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200 EASTERN OREGON BOYS, GIRLS COMING

Music Tournament at Normal School Tomorrow Attracts Big Group.

CONTESTS TO BE HELD DURING DAY

Concert, Featuring Winners Will be an Event of the Evening For the Public.

High school students from Eastern Oregon, about 200 strong, will participate in the first annual Eastern Oregon music tournament sponsored by the Eastern Oregon Normal school tomorrow at the Normal school. The events will be held during the entire day, and a concert of the winners given for the public at 8 o'clock in the auditorium. Winners in all the events will take part in this concert, which promises to be outstanding, and a nominal fee is being charged the public to help meet the expenses of the tournament, such as paying the judges and printing the news letters which have been sent to all the schools.

All the schools have been invited to sing in the mass mixed chorus, the number to be presented to be "How Lovely the Messengers," from the oratorio, "St. Paul," by Mendelssohn.

Class A Entrants

Schools entering in Class A are La Grande, with a representation of 90 students in the various events; Baker, with 50; and McLoughlin Union High school of Milton-Freewater, with 39 students. In Class B are to be Enterprise High school, with three entries; and Union, with 25. Class C includes Lostine, with 21; Athena, with 21; and Irrigon, with 15 students entering the various events.

The solo events, both vocal and instrumental, will be held simultaneously during the morning, with expert judges in the three departments of vocal, instrumental and piano, and the public is invited to hear any part of the contest at a nominal cost. All group numbers will be held in the afternoon in the auditorium and the three judges will work together to choose the winners. The soloists do not have to be accompanied by students, but the group events do, Miss Jennie Peterson, head of the music department at the Normal school, says, so a number of accompanists are expected from the different towns.

Heads of the music departments in the various schools who will accompany the students are H. R. Grant, Baker; W. W. Nusbaum, La Grande; Erla Clark, Union; Robert MacKnight, McLoughlin High school; Merton De Wald, Irrigon; Mrs. Margaret Williams, Lostine; Mrs. A. K. Parker, Enterprise; and Dan E. Tilley, Athena.

All events in each class are represented, Miss Peterson adds.

Cups To Be Awarded

Four cups are being awarded, two

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WALLOWA MEN TO SEE MEIER ABOUT HIGHWAY

JOSEPH, Ore., Apr. 17 (Special)—County Judge Edgar Marvin, County Commissioners S. A. Blevans and Ernest Johnson and Grady Miller left Tuesday noon for Salem where they were to interview Governor Julius Meier in regard to construction of the Sheep creek road to the Imnaha river. The men also expressed the hope of seeing individual members of the state highway commission and bureau of good roads.

Members of the Imnaha grange and practically all of the civic organizations in the county and the La Grande chamber of commerce have been working on this project since early last winter. Residents of the Imnaha have been especially persistent in laying their requests before federal and state highway officials and it is believed that, after 50 or more years of intermittent agitation plans have reached the stage where there is a very good chance of them going through.

Trucking Company Employe Injured

While unloading a cargo of pipes from a truck yesterday morning at the highway shops, Harmon Stanford, of Portland, received a broken lower jaw when a large pipe fell and crushed his head against the roof of the cab of the truck. He was taken immediately to the Grande Ronde hospital and his jaw was wired together. The fracture was serious, the surgeon taking about three hours to complete the operation.

Mr. Stanford, who works for a trucking company out of Portland, drove to La Grande with the pipes which are to be used in highway work. His parents arrived from Portland this morning to be with Mr. Stanford for a few days.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Fair tonight and Saturday.

Cooler tonight in the interior with local frosts.

Moderate to fresh northerly winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY

7 a. m.—45 above.
Minimum: 44 above.
Condition: Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 71, minimum 33 above.
Condition: Clear.

WEATHER APR. 17, 1930

Maximum 65, minimum 40 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.

Eastern Oregon Newspaper Men, Women To Meet

District Publishers Meeting Will be Held Tomorrow at the La Grande Hotel.

