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SENIOR PLAY TO BE GIVEN AT THEATER

High School Student Body to Continue Activities, in Spite of Fire

FOOTBALL ELEVEN PLAYS PENDLETON

Lyceum Number Will Be Held Nov. 19; Lockers Emptied Yesterday; Furniture Taken Out.

In spite of difficulties resulting from the fire that partly destroyed the La Grande High school building Friday night, the high school student body is going ahead with its activities.

This morning at 8:30 o'clock the special train pulled out with the football team, headed for Pendleton, where the Tigers and Bucks meet in their annual game this afternoon. Accompanying them was a number of townspeople. The train is to return about 8:15 o'clock tonight.

Senior Play Dated

The senior play, "The Patsy", a three-act comedy drama, will be given, it is announced by E. D. Towler, principal. The play will be presented in the Arcade theater on Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 21 and 22, and, with several additional days for rehearsals and a bigger stage to work with, it is expected that the play will be even better than had it been presented in the auditorium.

Persons holding tickets may exchange them for reserved seats in the Arcade for either night on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. Tickets may be exchanged during the regular shows —afternoon and evening.

In connection with the seats, the Arcade has 410 downstairs seats, 48 loges and 150 balcony seats. Only 339 were available in the auditorium, so several additional seats may be had for the play. After the ticket holders have exchanged their seats Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, additional seats will go on sale in Glass Drugs, excepting the balcony seats, which will be sold at the Arcade the two nights of the play under the heading of general admissions. Persons desiring to exchange tickets for loge seats will have to pay slightly more, but downstairs seats will be at the same price as before.

The high school is renting the Arcade for the two nights so will incur some additional expense, but it is believed that this will be absorbed by additional seat sales.

May Hold Assembly

Although school has been adjourned until Nov. 19, Mr. Towler states that an assembly will probably be called later this week. A football game is scheduled with Cove for Friday.

The high school lyceum will go ahead as scheduled. It will be given on Nov. 19, although the place has not been definitely decided upon as yet. Additional announcements concerning this will be made later.

Empty Lockers

Yesterday students gathered at the high school and removed their books, etc., from their lockers under supervision of high school authorities. Most of the students' belongings were in fair condition.

Mr. Towler has his offices in the Central school temporarily, but ex-

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TWO ARE HURT IN CAR WRECK AT HOT LAKE

Reports reaching here this morning from Hot Lake stated that Mrs. Mabel Gore and W. B. Clark were injured in an automobile accident near Hot Lake Saturday night. Mrs. Gore suffered a broken arm and internal injuries, it is said. Neither of the two injured are in a dangerous condition and both are expected to recover.

According to reports, a car driven by a Mr. Hellner, of Baker, struck their machine and a third car also figured in the collision. Mr. Hellner drove on; officers report, and was apprehended in Pendleton. The accident occurred about 10 o'clock Saturday night.

Further details were not available today.

WEATHER TODAY

7:40 a. m.—45 above.
Minimum: 45 above.
Condition: cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 58, minimum 18 above.
Condition: cloudy.

WEATHER NOV. 12, 1927

Maximum 47, minimum 23 above.
Condition: cloudy, .81 inch of rain.

Chief of Police Pays His Wager On The Election

Crowds Line Streets at Baker Saturday Night to Watch Him Wheel Sheriff H. McKinney

Police Chief Clint Haynes, of La Grande, paid his election wager with Sheriff Henry McKinney in Baker Saturday night in full. And crowds lined the streets of Baker to watch him do it.

The wager called for Chief Haynes to wheel Sheriff McKinney three blocks along Main street in a wheelbarrow. The La Grande officer bet on Governor Al Smith.

So crowded were the streets as the mob followed the two big men and the wheelbarrow, that those who lined the sidewalks were not able to see the stunt. The sheriff, however, stopped the parade and conducted three cheers for Hoover and they were lusty cheers. Then Chief Haynes retaliated with one cheer for Al Smith and was accompanied by only one other person.

The parade was led by the American Legion drum corps of La Grande, who, with officials of the city of La Grande, accompanied their chief to Baker.

