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OMER WOODS EXECUTED IN UTAH TODAY

Wife Murderer Faces the Firing Squad in Utah State Prison

MET DEATH WITH CALM FORTITUDE

Woods Protested That He Was Innocent Until the End—Several Witnesses

SALT LAKE CITY (By the Associated Press)—Omer B. Woods, convicted of murdering his wife, was executed by a firing squad in the Utah State prison here this morning.

Woods met his death calmly and protested his innocence to the end. Mrs. Woods was killed in an apartment house here January 9, 1922.

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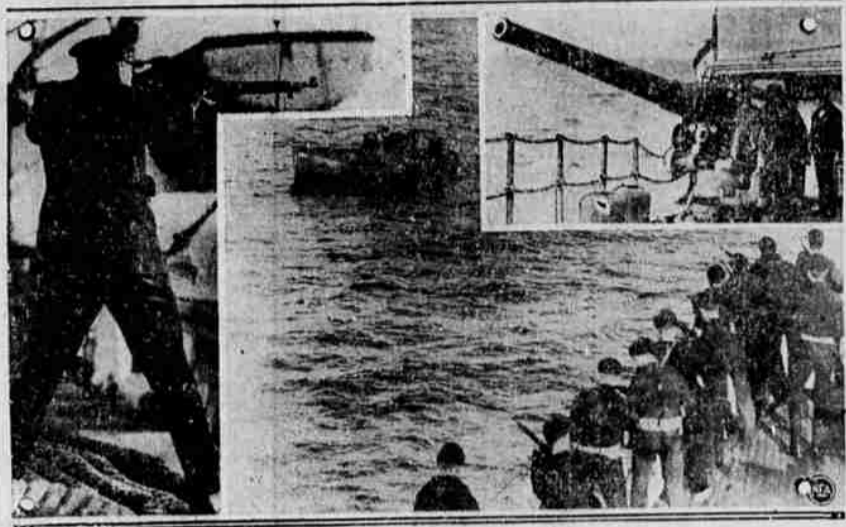
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WHEN THE GUNS BARKED



These photographs are the first to be taken aboard a rum chaser. The U. S. S. Seneca, on its latest trip along the Atlantic coast to pick up rum runners, staged a battle that recalled war days. Its four-inch gun was fired repeatedly. Finally the quarry came to a stop. Photos show the actual firing during the battle. The center picture shows the suspect drawing on alongside the Seneca. Note the ever-ready rifles in hands of the sailors. Captain P. E. Beach commanded the vessel.

R. SHORTRIDGE ENDS HIS LIFE

Former La Grande Man Commits Suicide in Portland Due to Despondency.

PORTLAND, Ore. — Russell P. Shortridge, an electrician formerly employed by the Northwestern Electric company, carried out suicide threats here he had made because Miss Eda Kruger of Albany, had refused to marry him.

He hanged himself to his bed in a hotel at 285 Alder street, using his belt for a rope. The body was discovered shortly after noon by a maid.

A note addressed to Miss Kruger, an Albany young woman, who was temporarily lodged at the hotel, was found with the body. It was neatly incised, but stated, "I have tried to do the best I know how, but you have not been true."

Miss Kruger said she had come to Portland a week ago for medical treatment. She said she had been fond of Shortridge, but had refused to marry him only because of his ungovernable temper.

Last Sunday, she said, after another refusal on her part, he attempted to drink poison, but she knocked the bottle from his lips. "I thought then that he was merely trying to frighten me," she said. "I never dreamed he would

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JOE DUNN BEATS JACK GRIFFIN IN PORTLAND MATCH

PORTLAND (By the Associated Press)—Joe Dunn easily won a ten-round decision match from Jack Griffin here last night. Both boys are Portland welterweights.

Lackey Morrow, of Spokane and Mike DelPinto, of Portland, fought to a draw.

L.H.S. Quint Loses 19-16

Wallowa High School Defeats La Grande Team in Overtime Game.

The first game on the La Grande high school basketball team's Wallowa county trip ended disastrously last evening when Wallowa High school defeated the Blue and White team 19 to 15 in an overtime period contest.

Although disheartening, the defeat last night does not lower La Grande's chances for the championship as the regular season games do not count in that manner. The title will be thrashed out at Union in the district tournament late in February.

According to eye witnesses of the game, La Grande had easy pickings in the first half and led by a comfortable score—but in the last half, Wallowa rallied and the local team seemed unable to get underway. Teamwork was sacrificed in frantic efforts to snare baskets that did not work out.

When the game officially ended the score was tied at 15 points for each team. In the five minute overtime period, Wallowa high school scored three points while the La Grande team failed to hit the hoop.

Tonight the La Grande team will play the Joseph high school championship quintette at Joseph and tomorrow evening will wind up their branchline trip at Enterprise.

ARCHBISHOP ILL AT OAKLAND, CAL.

