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The Weather PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon—Rain tonight and Thursday. Warmer tonight in the East.

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GIRL MYSTERIOUSLY MURDERED

Lloyd George Interview Arouses Europe; MacDonald Speaks

'AGREEMENT' INCIDENT IS REGRETTED

MacDonald Assumes Responsibility in Letter to Poincare

CLEMENCEAU SCORES GEORGE

'If Lloyd George Will Produce Agreement—I Will Pay Reparation' Says Frenchman.

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PARIS. (AP)—Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald, of England, has written to Premier Poincare expressing regret for the incident caused by the Lloyd George interview, asserting the discovering of an agreement, at the Paris peace conference, between Woodrow Wilson and Premier Clemenceau regarding the occupation of the Rhineland, says a London dispatch to the Havas agency.

ENGAGEMENT CLOSED HERE

Richards Left for Baker This Morning—Last Installment of Questions Given.

Ralph Richards, the magician, who appeared before the public last evening in the Arcade theatre for the last time in La Grande left this morning for Baker where he will open an engagement of several days duration before taking his departure. Mr. Richards requested several more answers to questions asked by readers of the Evening Observer which are given below.

L. H. S. Girls and Boys To Play in Pendleton

The La Grande high school boys' basketball team will play two games this week-end, one with Pendleton and a return game with Union. The Tigers will meet Pendleton high school at Pendleton Friday evening and on the following night Union will play in the E. H. S. gymnasium.

DENBY DEFENDS RESERVE LEASES

Secretary of Navy in a Statement Explains His Actions.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—On the eve of the renewal in the senate of the Democratic for his removal from the cabinet, Secretary Denby made public Wednesday night an extended statement explaining and defending his course in assenting to the lease of the naval oil reserves.

With the senate and its oil committee both in recess, Mr. Denby's statement was the only concrete development of the day in the oil lease controversy.

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JAPS BECOMING ALARMED AT U.S. RESTRICTIONS

TOKIO. (By the Associated Press)—Viewing with apparent anxiety the "increasing restrictions upon Japanese residents in the United States and proposals now before congress for further exclusion of the Japanese," Foreign Minister Matsuda, in an exclusive statement to the Associated Press, today appealed to the United States to head the Japanese's cherished desire to "be treated on the same footing with other independent nations."

TAFT IMPROVED TODAY BUT WILL REMAIN IN BED

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Chief Justice Taft, who suffered an attack of indigestion yesterday and has been ordered by his physician to take a complete rest for a few days, was reported much improved today.

QUESTIONING OF FALL ABANDONED BY OIL PROBERS

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Further efforts to question former Interior Secretary Fall were abandoned today by the Senate oil committee.

HEADQUARTERS AT TUXPAM NOW

BROWNSVILLE, Tex. (AP)—General De La Huerta has moved the capital of his revolutionary movement to Tuxpam, going to that port, accompanied by his staff, on the Aguilera Oil company boat, according to radiogram to the Associated Press.

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PORTLAND WILL SEND MANY TO TRAIL MEETING

PORTLAND (INS)—Walter E. Meacham, president of the Old Oregon Trail association and secretary of the Baker Chamber of Commerce, is in Portland making final arrangements for the annual meeting of the trail association at La Grande next Tuesday.

TO THE RESCUE



"COOLIDGE" CLUB FORMED IN PENDLETON

PENDLETON. (By the Associated Press)—A Unatilla county "Coolidge for President" club was formed here late yesterday with H. E. Hall, of Pendleton, as president.

OREGON INCOME TAX ATTACK IS EXPECTED SOON

PORTLAND. (By the Associated Press)—An attack upon the validity of the state income tax will be made in court immediately, attorneys announced here late Wednesday. Various individuals and corporations to be named as plaintiffs.

CIVIL CASE IS STILL BEFORE CIRCUIT COURT

No further reports have been made by the grand jury, now in session. Two true bills, both of a secret nature, were returned yesterday.

DUBLIN. (AP)—The Free State government will advance \$1,500,000 as a subsidy to relieve the housing shortage in Ireland. Private builders will benefit as well as municipalities. The subsidy, if possible, is to bring down the cost of a three-room house to \$1,300; four rooms, \$1,800, and five rooms \$2,300.

TAX REDUCTION BILL REPORTED TO THE HOUSE

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—A new revenue bill, providing for a complete revision of federal taxes, including a 25 per cent reduction in 1924 taxes, was favorably reported to the house of representatives today by the ways and means committee.