Chief Arrested

Immediately following the parade, Chief Haynes was placed under arrest for piloting a vehicle after night without lights and without a license, and a special court was called in the Antler's hotel lobby. Judge Charles Baird presided. Two musical numbers were played by the La Grande drum corps and then the judge, using a drum for a bench, opened court, with State Traffic Officer Robert Lansing as the prosecuting attorney. Just after court convened the prisoner attempted to escape, but was caught and returned. Leo Kelly, who had announced the parade for an hour before, was appointed attorney for the defense. Lansing presented his case, calling several witnesses to prove that the defendant had a penchant for arresting Baker citizens when in La Grande. All objections of the defendant were overruled. When Leo Kelly could not be found, Ernest Crockatt was appointed as attorney for the chief, who then arose, pulled out his check book, and said, "Your honor, I have no friends since the election, I am in a strange city, and since you have appointed this attorney, I may as well plead guilty." Whereupon he was fined $50 and wrote out a check for the amount on Al Smith's new bank.

Following the wheelbarrow episode local men took up a collection and treated members of the La Grande drum and bugle corps and their friends and the chief, in the Antlers cafe. Chief Haynes, Mr. Lansing, and Ray Williams, of La Grande, gave brief talks on the friendly relations existing between

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High School To Be Held Nov. 19 In Church Rooms

According several offers made by churches and others, the school board, according to Clerk Harry Williams, has already made arrangements to hold high school beginning Nov. 19 in several available buildings. Besides the high school classes, three grade classes were housed in the burned building, and these will be conducted in Honan hall.

The basement of the Episcopal church will be used for the high school commercial department and the L. D. S. church has turned over entire use of its Fourth street Recreational hall and the basement of the tabernacle. Several classes will be held here. Work of moving equipment to the temporary quarters has already started.

In addition classes will be held in the Baptist church, Presbyterian church and probably in the M. E. church and city hall. The domestic art and science and manual training classes will continue in the building formerly used by them, as it was not damaged by the Friday night fire.

Two members of the school board F. A. Epling and Colon B. Eberhard, are out of town but are expected back today or tomorrow. Mr. Epling is in Portland and Mr. Eberhard is in McMinnville.

Several Stolen Cars Recovered

Several cars were reported stolen over the weekend but all had been recovered by this morning, according to the police. A touring car stolen from A. L. Harlow was found yesterday on the island City road. A coupe stolen Nov. 10 from Elgin was found Saturday night by Traffic Officer Robertson near Lone Tree.

A car belonging to Robert H. Carey was stolen Friday night and recovered Saturday on Eighth between M and N. A car belonging to Tom Harrison, 605 B avenue, was also stolen Friday night and later recovered.

The cars had all been abandoned.

RALLY CHIEF FEATURE OF DAY LOCALLY

Ex-Service Men Take Part in Parade; Noon Lunch and Program Today

OBSERVE HOLIDAY; BUSINESS HALTS

American Legion Giving Dance This Evening; Tiger Football Team Playing at Pendleton

No general Armistice day celebration is being held in La Grande today although the American Legion held a rally starting about 11 o'clock this morning, which included a parade down Adams avenue to the Sacajawea Inn where a short band concert, a program and a luncheon for all ex-service men was served.

The veterans gathered at the city hall for the opening of the rally. Raymond Williams was in charge of the event. The drum and bugle corps also took part in the rally.

Besides the rally, the only other special event on the program here is an Armistice dance tonight at Zuber hall, sponsored by the American Legion.

Usually an Eastern Oregon celebration is staged here but a chain of conflicting events prevented this this year, including the fact that no afternoon attraction could be arranged. Usually a football game is played here but today the La Grande High school team is being entertained at Pendleton by the Buckaroos, leading in the annual race for district championship honors.

Yesterday churches throughout the city held Armistice day programs with the ex-service men as special guests.

Stores are closed here, however, and the day is being observed as a holiday.

CHURCHES HONOR ARMISTICE DAY

Special Services Held at Several With Ex-Service Men in Attendance

La Grande churches observed Armistice day yesterday with appropriate programs. Several sessions during the day were given in memory of the ending of the World war 10 years ago.

The First Presbyterian church, the English Lutheran church, the St. Peter's Episcopal church and others held their programs during the morning worship hour. The Presbyterian pastor spoke on "He Made Democracy Possible," the Lutheran minister used as his subject "War and Peace" and the Episcopal rector spoke on "Armistice Day."

Ex-service men were special guests at all of the services.

In addition to the Armistice day observance, the Baptists who have just finished repairing their church, observed Sunday as "Reconsecration Day" with an interesting program, and at Island City, the Rev. Harry S. Hamilton, district superintendent, spoke during the evening and also held a quarterly conference.

