

HUNS WILL REFUSE TO SIGN, THEY SAY

Peace Terms Raise Storm of Bitter Protest.

STRIKES ARE ON INCREASE

Red Revolt Makes Nation Immune to Renewed War.

TEUTON ASSEMBLY CALLED

Meeting Will Take Place in Berlin May 12—German Press and Officials Express Deep Gloom.

BERLIN, May 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—The people, though fairly stricken dumb by the peace terms, are now recovering sufficiently to declare that Germany cannot and will not sign the compact, no matter what comes.

Strikes are increasing and bolshevism and anarchoism are spreading in the past two months have, if anything, made Germany immune to the possible horrors which are to be anticipated if they are again plunged into war, according to the best opinion here.

There exists a small group of Germans, chiefly conservatives, who prefer to see the entente conquer the whole country than to have it behevish, but they are in the dwindling minority.

Boches to Take Time.

Reports from the Versailles correspondent emphasize the feeling of amazement and excitement which prevailed in reading of the terms of the peace treaty. All the correspondents agree that no hasty decision will be reached. A fortnight is allowed the Germans for an answer and this time will be used for careful consideration of the demands and the preparation of counter suggestions, the correspondent says.

MEXICANS AFTER BANDITS

Government Troops in Pursuit of Raiders of Cananea.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., May 9.—Mexican government troops have been ordered to Cananea, Sonora, where seven persons were killed this morning and an injured being a result of bandits. The dead include the chief of police, four policemen and two civilians.

Quantities of stores were commandeered and a receipt signed "Jose Suarez Villa" was given by the bandit leader for \$22,000 American gold taken from the Banco Mercantile owned by Frank Proctor of Los Angeles and J. M. Gibbs, American consular agent at Cananea.

FARMER KILLED BY AUTO

A. F. May of Pendleton Dies Instantly When Machine Overturns.

PENDLETON, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—A. F. May, well-known Pendleton farmer, was killed instantly this morning when his automobile overturned as he was on the way to town from his ranch. His neck was broken.

Mr. May had been a resident of Umatilla county for many years and was at one time owner of the iron works here. He was 58 years old and a past grand master of the Oddfellows' lodge. He is survived by a widow, a son, Marcus May, now surviving near Portland, and three brothers.

CHICAGO RESTING EASIER

City Passes Night Without Single Serious Crime Report.

CHICAGO, May 9.—Last night having passed, for the first time in many months without a larcenous crime of major moment, Chief of Police Garrity today announced that, in his opinion, Chicago is practically free of bandits, safe-blowers and burglars.

Three weeks ago the police started to arrest every known crook in sight and 500 of them now are locked up or have left town, Chief Garrity said. It is probably the greatest raid of its kind ever made in the country.

PLANES TO GUARD FORESTS

Patrol of National Holdings to Start Soon After June 1.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Patrol of national forests by army airplanes to give early warning of forest fires will begin June 1 with the inauguration of two patrol routes from March Field, near Riverside, Cal.

On the many day observations covering a large part of the Angeles national forest will be started from a captive balloon stationed over the army balloon school near Arcadia, Cal.

LOSSES IN EGYPT TOTALED

British Casualties Light as Compared With Rioters.

LONDON, Thursday, May 9, via Montreal.—Total military casualties in the disorders in Egypt for the last two months were: Five British officers killed and six wounded; other ranks, 18 killed and 65 wounded; Indian troops, 15 killed and 20 wounded.

The casualties among the rioters are estimated at under 1000.

WIFE IN JAIL, HUBBY TRIES TO WED; JAILED

MRS. E. ZELLERS PEERING FROM CELL NIPS ROMANCE.

Mr. Zellers, whose alias is Edward Clarke, foiled at Vancouver and charged with bigamy.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 9.—(Special.)—Edward Clarke, 34, a cook, giving his residence as Cleveland, O., was a happy man today; and why should he not be? Miss Margaret McGowan, a waitress of 27 years and a resident of Portland, had consented to become his wife.

The two came to Vancouver and planned to be married at the most popular Gretna Green in the Pacific northwest and return to Portland, where they would "live happily ever after" and a day.

They reached the courthouse and were going in at the front entrance when a woman prisoner in the lower part of the jail saw them and recognized the bridegroom-to-be. At once she went to the sheriff's office and said she had an intimation that a man who had just entered the courthouse was intending to be married and that she had serious objections to his doing so.

"Why?"

"Well, he is my husband, and is not divorced from me," she said simply.

By this time Clarke had secured a license to marry, the witness being Fred Wainwright, and had gone across the street to the office of W. S. T. Derr, justice of the peace, who was to marry them.

