



MRS. BERGDOLL SENTENCED TO YEAR AND DAY

MOTHER OF DRAFT EVADER PUNISHED FOR ASSISTING SON TO ESCAPE.

COMMITTED TO PRISON

PAYMENT OF \$7,000 FINE WILL REMIT OTHER PENALTY, COURT DECREES.

By United Press
PHILADELPHIA, May 17.—Mrs. Emma Bergdoll, mother of the two slacker brothers, was today sentenced to one year and one day in jail for assisting her sons to escape, with the provision that if she pays a \$7,000 fine before June 13, the prison sentence will be remitted.

Charles Braun and James E. Romig, jointly accused with Mrs. Bergdoll, were given the same sentences. All sentences are to be served in the Atlanta penitentiary.

Harry Shuh and Albert Mitchell, the other two defendants, were sentenced to serve six months in the Mercer county jail at Trenton, N. J., and fined \$1,000 each. It was also provided in the Shuh and Mitchell cases that, if fines were paid before June 13, prison sentence will be remitted.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—German authorities at Baden directly refused to hand over Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, slacker, to the American army of occupation, Major William Hicks, of the military intelligence bureau, testified today before the house Bergdoll committee.

Request for Bergdoll's return was made by Major Bagby of the military intelligence, at Coblenz, through the German military commission there, Hicks said. He added that American officers in Germany have recommended that a formal demand be made upon the German government by the United States.

He indicated that this would be done, as soon as peace was formally declared.

AVIATOR KILLED IN AUTO-STREET CAR SMASH

By United Press
MILWAUKEE, May 17.—Klaus A. Bergenthal, an aviator with Pancho Villa in Mexico in 1915, and well known Milwaukee club man, was killed here today when an automobile he was driving crashed into a street car.

SHOE COMPANIES MERGE

By United Press
BOSTON, Mass., May 17.—The merger of two of the largest interests in the shoe industry, the International Shoe company of St. Louis and the W. H. McElwain company of Boston, was announced here today. Combined assets of the merged companies total approximately \$40,000,000.

CHILD MURDER IS DENIED BY WOMAN

PLAYMATES OF SIX-YEAR-OLD VICTIM IDENTIFY "MADAME LEGRANDE" AS SLAYER.

By United Press
DETROIT, May 17.—Standing calmly beside the body of the child she is accused of kidnaping and murdering, Mrs. Evelyn Elizabeth Lewin today denied that she had anything to do with the case.

Mrs. Lewin is known as "Madame Legrande." She was arrested when playmates of six-year-old Ernest identified her as the woman who stole the child while he was playing in the street.

Boys found the body in a ditch in the outskirts of the city, after a search of five days.

HIGH SCHOOL ORATORS LEAVE FOR STATE TOURNAMENT

FOUR STUDENTS ENTERTAIN HIGH HOPES OF CHAMPIONSHIP HONORS.

Bearing high hopes of winning the state high school championship debating honors, four students of The Dalles high left this morning for Eugene to remain the balance of the week participating in the state interscholastic tournament.

The debaters are Glenn Cooper, Ethel Johnson, Ruth Cooper and Eula Stogsdill. Ethel Johnson and Ruth Cooper support the affirmative and the other pair the negative of the question, "Resolved: that the government should own and operate the railroads." The debate coaches are Miss Naomi Hoskins and P. K. Abramson, of the high school faculty. Miss Hoskins accompanied the party to Eugene.

Debating teams of The Dalles high school have cleaned up all competition in eastern Oregon since the first of the year, and it is felt they stand good chances of being the state champions.

The elimination contest will consist of four rounds. The first three rounds will be privately heard by the judges. The final round will be given in one of the university auditoriums, and will be open to the public.

The state debating championships are a feature of Junior Week End at the university, when high school students of the state are guests of the student body of the institution. An elaborate program has been prepared for the week.

Four districts compete in the debating tournament. The members of the teams from The Dalles expect to return next Sunday.