About 15 to 20 newspaper men and women from Eastern Oregon will be in La Grande tomorrow to attend the district publishers meeting for district No. 9 of the Oregon State Editorial association at the La Grande hotel. The meetings will start at 11 o'clock in the morning with a luncheon at noon.

George K. Aiken, of the Ontario Argus, will lead the discussion of the problem of developing local advertising, the main subject of discussion at the convention. Arne G. Rae, field manager of the state editorial association, will be at the meeting and will tell of problems of other papers and how they have been solved through the agencies of the field manager's office. The convention is to be devoted almost entirely to "shop talk" in the form of discussions.

Among those who are planning to attend are Mr. Rae, of the state editorial association; Mr. Aiken, Ontario; W. H. Crary, of the Echo News; Roy Lovell, Wallowa Sun; C. M. Bunton, North Powder News; Mrs. R. E. Bean, Freewater Times; George P. Cheney, Record Chieftain, Enterprise; Charles D. Wheeler, Milton Eagle; M. M. Arant, La Grande District News; F. R. Finlay, Harold Finlay and Nolan Skiff, of the La Grande Evening Observer.

A meeting for district 10 is being planned for Baker, April 25, and during the week intervening between the two conventions Mr. Rae is planning to visit several newspaper shops in this vicinity.

Summer Concert Season to Begin Sunday At Park

A program that promises a delightful hour and a half for music lovers was announced today by Andrew Loney Jr., director of the municipal band, for the first outdoor concert which is to be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Riverside park. Inclement weather would result in transferring the concert to the First M. E. Church at Fourth and Spring, Mr. Loney said.

The program follows:

1. March "Risoluto" ..... Tigano
2. "Operatic Masterpieces," arr. ..... Safranek
3. (a) "A Northern Idyll" from "Boreas" ..... Trinkhaus
   (b) "The Black Man" from suite "Dwellers of the Western World" ..... Sousa
4. Grand scenes from "The Desert Song" ..... Romberg
   Vocal refrains, La Faun Boylen and Paul Knautz
   INTERVAL
5. "Dance of the Hours" from "La Gioconda" ..... Ponchielli
6. (a) "Lover Come Back to Me" from "New Moon" ..... Romberg
   Paul Knautz
   (b) "Trombone Novelty" ..... Fillmore
7. Concert waltz "Blue Danube" ..... Joh. Strauss
8. Overture to "Stradella" ..... Flotow

Prowler Report Given; One Man Held by Police

George Driscoll, of middle age, was held in the city jail this morning on an open charge, with Police Chief A. C. Haynes, who arrested him last night, expecting to file a definite charge against him soon.

According to Mr. Haynes, the prisoner was arrested on Eighth street near the Normal school hill last night after reports had been received by police that some one was prowling in that neighborhood. Two young girls came to the police station afraid to go home because of seeing a prowler, and Mr. Haynes accompanied them to the district. He also reports that one of the houses there had been entered apparently, as doors were open.

Theft Is Frustrated

An attempted theft of gasoline from the Jim Nelson place was frustrated last night, the police records also show. The officers went to the place in answer to a call, only to find that the thieves had escaped. However, in their hurry to get away, they left an automobile that had been reported stolen earlier in the evening from H. Ruckman. The car was returned to its owner.

Two Fined $50 For Illegal Fishing

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Apr. 17 (Special)—On their plea of guilty of the charge of violating the state game law, M. H. Wayne and A. J. Wayne, of Union, were fined $50 each by Justice A. B. Conaway Wednesday. They were fishing at Minam last Thursday and had set lines in the river, contrary to law.

Some other fishers came along the stream and moved the lines and a gun play was one of the next incidents, but nobody was hurt it is said. Game Warden George Rogers went to Union and got them Tuesday and brought them to Enterprise.

French Recognize Spanish Republic

PARIS, Apr. 17 (AP)—The French government officially recognized the new Spanish republic today, being the first major power to do so.

