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BAND PLAYS CONCERT TO BIG CROWD

Audience of Nearly 1000 Persons Show Much Enthusiasm

TWO SELECTIONS FEATURE SOLOISTS

Many Excellent Numbers Included in Program—Applause Is Generous Throughout Concert.

Last night's band concert provided a vehicle to forebly impress upon the audience the excellence of the La Grande band and the skillfulness of the director, Andrew Loney, in no uncertain manner.

As a whole, the spectators were unanimous in appraising the recital as the best ever presented here by the municipal organization. During the program, Director Loney and his musicians reached heights rarely attained by an amateur band. At times the effect was not unlike that of a symphony orchestra; again the soft mellowness of the music, tempered by the gentle hand of the outdoors, remained one of a pipe organ murmuring harmonious, prolonged melodies.

The artistry of the director and his complete control of his band was outstanding.

Two Solo Numbers

In the clarinet solo, "La Sombria" (Bellini) the band, under Loney's magic touch, vied with Harry C. Price, soloist, with its accompaniment. And Price's instrument was at its best.

E. Rosenbaum, drummer, who would make many a canny apply for money, was featured in the whistling solo "Sometime" (Kahn-Melior).

Other numbers on the program included Hermann's "Cocooned Babe," the ever-popular "A Hunting Scene" (Bucalossi), the march "His Majesty" (Sungler).

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K. O. M. PICNIC TO BE HELD AT PARK SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

Everybody born in Kansas, Oklahoma or Missouri, or who has resided in one of those states for at least six months is included in the invitation for the annual "K. O. M." picnic at Riverdale park August 1, whether or not he is a member of the association.

Basket luncheon will be served at noon, after which there will be a program and election of officers. L. R. Higgs will deliver the address. Other entertainment numbers will be as follows: Piano solo, Nora Sittler; recitation, Donald Higgins; violin solo, M. L. Carter; selection, Lena Campbell; piano duet, Eleanor and Florence Hicken; recitation, Dorothy Higgins; violin solo, Jenny Nelson; recitation, Fred Grajau; organ number, Chas. C. Pratt; recitation, Mrs. Besse Higgins; song, "America," audience.

Normal School Campaign To Be Carried On Intensively

The campaign to secure an Eastern Oregon normal school will now begin in earnest. With the measure assured of a place on the November ballot, a meeting of interested East Oregonians was held at The Dalles yesterday and plans were made to conduct an intensive drive to "sell" the idea to citizens of Oregon—both in the east and west sections.

An executive committee, temporarily headed by Ed Aldrich, of Pendleton, was organized. Each county will have a representative on this committee, either to be elected or appointed in his county. A. R. Hunter, who represented Union county at the meeting yesterday, was named a member of the committee.

The purpose of the committee will be to campaign for the normal school, to prepare a budget for the enterprise, and to especially point out to voters of the western half of the state the necessity for such an institution east of the Cascades.

C. L. Star, member of the Oregon Normal school board of regents, spoke of the necessity of a school in Eastern Oregon.

According to Mr. Hunter, who returned this morning, enthusiasm for the project was general throughout the meeting.

New Witness To Figure In Aimee Case

Unnamed Man Tells Story of Request to Drive Auto by Night to Mexican Border.

LOS ANGELES, July 29. (AP)—Deputy District Attorney Joe Ryan, in charge of assembling evidence for the second presentation of the Aimee Semple McPherson case to the grand jury next week, announced today that he had obtained the sworn affidavits of an unnamed man announcing that Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, mother of Mrs. McPherson, had asked him over the telephone to drive an automobile by night to the Mexican border during the time it was said that Mrs. McPherson had been drowned and prior to her reappearance at Douglas, Ariz., June 28.

The man, according to Ryan's (Continued on Page 5)

ARCADE BOOKS MANY PICTURES

Meyers & Bowen to Bring Sparkling Films to La Grande During the Season.

Movie fans' tongues will water and the palates of even the most casual theatergoers will tingle when they preview the count of entertainment that Meyers & Bowen have prepared for them at the Arcade and Star theatres this season.

All the best of the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer offerings have been booked—and they include some of the best-grade pictures of cinema history—the pride of the Universal screen plays, First National, by exclusive franchise, and a half-year block of Paramounts.

To spice up the entertainment, there are the gaudy comedies by Pathé and Universal, and some wind-up westerns to satisfy the thirst for carbonated refreshments.

"La Boheme" Coming

Among the eagerly-anticipated Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's will be "La Boheme," a King Vidor production.

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Man, Who Says He Is "Jesus," Held in Jail

A man, whose last name is Rainbridge and who claimed to be "Jesus Christ," is being held in the city jail today pending examination as to his sanity. He rode into town yesterday in a light truck, which was reported stolen from Alec McKenzie, of Stanmerville.