BLAIR IS APPROVED FOR COMMISSIONER

GRUDGE FIGHT STARTED BY SENATOR JOHNSON IS WITHDRAWN.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, May 17.—A favorable report on the nomination of David H. Blair to be commissioner of internal revenue was ordered today by the senate finance committee. There was no roll call in the committee.

The fight on Blair was started by Senator Johnson, California, who declared Blair, a delegate from North Carolina at the Chicago convention, failed to support Johnson as instructed at a state primary.

Johnson also said Blair's father-in-law had claims pending before the internal revenue bureau.

CONSERVATIVES WIN ITALIAN ELECTIONS

COALITIONISTS, HEADED BY PREMIER GIOLITTI, HAVE GREAT MAJORITY.

By Henry Wood
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
ROME, May 17.—Returns from the national elections today rolled up an ever-growing conservative majority.

Reports came slowly from widely-scattered districts and the press hesitated to make predictions. The general opinion seemed to be that the next chamber will contain from 250 to 285 members of the coalition, headed by Premier Giolitti—the party opposing radical socialists, communists and other extremists.

It was believed other parties will be represented as follows:

Official socialists, 90 to 110; popularists, 90 to 107; communists, 10 to 15; republicans, 10 to 15; fascists, 20 to 35; combatants, 10 to 13; Slav-Germans, 10 to 11.

RELUCTANT TO USE TROOPS IN MINE TROUBLES

PRESIDENT STANDS PAT AGAINST SENDING FEDERAL SOLDIERS TO WEST VIRGINIA.

CABINET'S STAND FIRM

WAR DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE ON SCENE OPPOSED TO GOVERNORS' REQUESTS.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, May 17.—President Harding is standing pat against the use of federal troops in West Virginia, in the mine strike situation, despite pressure from state authorities. The cabinet has considered the appeal of Governors Morrow of Kentucky and Morgan of West Virginia for troops, but today seemed to be firmly behind the president in his stand.

The president is reluctant to use federal troops until he is convinced that state authorities are powerless to deal with the situation, it is understood.

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., May 17.—Major C. F. Thompson, war department representative, today refused to change his recommendations against ordering federal troops into Mingo county to stifle industrial warfare.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Secretary of War Weeks conferred today with President Harding at the cabinet meeting on the question whether martial law should be proclaimed in West Virginia and Kentucky to quell the coal miners' fighting there.

Weeks took to the White House telegrams from Governor Morgan, West Virginia, and Governor Morrow of Kentucky, making a last-minute appeal for the declaration of martial law.

STRIKING JAPS AND POLICE FIGHT PITCHED BATTLE

By United Press
HONOLULU, T. H., May 17.—Nine hundred striking electrical workers and 200 Japanese police fought a pitched battle at Osaka, Japan, according to a Tokio dispatch to the Nippu Jiji, a Japanese language newspaper published here.

Twenty strikers and 14 police were injured in the fighting, the dispatch said.

The workers called the strike it was stated, in an effort to force employers to negotiate on wages and working conditions.

FIRE VIRTUALLY DESTROYS TOWN

STELLA, WASH., SUFFERS WATERFRONT CONFLAGRATION; RIVER STEAMERS AID.

By United Press
STELLA, Wash., May 17.—Damage was today estimated at in excess of \$100,000, following a fire which almost wiped out this town yesterday evening.

Sixty persons are homeless. The Stella hotel, the Stockmeyer Logging and Lumber company's warehouse and lumberyards, five residences and more than a block of docks along the Columbia river were burned.

Railroad ties, gasoline drums, automobiles and other freight awaiting shipment on the docks, were dumped into the river when it was seen that the waterfront was doomed.

River steamers from Rainier, Goble, St. Helens and other cities along the Oregon side of the Columbia were rushed to Stella when it was learned that the fire was beyond control. They aided materially in salvaging freight from the docks and in throwing streams of water on the river side of the big blaze.

