

QUAKE, FIRES HIT CALIFORNIA

STATE NEAR END OF ITS CASE TODAY

Prosecution May Finish Its Testimony This Afternoon

STATEMENTS READ AND CHALLENGED

Court Admits Paper, Alleged Signed by Blackington, Believing Fire Had Been Set.

The state rested its case against J. C. Blackington immediately after court reconvened at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Introduction by the state of two statements claimed to have been made by J. C. Blackington in which he declared that in his opinion the timber fire could only have started from incendiary causes quickened the interest of sweltering spectators when the third day of the arson trial opened this morning.

The first statement—each of its four pages containing the defendant's signature—was introduced in connection with the testimony of H. H. Pomeroy, chief deputy state fire marshal, late Tuesday afternoon. Pomeroy testified that he took down Blackington's declarations in long hand, the morning of June 1, two days after the fire when he, with Carl G. Helin, district attorney, and Chief C. O. Marchison, visited the prisoner in the women's ward of the jail.

Challenge Statement. H. J. Green, counsel for the de-

BAKER WOMAN HIT BY AUTOMOBILE NEAR UNION, ORE.

HOT LAKE, June 29 (Special).—Mrs. J. Kyle, of Baker, was treated in the sanatorium here during the night for injuries received near Union early in the evening when she was knocked down by a car driven by unknown persons.

The woman left her car, driven by her husband, to pick up a ball which had dropped out, and said that she became dizzy, stumbling in front of an approaching car. Her head was cut and she was badly bruised, but her injuries were not dangerous.

The occupants of the other car stopped and rendered all possible assistance, although no one procured their names.

Guardsmen Return After Two Weeks Training Near Medford

The La Grande unit of the Oregon national guard—Company E, 186th Infantry—returned home this morning on train No. 6, which arrived at about 2:30, after 14 days summer encampment at Camp Jackson, near Medford.

Several of the boys who went to Southern Oregon with the company remained there for a longer stay and others stopped at Portland and other points for a vacation before returning to La Grande.

Major Praises Camp. "We had a good camp this year," Major H. B. Huron said this morning. "Although some of the days were hot, it was not as hot as last year and the nights were always cool enough to sleep. The heat did not cause any serious discomfort."

"The Nodine Settlement"

The adventures of Fred Nodine, whose romantic career played an important part in the early history of the Grande Ronde valley, are recounted in the essay with which Max Hunter, an eighth grader in the fifth district, established himself among the winners of honorable mention in the local history essay contest. His manuscript contains a fine description of the valley as the settlers first saw it.

Mr. Fred Nodine came to the Grande Ronde valley June 11, 1862. He had been to Walla Walla to get some supplies to take back with him to Auburn. He camped on the banks of Catherine creek, above the present site of Union. At the base of Emigrant hill, where the town of La Grande now stands, he stayed with Ben Brown, and at the

time there was a small settlement there. There wasn't any road up to this end of the valley, in which he found out afterwards he was mistaken. He hadn't seen any Indians, and so took precautions that night, after staking his horses out, rolled up in his blankets and went to sleep. What was his surprise the next morning on awakening to find two guns peering into his face, back of which were standing two Indians. He thought his last moments had come and bracing up his courage said, "Good morning," and waited results. The redskins dropped their guns and gave him their hands and he grasped them very cordially. They asked him who he was and a few other questions were asked. He was not expecting them and told them his business. He was preparing to move on but they invited him to breakfast, they took him down to their camp and gave him the finest

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HALF OF BOY QUOTA RAISED

Funds Are Being Collected for Establishment of a Tri-County Scout Council.

Half of the \$2500 that is La Grande's quota in the fund to be raised for the establishment of a tri-county council of Boy Scouts was pledged in a brisk morning's work today by the committee appointed at a meeting of 29 interested men at the Foley hotel last evening.

J. H. Pearce, who was selected chairman of the campaign committee, reported that the fund-raising drive had been successful.

Lot Snodgrass Elected To Head "40-8" Society

Lot Snodgrass was elected chief de gare of the Union county 40 and 8 society last evening when ten members of the fun organization of the American Legion met at the office of Hugh E. Brady for reorganization and election of officers. J. J. Foley was elected garde de la porte.

Plans were made for meetings to be held each month at the various lodges in the county to promote the interest in the society. The first meeting will be held in La Grande sometime before the pageant to be presented under the auspices of the American Legion the last of next month. The date for the meeting has not yet been set.

William Kelly, of Baker, who is a state officer of the organization, which is composed of active legion members, will probably attend some of the meetings.