Clarke was taken over to the sheriff's office, and the woman prisoner said that his name is not Clarke, but Edward Zellers, so she swore out a warrant for his arrest on a charge of attempted bigamy.

Mrs. Zellers is serving a sentence in the jail for using indecent and abusive language, being sentenced to 30 days in jail and fined \$50, which she could not pay.

And the Clarke-Edwards romance was burst at the very altar. He would have been married in just a few moments and was stopped by his wife, who had recognized him by peering through the iron bars of a county jail.

The Zellers were married in Portland in 1917.

County Attorney Yates tomorrow will file a charge of attempted bigamy against Clarke, who now is in jail, as is the witness, Wainwright, charged with perjury.

GARRISON VERDICT NOT GUILTY, INSANE

Girl Who Poisoned Lover's Wife Held in Custody.

DEFENDANT LAYS AT FATE

Prosecution Joins Man Who Urged Stim to Deed.

JURY OUT NEAR TWO HOURS

Spectators Weep as Decision Is Announced; Mother Bows Head in Anguish.

SEATTLE, May 9.—(Special.)—Ruth Garrison, 18-year-old girl, who confessed to the poisoning of Mrs. Grace G. Storrs, her rival for the love of D. M. Storrs, on March 18 last, late today was found not guilty because of mental irresponsibility at the time of the crime.

The jury was given the case at 2:12 P. M. and returned with a verdict at 5 o'clock. Under instructions given by the court, the jury returned affirmative answers to three of four points as follows:

Whether the defendant committed the crime charged; whether the jury acquits her because of her insanity or mental irresponsibility at the time of the commission of the crime; whether her insanity or mental irresponsibility continues and exists at the time of the trial.

The juror who gave the verdict, Mrs. Storrs, sobbed as she read and several of the male jurors cried. Many spectators were moved to tears. Miss Garrison, as she was led from the courtroom, was laughing gaily.

Freedom Not Asked.

Ending of the Garrison case followed four hours of closing arguments for the state and defense, in which attorneys for Miss Garrison told the jury they did not ask the girl's entire freedom; rather they thought she should be confined in some state institution for treatment for the criminally insane. Her relatives also desired this, they said.

For the state, Prosecutor J. D. Carmody asked the jury: "Are we to declare an open season on human beings" (Concluded on Page 5, Column 1.)

DEVELOPMENT OF BIG TIMBER TRACT LOOMS

ECCLES INTERESTS SEEK TO BUY UNITED RAILWAY.

Spanning of 10-Mile Gap by New Construction Necessary; Sawmill Is Considered.

Early development of the great timber tract in Washington county, held by the Eccles interests, is heralded in an announcement made yesterday that D. C. Eccles of Salt Lake is negotiating for the purchase of the United Railways, the electric railroad owned by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific and running from Linnton 19 miles west of Wilkesboro. The negotiations in negotiating have not, with indications that they will be concluded soon.

The first intimation that such a transaction was under way was received in Portland last night in an Associated Press dispatch from St. Paul, where D. C. Eccles is dealing directly with the head officer of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific. Mr. Eccles went there purposely to buy the United Railways at a figure said to be in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000. Reports that the Mormon church is interested in the purchase are denied by Mr. Eccles, who said that he was personally negotiating for ownership of the property.

Improvement of Holdings Aim.

"We have some timber interests," said Mr. Eccles, "and we think our holdings could be improved if the line can be bought. Negotiations have progressed far enough to say when the deal will be closed."

The timber interests referred to by Mr. Eccles are the acreage formerly known as the DuBois tract and bought by Mr. Eccles and his associates a year ago. They are operating under the name of the Oregon Timber company, of which Mr. Eccles is president, and Charles T. Early, of Portland, vice-president, treasurer and general manager.

The timber tract is about ten miles northwest of Wilkesboro, the present terminus of the United Railways. If the purchase of this line, which is electrically operated, is concluded, it will be necessary for this ten-mile gap to be spanned by new construction. It is expected to begin this immediately, according to Raymond Early, who is associated with his mother and Mr. Eccles in the Oregon Lumber company.

Details Not Determined.

Further than the construction of the railroad into the tract the detailed plans of development are not decided upon. Mr. Early said last night that a large mill might be built upon the property, or that the timber might be logged off and hauled to Linnton. If the latter course is followed, it is likely that a large mill will be constructed convenient to the Linnton terminus.

The land owned by the Oregon Lumber company includes 27,000 acres covered with a heavy stand of timber, chiefly Douglas fir. It is probable that other timber tracts in the same vicinity would be served and that the entire project will lead to one of the most important of recent developments in Oregon lumbering. The additional railroad to be built will require some heavy construction. If work can be begun soon, it is expected that it will be completed by next spring and that logging operations can be started at that time.

Railway Lease Once Sought.