FRIGHTENED, HOBOES GIVE COPS MERRY CHASE

PURSUIT LIKE OLD TIME NECK-TIE PARTY; FUGITIVES RELEASED.

All the elements of a real, old-fashioned Georgia lynching party, including terrified colored men, angry "whites" and determined police officers, yesterday evening disturbed the usual tranquility of The Dalles.

The trouble started when Chief of Police Heater and Patrolmen McClaskey and Densmore met the 8 o'clock east bound passenger train, on the lookout for hoboes who might have been doing some of the robbing of freight cars which has been going on around The Dalles during the last several weeks.

Four men, two whites and two colored men, jumped from the "blind baggage" on the river side of the train, when it came to a stop in front of the passenger station. Chief Heater happened to be on this side of the train and noticed that one of the men was carrying a gunny sack, apparently filled, and a valise.

As the men started to walk away, Heater called to them to stop. Immediately, the man with the suit case and gunny sack started running towards the river.

Heater drew his revolver and demanded that the fleeing hobo stop. An increased burst of speed was the only answer, whereupon Heater opened fire, shooting over the runner's head in an effort to bring him to a halt.

During this time, the other three hoboes had also commenced running. Attracted by the revolver shots, a crowd of persons at the depot started in pursuit. Two of these men were captured, but the third managed to get up as far as Second street, with Patrolman McClaskey at full steam in pursuit.

Cries of "halt" and "stop thief" only caused the runner to travel faster. The sidewalk was soon covered with running men, all intent upon catching the fugitive.

The chase was brought to a halt in front of the Wasco county bank, where an ex-football player made a flying tackle and brought the hobo to the ground.

Heater, in the meantime, had captured his prisoner on the river bank, and taken him to the county jail. The suit case and gunny sack, when opened, were found to contain only personal belongings. At about this time, McClaskey arrived with his prisoner. The other two hoboes were escorted to jail by Densmore.

Asked why they had ran, one of the prisoners, a bare-lipped fellow, explained that the men had been

SHIPS GUARDED FOLLOWING RIOT

STRIKERS BATTLE NON-UNION CREW IN PORTLAND HARBOR; SEVERAL INJURED.

By United Press
PORTLAND, May 17.—Chief of Police Jenkins today mobilized all reserve police and added them to the force which has been patrolling the waterfront since the initial riot aboard the steamer Swiftsout late yesterday.

More trouble occurred along the waterfront last night and early today, three riot calls being turned in. A pitched battle between strikers and strike breakers was broken up. Arthur Mason, a strike breaker, is in the hospital. Captain George Bridgett of the Swiftsout, was mauled and received many minor injuries.

The police fear more trouble.

PORTLAND, May 17.—City police and the harbor patrol are guarding Portland's waterfront closely today, following yesterday's riot aboard the steamer Swiftsout.

A cordon of police has been

FRANCE SEEKS RESTORATION OF HARMONY WITH GREAT BRITAIN OVER POLISH-SILESIA MATTER

GERMANS DEFEAT INVADING POLES

IRREGULAR TEUTONIC FORCES FIGHTING ALONGSIDE OF ITALIANS.

By Carl D. Groat
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
OPPELN, Upper Silesia, May 17.—More than one hundred Polish insurgents were killed by German irregulars at Gogolin, where the Germans assumed full control today. German losses were trifling.

The engagement was bitterly fought. Polish snipers using machine guns and rifles on the Germans, who filtered into the city from the open country.

The engagement at Gogolin was the most important of numerous skirmishes between the two forces.

The Germans continued to fight as irregular forces in conjunction with the Italians.

BERLIN, May 17.—Polish insurgents strengthened their hold on Upper Silesia today, according to reports here.

Italian soldiers who have been holding the Poles away from the southeastern cities of Pless and Rybnik were compelled to withdraw, being outnumbered. Polish forces also entered the nearby town of Nikolai.

