without a portfolio.

George Roussos, Republican liberal leader, is to be foreign minister.

This step was held to be the only solution of the pro-rated governmental crisis after General Gangalis failed to complete a ministry after an all night effort.

GIRL CAGERS PLAY TONIGHT

With Miss Mina Murchison, coach, in charge the girls first and second basketball teams of La Grande high school will go to Imbler this evening leaving here shortly after six o'clock, to meet the Imbler girls in their first game of the season—for the local girls.

CHURCH WILL OPEN SUNDAY

The new Presbyterian church will be opened for services on Sunday, January 13, the Reverend William Crosby Ross, pastor of the Presbyterian church, said today in speaking to an Evening Observer reporter.

Hawaiian Returns to Home After 30-Year Absence Very Wealthy

HONOLULU (AP)—A story of riches made in Alaska during an absence of nearly 30 years was revealed recently when Thomas Emslie returned to live the remainder of his life in the city of his birth and enjoy his fortune of \$200,000.

ASKED TO URGE A SPECIAL MEET OF LEGISLATURE

SALEM (By the Associated Press)—County judges and commissioners, in annual convention here, were asked late Thursday to request the governor to call a special session of the state legislature to straighten the tax tangle caused by the supreme court decision holding the tax conservation provision illegal.

Set Aside



Judge Chester W. Barrows of Providence, R. I., recently entered an order vacating the divorce granted Nina Wilcox Putnam Sanderson (above), the short story writer.

PROGRAM OF MELLON TAX ROAD BOARD MEASURE IS OUTLINED CONSIDERED

Clean-up of Three Principal Highways to Occur During Year 1924

\$564,000 TO BE SPENT ON WORK

State, Government, Forest Service and Counties to Contribute Portions of Funds.

PORTLAND (By the Associated Press)—An outline of the 1924 program has been completed by the state highway commission.

It included a clean-up of the Roosevelt highway to Tillamook and Coos counties, the Dallas-Columbia highway to Klamath county and the John Day highway as far as Unity.

The state and federal government each will contribute \$100,000 to complete the Roosevelt highway ten miles north from Homer to the Coos county line.

The state will contribute \$56,000 and the forestry service \$58,000 for a mile section of the Roosevelt highway in Curry county at Eucere creek.

UNION HI WINNER OVER ENTERPRISE CAGERS 55 to 46

ENTERPRISE (Special to the Observer)—Union high school won a hard fought, fast game of basketball here last evening from the Enterprise high school, the final score being 55 to 46.

Reports in Union and La Grande early this morning were to the effect that Enterprise had beaten Union last night but telephone communication with the Wallowa county seat reversed this report.

Union plays Joseph high school tonight and Wallowa high school tomorrow night.

WOMAN'S ARREST ASKED

PENDLETON, Or.—Hegina Saffley, who is alleged to have cashed worthless checks with merchants here a week ago when she posed as a nurse, has been in Portland, according to information received here by the sheriff.

WAS ANYBODY EVER IN A MORE DIFFICULT POSITION?



Scene of Tragic Explosion

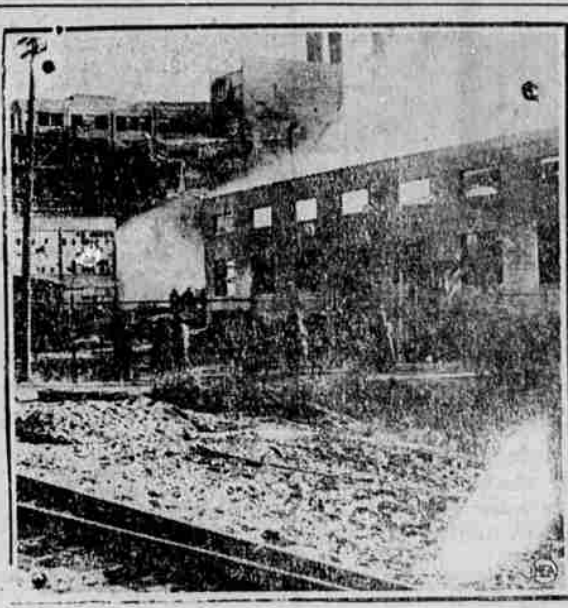


Photo shows ruins of starch house (at right) of the Corn Products company, Pekin, Ill., torn by an explosion recently. Eight bodies were recovered immediately.

BULLETINS SCHEDULE OF TRAINS GIVEN

Appropriations Invalid. HELENA, Mont. (AP)—All general appropriations made by the last Montana legislature are held invalid today by the state supreme court in the grounds that Governor Dixon, attempting to reduce the amounts on a percentage basis, was without authority and his signing the bill was a qualification for nullity.

The invalidity of thousands of dollars in state warrants was established by the decision. Dixon stated that he had not decided whether a special session of the legislature was necessary yet. State officials agreed, however, that Montana will not repudiate its obligations. It is said approximately one million dollars in invalid warrants has been issued.

Refuses Demands. NEW YORK (AP)—American oil companies with property in the Tuxpan district have no intention of complying with the De La Huerta mandate that each company loan him \$10,000 each, the companies announced today.

Not in Race. WASHINGTON (AP)—Senator Watson, of Indiana, announced today that he would not be a candidate for the republican nomination for the presidency.