OAKLAND, (AP) — The condition of Archbishop of Oregon, Ill at a hospital here with pleurisy poisoning, is reported improved today. He was comfortable last night and appeared to be swinging off the effects of the poisoning.

Christie, archbishop of the archdiocese of Oregon City and one of the most prominent clergymen in America, is seriously and perhaps critically ill in a hospital here at Oakland, Cal., from a complication of ailments, according to word received in Portland yesterday afternoon. However, word from his bedside last night said he "is improved."

Archbishop Christie is well known in Eastern Oregon and La Grande and has many friends here who are delighted to hear that his condition is improving.

G. O. P. LEADING RULES BATTLE

Regulars of Party Hold Advantage in Congressional Fight Now Underway.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—With an end of its hearings on revision of the revenue act in sight, the House ways and means committee today called upon treasury experts to explain the government's financial needs for the next year and also heard further appeals for cuts in rates affecting various interests.

The house struggled again today with new rules to enable members by petition to institute proceedings for the discharge of committee from consideration of legislation after failing twice yesterday to fix the number of petitioners to be required.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Two unsuccessful efforts—one championed by Republican organization leaders and the other by the Democrats and Republican insurgents—were made Thursday to change the recommendation of the house rules committee as to the number of signatures to be required on petitions for the discharge of committee. As a result the minimum fixed by the committee—150 names—will stand unless a move, backed by sufficient votes, is made to alter it as the fight over rules continues Friday.

After three days of debate on the discharge of committee proposition the house got down to voting late in the day on an amendment by Representative Graham, Republican, Illinois, to require signatures of at least half the members of the house on such petitions. Although Republican organization leaders had expressed willingness, as a compromise, to accept the rules committee recommendation, they swung their support to the Graham proposal.

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HORCK ACQUITTED ON NEW CHARGE; ONE TRIAL TODAY

A. Horck, Jr., Joseph-La Grande stage driver, who was charged with failure to comply with the Oregon public service commission provisions, in a case heard in the justice of peace court yesterday, was acquitted by a jury. Judge Hugh Brady presided.

Horck will go on trial a second time this afternoon on a similar charge in the justice court.

NO TROOPS WILL CROSS ONE STATE

Governor Refuses to Allow Obregon Army to Enter Texas

U. S. GOVERNMENT FAVORING PLAN

Arizona and New Mexico Acquiesce to Request of the Mexican Federal Leader.

AUSTIN, Texas. (By the Associated Press)—Permission to transport Mexican federal troops across Texas was refused today by acting Governor Davidson in a telegram to Secretary of State Hughes.

The possibility of trouble with Mexican residents on the Texas border prompted Governor Davidson's refusal. The governors of New Mexico and Arizona have already given their consent for a movement which was approved by the state department late yesterday.

The Obregon government had asked to send detachments from Naco, Ariz., to some point in Texas for re-entry into Mexico.

Considering Mexican Trouble. WASHINGTON, (AP)—The Mexican situation, complicated by the declaration of the revolutionists blockade at Tampico, is being considered by the president and his cabinet today. The present session is the longest in recent months. Indications are that more active steps to protect American interests will be taken.

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—Further information from Tampico confirms the reports that a rebel gunboat fired at Tampico beach and not at the city. The shots were fired at emergency fortifications which the federalists erected to prevent the escape of rebel gunboats bottled up in the Panuco river. One gunboat got away but the other is still in the river. No shots were fired from the sea toward Tampico.

BULLETINS

To Name Committee. YAKIMA, Wn. (AP)—A committee of five northwest apple growers is to be named to work out plans for a marketing organization following a meeting here marked yesterday by hot arguments between advocates of the "orchard" plan and the California plan.

Market Steady. PORTLAND, (AP)—Livestock and eggs steady on today's market. Butter is weak.

Unemployment Noted. SAN FRANCISCO, (AP)—Unemployment is noted in all industries in California while industrial activity in Oregon and Washington continues on a fairly satisfactory basis, according to a report today by the employment service of the United States Department of Labor. The curtailment of building and road work in Oregon and Washington resulted in some unemployment but much is temporary and would be cured in the spring. It was announced.

Indictments Dismissed. PENDLETON, (AP)—Indictments against three alleged Industrial Workers of the World, charged with wanton destruction of property at Athena last summer, were dismissed in circuit court here due to insufficient evidence to convict. The defendants were accused of pouring sand into freight car fixtures.

California Law Drives Jap Farmers Eastward

SAN FRANCISCO, (AP)—Japanese farmers, forbidden by a California law to own or lease agricultural lands or to work them on a crop-sharing basis, are turning toward eastern and middle western centers of population, local Japanese say.

California, in turn, is looking to the east and middle west for thousands of white farmers to purchase, lease or work lands freed away from Japanese tillers. Throughout the state ways of attracting farmers are being discussed. The land offered includes some of the richest soil in the state. The United States supreme court in several recent decisions has upheld the California alien land law.