Pending an allied decision no German troops are being sent into Upper Silesia, but officials are planning on further appeals to the allies on the basis that Germany's reparations obligations will be endangered if she

NOVELIST IS CHOSEN ITALIAN AMBASSADOR

RICHARD WASHBURN CHILD SELECTED; WAS WITH HARDING AT MARION.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, May 17.—Richard Washburn Child, novelist and short story writer, has been chosen ambassador to Italy, it was learned at the White House today.

Child was connected with the Harding headquarters at Marion for a time last summer and has been in close communication with the president, since his nomination at Chicago in June. This is his first experience as a diplomat.

FINED FOR WAGE BOND VIOLATIONS

SIX LUMBER COMPANIES PENALIZED \$500 EACH BY LOYAL LEGION.

By United Press
PORTLAND, Ore., May 17.—Six large lumber companies throughout the northwest have been fined \$500 each for failing to live up to their bonded agreements, according to an announcement today by the directorate of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, in session here.

The companies fined were the Coos Bay Lumber company of Marshfield, Charles K. Spaulding Logging company of Salem, Schaefer Brothers Logging company of Satsop, Wash., Willamette Valley Lumber company Dalles, Ore., Natron Mills & Lumber company, Natron, Wash., and Wheeler-Reese Lumber company, Herding, Wash.

Violations of wage agreements constituted a majority of the offenses.

BRAND IN A COMPROMISING MOOD, ALTHOUGH POSITION IS MAINTAINED.

FRENCH TENSION EASED

MINISTER TO MEET FRENCH CHAMBER THURSDAY FOR A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE.

By Webb Miller
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
PARIS, May 17.—The French government today indicated semi-officially a desire to restore harmony with Great Britain.

While Premier Briand met with his cabinet to draft his views on the division of Upper Silesia, declaring he would abandon his support of a partition which will give the bulk of the coal lands to Poland, it was indicated that he would be willing to compromise.

With these developments and tension eased noticeably, the press was less violent in its assaults on Premier Lloyd George, and public discussion was more temperate.

Indications were that the government will show its readiness to agree with Great Britain on the awarding of several cities to Germany, cancelling plans to give them to Poland. It was indicated that Italy may be asked to suggest a plan of partition which can be accepted by her allies without loss of dignity. The inter-allied plebiscite commission was asked to submit its report by Saturday.

The premier called his cabinet ministers to the Elysee early in the day for a long session. He employed all his Celtic eloquence to win their full approval of his policy of supporting the Poles against the Germans in the final division of Upper Silesia.

Briand read the declaration he will make to the chamber Thursday when he will ask for a vote of confidence before meeting Lloyd George for the crucial struggle.

Briand asked his colleagues to approve his outline of France's "unalterable position."

30-DAY REPRIEVE FOR YOUNG WASHINGTON SLAYER

By United Press
OLYMPIA, May 17.—Acting Governor William "Wee" Coyle today granted a 30-day reprieve to Isom White, sentenced to hang May 20. White's fate is now held in abeyance, pending the return of Governor Hart.

BANDITS INTERRUPT CHICAGO DANCERS, TAKE \$10,000

By United Press
CHICAGO, May 17.—Seventy-five dancers at a convivial cafeteria paid the piper here early today to the tune of \$10,000. Five bandits, guns drawn, interrupted the orchestral din in the Roomer Inn, backed the dancers up against the walls and took from them \$10,000 in money and jewelry and escaped.

ASK ADMISSION OF CHINESE TO HAWAII

NEEDED FOR PLANTATION WORKERS IN COMPETITION WITH JAPANESE.

By United Press
SAN FRANCISCO, May 17.—Demand that Chinese be admitted to the Hawaiian islands as plantation workers, to compete with the Japanese, will be made by the Hawaiian commission, which arrived here today, en route to Washington.

Members of the commission intend to lay before President Harding and other Washington officials their story of the Japanese situation in the islands.