

John Factor, Millionaire, Kidnaped In Chicago Today

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CHILD AT PLAY KILLED BY TRUCK

REBA DOE, 5, DIES ALMOST INSTANTLY

Driver of Truck, George Scheideman, of Portland, is Exonerated Today.

INQUEST HELD BY CORONER WALKER

Little Girl's Vision Poor Because of Play Mask on Face; Runs Against Big Vehicle.

A grimacing comic paper mask of Andy Gump became a tragic death mask for little Reba Doe, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Doe last night when she was killed instantly when she ran into the back wheel of a truck driven by George Scheideman and owned by Al Veitman, both of Portland. A coroner's jury exonerated the driver of any blame in the accident, which was found to be unavoidable this morning at 9 o'clock after an inquest held by Coroner George Walker.

Eye witnesses to the accident testified that the little girl, her vision obscured by the mask which covered her face, ran across the street at the corner of Cherry street and Adams avenue, and dashed into the rear wheel of the truck which was driving west at a rate of about 20 miles an hour.

Three Major Injuries

Dr. A. L. Richardson examined the girl and found three major injuries, either of which would have caused death instantly. Her skull suffered a multiplicity of fractures, the physician estimating that the bone was broken into 40 or 50 pieces.

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Some Employees Of City Not To Go On Vacation

Some of the city employees will not go through this year without a vacation. But few of them are kicking, because in many cities, employees are being laid off for a full month each year without replacements during their absence in order to cut the budget. And in La Grande, no such thing is being done.

Those employees who are able to take time off and have other employees "double up" do their work without extra expense to the city. They get vacations, but those who cannot will have to do without, as the city cannot afford to hire others to work for the regular employees during their absence.

ENTERPRISE WOMAN IS ESSAY WINNER

The results of the first week of the Merchants' Essay and Spelling Word contest, started last Saturday in the Observer, were announced today and the winner is Nanne Heaton, of Enterprise, Ore.

Second place went to Lavon Koger, of Cove, and third to Ruth Stoddard, of La Grande. Prizes were \$5, \$2 and \$1.

Honorable mention is given William Westenskow, Imbler; Maeleza-beth Cooper, 906 H avenue, La Grande; Neva Stein, 1805 X avenue, La Grande; and Miss Marcell Walte, Suite No. 1, La Grande. Through the courtesy of Manager C. M. Wight, a complimentary ticket to the Liberty theatre is being granted to the "honorable mentions".

The essay contest resulted in a large number of contributions and most of the winning ones were so good it required very careful judging to determine which was best. Out of the great host of replies the above mentioned ones were chosen. Identically from the tone of the St. McWilliams La Grande Bakery the subject of the first essay—has in long concurring a popular establishment here.

Those who didn't figure in the winners this week should not be discouraged, because there "number may be up" next week. The second essay of the contest is explained on page 3 of the Observer today and possibly one who didn't win a mention this time may come up with a winner next week. The subject of the essay on today's page is Erickson and Lotter, well known local seed and supply house.

All of the contestants in the first

WILL ROGERS says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 30 — With all the rest of us using silver, copper, buttons, pins, checkers, wampum and watermelons for money, France can't see any advantage in using real money, so they are liable to dive off the gold any day now. Europe is disgusted with America because she won't say exactly what her dollar is worth. We say our dollar is like a wife, they are worth whatever they are worth to you. They may go to 10 cents abroad, but they are still worth a dollar to us. Yours,

Will Rogers
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MOUNT EMILY MILL WAGES GO UP TODAY

Increase of Substantial Nature Put Into Effect Here This Morning.

The Mount Emily Lumber company of La Grande today announced a substantial wage increase had been put into effect this morning, applying to all labor in the local plant and the woods.

The wage increase is in line with the government's urge to industry and business in general to increase the wages of labor and was put into effect immediately in order to give the men the benefit of the raise as soon as possible.

The sawmill, which was re-opened last in May and then shut down for awhile last month because of weather conditions that made it difficult to get a supply of logs from the woods, is expected to resume operations about the middle of next week.