At the Christian church an illustrated song "The Gate Ajar" was a special feature. Six girls dressed in white took part and a large platform, representing a church with the gate ajar, had been erected for the occasion. The pastor will speak on "The First Essential of Salvation" at the crusade meeting tonight at 7:15 o'clock and the special feature will be "The Rock that is Higher than I."

All churches reported excellent attendance yesterday.

Church Captain Compares U. S. With Homeland

Likes America But Finds Things More Expensive Here—Believes English Education Best

"Compared to the United States, England looks like a pretty little garden," says Captain Bloxham, of Birmingham, England. Mr. Bloxham, with Captains Conder, of Yorkshire; Hodgkins, of Lancashire, and Hill, of Hampshire, have been in La Grande for the past week, representing the church army of the Episcopalian church of England.

"We have all 'fallen' for Americans," Mr. Bloxham says. "Americans take life less seriously than the people in England do. Life is freer here. Your great open spaces bewilder us, but we like them. You could put all of England into Oregon. I like London better than New York because London has more open air—the buildings are not so high and close together. It is easier to breathe in London."

Interesting Work

Captain Bloxham finds the work of missionarying in America very interesting. "Very few people are antagonistic to our work," he finds. "Both in England and in America the middle class of people are the most responsive. The poorer class o fpeople let religion alone and the ultra rich are impossible to approach. When you do succeed in talking with them they are very charming and polite but can't be bothered with religion.

"The Prince of Wales has done much in England to break down class feeling," asserted Mr. Bloxham. "He is admired and people are willing to follow his example. He is noted for his democratic ways."

Someday the world is due for a big religious awakening, this crusader believes. When churches die, the nation dies, he says. In England, the churches are not deteriorating.

More Men at Church

It would seem strange indeed in America to see the average congregation on a Sunday morning composed more than half of men. In England, however, it would seem strange to see the majority of those present women. Ever since the war the men have been coming back to the church more and more over there, he says. "After that

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Central Eleven Wins Grade Title

Central grade school football players took championship honors for the four La Grande grade schools last Friday afternoon when they defeated Riverla school 6 to 0. Central has won every game except one which was played with Rigeria before and resulted in a tie. The game Friday marked the end of the grade school football season.

Chamber to Meet In Sacajawea Inn

The program of the Union county chamber of commerce luncheon tomorrow at the Sacajawea Inn at noon will be devoted to features in keeping with the Armistice day theme. The La Grande post of the American Legion has charge of the meeting which will include music and singing.

The program follows:

Community singing by the audience led by Ray Williams.

Talk, "Significance of Armistice Day from the Standpoint of an ex-Service Man," by Oscar Johnson.

Talk, "What the Legion Has Accomplished in La Grande since it Began Ten Years Ago," by Dr. J. L. Inzle.

Talk, "Armistice Day on the Western Front," by Jesse Andrews.

Several new members of the chamber of commerce will be introduced at the meeting.

Library Celebrating Book Week; Program For Children Announced

This week is the tenth annual national book week which in La Grande is being celebrated with special emphasis on the children's program.

The city library program as worked out by Miss Mabel Doty, librarian, and her corps of assistants, includes a "Doll Festival," three story hours with each story beginning "Once upon a time," a scramble title contest, a program in the schools, and book exhibits for both adults and children. A large group of new books, some for children and some for adults, will also be put into circulation to start off the week.

A collection of beautifully illustrated and printed children's books is on exhibition at the library. This display shows what a marked difference there is between the type of book now published for children and those of a decade or even less ago. Children's books nowadays are works of art and should make reading doubly the joy it used to be when grandmother got eye strain from deciphering stories printed in small and often very illegible type.

Miss Doty will be glad to talk with parents about books to get for children's Christmas. "It is surprising how inexpensive really lovely books for the youngsters are," she says.

The "Doll Festival" will be lots of fun for all the little girls of the city. A prize is to be given to the girl who brings the doll best dressed to represent some story book character. An exhibition doll, who is supposed to be "Little Red Riding Hood," is holding open house at the library to greet the other doll characters who will be brought there to keep her company. The dolls may be entered for the contest all week. The prize is to be a story book.