PRISONERS GIVEN FREEDOM

BARCELONA, Spain, Apr. 17 (AP)—All prisoners were released from jails here today by rioters who swept through the streets without interference. Police were disinclined to take action, despite the existence of martial law.

CONVICTED

Ex-Congressman Harry E. Rowbottom will begin serving a sentence of a year and a day in federal prison Apr. 20. He was convicted on charges of accepting bribes from persons who sought appointments in the postal service.

POLITICIANS AND LABOR DISCUSSED

Editors Hear William Green—Baltimore Man Tells of Office-Holder.

WASHINGTON, April 17 (AP)—Organized labor and politicians and the relations of each to the press claimed the attention of the American Society of Newspaper Editors today.

President William Green of the American Federation of Labor told the editors labor, in seeking relief from court injunctions, was fighting a campaign closely linked to freedom of the press. He said injunctions prohibiting organizations from distributing handbills and pamphlets regarding labor disputes closely approached infringement upon freedom of the press.

Frank R. Kent, of the Baltimore

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INTEREST IN GIFT OF ELK HEAD GREAT

So much interest has been expressed in connection with the presentation to the B. P. O. Elks lodge No. 453 of La Grande of the head of the bull elk, Bill Taft, that the Observer is pleased to secure a history of the events leading up to the presentation, which data is furnished by Art M. Fish, head of the law enforcement department of the game commission.

It appears the trustees of the lodge were requested to make an effort to secure the head of this animal, which was killed last fall. Jack H. Peare, acting for the trustees, made this known to Sam R. Thompson of Pendleton, ex-commissioner, and he in turn presented it to Mr. Fish. The matter was taken up with the board on Tuesday of this week, the request was granted and the head presented to the local lodge.

It is understood Mr. Peare was a member of the committee that arranged for the bringing of the first elk to Wallowa county from Jackson's Hole country nineteen years ago. So far as it is known Mr. Peare is the only living member of that committee. Bill Taft was one of the original band of elk that was brought to Joseph, and the local committee, including Mr. Peare, accompanied them to Joseph where Wallowa county men took them on to Billy Meadows.

Mercury Surges Up Tube To 71 Above

After weeks of futile attempts, down-trodden Spring burst forth in full glory here yesterday to send the mercury singing up to 71 above—the first time this year the temperature in La Grande has jumped into the upper division. Following up the warm day, although Jupiter Pluvius was in a somewhat threatening mood, the balmy stroke of spring held good through the night, with a minimum of 44 above. Yesterday's range was 38 degrees, with the minimum 33 above.

Today it was a different story, with clouds obscuring the sun during the morning, and a bit of chill in the air.

The weather man today predicts fair skies tonight and Saturday with somewhat cooler temperatures.

NAVAL FORCE GATHERS AT NICARAGUA

Reinforcements Rushed to Puerto Cabezas to Protect Americans.

NO CHANGE MADE IN FEDERAL PLANS

State Department Expects to Have All U. S. Marines Out of Nicaragua by 1933.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17 (AP)—Reinforcements for the naval forces gathering to protect Americans in insurgent torn Nicaragua today reached Puerto Cabezas. The cruiser Memphis arrived there early today and within an hour the gunboat Asheville left that port for Cape Gracias A Dios, some 60 miles up the coast.

The gunboat Sacramento is due in Bluefields later today.

The cruiser Rochester was approaching Balboa in the Canal Zone en route to the Nicaraguan east coast.

The Memphis, commanded by Captain G. J. Meyers, carries 39 officers and 437 enlisted men of the navy. No marines are aboard, but an organized landing force is maintained which could go ashore in case of emergency.

The Sacramento, commanded by Commander W. W. Smith, has a complement of 11 officers and 163 enlisted men and no marines.

Marine Force Listed

The Asheville is manned by nine officers and 155 enlisted men and has aboard 33 marines and one marine corps officer. Commander W. W. Waddell is master.

