

LEGISLATORS HONORED AT UNION DINNER

Eastern Oregon Show Association Host to 80 Last Night

LIVESTOCK WORK IS GIVEN PRAISE

Union, Wallowa and Baker Counties Represented at Meeting; Outlook Is Optimistic

By W. V. Connor (Observer Correspondent) Last evening at the Union hotel the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show association held a dinner and reception for the members of the state legislature from Union and adjoining counties, who had worked so faithfully in securing a state appropriation for the livestock show.

Cantata To Be Presented Here On Good Friday

Mrs. Alfred L. Richardson, director of the Ladies' Triad choir of the First Presbyterian church, is devoting much time to the rehearsal of her group of more than 20 women's voices in preparing the Lenten cantata, by Theodore Dubois, "The Seven Last Words of Christ."

EXPECT STRONG BASEBALL TEAM

Outlook Is Discussed at Meeting Last Night; Park in Fair Shape

Although little definite action was taken at the baseball meeting held last night in the city hall, there was considerable discussion of possibilities for a strong La Grande team in the Blue Mountain league.

Operetta Number At Rotary Lunch

A skit by members of the La Grande High school operetta cast and a talk by Captain Paek, of the Salvation Army, were features of the Rotary club luncheon today at noon at the La Grande hotel.

Revival Meetings At Baptist Church

The Rev. J. L. Taylor, a preacher of the fundamental truths of the Gospel, is assisting the Rev. E. O. Hess in a season of special meetings at the Baptist church.

Captain Eaker In Brownsville, Tex.

Blownsville, Texas, Mar. 20 (AP)—Captain I. C. Eaker landed at the Brownsville municipal pier at 1:15 today from Tampa.

LINDY AND ANNE TO BE MARRIED IN JUNE

MEXICO CITY, March 20 (AP) Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh and his fiancée, Miss Anne Morrow, expect to be married some time in the month of June. It is stated upon the highest authority, the place of the ceremony has not yet been decided.

WEATHER TODAY

7:30 a. m.—41 above. Minimum—31 above. Condition—Cloudy, rainy.

County Business Institute Opens Here Tomorrow

Professors Bosworth and Vance to Come to La Grande After Final Sessions in Baker

The Union County Business Institute, sponsored jointly by the Union county chamber of commerce and the county agent, will open here tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock in the small ballroom of the Sackajawa Inn.

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Mabel Normand And Her Husband, Lew Cody, Both Fighting For Life



Mabel Normand and her husband, Lew Cody, are both fighting for life. Above are pictures of both Mabel Normand, as the screen knew her, and her husband, Lew Cody.

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Mar. 20 (AP)—While Mabel Normand, often described as the "Hard Luck Girl" of the cinema firmament, lay in her palatial home here today, waging her desperate battle against the insidious ravages of the "white horror," tuberculosis, her physician, Dr. E. C. Fishbaugh, was calling a consultation to decide whether removal to a sanatorium near Los Angeles would aid in her struggle to live.

Unaware that her husband, Lew Cody, well known in movies and on the stage, is back from New York, and now is fighting his battle to "come back" from a state of complete nervous prostration, she struggled on.

It was feared the knowledge of her husband's illness might weaken the slender thread which holds life in the body of the actress who, her friends say, "never turned a hungry man or woman away."

And Cody, grimly fighting his battle against shattered nerves, following an attack of influenza, in a health resort near San Bernardino, doesn't know that Mabel is nearing the Valley of the Shadows.

OF Mis' Reaches Highest Stage In 13 Years Today

QUINCY, Ill., Mar. 20 (AP)—The Mississippi river was approaching the top of its levees today, still rising after reaching the highest stage in 13 years.

The river was expected to reach its crest here some time today, just short of the flood stage of 22 feet.

There was danger nevertheless, that the levees weakened by the continual pressure of the last few days, might give way, especially in case of hard rain or hard winds.

Seepage had already caused some damage and cracks were being stopped with sand bags. Firemen were called out to pump out overflow in manufacturing plants along the river here.

Engineers had predicted last night that the levees would withstand a stage of 19.6 feet and soon afterward it was reported that the river had reached this height and was still rising.

The recent rise had extended as far north as Keokuk, Iowa, and down into Moulton county, Missouri.

Al Jolson's Car Injures Leo Kinn

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 20 (AP)—Al Jolson was a sad singer today, because his automobile ran down Leo Kinn, 26 years of age, breaking his leg and several of his teeth.

The accident occurred last night as the "Mammy" singer and Jack Conway, motion picture director, were being driven by Jolson's chauffeur along Sunset Boulevard.

Rebel Army Now A Step Nearer To U. S. Border

Main Body Retires from Escalon 35 Miles North; Insurgents Say Move Is Strategic One

By the Associated Press The main body of the rebel army was a step nearer the American border today, having retired from Escalon 35 miles northward to Jiminez.

The government interpreted this movement by General Escobar, insurgent commander in chief, as another sign of rebel disintegration, declaring that the revolt was a good as over.

Insurgent quarters, however, asserted that Escobar's retirement was purely strategic and intimated he would draw the federals farther and farther away from their base and finally meet them in a decisive battle in the difficult northern country.

General Calles continued his methodical preparations to crush the rebels. He has arrived at Torreon personally and today was preparing his army of 20,000 for a further northern advance.

The rebel forces, described as numbering about 25,000, continued concentrating at Jiminez.

Rebel troops also were reported continuing a southerly march along the west coast, drawing closer to the seaport of Mazatlan in Sinaloa.

The government charged the rebels with looting banks of millions of pesos with the intention of fleeing to the United States with the loot. In such event extradition may be asked, not as political leaders but as "ordinary criminals."