Eggs Weak Today. PORTLAND (AP)—Livestock is steady today. Eggs are weak, priced at 29 to 33 cents. Butter is steady.

Police Fight; One Resigns. ASTORIA, Or.—Edward Hill resigned as a member of the Astoria police force, following a fist fight with G. T. Bennett, a fellow officer.

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Bravery of Lady Aided Co-Worker

Mrs. Julina Kilen Sacrificed Herself to Save American Missionary's Wife.

PEKING (By the Associated Press)—Mrs. Julina Kilen, aged 59, frail, sacrificed herself and persuaded the bandits who raided the mission last week to take her instead of her wounded co-worker, Mrs. Hoff, stated reports from Hankow today.

When the mission was raided the Hoff's were warned by bandits not to flee but not knowing the Chinese language they bolted and in the attempt were shot down.

Mrs. Kilen understands Chinese and is quoted as having pleaded "Take me I will go in her place, she would die on your hands," when she overheard the bandits planning to take Mrs. Hoff.

FUNERAL TO BE SUNDAY AT JOSEPH

Mrs. George M. Tucker Will Be Laid to Rest in Wallowa County

TRAGEDY WAS FEARFUL ONE

Story of Fire That Took Two Lives Recounted; Blast Partly Due to Coal Oil.

JOSEPH, Or. (Special to the Observer)—Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. George M. Tucker, of this city, burned to death Wednesday evening, will be held at Joseph today. Relatives are arriving here today for the services.

The fire blackened dwelling of George M. Tucker is a reminder of an appalling tragedy that visited Joseph, Or., Wednesday evening.

Out of the thin air appeared a scene which was to shock citizens: devastate the home and result in two deaths.

George M. Tucker was preparing to leave the house and started to replenish the fire before going. He found the fire nearly out, and poured some coal oil on the nearly dead embers then placing some fire coal on top and shutting the door. He turned to leave the stove and received the full force of a blast that knocked him to the floor and partially stunned him.

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SIX OF GANG ARE ARRESTED

WEST PALM BEACH (AP)—Bill Ashley, one of the leaders of the Mobley-Ashley gang was captured in the Everglades today, according to reports received here. The apprehension of his brother is expected.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Six members of the Ashley-Mobley gang of bank robbing outlaws have been captured by officers. Among those taken are Albert Miller, who shot and killed Deputy Sheriff Fred Baker at the outbreak of a fight between members of the band and officers Wednesday.

Late News Flashes

TWO MEN SHOT IN ABERDEEN. ABERDEEN, Wash. (AP)—In order to avoid the possible lynching by a crowd of Special Officer Hollingsworth following the shooting last night of two men during an alleged liquor search by the special officer and two constables in a local pool hall, Hollingsworth was taken by local authorities under an armed guard to the Montesano jail.

During the raid Mike Cavmarie, proprietor of the pool hall, was shot in the stomach and August Koski, who assisted in the raid, declared the shooting was done by Hollingsworth.

While the three officers were searching for supposed liquor, Cavmarie is alleged to have attempted to strike Hollingsworth who thereupon is said to have drawn a gun and fired. Eye witnesses say that Hollingsworth slapped a search warrant on the table and started shooting.

Shortly after the shooting residents formed in groups and marched toward the local jail. Fears for the safety of Hollingsworth induced the authorities to remove him to Montesano.

EXPORT LEAGUE FORMED. PENDLETON (AP)—The organization of an Oregon Export Commission league, similar to one in Washington, was decided upon last night at a meeting of the Umatilla county farm bureau and the Pendleton Commercial association. The new organization is to boost the export commission plan for the stabilization of wheat values.

A meeting is scheduled for January 19 when prominent farmers from Eastern Oregon and representatives of the commercial organizations are to be present. Members of the Washington body are also expected here to explain the working of their body. It was further decided to fight proposals before congress to abolish federal farm loan banks and abolish exemption on farm loan money.

NATIONS WILL BOOST PEACE

Little Entente Meeting Held in Belgrade With Promising Results Reported.

BELGRADE (AP)—A communique issued after a meeting of the Little Entente premiers and foreign ministers here said that representatives of Juno-Romania, Czechoslovakia and Roumania had agreed that the Little Entente was "more than ever resolved to support in the existing European situation, the currents tending to the maintenance of all treaties and the consolidation of that peace which is indispensable to three states."

JOHN RIGGS IS CALLED TODAY

John Riggs, who was injured several weeks ago when he was crushed between a load of hay and the top of a barn door, passed on this morning at five o'clock at Seventh and Pennsylvania streets.

Mr. Riggs, whose loss is sincerely mourned by his many friends in the Grande Ronde Valley is aged about 55 years.

The injuries that he sustained at the time of the accident were not believed to be fatal but complications set in and Mr. Riggs became more seriously ill as time passed by. During the past few days, he has been on the verge of death and physicians expected him to succumb at any time.

The remains are at the Sodgrass and Zimmerman funeral service parlors and burial will be held in Summerville Sunday afternoon at one o'clock. The funeral cortege will leave La Grande at eleven o'clock.

Mr. Riggs is survived by his daughters and a son. He was raised in the Grande Ronde Valley and has made his home in the valley for many years.