Another contest in which the boys as well as girls are to take part is the scramble title match. Fifty scenes of well known story books will be listed with the letters all mixed up and the boy or

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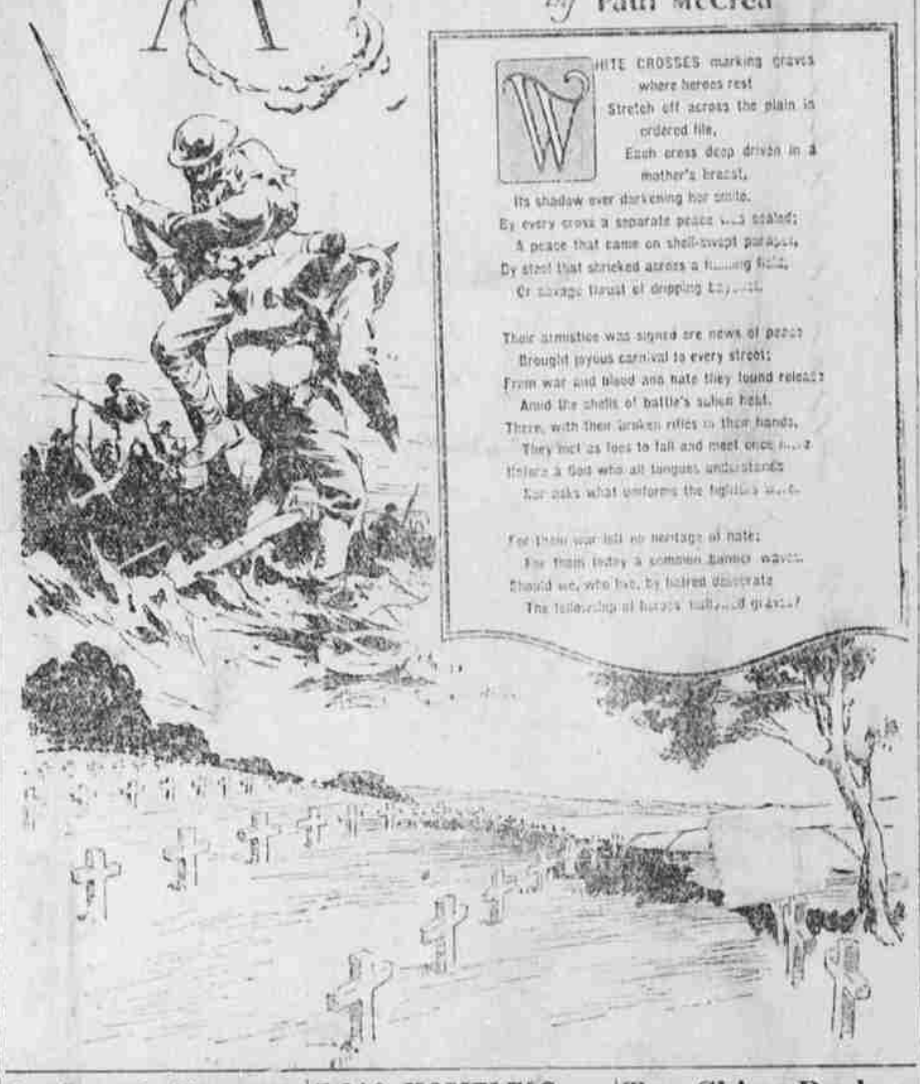
The Armistice of Steel

by Paul McCrea



WHITE CROSSES marking graves
where heroes rest
Stretch off across the plain in
ordered file.
Each cross deep driven in a
mother's breast,
Its shadow ever darkening her smile.
By every cross a separate peace was sealed;
A peace that came on shell-swept parapets,
By steel that shrieked across a flaming field,
Or savage thrust of dripping bayonets.

Their armistice was signed are news of peace
Brought joyous carnival to every street;
From war and blood and hate they found release
Amid the shells of battle's sullen heat.
There, with their broken rifles in their hands,
They met as foes to fall and meet once more
Before a God who all tongues understands
Nor asks what uniforms the fighters wore.

For them war left no heritage of hate;
For them today a common banner waves.
Should we, who live, by hatred desecrate
The fellowship of heroes' hallowed graves?

La Grande Team Playing Bucks This Afternoon

PENDLETON, Ore., Nov. 12.—(AP)—La Grande and Pendleton high school football elevens meet here today in one of the deciding games for the Far Eastern Oregon gridiron championship.