According to the police, Rainbridge drove the stolen car to the station, walked inside and asked if his bride was in jail. The cop told him who he was and he replied "I am Jesus Christ."

Without further ceremony, the man was escorted to a private cell.

FLOODS IN JAPAN KILL HUNDREDS

Toll of Dead and Missing Placed at 400 by Relief Workers Today

PROPERTY DAMAGE TEN MILLION YEN

Disease Following Receding Waters, Adding to Miseries of Stricken Population.

TOKYO, July 29. (AP)—The toll of dead and missing in the terrific floods which have ravaged Nigata prefecture on the west coast of main island of Japan was placed at 400 today, as numerous corps of relief workers entered the stricken district.

Already disease is reported to have followed in the wake of the waters of Shinano river, adding to the misery of this population. Seventy bodies have been recovered in the village of Tocho alone, this place having borne the brunt of the disaster.

NEWS YET MEAGRE

TOKYO, July 29. (AP)—The meagre news that trickles from the flood in Nigata province reveals a terrific toll in deaths and destruction. Latest reports fix the dead, injured and missing at about 300 and the damage to property at 10,000,000 yen.

The village of Tocho was worst hit of all the communities. At this place 1,500 houses were demolished and many drowned. In the whole flooded area some 8,000 houses were submerged, several thousand acres of rice fields were destroyed.

Other floods are reported in Akita and Yuzawa in North Japan.

Communication Severed

Communications with the stricken district are broken down and it is only with difficulty that information is obtained.

Heavy rains started the floods on Wednesday. The Shinano river soon overflowed its banks, washing away houses and causing landslides. Many fled to the hills for safety. Others climbed to the roofs of houses. The cries of women and children for help and the floating bodies added to the distress of the situation.

Towns in Darkness

Electric lights have been cut off in most of the villages and hunger is adding its terrors to darkness. A relief corps from Nigaoika brought food and medical aid, but the assistance has been inadequate. The Red Cross and other relief agencies have started for the flooded area from other cities.

The mayor of Tocho has asked for engineers and soldiers to aid in the rehabilitation work in the prefecture. It is stated that a population of 5,000 is suffering from food shortage.

LUMBER MILL AT TROY DESTROYED; LOSS IS \$17,000.00

The H. M. Maughan lumber mill and yards on Powwaka ridge, near Troy, Wallawa county, was destroyed Monday and Tuesday nights with a loss estimated at \$17,000. It was learned here today.

Lewis Carpenter, of the forest service, inspected the ruins and believes that the fire was of incendiary origin.

The mill was destroyed Monday night and, although apparently extinguished, fire the following night swept the yards.

The loss was partly covered by insurance.

Brother of Montana Senator Visits Here

John Walsh, of Washington, D. C., a brother of Senator Walsh, of Montana, who has been looking after timber interests near Medford Springs for several days, negotiating a sale, left last evening for Montana, where he will visit relatives.

MORE THAN 150 MISSING IN BAHAMAS

Islands Suffer \$8,000,000 Property Loss During Terrific Storm

VESSELS SMASHED INTO SPLINTERS

News of Disaster Is Brought to World by Associated Press Correspondent in Plane.

NASSAU, New Providence Island, Bahamas, July 29. (AP)—Ravaged by wind and wave, more than 150 persons missing, the Bahama islands remained virtually isolated from communication with the outside world today while anxious residents took further count of the toll of destruction in the recorded history of the islands.

The majority of those missing are believed to have been drowned with the sponge fishing fleet which has not been seen since it set sail three days before the West Indian hurricane struck the islands Monday night. While conservative estimates place the damage at \$8,000,000, reports have not been received from several islands with them may not be established for days.

Nassau Ruined

Nassau, the capital of the Bahamas group with a population of more than 12,000 presented a picture of desolation. Destroyed from uprooted trees, wrecked houses and splintered boats washed up by the waves, cluttered the stately city where virtually all business has been suspended. Abandoning efforts to repair her confusion Nassau turned first to search for the missing sponges first and to ascertain conditions on the other islands under her administration.

The outer islands of the group are known to have suffered greatly and inside the far flung line of islands, and banks and toward the coast of Florida, the chief damage was at Nassau and the site of Gunkey 40 miles from Miami.

Only three fishing macka were left in Nassau harbor from 60 craft which were moored there Sunday. Between 150 and 200 sloops are missing with the sponge fleet. Harbor officials estimated that at least 75 vessels were destroyed at Nassau and other islands, not counting the sponge boats, some of which possibly found shelter on isolated banks or near uninhabited islands.