It is understood that the Eccles interests have once sought a lease of the United Railways (Concluded on Page 4, Column 3.)

PRESS CLUB WANTS SOLDIER'S APOLOGY

Destruction of Hearst's Photo Is Censured.

HOSPITALITY HELD VIOLATED

Captain Nease Shows No Sign of Repenting His Act.

LAD'S FATHER WITH SON

District Attorney Told to Go on and Prosecute Case if He Feels That It Is His Duty.

Recent contemplation of the art gallery of the Portland Press club, second floor of the Elks building—turn to your right—reveals the continued absence of William Randolph Hearst's facial photo map from the corridor wall.

The curious disarray of a framed void, a brass name-plate, "Wm. Randolph Hearst, the San Francisco Examiner," flanked by the portraits of other newspapermen whose records spared their portraits the knife slashing that bereft the companion frame of its tenant.

It is obvious to all beholders that Captain Duncan E. Nease, late of the American overseas artillery, late of Chateau-Thierry and Soissons, and more recently of the victory loan drive speakers' staff, has not felt the stir of contrition, nor yet been impelled to restore the picture of William Randolph Hearst, which he cut from its gilt frame on Monday afternoon, in celebration of Oregon's climax to the victory loan quota. And this despite the fact that Marshall N. Dana, director of the victory loan publicity bureau, has demanded reparation.

Damage Not Repaired.

For the matter of that, both Captain Nease and his father, M. G. Nease, well-known Portland lumberman, have not receded the breadth of a bumblebee's whisker from their position. And their position is based upon the abiding belief that the destruction of Hearst's portrait was in a sense a public service, calling for no apology or restitution.

Wholly aside from the abolition of the picture itself and declaring that neither officials nor members of the Portland Press club hold briefs for Hearst and his notorious wartime policies, the executive board of the press club, in session assembled, has supported Mr. Dana and asked for an apology from Captain Nease. The attitude of the club officials is that the act was a breach of hospitality on the part of the ex-artillery officer, committed while the precincts of the club sheltered the publicity bureau of the victory loan.

As for the proffer of Nease Sr. to restore to the Hearstian frame the picture of the victor's father (Concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)

MANACLED BUILDERS MAY BE FREED SOON

EMBARGO ON SHIP CONSTRUCTION TO BE LIFTED.

Cablegram From President Authorizing Contracts for Foreign Account Expected Hourly.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 9.—A cablegram from President Wilson lifting the embargo on the construction of steel ships for foreign account is expected hourly, according to a statement of Representative Fred A. Britten of Illinois. An effort has been made to induce the president to remove this embargo in the interest of labor, it was learned today.

Representative Britten, who has just returned to Washington after an extended tour of inspection of the various naval stations on the Pacific coast, said today:

"Since my return to Washington, I have had repeated conferences at the White House and at the shipping board, in the interest of the shipbuilders of the Pacific coast and I am quite certain that the embargo which prevents shipbuilders from accepting foreign contracts will be lifted without further delay."

"Members of the committee on naval affairs were impressed with the importance of the immediate removal of a ridiculous embargo which prevented American labor and material from going into ships for foreign governments and corporations, while at the same time raw material was going to Japan to be fabricated and erected into ships, the very contracts for which had first been offered to American shipbuilders."

"A serious injustice is being done to capital and labor invested in a number of shipbuilding plants on the Pacific coast which are now idle and which are in a position to obtain contracts on a lucrative basis."

TEACHERS PREDICT VICTORY AT POLLS

Opposition Doubtful as to Result of Election.

LABOR TO SUPPORT MEASURE

Educators Receiving High Wage Bone of Contentment.

LARGE VOTE IS FORECAST

Polls Open at Noon and Remain at Disposal of Voters Until 8 o'Clock in the Evening.

Complete confidence on the part of Portland school teachers and their friends and dubious presentiments from the opposition mark the feeling prevailing in Portland on the eve of the special school election today, at which an electorate will be asked to authorize \$321,000 for the purpose of increasing salaries of the 1282 persons now in the employ of district No. 1. The polls will be open from 12 o'clock noon today until 8 o'clock this evening and only taxpayers and those interested in tax-paying companies may vote.

"We expect to win by substantial majority," said Clarence M. Eubanks, secretary of the Citizens' Educational League, who has been active in the teachers' campaign. "The issue has been presented quite generally, between 50 and 100 meetings having been held daily during the last week."

"While we expect some opposition, we have confidence that the measure will carry. The question is clear cut. It is simply whether the citizens of Portland will give their teachers a reasonable increase in order that they may meet living conditions."

Result Declared in Doubt.