American Consul Rowe at Bluefields said that previous reports of an insurgent attack on Rama, 65 miles northwest of Bluefields, were erroneous. The reported attack was the principal reason for ordering the Sacramento to Bluefields.

Rowe reported one error in the list of eight American civilians reported killed April 11 and 12 near Puerto Cabezas. He said Herbert H. Wilson was one of the victims, and not Hubert O. Wilson, of Wichita, Kan.

As these defense efforts proceeded,

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King And Queen Of Siam Reach American Shore

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 17 (AP)—Traveling incognito and looking more like wealthy tourists than reigning sovereigns of one of the last absolute monarchies in the world, the king and queen of Siam arrived here today. They are on their way to Westchester, N. Y., where the king is to undergo an operation for the removal of a cataract in his left eye.

An attack of bronchitis, suffered by King Prajadhipok as the Empress of Japan struck cool weather in North Pacific was given as the reason for cancellation of all ceremonies here. The king and his party of 90 were expected to proceed directly from the ship to a special train which will carry them across the continent.

Prince Svasti, father-in-law and uncle of the king and queen are cousins, said the king's illness was inconsequential.

Queen Rambai-Barni, her slight figure becomingly gowned in the latest Parisian mode, and Prince Svasti, fat and jolly, represented the king at the official Canadian reception at Victoria last night.

Federal provincial and municipal officers of Canada gave America's welcome to the Siamese royalty. The Canadian government representatives will accompany the party as far east as Portal, N. D., where the train will enter the United States.

Mysterious Radio Message Received

MOSCOW, April 17 (AP) — Because of mysterious radio messages which have been picked up during the last few days, saying "Help! We are being destroyed by ice" it was announced that a relief expedition may be sent from Erivan to search for the meteorological expedition on Mount Alagez, Armenia, on the theory that it might be snowbound or in trouble.

It is generally believed that the messages are coming from the south of Russia, although nothing definite is known about their source. The commissariat ordered the following message to be broadcast today: "You have been heard at various points in Russia. Who and where are you?"

Surprise Witness Testifies Tooze Sold Him Ten Gallons of Whiskey

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 17 (AP)—Bert J. Martin, of Hebo, Ore., a surprise witness for the government, testified in federal court here today that Walter L. Tooze Jr., prominent Portland attorney, sold him ten gallons of whiskey at Tillamook on Dec. 11, 1928.

Tooze and 17 other defendants are accused of conspiracy and with the operation of a huge liquor syndicate in the Pacific Northwest.

Martin said Tooze approached him at the hotel and offered him the liquor for $8 a gallon. Martin said he accepted the offer, and he and three friends followed Tooze and a woman companion to a roadside cache. Tooze produced a ten-gallon keg of liquor, Martin testified.

The government charge that Tooze participated in an illegal move to regain an automobile confiscated by federal agents, also was read into the records in federal court here today.

After a bitter argument over admissibility of the evidence, the court ruled the matter was one for the jury to decide. Tooze has been linked by the government with operations of the ring.

The charge was made that Tooze represented Claude Ullman when the latter was arrested in liquor charges and his automobile seized, and that later Tooze appeared for a man known as Art Hines, who tried to recover the automobile seized when Ullman was arrested, on the grounds he had loaned the car to Ullman. Hines and Ullman are the same person, the government contended.

Defense attorneys agreed to stipulate that Tooze had defended both Ullman and Hines, but the government declined the stipulation as worded, insisting that Ullman and Hines had been proved one and the same man by earlier testimony in the case.

KILLER SHOT TO DEATH BY OHIO POLICE

Willis Miller, all Around Bad Man, in Gun Fight With Officers.

TWO COMPANIONS ARE IN CUSTODY

Second Gunman Escapes in Automobile—Woman and Patrolman Ralph Castner Wounded.