Wind 130 Miles an Hour

The wind steadily increased in velocity throughout Sunday and at midnight a gale rushed the island, tearing houses from their foundations and uprooting trees. Wires were blown down and the public utility plants damaged to such an extent that the city was plunged into darkness. The government record showed the wind reached its velocity peak at 130 miles an hour at 6 o'clock Monday morning.

Among the vessels known to (Continued on Page 5)

Corn Belt Leaders Formulate Relief Demands



Members of the committee of 22, representing farm sentiment in 11 corn belt states, met at Des Moines, Ia., to formulate their demands for agricultural relief legislation. Leaders shown in this picture are: front row, left to right, Ballard Bump, Omaha, Neb.; V. C. Traux, Cleveland, O.; Earl C. Smith, Pittsfield, Ill.; George N. Peck, Moline, Ill.; chairman of the committee, W. H. Settle, Indianapolis, Ind.; G. J. Moon, Canton, S. D.; Xenophon Caverio, Canaan, Mo.; back row, left to right, N. J. Lambertson, Fairview, Kas.; Mark W. Woods, Lincoln, Neb.; Frank Warner, Des Moines.

TWO INJURED IN CAR WRECK

Mrs. Henry Wilson and Mrs. E. S. Baum Hurt in Accident Last Night East of Minam.

Mrs. Henry Wilson suffered injuries about the head, a badly sprained ankle and body bruises last evening when the car driven by her son skidded against a rock on the east of Minam, throwing her from the back seat into the road. She was unconscious when members of the party picked her up. A skull fracture was feared, but an X-ray examination at the Grande Ronde hospital this morning showed that the wound had not affected the bone. She is fairly comfortable this morning.

Mrs. E. S. Baum, sitting in the back seat with Mrs. Wilson, dislocated her shoulder when she leaped forward to save her husband from pitching over the side of the car. Gertrude Urie, who was seated between the women, E. S. Baum, his son, Harry, and grandson, Leslie, who were in the front seat, were uninjured.

The party, with three other carloads of relatives, was returning from Wallawa lake where a family reunion had been held in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baum and their children who came from Portland to visit.

It was about 7 o'clock last evening when they drove into the Minam canyon, where the accident happened. Mrs. Baum and Mrs. Wilson were brought immediately to the Grande Ronde hospital. The former was able to go home after her shoulder had been attended. She is reported much better today.

Harry Baum's car was loaded into a passing truck and transported to La Grande. The front axle is bent, but the machine is not otherwise badly damaged.

At the reunion in addition to those named were: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baum and children, Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy Karren, Mr. and Mrs. Calhoun Combs and children, Mrs. T. E. Urie, and children, Mrs. O. M. Anos and children, and Orville Baum.

Doernbecher Hospital Is Formally Dedicated

PORTLAND, Ore., July 29. (AP)—The Doernbecher Memorial children's hospital was formally dedicated with appropriate services today.

Among the speakers were C. C. Colt, Secretary of State Sam A. Koger, Erwin A. Tait, Mayor George L. Baker, Dr. J. B. Bildebach, Dr. Richard B. Dillshuis, and Miss Grace Phelps.

TODAY'S GAMES

Table listing various sports events including American League, National League, and other games with scores and locations.

Bulletins

DES MOINES, Iowa, July 30 (AP)—Senator Albert B. Cummins died at his home here late today.

STOCKTON, Cal., July 30 (AP)—Nina Breaker, 16, was found dead today in the yard of a residence. The condition of her body when found by police officers indicated that she had been attacked. George Pound is held by the police.

DENVER, Colo., July 30. (AP)—Seven men and a shift foreman were caught in a cave-in at the west Portal of the Moffatt tunnel, being bored through James peak, fifty miles from here today. Three men, the report said, were known to be dead.

SOMERVILLE, N. J., July 30 (AP)—On the ground that there was "no great evidence of presumption of guilt," pointing to her as the murderer of her clergyman husband and his alleged sweetheart, Mrs. Frances H. Hall was ordered released in \$15,000 bail by Chief Justice Gunnere today.

CANTON, Ohio, July 30 (AP)—County-wide search was begun today for Patrick Eugene McDermott, 28, Cleveland, wanted as a principal in the murder of Don E. Mellett, Canton publisher.

PHILADELPHIA, July 30 (AP)—Walter Spencer, the Brooklyn Central Y. M. C. A.'s all around aquatic star, established a world's record today when he won the 300 meter freestyle in the national A. U. championships in the second centennial pool. Spence swam the distance, using three different strokes, in 4:25 2-5. Arne Borg, Swedish member of the Illinois A. C. team, shattered his second world's record in two days when he won the one mile free style title.

PAUL SMITH'S N. Y., July 30. (AP)—President Coolidge does not expect that any action whatever will be taken in the immediate future about lifting the embargo on arms and munitions to Mexico.