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CHECKING UP ON AUTO LICENSES

State police over Oregon were busy today checking up on whether automobiles in use have the new half-year licenses or have applied for new tags or proof that the new tags have been ordered, are not allowed to operate and the drivers are subject to apprehension.

A large number of licenses arrived here this morning and were immediately affixed to automobiles. The rush at the court house, where temporary licenses may be obtained, also continues.

No moratorium on licenses had been announced by the secretary of state and none is expected.

Why the La Grande Bakery is entitled to the trade of the La Grande Community

"Bread is the staff of life"—Swift's "Tale of a Tub."

Swift had the right idea, but he did not have the right bread, for Dutch Maid, real mated milk bread made by the La Grande Bakery had not come into use then. If he had ever tasted the La Grande Bakery's Dutch Maid, then he would have had bread to write about.

Even later than Swift thought that up, people talked about "good home baking." How old fashioned! Baking, like everything else has moved up. Today the woman who is particular about her table, who wants wholesome white bread with tender, attractive crust; bread that is tender and fresh crumb, and yet so thoroughly done that it never molds in her bread box or gets sour, buys the La Grande Dutch Maid.

Of course there are other breads, and if you want a sweet, the dainty cellophane wrapped cakes are delicious.

Nanne Heaton
Enterprise, Ore.

WILLAMETTE CHOIR SINGS IN LA GRANDE

Appears in Concert Friday Evening at First Methodist Church.

MUSICAL PROGRAM IS GIVEN PRAISE

Philharmonic Organization En Route to Chicago to Sing at Century of Progress Fair.

The Philharmonic choir of Willamette university, which is on its way by bus to Chicago as official representatives of the state of Oregon to sing at the Century of Progress fair, appeared in a concert last evening at the First Methodist church, which is reported to have been one of the best musical programs offered in La Grande in some time. It was patronized by a fair-sized but enthusiastic and appreciative audience.

The choir, composed of 30 trained voices under the direction and instruction of Cameron Marshall, head of the Willamette conservatory, presented a program of varied numbers—selections from the great oratorios, some of the most majestic religious choruses, spirituals and others of the best loved secular numbers. The work of the chorus was remarkably well done, with the splendid shading—the attacks and releases, the great finales, performed almost faultlessly.

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Noted Aviator Badly Injured In Crash Today

INDIANAPOLIS, July 1 (AP)—Russell Boardman, Boston, was injured so seriously physicians feared he would die when his airplane nosed over today as he took off to continue a race from New York to Los Angeles.

Boardman, in July 1931, with John Polando, flew from New York to Istanbul, Turkey, for a world non-stop distance record, estimated to be 5399.5 miles.

TURNER LEADING —ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., July 1 (AP)—Colonel Roscoe Turner, transcontinental air racer, landed here at 10:29 a. m. (E. S. T.) He planned to spend a few minutes here refueling. Turner appeared to be leading in the transcontinental air race.

THE SKIPPER!



After three months of strenuous skippering of the ship of state, President Roosevelt is "having the time of my life" piloting the schooner Amberjack along the Cape Cod coast. Here is the skipper as he began his vacation cruise. The president proved himself an able skipper by piloting his craft to port through stormy seas his first day out.

JUNE RAINFALL LIGHT BUT HALF YEAR TOTAL HIGH

Rainfall during the month of June was 43 less than normal, but in spite of that the total moisture for the first half of the year shows an excess of 1.52 inches.

Normal rainfall for the first half of a year in La Grande is 11.25 inches and the weather records at the municipal building show total moisture so far of 12.77 inches.

The rainfall for June was 1.04 inches, compared with normal of 1.47 inches. During June there were eight rainy days, nine clear days, and 14 partly cloudy. Days classified as cloudy totaled seven.