HOWLING GREEN, O., April 17 (AP)—Willis "Billy the Killer" Miller, known to police of a number of middlewestern cities as an all around bad man, was dead, two of his girl companions were under arrest and a second gunman was hunted today as the aftermath of a gun fight with police.

Miller was identified by fingerprints as the man slain when he lived up to his boast that he would never be captured alive and shot it out with Police Chief Carl Galliher and Patrolman Ralph Castner yesterday. His companion escaped after critically wounding Castner.

Bullet in Skull

One of the two girls, who gave her name as Buelah Baird, 20, Kansas City, divorced wife of Walter Ash, slain in Kansas City a month ago, was picked up near Miller's body with a bullet in her skull. She was in a critical condition today.

The other girl, believed to be her sister, said she was Ruth Saunders, 23, Kansas City, but each gave different names for the other and police were uncertain of their identities.

The second gunman, listed here as Clarence Saunders, Kansas City, was suspected by police of that city as being Charles Arthur Floyd, a pal of Miller's wanted in connection with the slaying of Wallace and William Ash. The Ash brothers were believed to have been killed because of their rivalry with Floyd over two Baird sisters.

Spending Suspicious

The four had created suspicion here by spending large sums of money and Chief Galliher and Castner stopped at their automobile to question them. Miller started shooting, but was fatally wounded after firing only once. His companion sped away in the automobile as the guns blazed. The wounded girl was picked up and the other captured after a short chase.

Castner, who kept firing although he fell with bullets in his abdomen and right thigh, was not expected to live today.

Since killing his brother, Joseph, at Beaver, Pa., in 1925, Miller steadily had accumulated a police record. He was acquitted of slaying his brother on a plea of self defense, but was wanted for a number of holdups in the middlewest. Kansas City police said he was suspected in bank robberies at North Kansas City and Oklahoma City.

FISH TAKING TO HOOKS IN TWO STREAMS

News for anglers! The fish are biting in the Minam and Wallowa river probably better than elsewhere!

The forecast for this weekend, announced today by Jim Morelock, special deputy game warden, follows:

Streams generally high but clear, fair catches may be had in Catherine, Five Point, Little Jordan, Spring, Indian, Mill creek, and the Minam and Wallowa rivers. Perhaps the Minam and Wallowa rivers would be the best prospects for this weekend, as the steelhead and Rainbow trout are biting there. Use a bright spinner or spoon hook with angle worm, salmon eggs or woodworm for bait.

Road conditions are very good except on Five Point, washed out.

With the cool nights continuing many limit catches will be had over Sunday.

For the time of year, fishing prospects are good in all streams, especially the small creeks.

RATE HEARING UNDER WAY IN SALEM TODAY

SALEM, Apr. 17 (AP)—Whether the Portland General Electric company would be warranted in expending practically $2,000,000 to modernize its Portland street car equipment with its present franchise having only a year and a half to run was the main controversial question that had arisen in the 10-cent fare hearing before public utility commissioner, C. M. Thomas, when the session went into its noon recess today.

Frank S. Grant, Portland city attorney, and James W. Carey, of Carey & Harlan, rate engineers, held that it could reasonably be assumed that the franchise would be renewed. Cassius R. Peck, attorney for the company, held that the state utility commissioner could not assume this in deciding the fare case. Commissioner Thomas agreed with Peck.

Lake Celebration Discussed by Club

JOSEPH, Ore., Apr. 17 (Special)—An effort will be made to have all towns in the valley participate in the proposed Fourth of July celebration at Wallowa Lake, it was decided at a meeting of Joseph commercial club. Members expressed the opinion that it would be much better for all concerned if Wallowa, Lostine, Enterprise and Joseph could go in together on the event and make it a real all-county celebration. S. F. White and Chris Bue were appointed to discuss the matter with civic leaders in the other towns.

GETS $46,000

Left a widow by the crash of a Colonial Western Airways passenger plane near Newark, N. J., two years ago, Mrs. Laura Steever, above, has received a verdict of $46,000. Hers was the largest share of a total of $89,000 which was awarded by a supreme court jury in Newark to the estates of six persons killed in the accident.