STOCK TRADING IS FEVERISH AS 2 ISSUES CLIMB

NEW YORK, July 30. (AP)—With U. S. Steel common and General Motors whirled up to new high records, stock trading climbed at a feverish pace today, although the general upward movement of prices encountered stiff resistance. Total sales again approximated two and a half million shares.

After setting as high as 194 1/2, General Motors encountered a flood of realizing sales which carried it back to 188 1/2, where support again appeared.

Reports of an impending split-up of the shares and other extra dividend heightened speculative interest in the stock. Meanwhile U. S. Steel mounted several points to a new peak above 143 holding near this level while dozens of other industrial issues yielded to profit-taking.

Judge Knowles to Be In Wallawa in August

Judge J. W. Knowles heard arguments on minor motions in connection with several civil suits this morning in circuit court. Equity and jury cases will require the judge's presence in Wallawa county a good part of next month. The session will be opened Monday, Aug. 2, by Judge J. W. Knowles, of Baker, who will preside at the trial of cases involving the validity of the tax on transient livestock. Judge Knowles will succeed the Baker jurist on the bench sometime later Saturday and Monday.

SHOWDOWN EXPECTED IN MEXICO

President Calles Says Hour Approaching for a Final Fight

ALL CATHOLICS TO BE DISARMED

Attorney General Ortega Fears Opposition to the Government's Religious Laws.

MEXICO CITY, July 29. (AP)—Catholics throughout Mexico today offered up devotions for the last time under the leadership of their priests before the government's new religious regulations go into effect tomorrow.

Under regulations from Archbishop Mora y Del Rio, priests will withdraw from the churches tomorrow in protest against the government's religious measures. The withdrawal was originally planned for Sunday.

Final Fight Looms

President Calles, in a speech last night, declared that the hour was approaching for a final fight to determine the triumph of revolution or reaction. The struggle was between light and darkness, and the government would win, he said.

All Catholics in the country are to be disarmed in accordance with an order issued by Attorney General Ortega. Senator Ortega said this move was a consequence of reports that Catholic groups were meeting secretly at night and that the authorities were fearful that the gatherings were for the purpose of offering opposition to the religious laws.

Layman to Take Churches

When the priests withdraw they will turn over the churches to lay committees. The government announced that it would permit lay committees to take over the churches and has ordered the mayor of each town to name his own committee for that purpose.

The priests' committee, however, will endeavor to reach a compromise with the lay committee. A report from Vera Cruz says the mayors have been instructed to use federal troops if necessary to preserve order when the mayor's committee take over the churches.

Church authorities has instructed all Catholics to continue attending church and to pray for a satisfactory settlement of the situation.

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NAME DONORS TO SMITH CAMPAIGN FUND IN ILLINOIS

CHICAGO, July 30. (AP)—Altogether 100 campaign managers for Frank L. Smith, successful candidate in the Illinois senatorial primary, decided today to furnish the senate campaign funds committee names of all contributors to the Smith political fund.

Moore disclosed that Clement Studebaker, of South Bend, Ind., had contributed \$25,000 and former Representative Ira C. Copeland, of Aurora, Ill., had given \$25,000 in two installments.

Other contributors included Daniel Rehyler, Chicago attorney \$2,500; Eugene Piko \$1,000; Judge Stransky, of Chicago \$500; and Nick Kachavolis, on behalf of Greek merchants of Chicago, \$1,000.

The committee adjourned the hearing until Tuesday to enable Senator Reed to fill week-end engagements in Missouri and Senator LaFollette to fill such engagements in Wisconsin.

Ex-Police Chief, Three Others, Acquitted in Shame Case Trial

TIA JUANA, Lower Cal., July 29. (AP)—The acquittal of former Chief of Police Zenaido Llanos and three other residents of Tia Juana of charges of having drugged and attacked Misses Clyde and Audrey Petzet here last February was the signal for an informal celebration last night when the grand jury returned a verdict of "not guilty" after deliberating for about ten hours. Jose Kelly, an investigator for the Mexican Federal of Labor, testified at the trial yesterday that he had investigated the character of the Petzet family at San Diego, Los Angeles and Kansas City, Mo., where they had lived and his investigation disclosed that the young women were "indiscreet."

The immediate aftermath of the trial and acquittal among Tia Juana residents was to how the verdict would be received on the other side of the border. The most optimistic of these discussions resulted in expressions that the United States officials would modify international boundary regulations to permit visitors to remain in Tia Juana until late at night as was the practice before the Petzet suicides.

Llanos, who was suspended as chief of police as a result of the charges, left for Calexico, Cal., where he made his home. Luis Anador, a co-defendant who he intended to remain in Mexico, United States authorities have been eager to take Anador, since he jumped his bail several years ago while he was under charges of selling narcotics.