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VICTIM OF RAIL WRECK PASSES ON

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INTERNAL INJURIES CAUSE OF DEATH

Week of Battle Conducted by Physicians and Surgeons Fails to Drive Off Grim Angel.

Alfredo Acirna, a Mexican, died at 11:50 a. m. today, a victim of a collision that occurred on the tracks west of Kamela a week ago tonight.

Acirna was the most seriously injured of the eight men—members of the Kamela section crew—who were hurt when the track motor car in which they were hurrying to the scene of a derailment to answer an emergency call for repairs, crashed without warning into the end of a string of freight cars that stood on the tracks near the spot where the derailment had been caused by a broken freight train.

The motor car, lower than the freight, drove itself like a wedge beneath the nearest car and slung its load of men, tools and ties against the car walls, which the men afterward described as looming like a mountain in front of them.

The freight engine, which had carried the damaged cars back to Kamela, was returning when the crash occurred, and Harold Roberts, whose injuries were all of a minor nature, ran to meet it with a signal lantern lest they all be killed in a second wreck.

Brought to La Grande on an east-bound passenger train, the eight men were taken to the Grande Ronde hospital and given treatment.

A ruptured bladder and other internal injuries aroused fears at first that Acirna was fatally in-

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CITY MAY GET CONVENTION

A request for hospitality for the Eastern Oregon convention of the Oregon Council of Religious Education and for the Older Girls' conference of the same section will be made to La Grande some time during the afternoon session of the all-day institute being conducted here today at the Baptist church, it was revealed to The Observer this morning by Mrs. Jean M. Johnson, general secretary of the

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Mrs. Richardson Sings For School Children

Mrs. A. L. Richardson, coloratura soprano, appeared in a group of songs before an assembly at Central school Thursday. About 600 children were present. Her most popular numbers were "The Cuckoo" from "More Daisys," by Lehman, and "Mr., Mr. Robin," by Catherine A. Glen, an Oregon composer. She also gave an encore number.

Darrowian

Is Clarence Darrow to be the new style dictator of America? The co-eds of the University of Texas are now wearing regular "Darrowian galluses" to hold up their skirts. "They're just as sensible as the Oxford bags the boys are wearing," says pretty Thelma Windee.

RECORD CROWD AT '49 SHOW

The Days of '49 came to a successful close Saturday night, setting a new attendance record of 4868 paid admissions for the four evenings. Saturday's ticket sales amounted to 2050.

The B. P. O. Elks committee in charge, consisting of Harry Hoffman, C. L. Beery, Hugh E. Brady, Ed Meyersick and Lester Braunwell, report satisfaction in regards to the show in general and to the record for order and absence of disturbances in particular.

Plans are already being made for the Christmas tree for the kiddies and distribution of provisions for the needy, for which purposes the money taken will be expended.

The show came to a formal close with the awarding of a set of 75-year guaranteed silverware to Miss Lyman and a Pendleton Indian robe to Mr. Carlile. Earlier in the evening Park Taylor was given an electric flat iron.

J. E. Reynolds Shocked; Not Seriously Injured

A severe electric shock was suffered by J. E. Reynolds, 1508 Second street, this morning from contact with an electric light wire in the basement of his home. Mr. Reynolds took hold of the wire, which evidently was short-circuited, with one hand while his other hand rested on the furnace. He was helped to his bed and a physician called. The shock has kept him in bed all day, but is not expected to prove more serious.

BATES CASE ON TRIAL IN COURT NOW

Judge Knowles, Returned from Portland, Hears Testimony Today

GRAND JURY WILL MEET OCTOBER 22

MacTavish Awaiting Arraignment; Carlton Graham, Beckwith Wallace and Robinson in Jail.

Judge J. W. Knowles returned to his bench in circuit court here this morning after an absence of two weeks while he tried a contest of will case in Portland.

The state's case against Howard Bates on a charge of illegal possession of intoxicating liquor was the first up for trial today. Bates was arrested some time ago in company with W. S. Montgomery, who pleaded guilty to the charge and has fulfilled his sentence. Bates entered a plea of not guilty and appeals from the decision of the justice of peace court. F. S. Ivanhoe is counsel for the defendant. The case is being prosecuted by Carl Helm, district attorney.