CONTINUE RETREAT MEXICO CITY, Mar. 20 (AP)—1:15 p. m.—Rebels under General Escobar who abandoned Torreon and Escalon successively were apparently continuing their retreat northward to Chihuahua City today, federal aviators reported to the presidential castle.

REBELS TAKE TOWN EL PASO, Texas, Mar. 20 (AP)—Francisco Villa, rebel commander, announced today that General P. Elias Calles had left his command in Coahuila, for Irapuato, Guanajuato, on receipt of advice concerning federal reserves in Leon and Guanajuato. Irapuato is about 150 miles from Mexico City.

Insurgents captured both Leon and the town of Guanajuato, Uruapan, reported to have been advised. All state authorities were reported to have fled to Irapuato.

AMERICAN HELD FOR RANSOM BY MEXICAN BANDITS MEXICO CITY, Mar. 20 (AP)—Mexican bandits at Zacatecas were believed today to be holding P. L. Carnahan, American mining boss, and Dr. Olvera, Mexican mine official, for ransom.

Both were kidnaped Monday night from La Boria mine, near Santa Bebe, Zacatecas. The mine suspended operation, leaving 1,000 men without work pending guarantee of safety for other employees against outlaw raids.

News of the kidnaping was brought to the American embassy here from private sources. Carnahan lived formerly at El Paso, Tex., and has a brother, George Carnahan, in New York City.

It was reported at the embassy that release of another American, a British subject, prisoner of outlaw hands, was expected shortly.

350 Students Ill Of Scarlet Fever

BETHA, Ky., Mar. 20 (AP)—Doctors, nurses and volunteers have united to wage a battle against an epidemic of scarlet fever numbering 350 cases among 3,000 students at Berea college here.

Dr. Gladys Dick, of Chicago, who with her husband discovered the anti-toxin for scarlet fever, arrived here today to assume charge of the situation.

The entire community surrounding the college is under quarantine and the disease has not spread to the town at large. No deaths have occurred.

Danube River High; Worst Since 1872

BREITISLAVA, Czechoslovakia, Mar. 20 (AP)—Thousands of families along the right bank of the Danube lost their homes, cattle and other belongings today in the worst flood since 1872.

Augmented by thousands of mountain streams, lakes and other tributaries, the swollen waters of the Danube were rushing past towns and villages along the banks throwing huge ice barriers around Bratislava and other towns, completely isolating them.

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LED THE ALLIES TO WAR VICTORY Called Foremost Strategist of World Conflict; Directed 10,000,000 Men in 1918

PARIS, Mar. 20 (AP)—Marshal Foch, victor of a national funeral, highest critic of the French nation to its illustrious dead.

PARIS, Mar. 20 (AP)—Marshal Ferdinand Foch, famous generalissimo, who led the allied armies to victory in the world war, died at his home today after a lengthy illness. He was 77 years old.

He died at 5:30 p. m. (12:50 p. m. Eastern Standard time). Although it had long been apparent that the great general was fighting his "last campaign" his warrior heart would not give in and day after day he fought off the inevitable end with grim courage.

But a coalition of heart trouble, disease and a lung infection were too great at his age.

An Indomitable Will On Feb. 15 the Associated Press was authoritatively informed that the marshal's death seemed only a matter of days—a week, perhaps, or ten days, but the Marshal with indomitable will held off death even longer than his doctors thought possible.

It was the sudden collapse of his heart after several days of improvement that brought death to the intrepid warrior.

"The foremost strategist of the great war," was Sir John French's characterization of Ferdinand Foch, marshal of France.

Important—Glorious Crowned with an immortal glory, as the "savior of civilization," the conqueror of the Germans will go down in history as the military leader who, with more than 10,000,000 soldiers under his command, directed five battles at once and brought peace to a world desolated by four years of indescribable terror and bloodshed.

The victor of this modern Armageddon was said by Marshal Joffre to be "one of the humblest of men." The brilliancy of his genius was hailed throughout the world during these historic days in 1918 when the Allied armies under his command drove the Germans out of France. The magnitude of his military operations was stupendous. He never would admit defeat.

His memorable message to Joffre, the hero of the Marne, when the overwhelming armies of von Kluck were sweeping on toward Paris on September 12, 1914 will ever remain a classic with all soldiers. He said:

"My right is crushed. My left is in retreat. I am attacking with my center."

Master Stroke of War The appointment of Foch as Generalissimo of all the Allied forces, on March 20, 1918, eight days after the Germans had started what was to be their last great offensive in the West, was generally regarded as the master diplomatic stroke of the war. Unity of command brought fresh confidence to the Allies and consternation to the enemy.

Germany's idol—von Hindenburg—at last had met his master. The Teutonic juggernaut of infamy and injustice, the "war machine" which was 48 years or more in building, was about to be cast upon the scrap heap. "Bitch as a panther, with the aquiline nose of a conqueror, a man five feet six inches tall, 185 pounds in weight and 67 years old," was to strike the final blow that was to hurl a dozen kings from their thrones and blast a new

WOMAN, 81, IS BRUSHING UP ON EDUCATION

CHICAGO, Mar. 20 (AP)—For the second time within a week a woman past the allotted three-score and ten has shown the world that education knows no age limit.

A week ago Mrs. Alice Garrett, 81 years old, qualified to become a high school freshman, being among the girl graduates in the Semm school elementary course class. Today, Mrs. Etta Adair, 71, of San Diego, Cal., held a bachelor's degree from the University of Chicago given her at yesterday's convocation.

Mrs. Garrett is the mother of Isaac Garrett, well known writer. She was graduated from school 42 years ago, and even taught a few years before marriage. She explained her return to school by saying that she wanted to "write something really worth while," and that the only way to do it was to brush up on her education.