DEMOCRATIC HEAD SEES OPPORTUNITY

"Splendid Chance" For Change in Administration After Mar. 4, 1933.

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 17 (AP)—As Jouett Shouse views the political situation, there is a "splendid chance" of a Democrat occupying the White House after March 4, 1933.

The chairman of the executive committee of the Democratic national committee, expressed this belief today as he conferred with party leaders of Oregon. He reached Portland late yesterday from San Francisco and will leave tonight for Seattle. He is making the Pacific coast trip in the interest of party organization.

Shouse said the chances appear to be more than even that Democrats will organize the house of the new congress in December. While he did not predict a Democratic victory in 1921 he pointed to what he said was a "historic fact that not since the civil war has the party in power lost control of congress in the middle of a presidential term without losing the next presidential election."

"I feel sure," he continued, "that public sentiment is running Democratic at this time."

Questioned About Raskob

To the question, "Is Mr. Roskob attempting to obtain a frank and definite meeting of the prohibition issue by the Democratic party," Shouse replied:

"Exactly, and with that purpose I am in entire accord. The American public is tired of parties that stand for nothing definite, parties that dodge the big issues of the day and try to keep from saying anything or taking any position on them.

"The people are going to demand that these two parties meet issues squarely—either these two parties or else some other parties are going to meet them."

Raskob's "home rule" plan, he said, is offered in an attempt to solve a national problem. "Whether it will

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FRED BLUMER, KIDNAPED, IS FREED TODAY

MONROE, Wis., April 17 (AP)—Archie E. Wells, secretary treasurer of the Blumer Products company of Monroe, said Fred J. Blumer, president of the concern, reported kidnaped, was found in a Decatur, Ill., hotel early today.

Blumer will be brought back to Monroe some time today, Wells said, by Sheriff Myron West of Green county, F. B. Lutzinger, president of the First National bank of Monroe, and his brother, Adam Blumer, who went to Decatur last night after Blumer had telephoned Wells that he was safe.

Wells added that the men who kidnaped the brewer and demanded $150,000 ransom released their captive without receiving any money.

Wells said he received a call from Blumer from the Hotel Orlando in Decatur at 9:20 o'clock last night. Lutzinger listened in on the conversation. Convinced of Blumer's identity, they notified Sheriff West and within 30 minutes they started by automobile for the Illinois city.

SUBSTANTIATE ADMISSION OF MANY MURDERS

DUESSELDORF, Germany, Apr. 17 (AP)—Substantiation of Peter Kuerten's confession that he had killed nearly a hundred persons in this vicinity in the past few years was furnished today by numerous witnesses at his trial.

Gertrude Schulte, 26-year-old servant girl, identified the prisoner, crying hysterically as she described how Kuerten stabbed her with a stiletto when she resisted his advances.

The prosecution said investigation of Kuerten's statement that he drowned two boys in the Rhine had proved the truth of his confession. The defendant's counsel then announced he also confessed he pushed two other boys into the river about the same time.

Gangland Feuds Claim Another

CHICAGO, April 17 (AP)—Gangland feuds claimed another victim today with the discovery of the body of an unidentified man on a lonely road.

The man had been shot several times through the head. All identification marks had been removed from his clothes but $9 had not been taken.

Alfonso Hopes He May Return To The Throne

Dethroned King of Spain Confident His Exile in Paris Will End in New Triumph.

PARIS, Apr. 17 (AP) — Alfonso De Bourbon, deposed king of Spain, and Victoria, his English queen, today faced together in France an exile which Alfonso is confident will end in his recall to the throne at Madrid.

To both Victoria and Alfonso, and the five of their six children who are here with them, the people of Paris extended a welcome which was more like that of conquering heroes than refugees.

Alfonso was visibly startled to see the huge crowd awaiting him as he stepped from his train. He doffed a green fedora, and attempted to slip out a side door of the railway station to a waiting car, but found another cheering crowd awaiting him there.