MacTavish Returns.

Lester MacTavish, in the county jail here awaiting a hearing on a charge of larceny by bailee, probably will be arraigned late today before Justice Hugh E. Brady. It is expected that he will be bound over to the grand jury, which has been called for a meeting Thurs-

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Union Church Service Arranged by Ministers

Plans for an Armistice day union church service were laid this morning at the regular session of the La Grande Ministerial association, which took place at the Baptist church. The service will be held at the Christian church on a Sunday either preceding or following Nov. 11. The Rev. G. A. Pollard, pastor of the Baptist church, has been chosen as the speaker. This meeting will conform with the program of the churches contributing to the solution of world problems, the Rev. W. C. Ross, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and president of the association, announces. Because of the institute today, the meeting was adjourned until afternoon for the completion of other business.

Wesley H. Lees Will Address Business Men

"The Place of Organization in Community Life" will be the subject of an address by Wesley H. Lees, field secretary for the United States Chamber of Commerce Tuesday noon at the regular meeting of the Union County Chamber of Commerce in the I. O. O. F. hall. W. C. Perkins, president of the local organization, will preside.

Reports will be heard from the irrigation, entertainment and Old Oregon Trail committees, and an explanation given of the proposed ornamental lighting system for La Grande.

150 Additional Rooms Needed for Teachers

One hundred and fifty additional rooms to accommodate teachers who will be here Thursday and Friday of this week for the Wallowa-Union county institute at the La Grande high school building are asked for by the Union County Chamber of Commerce.

Forty rooms have been registered thus far in response to the call from the chamber, which has assumed the responsibility of finding rooms for as many of the visitors as the hotels are unable to entertain. Any home that has a room to spare during the two days of the institute is asked to call the Chamber of Commerce office and list it for use.

Legionnaires to Dance At Union October 27

Legionnaires and the women of the American Legion Auxiliary will gather from La Grande, Baker and Union for the dinner and dance announced for the evening of October 27 at the Union hotel, Justice Hugh E. Brady announced today.

The local committee on arrangements for the joint celebration of Armistice day in La Grande will meet this evening in Justice Brady's office.

Nanking Is Taken; Lin's Army Beaten

Chekiang Forces Extend Area They Control, Centered About Recently Tken Shanghai.

SHANGHAI (By the Associated Press)—Reports from Nanking a city 210 miles west of here, say that the city has been captured by Chekiang troops as another phase of the campaign which resulted in the recent capture of Shanghai.

After street firing, the troops of Chang Tso Lin, Manchurian leader, were forced to retreat across the Yangtze river to Pukow, where they expect to be joined by reinforcements driven from Shanghai.

Thousands of coolies are rushing into the Shanghai settlements seeking sanctuary from being drafted into the Chekiang army.

CLUB MEMBERS PLAN DISPLAYS

Livestock club members from Union county will again ship stock to the Pacific International Livestock exposition at Portland, October 31-November 7, inclusive, according to reports from the county agent's office. The exhibit this year will be larger than in previous years, although only the best of the pigs and calves raised by club members will be exhibited.

Exhibits in the cattle division include a registered Holstein heifer, one or two registered Jersey heifers and seven head of fat steers. Hog exhibits are made up of three pens of fat hogs and a number of entries of breeding stock.

The stock to be exhibited will go from Imbler, Alicel, La Grande, Cove and Union, and most of the club members will go along to show their stock.

In addition to this, the county will be represented by a livestock judging team selected from the Imbler pig club. Members of this team include Russel McKennon, Clifford Conrad and Lester Blokland. Club receipts from the sale of fat stock last year totaled more than $1100 and are expected to run much higher this year.

Several club members are planning on buying more registered stock while at the show, they have indicated.

PORTLAND, Ore. (Special)—The chances are that at this year's

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Deer Season to End Tomorrow Evening

The deer season in Union and Wallowa counties will close tomorrow evening, according to announcement by Deputy Game Warden John Walden today.