A special train, carrying the Tiger football team and a large crowd of fans—both townspeople and students—left La Grande about 8:30 o'clock this morning for Pendleton. Following the game, the train will leave Pendleton shortly after 5 o'clock and is expected in La Grande about 8:30 this evening.

Farm Relief To Get Immediate Action, Report

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12 (AP)—After conferring with President Coolidge today on farm legislation and Muscle Shoals, Senator McNary of Oregon said that he thought it was "the duty" of congress to deal with the agrarian situation at the earliest possible time.

Both the president and the president-elect, McNary said, were agreed that the farm question required immediate attention, and he, therefore, would exert himself to the utmost to have farm legislation approved by the short session of congress without awaiting the special session which Herbert Hoover said he would call, if necessary, immediately after inauguration.

Senator McNary said that his chief duty at present concerning Muscle Shoals was to determine the exact status of the bill which was approved in the closing days of the last session and to which the chief executive failed to sign.

Senator Reed, Republican, Pennsylvania, who also called at the White House, said he believed it should be possible to enact farm legislation at the forthcoming session of congress.

Reed declared the equalization fee principle was not at issue here. He added that he had urged President Coolidge to increase the tariff on plate glass the full 50 per cent allowed under the Hoyle-Smoot schedule of the tariff act.

High School Grid Player Kills Self

MARTINEZ, Cal., Nov. 12 (AP)—Robert Foster, 15-year-old high school student, committed suicide by hanging himself at the home of his parents, who attributed the act to despondency because a substitute replaced him for part of a school football game Saturday. The parents found the body on returning home from a party.

5,000 HOMELESS IN MT ETNA AREA

Volcanic Eruption Continues—Disturbance Is On Its Last Legs

ROME, Nov. 12.—(AP)—Five thousand people are homeless, 700 houses have been destroyed and nearly 2,000 acres of farm land have been laid waste in the Mount Etna region, said a report issued today by Signor Giuratti, minister of public works, who returned from the danger zone over the weekend.

GIARRE, Sicily, Nov. 12.—(AP)—The progress of the lava stream rolling down the slopes of Mount Etna to the sea was estimated yesterday to have covered some 220 feet in 24 hours. At that rate it would take from 15 to 20 days for the fiery torrent to reach salt water.

On the whole conditions looked slightly better yesterday in comparison with previous days. Observation at different points of the lava field indicate that the eruption is entering a declining phase.

The width of the main lava stream advancing on the Carrera front was estimated to be 2500 feet while there is a tendency to grow larg-

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COAST LEAGUE HEADS GATHER AT PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Nov. 12 (AP)—Retention of a president was one of the important matters before the directors of the Pacific Coast Baseball league in annual meeting here today. W. W. McCredie, former president of the Portland baseball club, was said to have four votes pledged to him. Five votes were necessary for election. The names of W. H. McCarthy, former president, and Harry A. Williams, who has held the place for the past two years, also were mentioned. The directors, who were considering whether to continue the split season for the league next year,

Brutal Attacks Arouse Citizens

CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—(AP)—Mysterious and brutal attacks upon women, each bearing evidence of having been perpetrated by a man, have aroused the North Shore suburban section to a climax of vigorous action.

A special meeting of Lake Forest aldermen yesterday voted to post a reward of $4,000 for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who assaulted Miss Edna Bailey, 24-year-old kindergarten teacher, in Lake Forest Saturday night. Her skull was fractured. An additional $1,000 was promised by Lake Forest citizens.

Ten Ships Rush To Aid Steamer Reported Sinking

NEW YORK, Nov. 12—(AP)—A radiogram from Bermuda to the Lamperhoft lines here said that the Japanese steamer Ohio Maru was standing by the disabled Vestris. The cablegram gave no details.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12 (AP)—The navy department today instructed Admiral H. A. Wiley, commander-in-chief of the United States fleet, to send immediate assistance to the steamer Vestris, reported sinking off the Atlantic coast.

By noon 10 vessels were on their way to help the Vestris. In addition to the Vellaire and Santa Barbara, the ships included five coast guard vessels, the tanker Yankee Arrow, an unidentified Japanese steamer and the Morgan lines Cuzco.

The Yankee Arrow was reported to be 70 miles distant from the Vestris, while the Japanese ship was said to be 100 miles away.

At 11:30 this morning the Vestris reported she was on her starboard beam and "has some boats out."

The Vestris radioed that she was not absolutely sure of the position, she gave one appealed to all ships to come to her.