SINGED MOTH



Mrs. June Brown, who was the "Queen of Greenwich Village" six years ago. She was buried recently near White Plains, a victim of her own hand—and only one of all who knew her was there to pay final tribute to "The Queen." "I tried to beat the city—I failed," was her dying remark.

NO FILING FOR PRIMARIES YET

Nearly Four Months Left to Enter Name on Primary Election Ballot.

With the primary election in Oregon set for May 18, this year, County Clerk C. R. McCormick today announced that to date no candidates for office have yet filed their applications for the primaries.

Candidates have until April 16 to file, 25 days before election, and although a few are expected to file some time in the near future, no positive statements are forthcoming at the present.

Wallowa Candidates Filing. WALLOWA, Ore.—First signs of the 1924 political contests in the county were noted this week when several probable candidates were listed. It is understood that candidates have until 20 days before the primary election of May 18.

STRAYER MEETING HAS ATTENDANCE OF ONE THOUSAND

BAKER, Ore.—More than 1000 people crowded into the Baker theatre last evening, heard stirring speeches by Senator William H. Strayer, "Baker's own" candidate for the senatorial term, and more than 1000 people rose to their feet and cheered the senator, when at the conclusion of the meeting he gave a short address, thanked the assembled audience for the wonderful demonstration in words, yet promised he would "back them in with and down later on." The mass meeting was the first official and public event of the campaign, the battle of which will first be carried to the May primaries, when Mr. Strayer's name will be listed on the democratic ticket as a candidate to the upper house of congress.

Crowd Representative No political organization could have wished for a more successful opening to a campaign than the one last evening, and the "Strayer for senator" club should feel happy over the splendid demonstration that was given their candidate. The people present were truly representative. Bankers, businessmen, professional men, farmers and laborers were there. Women—many of them—crowded in to show their appreciation of "Bill" Strayer. Political foes were absent. Republicans nearly outnumbered those of Senator Strayer's political faith, and all were "hooping it up" for "Bill."

Decision Is Laid Aside

Interstate Commerce Commission Holds Up Express Food Rates Decision.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The Interstate Commerce Commission today temporarily held up its decision ordering the reduction of express rates of food.

The reductions which were to have been effective February 21 were postponed until an indefinite date.

The reductions ranged up to 11 percent and were ordered after an investigation conducted by the commission into the method of making express charges, had been made.

Express companies had also been ordered to change slightly their methods of fixing rates and this section of the decision was not affected by today's decision.

Late News Flashes

O. A. C. BEATS WHITMAN. The Oregon Agricultural college basketball team last evening defeated the Whitman college five at Walla Walla, Wash., 34 to 21, according to several local fans who witnessed the game. Pete Stoddard, La Grande, was stellar player for the Aggies. George Brown, Union, played during the first half. Mose Lyman, La Grande, will join the squad at Moscow, Idaho, tomorrow, making three Union county boys on the varsity lineup.

Those who made the trip to Walla Walla were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stoddard, Mr. and Mrs. David Stoddard, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Stoddard, John Stoddard, Mr. and Mrs. Knight, Myrtle Black, Loa Lyman, Leah Russell and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Reynolds.

CREW TAKEN OFF. WASHINGTON (AP)—Part of the crew of the cruiser, Tacoma, stranded on a reef near Vera Cruz, were taken off last night. The cruiser Richmond is expected to reach the scene today.

STANFIELD FAVORS BONUS. PENDLETON (AP)—The American Legion post here received word indicating that Senator Stanfield, of Oregon, will work for soldiers' compensation in any practicable form.

BAKER NOT IN RACE FOR PRESIDENCY

Ex-Secretary of War Denies That He Would Be Dem. Candidate

LAUGHS AT IDEA WHEN APPROACHED

Milton Young Authority for Rumor That Newton Baker Would Seek Nomination.

CLEVELAND. (By the Associated Press)—Newton D. Baker, former secretary of war, laughed today when he was shown a St. Petersburg, Florida, dispatch stating that he would be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for president.

Baker said that nothing was further from his thoughts than candidacy for a political office.

The St. Petersburg dispatch gave Milton Young, former secretary to Baker, as authority.

Baker issued a statement saying that Young was his secretary when he was mayor of Cleveland, that they were warm personal friends, but that they have had no communication of any kind for a year.

"Nothing is further from my thoughts than candidacy for any political office," added Baker. "My chief interest in the next campaign is for a sound foreign policy and I am giving all my time to the advocacy of the entrance of the United States into the League of Nations."

GIRLS' SIX TO INVADE UNION

The girls who will make the trip to Union Saturday evening, where they will play the Union high school girls' basketball team in the second game of the season for the locals, are Captain Nellie Hawkins, Irma Lyman, Wilma Stunley, Goldie Owen, Thelma Smith, Eleanor Glass, Ella Ammes and Mildred Halder.

Only the girls' first team will play against Union.

The Union girls, who have yet been undefeated this season, are expected to have a strong team and a close contest is anticipated. Miss Mina Murchison, coach, and the team will leave Saturday for Union probably about six o'clock.