The temperature ranged from a low of 47 above on June 1 to a high of

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Employment For May In Oregon Shows Big Gain

SAN FRANCISCO, July 1 (AP)—The federal reserve bank of San Francisco announced today its survey of Oregon employment for May showed a marked gain. The state's seasonally adjusted index rose to 61 per cent of the 1926 monthly average, compared with 55 in April and 55 also in May 1932.

Although aggregate wages paid increased over April, the total was less than in May last year. The seasonal total payroll index was 38, compared with 35 in April and 41 in May 1932.

The month's best gains were in metal, textile and lumber industries, with other industries, except foods, making some gains.

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AGREEMENT NOT REACHED F. R. DECLARES

Gold Bloc Representatives at World Conference Still Wait For Word

LONDON, July 1 (AP)—President Roosevelt rejected the joint currency proposal for solving the stabilization problem in the world economic conference in its present form, it was learned tonight.

By The Associated Press Today at the world economic conference.

Gold bloc representatives waited in vain for word from President Roosevelt on their latest proposal for a policy of fluctuating currencies. Prospects for a wheat agreement were increased. Dispatches from

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Hitler Will Join Church; Waive His Catholic Faith

BERLIN, July 1 (AP)—The Rev. Ludwig Mueller said today that Chancellor Adolf Hitler will join the new national Evangelical church, of Germany and waive his Catholic faith as soon as Mr. Mueller's work of reorganizing German protestantism has been completed.

He made this announcement to a group of three pastors of the Bodelschwingh faction who appealed to him to rescind his order that thanksgiving services be held in the churches tomorrow, with the display of Nazi and state flags.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, July 1 (AP)—Sensational crop estimates by a woman did much to set grain markets on fire today and whirl wheat up 4 cents a bushel. Mrs. Eileen H. Miller was the woman, and special significance was attached to her figures because she was two days in advance of other leading grain statisticians in making July 1 crop estimates, and also because she has been surprisingly frequent in accurately anticipating government forecasts.

The Miller reports today suggested that the aggregate yield of the five major grains in the United States this season would probably be the smallest in 30 years.

Wheat closed strong, 2 1/2 @ 3 1/2¢ above yesterday's finish, corn 1 1/4 @ 2 1/4¢ up, oats 2 @ 2 1/2¢ advanced, and provisions varying from 10 cents decline to an equal gain.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

ERSKINE COMMITS SUICIDE

FAVOR 1926 WAGE SCALE

RUSSIANS FREE THORNTON

PLANE WING IS SIGHTED

SOUTH BEND, Ind., July 1 (AP)—Albert Russell Erskine, 62, former president of the Studebaker corporation, committed suicide at his home here today.

CHICAGO, July 1 (AP)—Restoration of the wage scale prevalent in the lumber industry during 1926 adjusted in proportion to changed living costs, was recommended today in a code adopted for the trade by the directors of the National Lumber Manufacturers association.

LONDON, July 1 (AP)—The foreign office announced late today that the British trade embargo against Soviet Russia will be lifted tonight and at the same time the two Russian engineers imprisoned in Moscow, L. C. Thornton and W. L. Macdonald, will be released.

ROSEBURG, Ore., July 1 (AP)—State Police Sergeant Ralph Quine, of this city, left this morning for Sexton mountain, near Grants Pass to investigate an object sighted by W. C. (Bill) Kopp, secretary of the Corvallis chamber of commerce, who stated that he believed the object to be a wing from the plane of William Young, missing Portland flier.

VICTORIA, B. C., July 1 (AP)—Starting their 36-hole finals match for the Pacific northwest amateur golf championship in a driving rain today, Albert "Bobby" Campbell, Seattle, gained a one-hole lead over Alan Taylor, Victoria, on the first three holes.

DEATH OF WOMAN IS PUZZLING TO GOTHAM SLEUTHS

By Raymond Crowley NEW YORK, July 1 (AP)—Two question marks danced before detectives today after an all-night inquiry into the murder of Mrs. Jack Diamond, 33-year-old widow of the notorious "Legs."

1. Why did the dark-haired widow practice marksmanship so intently for several weeks before a killer fired a bullet into her temple after a struggle in her Brooklyn flat?