The Cuzco, believed to be a naval vessel, was 130 miles from the position given by the Vestris at 11 a. m.

Plane Crashes At Pocatello; 2 Dead

POCATELLO, Ida., Nov. 12.—(AP)—Harry McDougall, 23, of Boise, assistant attorney general and world war ace, and Miss Elda Rice, 20, his sister-in-law, were killed Sunday when a monocoupe airplane piloted by McDougall crashed about two miles west of the Pocatello airport.

The accident occurred during a race in the air circus celebration of Armistice day, held under the auspices of the American Legion. Two small planes, according to eye witnesses, was making a turn toward the field over the flying course, when at an altitude of about 150 feet it went into a tail spin and then descended to the ground.

Tentative Juror Is Approached

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12 (AP)—Robert V. Caldwell, a tentative juror in the perjury trial of Edwin W. Sunderl, vice-president of the board of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, Chief Justice Jennings Bailey of the district of Columbia supreme court today that he was approached yesterday by a man who asked him whether he would "hold out" in the case.

Caldwell said the man had given the name of "McGinnis," and, when asked how he looked, replied, "I got rid of him."

CRITICS ARE ANSWERED BY MR. COOLIDGE

President Delivers Armistice Day Address in Washington Sunday

EUROPEAN BARBS ARE REPLIED TO

Tribute Paid to Pershing and Sims; Naval Needs of United States Are Outlined

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12 (AP)—Turning from an acknowledgement of America's obligation to those who served her in the world war to a review of American relations with Europe since the close of the great conflict, President Coolidge last night made vigorous reply to those of the old world who have criticized the nation's traditional policy of isolation.

The chief executive spoke before an audience which had gathered under the auspices of the American legion to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the signing of the armistice. He lauded the services of General Pershing and Admiral Sims, detailed the economic results of the war and what he considered its "spiritual" benefits, reiterated his stand for the maintenance of adequate naval defenses and entered a fervent appeal for a constitution of world peace.

Widely Discussed

Declaring that the question of America's duty to Europe had received a wide discussion on both sides of the Atlantic Mr. Coolidge asserted that America had acknowledged the existence of such duties and had tried to meet them.

"They are not all on one side, however," he said, "they are mutual. We have sometimes been reproached for lecturing Europe, but probably ours are not the only people who sometimes engage in gratuitous criticism and advice. We have also been charged with pursuing a policy of isolation. We are not the only people either who desire to give their attention to their own affairs. It is quite evident that both of these claims can not be true. I think no informed person at home or abroad would blame us for not intervening in affairs which are peculiarly the concern of others to adjust, or, when we are asked for help, for stating clearly the terms on which we are willing to respond."

Mr. Coolidge said that the American position could "truthfully be characterized as one of patience, consideration, restraint and assistance." He declared that we had accepted a settlement of obligations not in accordance with what was due "but in accordance with the merciful principle of what our debtors could pay," that, when asked, America has given advice and for constructive purposes has given of its resources, at the same time refraining from all unsought intervention or intervention which it was thought would be ineffective.

Answers Critics

Of America's European critics, the president said that "if they would give a little more attention to our history and judge us a little more closely by our own record, and especially find out in what directions we believe our real interests to lie, much which they appear to find obscure would be quite apparent."

The prevention of war, in Mr. Coolidge's opinion merits every precaution and every honorable sacrifice. Military preparation he said had never proved sufficient, but he accompanied this statement with an assertain that if the nations of Europe had neglected their defenses the war probably would have come much sooner.

"We can have military preparation without assuming a military spirit," he said. "It is our duty to ourselves and to the cause of civilization, to the preservation of domestic tranquility, to our orderly and lawful relations with foreign people, to maintain an adequate army and navy."

In this connection, Mr. Coolidge

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TWO DEAD AND ONE HURT DUE TO GUN BATTLE

EUGENE, Nov. 12 (AP)—Wilson Ell, 24, and James Wyland, 55, are dead and Mrs. Wyland wounded as a result of a triangle shooting affair yesterday at Cengra, Wyland, who accused Ell of causing a separation between him and his wife, shot Ell and fired a bullet into his wife's leg, then turned the gun on himself. Wyland died in a few minutes and Ell several hours after the shooting. Mrs. Wyland's wound was not serious.

Mrs. Wyland, 29 years younger than her husband, obtained a divorce several months ago.