Appears Upon Balcony

At his hotel police had to make a way for him through a throng which stood outside, and finally upon their insistent demands he appeared with Victoria upon a balcony opening on their rooms. Both, struggling to master their emotions, smiled and bowed and withdrew, but the shouting continued and they had to appear again.

Not until two hours later, when the lights in the royal apartment were turned out, did the crowd disperse, police breaking it up with complaints that they were blocking traffic, even though it was 2 a. m. and a few cars were about.

The acclaim to Alfonso and Victoria was mingled French and Spanish. The shouts were both "Vive le roi!" and the Spanish, "Viva el rey!" Many of the French cheering him were those of monarchist belief, who see in Alfonso a descendant of their own dethroned royal house.

One of the last callers at the royal apartment was Jean Chiappe, Paris prefect of police, who so often during the last few years greeted the rayol pair when there was no shadow across their throne. Alfonso thanked him for his courtesies and said:

"I am deeply touched by the Paris reception. I shall try to be an agreeable exile."

Inquires About Son

One of Alfonso's first inquiries upon reaching Paris, it was understood, was for the welfare of his third son, the 17-year-old Infante Don Juan, who was taken to Gibraltar from the naval academy at Cadiz shortly after proclamation of the Spanish republic.

He appeared greatly relieved upon being told that arrangements had been made for Juan to take the Roma today from Gibraltar to Naples, from where he may proceed to Paris.

In view of the physical deficiencies of the Infantes Alfonso and Alme, Juan's two older brothers, it is he who probably would be picked as Alfonso's successor to the throne. With the exception of Don Juan all the royal family is gathered here.

King Is Wealthy

No decision has been made as to where Alfonso will spend his exile, whether in Paris, a nearby villa, or

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Possibilities Of Radio In Future Are Visualized

CLEVELAND, April 17 (AP)—Visualizing the future possibilities of radio an dits many offshoots, General James G. Harbord, chairman of the board of Radio Corporation of America, made some startling predictions before the Cleveland Engineering Society here last night. Here are some of them:

Homes equipped with combined radio, phonograph, sound picture projecture, fac-simile and television receiver, sound recorder, electric piano or other purely electric musical instrument.

Social effect equal to the changes wrought in the Western world by the printing press, the reformation and the invention of the steam engine.

New methods in writing musical secres; new electrical instruments which will imitate any sound in the whole range of human experience.

Corporation board meetings by television; international peace conferences by the same means.

Business executives supervising their work from the golf links.

Court testimony by television and radio.

Spoken instead of written letters.

Exchange professorships through the use of talking motion pictures; preservation of the teaching by voice of great masters; fairer perspective in the teaching of history through talkies.

The whole world speaking American, a la Hollywood.

Two Horses Wreck Motorist's Sedan

CLEARWATER, Fla., Apr. 17 (AP) — Equus Caballus has been avenged. Two of the species, commonly called "horse," recently ran down an automobile.

As an aftermath in court here the owner of the animals, E. D. Cass, was ordered by a jury to pay $200 to the afflicted motorist, Dr. John Garifalos.

Dr. Garifalos testified that he was leisurely and lawfully chugging along in St. Petersburg when two careening steeds stepped out of a side street onto his sedan with $250 resulting damage to paint, fenders and accessories.

Prince Injured In Airplane Accident

BOMBAY, April 17 (AP) — Prince Bibesco, head of the ancient Bibesco family of Rumania, and president of the International Aeronautic Federation, crashed today while flying between Gaya, Bengal, and Allahabad.

The prince was making a flight from Le Bourget, flying field outside Paris, to Saigon, French Indo China.

All four occupants of the plane were seriously injured. Only Prince Bibesco had regained consciousness at noon.

MEIER HURLS CHARGES AT PRISON HEAD

Hearing Opens in House of Representatives With Hall Crowded.