Where Wilson Passed Away



This scene shows the Woodrow Wilson home, where the eyes of the world were centered during the past week. The picture was snapped just before the ex-president died.

LEGION PLAYS UNION TONIGHT

The American Legion basketball team, winners over the North Powder team 42 to 15 Tuesday night, will play their first game in La Grande tonight against the Union team. The game will be called in the high school gym.

STRONG AGGREGATION EXPECTED FROM THE STOCK SHOW CITY; GAME TO BE IN HIGH SCHOOL GYM.

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COUNTY COURT WILL ADJOURN THIS EVENING

The county court, in session yesterday morning for the first time this month, will probably adjourn late today. Yesterday and this morning was spent auditing bills and arranging other routine work for the month.

JACK PIERCE ADMITS HE MURDERED WOMAN

WOOSTER, O. (AP)—Jack Pierce, 25, confessed here Wednesday afternoon, according to police, that he killed Florence Nitzman, Canton telephone operator, whose body was found in a small stream near that city a week ago.

GREEN OPPOSED TO SURTAX RATE

WASHINGTON (AP)—Chairman Green of the House ways and means committee came out Wednesday night in opposition to Secretary Mellon's recommendation that the 50 per cent maximum surtax be cut in half. He had agreed, however, to vote Thursday with other Republicans on the committee to report the treasury tax bill, which contains this provision.

BALEM, Ore.—Balem plumbers at a meeting of a board of arbitration here won a wage scale of \$3 a day. The plumbers had asked for \$5.50 a day.

XTRA M'ILROY WILL RESIGN SOON

Statement Issued. LONDON. (AP)—Late today the British government gave out a statement regarding Lloyd George's interview incident, explaining that it had sent to Lloyd George certain documents relating to the peace conference which the French government wished to publish but which the government did not want to publish without Lloyd George's permission because he had been one of the diplomats concerned in the negotiations.

Dexter McIlroy, Deputy Sheriff, Planning on Locating in California

Dexter McIlroy, deputy sheriff and who has also been in charge of the collection of the county taxes for several years, will resign his position shortly, according to announcement today Mr. McIlroy is planning on moving to California some time in the near future and he is now on his way to Los Angeles on a short trip.

PASTORS NAMED

ALBANY. (AP)—Rev. H. C. Messerli, Albany; H. W. Cross, Salem; E. J. Piquet, Corvallis; and C. Schulenberg, Lebanon, were chosen to assist in funeral services for the Gerber and Gerbig families who are to be buried in one long trench in the Riverside cemetery with the floor, walls and roof immediately above the caskets in concrete. Burialings and Hans Yunker will be buried in the other plots.

KLAMATH WORKER DEAD

KLAMATH FALLS, Or.—R. A. Jordan, fireman, 45, was killed when his hand came in contact with a high tension line. He was working on a pole when the accident occurred.

Officers Elected for New Year; State Officers Present; McNary-Haugen Bill Backed.

WALLOWA. (Special)—The Wallowa County Pomona Grange met recently at Wallowa. The meeting was opened early in the forenoon, with C. F. Davies, of Joseph, acting as Master. An election of officers for the coming two years was the first business coming before the meeting.

QUIZ WIFE REGARDING SHOOTING

Mrs. Lawrence Stackman Held by Police in Pullman, Washington

GIRL IS FOUND DEAD IN ROOM

Mr. Stackman With Girl, Badly Wounded in the Breast; Wife Has a Strong Alibi.

PULLMAN, Washington (By the Associated Press)—Denial that she had anything to do with the slaying last night of Miss Kate Harter, aged 26 years, of the shooting of her husband, Lawrence Stackman, aged 35 years, was reiterated today by Mrs. Stackman.

Mrs. Stackman is being held by the police by questioning but no charge has been placed against her.

GRANGE MEETS AT WALLOWA

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Late News Flashes

DOHENY SAYS McADOO GOT \$150,000. WASHINGTON (AP)—E. L. Doheny notified the senate oil committee that instead of \$250,000 that had been estimated his interests had paid William G. McAdoo's law firm, the amount actually paid is \$150,000, including the annual fee of \$25,000 to McAdoo himself.

ALBANY (AP)—Horst Ruehling, aged 2 years, sole survivor of the fatal dinner, was seized with poisoning symptoms this morning. State Health Officer Stricker rushed to the home with serum but expressed the fear that the boy might die.