2. Why did she send large sums of money—sometimes as high as \$1,000 a week—to Mrs. Diamond, who nevertheless lived in comparative penury in her \$45-a-month home?

Strange disclosures followed in quick succession after the widow's body was found last night, sprawled on a little table on which stood three coffee cups, drained to the dregs.

The dominant police theory was that the woman, whose gang chief husband was shot to death in Albany Dec. 18, 1931, was killed because she may have "known too much."

Recently, in a speakeasy, her tongue loosened a bit. "I am tired," she complained to friends, "of protecting a lot of mugs."

A theory that she lived in fear was bolstered—seemingly—by her persistent practice with a shotgun and rifle.

TRUCK LAW HELD UP BY INJUNCTION

SALEM, July 1 (AP)—Circuit Judge L. H. McMahan late yesterday granted a temporary injunction to the truck owners' and Farmer Protective association restraining the state utilities commission from enforcing the new truck and bus law. This injunction, the second issued for the association last month, will permit truck owners to operate without complying with the new law until its validity has been determined, it is understood.

INQUIRING REPORTER

Each day as the Inquiring Reporter makes the rounds two persons will be stopped at random on the street corner and asked some question of the day. Through the courtesy of Manager C. M. Wight each interviewed will be granted two complimentary tickets to the Liberty Theater. The current attraction is Bob Steele in "Hidden Valley."

KIDNAP MAN WHILE WIFE, SON WATCH

Al Epstein, Friend of Former Barber, Released By Abductors.

WELL ARMED GANG IN DARING CRIME

Speed Away From Scene With Captive, Followed By Second Car Driven By Accomplices.

CHICAGO, July 1 (AP)—Kidnapers ambushed John Factor on a north side thoroughfare early today, abducted the millionaire who was once a barber from his automobile while Mrs. Factor and their son looked on, and sped away with their captive. They dragged Factor and his friend, Al Epstein, an attorney from the rear seat, barked a curt: "Go ahead kid, we don't want you." To Jerome Factor, the son, and ignored a following car which carried Mrs. Factor, Mrs. Epstein and a chauffeur.

Epstein, a friend of the stock broker and frequenter of night clubs with him, told the story. He was turned loose after a short ride with the kidnapers, and picked up a ride back to a hotel where the frightened women had gathered.

The gang, well armed, tied handcuffs about the faces of their prisoners and sped west for two miles or more, Epstein related. Then the car slowed down and Epstein was shoved out with a warning:

"Don't take this mask off for five minutes. If you do you'll be killed. There'll be someone watching you." He heard a second machine whip past, and then took off his mask and hailed a passing motorist.

Holman Protests System Used To Award Contracts

SALEM, July 1 (AP)—State Treasurer Rufus C. Holman said yesterday he was going to change a system whereby he declared many low bids on state supplies were being rejected and awards being made to higher bidders.

Holman declared many responsible firms in the state were withdrawing their competition and refusing to bid. "All Gov. Meier is doing is 'yeasting' William Elzing (state purchasing agent) without acquainting himself on the merits of the various bids," Holman asserted.

"Apparently Elzing ignores the low bid in favor of a higher bid on the theory the latter's product is a better buy for the money, but this practice is resulting in a flood of complaints by responsible firms in all lines of business," declared the treasurer. Holman said grocery, garment, machinery and auto dealers have complained to him.

Firemen Battling Great Lumber Fire

SAN FRANCISCO, July 1 (AP)—Firemen continued today their all-night battle to prevent the spread of flames which destroyed 3,000,000 feet of hardwood lumber in the heart of San Francisco's industrial district.

Officials of the Fireman's Hardwood company, owners of the lumber, placed the loss at \$500,000.

81 OF 8,100 BILLS PASS

WASHINGTON — It might be interesting to the general public to know that, contrary to general opinion, only one per cent of the bills introduced during the special session of congress were passed. Eighty-one of the approximately 8,100 bills introduced got by both houses.

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