Several hunters are now in the hills in a last minute effort to bag a buck or two.

HUNTERS FINED

Bill Angerst and M. Howell each paid a fine of $25 and costs at their respective hearings when they pleaded guilty to separate charges of hunting without a license today before Justice Hugh E. Brady.

MANY HURT, KILLED IN ACCIDENTS

Five Meet Death in Michigan When Car Hits Automobile

14 SHIPS SEEK SEVEN SAILORS

Scores Hurt When Platform and Bleachers Collapse; 3 Women Are Gassed in Chicago.

WEEK-END TOLL

Livingston, Mont.—One killed, seven hurt in auto-train collision.

Chicago.— Three women gassed.

New Haven.—Five Yale students hurt in platform collapse.

Washington.—Six in hospital, hurt in football platform fall.

Jacksonville, Fla.—One missing, many hurt in steamship fire.

Red Wing, Minn.—Two killed by train.

Lansing, Mich.— Five killed when car hits auto.

Victoria, B. C.— Seven men missing following capsizing of tug.

LANSING, Mich. (AP)— Five persons, including former State Representative George M. Long of Pompei, were killed instantly when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by an interurban car at a crossing near here late Sunday.

The others killed were his wife and three girls, the daughters of Pompei friends.

SEVEN SAILORS MISSING

VICTORIA, B. C. (AP)—Four navy ships had joined in the search Sunday for the seven men who have been missing since the tug Hope capsized Saturday night off Bentick island west of here. None of the missing men have been

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Lytle to Be Guest at D. O. K. K. Banquet

Bob Lytle of Vale, Ore., grand chancellor of the D. O. K. K., will be the guest of honor when the Pythian Sisters entertain the local Dokies at a banquet preceding their regular meeting at K. of P. hall Wednesday evening.

Visitors are expected from Union, Wallowa, Elgin, Enterprise, and possibly Baker and Pendleton chapters of the order.

The dinner is announced for 7 o'clock by Mrs. Walter Jones, who is chairman of the Pythian Sisters in charge.

No program is planned for the affair, which will be followed immediately by a work meeting when plans will be made for a ceremonial to take place in the near future.

THREE KILLED IN CRASH

CAPE MAY COURTHOUSE, N. J. (AP)—Three men were killed today when an airplane crashed near here. The identity of the airmen is unknown. A package found in the plane was addressed to a Lieutenant Haley.

A New "Mitchell"

Another "Mitchell" case is brewing in the southwest. Lieut. William S. Barrett (right), commandant of the chemical warfare unit at Fort Bliss, Tex., is threatened with courtmartial proceedings if he carries out orders of Brig. Gen. Amos A. Fries (upper left), head of the chemical warfare service at Washington, D. C. Fries directed Barrett to prepare several articles on the service for El Paso newspapers. When Barrett showed his articles to Brig. Gen. Castner (lower left), commandant of Fort Bliss, the latter is alleged to have said: "I'll courtmartial you if you open your trap to the newspapers."

STEIWER WILL BE CANDIDATE

PENDLETON (By the Associated Press)— Frederick Steiwer, prominent Pendleton attorney, has made a preliminary announcement that he will be a candidate for nomination as United States senator in the primaries next spring. His statement says he will support President Coolidge.

PORTLAND, Ore. (Special)— Frederick Steiwer of Pendleton will be the fourth aspirant for the republican nomination for United States senator.

This became a certainty when Mr. Steiwer issued the following statement:

"I have concluded that I will later become a candidate for the republican nomination as United States senator. I will then make a formal announcement and will publish the platform upon which my campaign will be made. I will stand for governmental economy and a lessening of the burden of taxation."

Others already in the field are R. N. Stanfield, incumbent; A. B. Shumway of Milton, and J. J. Crossley of Portland.

TROOPS MAY BE WITHDRAWN

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—The evacuation of the Cologne bridgehead now held by British troops is expected to result from the agreement reached in the Locarno security conference, although it was said in French official circles today that no promise, verbal or written, has been made to that effect.