GOVERNOR CLAIMS PAYROLL STUFFED

Plan to Sell Flax Pulling Machine to Russia Mentioned — Dismissed Guard Testifies.

SALEM, Apr. 17 (AP) — Charges of incompetency and inability to conduct the affairs of Oregon state prison, as hurled at Superintendent Henry W. Meyers by Governor Julius L. Meier, were aired here today at a special meeting of the board of control. Four witnesses were called during the morning session.

A crowded house of representatives listened with intense interest to the witnesses and crowded the chamber until no standing room remained. The crowd was estimated to number about a thousand persons, many of them women. It was indicated the hearing would last several days.

Crowd Applauds Meier.

About 20 witnesses will be called by the governor while Meyers will summon an equal number, it was indicated. The crowd applauded virtually every time the governor rose to speak, and laughs were injected at all provocative occasions.

Colonel B. W. Bartram, also under fire by the governor, stood behind Superintendent Meyers at the hearing. He admitted at one time that a list posted of employes' pay in the flax industry contained the name of I. Stoop twice for the same month, which he stated he believed stenographic error. Superintendent Meyers answered several questions, while Kay and Hoss added comments and questions at various times. The governor acted as chairman of the hearing.

The governor is represented by John C. Veatch and George Joseph. Allan Carson, Salem, is representing Superintendent Meyers.

The governor, in an extended statement and at the request of Attorney Allan Carson, for the defense, outlined his charges before the testimony of witnesses was started. The governor reviewed the meeting of the board of control earlier in the week, at which time, he said, the board and Superintendent Meyers demanded an open hearing to be held as soon as possible.

The governor charged the superintendent with incompetency and inability to conduct the affairs of the penitentiary. He charged Meyers jointly with Colonel B. W. Bartram with mismanaging the flax industry, which loss is estimated between $250,000 and $1,000,000," depending upon who hires the auditor."

Charges Stuffed Payrolls.

The governor further charged that funds for the state penitentiary were misappropriated, payrolls were stuffed, contract with the Miles linen mill broken, and arbitrary action of prison officials in cutting the salary, that Meyers maintained a duck lake on the prison grounds upon which prisoners worked, contrary to law, and which ducks were fed by feed

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FOUR BURN TO DEATH TODAY IN TENT FIRE

KILGORE, Tex., April 17 (AP)—Four persons, a man and woman and two children, burned to death in their tent three miles from here on the Longview road early today.

The dead are: Mrs. Kate Dodson about 39; Burt Bishop, 22, J. B. Howell, 6 and J. D. Howell, 9. The Howell boys were the sons of Mrs. Dodson.

Reports to officers here said gas from a leaking pipeline filled the tent and became ignited. Searchers recovered the bodies.

A pillar of flame from the leaking pipeline set a nearby forest on fire but Kilgore firemen soon placed the blaze under control.

The victims of the fire were reported to have come here recently from Arkansas.

Girl, Faced With Whipping, Suicides

SANFORD, Fla., Apr. 17 (AP)—Threatened with a whipping, Virginia Ferris Weekly, 14-year-old high school girl, fired a bullet through her heart yesterday.

H. E. Weekly, her father, told the coroner's jury that the girl had been warned about certain company she was keeping. A minister was called to counsel her but she told him falsehoods, the father said. Then the whipping was decreed by her mother.

While Weekly went to cut a switch the girl retired to her room and shot herself.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Apr. 17 (AP) — Despite late reports of light snowfalls in parts of Canada furnishing some relief from drought, wheat prices averaged higher today. Advices from most sections of the spring wheat belt said dust storms and dry weather gave the crop a poor start. Texas reports said the condition of winter wheat, however, throughout the entire southwest was about perfect, with indications for earlier than usual harvest.

Wheat closed irregular, ⅛ cent lower to ⅞ cents higher, corn ¼ to ⅞ cents off, oats unchanged to ⅛ cent down, and provisions unchanged to 5 cents decline.