James H. Kerr, member of the executive board of the committee of one hundred, which adopted a resolution suggesting a smaller sum to be voted upon and an increase for only those teachers receiving the lowest salaries, expressed himself as in doubt concerning the outcome of the election.

"The outcome of the election, as I view the developments, will be much like the flip of a coin," he said. "If the election is lost, as I hope it will be, and I believe it better to believe, the committee of one hundred, everything possible will be done to call another election and give a living wage to all Portland school teachers."

"We realize something must be done for teachers receiving as low as \$600 a year, but we do not believe the election has been presented in the right way nor do we believe the large sum of \$321,000 is necessary. Authorizing such a large sum at this time would do no particular harm, except that it might injure the chances of the teachers in 1921 when they ask for another bonus. The total expense of holding an election is only \$1000 and another election could be called under right conditions."

Smaller Sum Held Adequate.

"Pre-election gossip says the school board would not be displeased if the voters failed to approve the measure. The board has been notified that the election was brought at the request of the teachers who refused to accept a smaller sum and that the board would prefer to call another election for a sum which it could distribute at its own discretion."

"Since the school board has determined how the \$321,000 is to be divided the situation has been cleared up to some extent, but the fact remains that teachers receiving more than \$2000 are not necessarily entitled to an additional \$400."

While the teachers believe the special tax will carry there has been considerable talk among them as to the feasibility of forming a union, should it fail, and forcing the taxpayers to increase salaries.

Teachers' Union Discussed.

"There has been no official discussion of the matter," said Mrs. Jennie Richardson, president of the Portland Grade Teachers' association, "but rumors concerning the advisability of organization are in the air. We must take into consideration that there are many conservative instructors who would be slow to take such action. The strength of the conservative element is difficult to determine as its members have little to say. Personally, I am inclined to belong to this group. However, in some form or another, Portland teachers will keep at the public until salaries are increased."

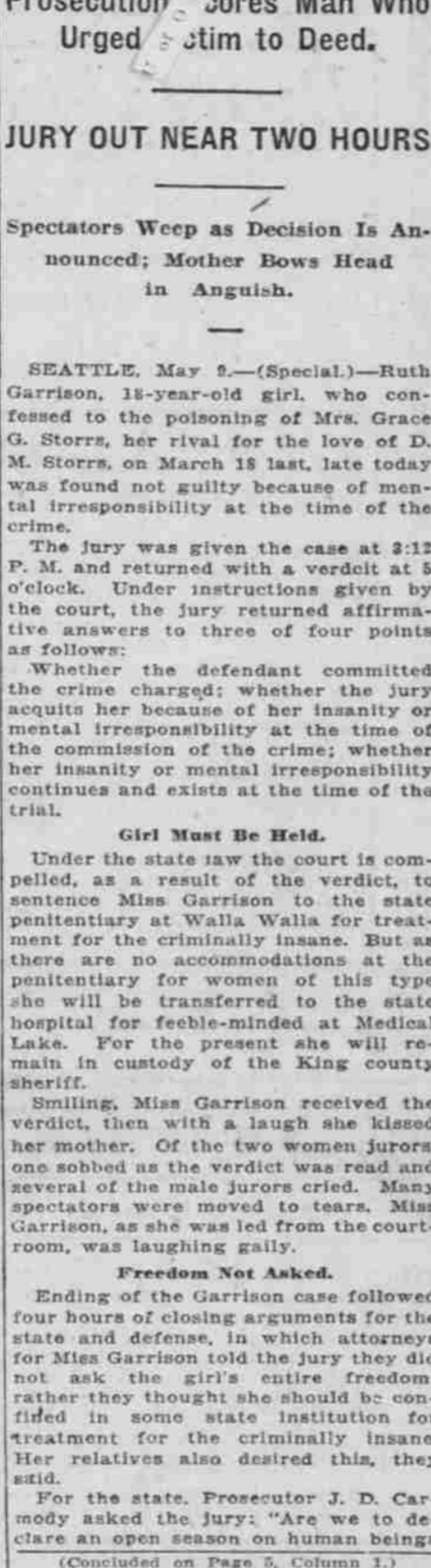
"Nothing has been done to organize Portland school teachers in definite form, but there is no doubt that the country is drifting toward unionism," said Mr. Grout. "I believe in unions, but as to the teachers forming locals I am un-informed. There are 47 teachers' unions in the middle west. They were organized because economic conditions compelled their existence."

"I believe the election will carry. I have talked with many business men of the city and it seems to be the opinion of the public that the teachers are entitled to just compensation."

Union Reports Are Denied.

Denial that unions may be formed to force higher salaries was made yesterday by William Parker, principal of the Vernon school and member of the Principals' association. "There has been some talk of forming unions among the teachers," he said. "Portland school teachers already are organized into (Concluded on Page 2, Column 3.)"

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