French and British statesmen today discussed reallotting territory in Rhineland among allied forces after the evacuation of Cologne. This is taken to mean that the bridgehead will be returned to the Germans within a few weeks.

70 Members of Aid to Attend Union Meeting

At least 70 members of the Ladies' Aid society of the local Methodist Episcopal church will attend the convention of the aid societies of the Methodist church of Union county, which will begin at Union Wednesday. Cars will leave the M. E. church Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

The program for the morning session will begin at 11 o'clock in the auditorium of the Union church. At noon luncheon will be served, each one present furnishing one dish. The Union ladies will serve coffee.

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VOLSTEAD ACT UPHELD

WASHINGTON (AP)—The constitutionality of the Volstead act was again upheld and its provisions discussed in detail today by the supreme court.

MARKET IN TURMOIL

NEW YORK (AP)—Sensational fluctuations in motor shares which opened one to five points higher, broke from three to nine points under an avalanche of selling orders and then rallied briskly about mid-day, again threw today's stock market into turmoil and caused widespread confusion in brokerage houses throughout the financial district. Trading proceeded at a furious pace.

Nina Wilcox Putnam Victim of Hold-Up

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (By the Associated Press)—Authorities today are seeking five highwaymen following the reported robbery from Nina Wilcox Putnam, well known writer, and her companion, R. W. Gauger, of $6000 in jewels, paper and cash yesterday.

Mrs. Putnam told officers they had stopped to make minor repairs to their automobile when the bandits approached.

REDUCTION OF U.S. TAX IS FAVORED

Secretary Mellon Makes Recommendations to Congress Today

TREASURY URGES A BIG SURTAX CUT

Total Relief of Yearly Tax Burden May Be $300,000,000.00 If Congress Endorses Report.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Tax reduction of from $250,000,000 to $300,000,000 was recommended to congress today by Secretary Mellon.

He suggested reduction of surtaxes to 20 per cent instead of the present 37 per cent, saying it would not cripple the treasury.

This would reduce the maximum tax, surtax and normal tax levied on the largest income to 25 per cent. It is now 42 per cent.

Mellon advocated these additional changes: repeal of the estate tax, gift tax, reduction of automobile taxes by the repeal of levies on trucks, tires and accessories, repeal of a number of miscellaneous taxes such as on works of art brought from abroad and repeal of the publicity section of the income tax law.

Opposes Theater Tax Repeal

Mellon opposed the repeal of the tax on tickets to theaters and other places of amusement and various other proposals for amendment of the present law, including any extension in the jurisdiction of the board of tax appeals.

The secretary's recommendations are based on the conclusions of treasury officials that a surplus of $290,000,000 is in prospect this year in federal revenues, submitted to the house ways and means committee at the opening of its hearings on tax reform.

Mellon also renewed his advocacy of a constitutional amendment abolishing tax exempt securities.

JAZZ CLIMBS TO HIGH SEAT

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Jazz, a ragged waif that only a few years ago was timidly begging for shelter in the musical family, at last is knocking at the portal of grand opera.

Graduating from Tin Pan alley, but lately molded to forms of rhapsody and symphony by such moderns as George Gershwin and Leo Sowerby, jazz opera is now in the making.

Tito Shipa, famous Chicago civic opera tenor, plans to produce the first work of this character. "Typically American motifs in jazz and syncopated music are capable of carrying symphonic or grand opera significance," he declared.

Tigers Victorious 12-0 In Listless Contest

La Grande 12, Enterprise 6.

That nearly tells the story of as listless a football game as has ever been played on a local gridiron. It represents the outcome of a contest in which a strong team, made more or less impotent by circumstances involving the loss of a coach almost on the eve of the game, tried to sweep a much weaker team to a decisive defeat but fell somewhat short because of over-eagerness and general fightlessness.

The really bright spot of the entire game came in the final minute of the first quarter and was directly responsible for the first score. It was a pass, buried by McKennon to Zundel, that approached the spectacular.