Pierce to Decide Late Tomorrow Afternoon

SALEM, Ore., June 29 (AP).—After a lengthy conference with Attorney General Van Winkle today Governor Pierce said he would not decide before 5 o'clock tomorrow whether the attorney general will be asked to take charge of gambling and vice investigations before a grand jury in Portland. The governor was requested by Mayor Baker, of Portland, and District Attorney Meyers of Multnomah county, to request Van Winkle to take charge.

Washington Goller in Lead in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, June 29 (AP).—Jack Westland, University of Washington, was leading the qualifying field in the intercollegiate golf championship today at the Morion Cricket club with a score of 74. Fred Lamprock, Tulane, the defending champion, was one stroke behind, tied with V. Cox, of Union, with 75.

RESIGNATION ANNOUNCED

NEW YORK, June 29 (AP).—The resignation of T. M. Schumacher, vice president in charge of traffic of the Southern Pacific company, effective today, has been accepted by the executive committee and recommendation will be made to the directors that his position be abolished.

U.S. CANADA REINFORCE DRY PATROL

Canadian Mounted Police Being Stationed Along Border

AMERICA PLANS A SIMILAR MOVE

Uncle Sam to Centralize Large Force in Detroit—Said to Be the Biggest Leak.

OTTAWA, June 29. (AP).—Royal Canadian mounted police are being stationed at all vulnerable points on the Canadian border from the Atlantic to the Pacific to aid in the prevention of smuggling. Announcement to this effect was made today by the acting minister of customs, H. H. Stevens.

WASHINGTON, June 29. (AP).—Strengthening of the border patrol by Canada will be followed next week by addition of more than 100 along the Canadian border by this government.

The new United States forces will be stationed as soon as the funds are provided by the deficiency appropriation bill now pending in the senate become available. The bulk of the new forces will be centered about Detroit, where 37 new men will be placed. Assistant Secretary Andrews, in charge of prohibition enforcement, declared today this point is the biggest leak from Canada only three agents are now stationed there.

HARVESTING OF GRAIN BEGINS

Oregon Yields Range from Very Poor to Excellent—Potatoes Damaged by Drought.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 29 (AP).—According to the summary of weather and crop conditions in Oregon by the U. S. department of agriculture for the week ending today, harvest of winter wheat, oats and barley is becoming more general with yields varying from very poor to excellent. The extreme heat caused ripening of winter grains and was unfavorable for grain not already fully developed. In some eastern counties wheat which was badly frosted is being pastured or cut for hay. Corn made rapid growth.

Warm weather hastened the ripening of berries, and in places there are not enough pickers to care for the crop. Apples and early peaches and apples are in the market in limited quantities. The week was favorable for irrigated alfalfa and for haying. Cutting of the first crop of alfalfa is under way in elevated central counties and cutting of the second crop is progressing in Southern Oregon. Haying of hay has begun in the Willamette valley.

Some potatoes in eastern counties previously hurt by frost are now suffering from drought and will be a failure; elsewhere potatoes are doing well. Garden vegetables are maturing rapidly. Flax is good and pulling has begun.

Two Umatilla County Men in Narrow Escapes

PENDLETON, June 29. (AP).—Al Moody, of Pendleton, narrowly escaped death by electrocution Monday near Echo when the crane of a steam shovel on which he was working came in contact with a timber saved his life. A 6500-volt. Prompt action by crew members, who pried him loose with a timber saved him life. Another member of the crew was knocked down by the shock.

TODAY'S GAMES

NATIONAL LEAGUE CHICAGO (AP).—R. H. E. Cincinnati 2 9 1 Chicago 2 7 0 Batteries: Lupp and Hargrave; Milsad, Hontzinger and Hartnett, Pfenich. PITTSBURG (AP).—R. H. E. St. Louis 6 8 0 Pittsburgh 2 7 1 Batteries: Gaines and O'Farrell; Meadows and Gooch. AMERICAN LEAGUE BOSTON (AP).—R. H. E. Washington 5 11 2 Boston 5 5 2 Batteries: Morrell and Ired; Wingfield, Welzer, Russell, Zahnleber and Stokes.

Dempsey's Mother-in-Law



Jack Dempsey's mother-in-law, Mrs. Bertha Boylan, is visiting at the Hollywood home of the Dempseys. She is shown here with her daughter, Mrs. Jack Dempsey, or Estelle Taylor, if you prefer.

CO-OP RELIEF BILL PASSED

Fess Measure Is Turned Down During 10-Hour Session—Reject Substitutes.

WASHINGTON, June 30 (AP).—With surplus crop legislation ergashed beneath the weight of economic and political controversy, the administration's cooperative marketing bill stands today as the only farm relief measure likely to be enacted at the current session of congress.