La Grande had possession of the ball on Enterprise's 45-yard line when Glass called for the aerial thrust. McKennon threw, seemingly too soon. Zundel, racing toward the goal line, appeared for a moment as if he would be unable to even touch the hurling oval. Glancing over his shoulder and diving forward, he barely managed to stop the pigskin and, as it bounced a foot or so into the air, frantically grasped it and tumbled on to the 15-yard line for the biggest single gain of the game.

Glass Scores

The quarter whistle stopped the play at that point and in the second Price reeled off five yards off end and Glass carried the ball 10 yards through the line for a touchdown. Strand failed to convert.

The game started when Enterprise kicked off to La Grande's 20-yard line. Price made first down in two attempts. Glass gained three, but on the next play the runner was tackled behind the line for a four-yard loss. Price went around end for nine and Fare plunged two more for the second first down. In four more plays, La Grande worked the ball to the Enterprise 20-yard line when the ball was fumbled, La Grande recovering 10 yards behind the scrimmage line. McKennon gained seven yards, a pass failed, and En-

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Tom Murray Will Hang Friday, December 18

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Tom Murray, convicted of murdering Guard Sweeney in a prison break on August 12 last, was sentenced by Judge Kelley today to hang Friday, December 18.

The sentence was imposed after Murray had made a statement pleading for mercy on his record and youth.

Asked by the court if he had anything to say before sentence was passed, Murray said his record showed but two crimes, a burglary in California "when I was only 18 and didn't know better" and the Florence bank robbery.

He said the prosecution said he was a killer and related how he and his companions in the prison break could have killed numerous other persons but did not.

HUSBANDS AND WIVES WEAR CLOTHES THAT MATCH

LONDON (By the Associated Press)—It is the fashion for husbands and wives, particularly those spending a good deal of time in the country, to have clothes which match. The duke and duchess of York on several occasions recently have appeared in tailored suits, the cloth apparently cut from the same roll.

Something Else Wrong

Once in a while you hear, even in this day and age, a business man say that newspaper advertising doesn't pay as well as other means. It's true that his particular kind of newspaper advertising probably doesn't—but nine times out of ten it's the fault of his advertising, not of the newspaper.

Successful newspaper advertising requires something more than a few words on a piece of wrapping paper to be reproduced in print. This is proved by ads of similar size, side by side, one getting little return, the other getting tremendous return. Just printing something in the paper isn't successful advertising — other requirements of vastly greater importance, also enter in.

"Observer Advertising— A Merchandising Service."

Washington Perking Up; Preparing for Activity

(By Charles P. Stewart)

WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—The Washington whirl won't attain its maximum velocity until congress meets, but its number of revolutions per minute has been increasing rapidly since comfortable weather reasserted itself, with the coming of October.

The diplomatic corps is what gives vividness to the color of the capital's social activities. They're decidedly drab when the big bugs in this select circle are away, at their various summer residences, from about mid-spring until about mid-autumn.

Native society makes little effort to keep the ball rolling in the diplomats' absence, but departs also for the open spaces until the next "season" opens.

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The average "season" opens gradually, but this one opened overnight.

The diplomats came back with a rush because 41 of them had each a batch of interparliamentary Union delegates to entertain during their sojourn in Washington. Once here, it was fun enough along in the fall so that most of them stayed.

Native society tagged along at a pretty good clip, until now the bulk of it is on hand for the customary seasonal festivities.

The whirl will be whirling under a full head of steam before many more weeks have passed.

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President Coolidge's fight with the United States Shipping Board presents a peculiar situation.

The president appoints the board members but can't remove them. They're responsible only to congress. If so happens that President Coolidge and the board disagree on mercantile marine policies.

Before this rift developed, however, the president got the board to make Admiral L. C. Palmer head of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, which actually runs the government's ships.

The president pulled one way. The board pulled the other. The deciding factor was Palmer, as manager, literally, of the ship's movements. Thus the president was the one who had his way—until the board fired Palmer. So now the board is boss.

The president's only recourse is to ask congress to abolish the board, and will congress do it? The house will be willing but the senate's doubtful. It will be a bad defeat for the president if the board beats him.