Struggling with the problem in a bitter 10-hour session yesterday, the senate late in the day voted down the Fess credits measure, which like the cooperative marketing bill, had the avowed support of President Coolidge, by a majority of 23 votes—margin nearly five times as great as that by which the McNary equalization rider was defeated last week.

Substitutes Rejected. Then, in rapid succession, one substitute proposed after another was rejected with only a relative small part of the senate membership remaining in the chamber. The cooperative marketing bill was passed without a record vote.

This measure, which would establish a new division in the agriculture department to handle cooperative marketing problems and authorize an appropriation of \$225,000 for its work already has been passed by the house, but including one eliminating naval

Nickel Plate Merger Plan Revision Made

NEW YORK, June 30 (AP).—A revision of the billion dollar Nickel Plate merger plan, designed to meet the objections made by the Interstate Commerce Commission in rejecting the original proposal last March, has been completed by the Van Swearington interests and will be presented to the directors of the constituent roads for approval. A special meeting of the Erie directors has been called for tomorrow to pass on the modified plan.

Flooded Mexican Area Yields 250 Bodies

MEXICO CITY, June 29 (AP).—Work of searching for the bodies drowned in Mexican floods is continuing actively. On Tuesday 145 were recovered, 54 of them in Leon and its suburbs and the others in the surrounding country, bringing the total of those found to about 250. The tremendous force of the waters is evidenced by the fact that the clothing has been torn from most of the bodies. Many were badly crushed and some were barely identifiable. Relief contributions have been liberally made by every Mexican state. Supplies are continuing to arrive and food is being distributed regularly.

TWO DEATHS RECORDED OVER NIGHT

Boy Is Killed in Santa Barbara When Temblor Topples Chimney

FIRE FIGHTER IS BURNED TO DEATH

Sixty Fires, Started by Lightning, Blazing in Sequoia National Forest Today.

California Toll Santa Barbara—Boy killed from of temblor. Quake sways coast region south of Santa Barbara. Grain destroyed by fire. Lightning fires burning in Sequoia forest. Geyser—One burned to death, another seriously injured.

LOS ANGELES, June 30. (AP).—A check up of damage done yesterday by Southern California's first earthquake of the summer was being completed today.

The quake swayed the coast region from Santa Barbara southward to Long Beach, causing one fatality and minor property destruction. As was the case exactly a year ago, when the disastrous Santa Barbara shock occurred the force of the earth disturbances seemed to center in that city the one death and virtually all of the damage from the temblor being there.

Cooling Orr, a 3-year-old boy, was killed as he played in his yard when a chimney toppled over and fell on him.

Chimneys were destroyed on a number of residences, plate glass windows were broken in two downtown stores, telephone service was disrupted in some sections of the city and cracks appeared in about seven old structures repaired since the shock a year ago. There was no damage to any buildings erected under a newly adopted building code.

SHRAPNEL SHELL EXPLODES; KILLS 38 POLISH MEN

KOWEL VOLHYNIA, Poland, June 29. (AP).—Thirty-eight soldiers, including two officers, were killed and 30 injured seriously when a shrapnel shell, presumably left over from the World war exploded here today. Eleven other soldiers were injured less seriously. The accident occurred while a company of the 25th regiment of infantry was practicing on a field and marched over an 18-cm shell shrapnel shell during its maneuvers.

FOUR HORSES POISONED

WALLOWA, Ore., June 30. (Special).—Oscar Maxwell, had the misfortune to have four of his work horses killed from eating poisoned grain recently. He had purchased some poisoned oats and had taken it to the U. G. Couch ranch in the hills and forgot to remove it, from the wagon before the horses found it.

Gaines Held in Jail Cell Overlooking City of Seattle

SEATTLE, June 30. (AP).—Wallace Cloyes Gaines, who faces trial as slayer of his daughter Sylvia, considered suicide within 24 hours of her death. Deputy Sheriff Sears reported here today.

SEATTLE, June 30 (AP).—In King county jail, a massive and gloomy old structure overlooking Seattle's business district, Wallace Gaines was today confined on a charge of brutally murdering his comely 29-year-old daughter Sylvia.

The girl left her father's home two weeks ago tonight for a walk. She was alone. Shortly after 5 o'clock that evening she was checked and beaten to death with a stone in a clump of alder trees on the shore of Green Lake, more than two miles from home. Becomes Big Case. Virtually every county and city police officer was immediately pressed into a search for the slayer. The nature of the crime and the fact that her father was a brother of William A. Gaines, chairman of King county commissioners and a political power, made the killing the most discussed case here within a decade.

A week ago Sheriff Matt Starwich questioned the girl's father

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