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BOMB HORROR STARTS SEARCH FOR BAD GANG

Explosion Which Kills Wife of S. F. Banker Reveals Blackmail Campaign.

DEMAND MONEY WITH THREAT OF DEATH

Home Under Guard for Several Weeks After Warning Last Year.

OAKLAND, March 19.—With Mrs. George Greenwood, wife of a San Francisco banker, torn to pieces by a dynamite bomb exploding at her home and other residents of Berkeley and Oakland receiving death threats with money demands, state, county and city officials today started an exhaustive search for an organized gang of determined blackmailers intent upon extorting from citizens by creating a reign of terror.

Mrs. Greenwood met instant death last night when a powerful bomb exploded near her. One side of the three story house was torn open and the woman's body hurled onto the lawn. Her right arm was blown off and her body mutilated. Clothing, stripped from the body, was hung in the trees or scattered on the lawn. Windows of nearby homes were shattered.

PORK CHOPS WILL KEEP ON SOARING

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Pork chops are going to keep on soaring in price, department of agriculture experts today predicted. Wholesale pork has risen two dollars a hundred since the government fixed price was revoked two weeks ago. But hams, pickled pigs' feet and all pork cuts will not stop here, according to the department's data.

Farmers are rushing plans to plant spring wheat to sell at \$2.25 a bushel, the government guaranteed price, said Professor Wilcox of the farm management bureau. "Corn is being crowded out, according to present farm plans. The crop will go 30 million bushels short. Farmers will then have to feed \$2.25 wheat to fatten their hogs instead of corn at a dollar and a half a bushel. Potatoes may also be crowded out by wheat. A bushel of potatoes 25 cents in the potato price may also be expected."

STEEL PRICES BEING STANDARDIZED TODAY

WASHINGTON, March 19.—With the aim of reducing war prices, the government has begun a series of conferences with various industries. Today's conference between the new industrial board and steel men, is expected to result in a new schedule for steel and iron prices much lower than the present prices, but probably some what above the pre-war prices. The table of the board shows steel and iron average 120 per cent higher than in 1914. The plan of the board, which steel men have tentatively agreed to is to make one reduction that will stand for some time so that users of steel may feel safe in proceeding with large purchases.

Exams for 'Non-Com' Officers Monday in High School Company

Hollman Furlin, boys' instructor in military drill in the high school, is taking the names of those members of the school's company who wish to take the examination for non-commissioned officers. Eight corporals and at least two sergeants will be appointed next Monday. The exam will be both oral and written, the written work being given Thursday morning and the oral the following day.

Lightkeeper Sights Big Steamer Aground, Identity is Unknown

ST. JOHNS, N. B., March 19.—The light keeper of the Whitehead islands in the bay of Fundy, today reported a large steamship aground on the old Proprietor ledge. He was unable to learn the identity of the vessel.

BATTLING THE BEAST



ORGANIZATION UNDERWAY FOR VICTORY DRIVE NEXT MONTH

Preliminary organization of Umatilla county for carrying on the Victory Drive will be held on the 21st. The campaign will open Liberty Loan campaign next on April 21 and will close on May 10. The organization will be held at a conference on March 28 and Chairman, who has been named Councilman W. L. Thompson, and others who have in Portland on March 28 and Chairman instrumental in putting over past year's campaign. A statewide conference will be held at a conference on March 28 and Chairman instrumental in putting over past year's campaign. A statewide conference will be held at a conference on March 28 and Chairman instrumental in putting over past year's campaign.

PENDLETON-UMATILLA MOTOR CAR SERVICE, RESUMED ABOUT MARCH 31 SAYS ANNOUNCEMENT

The motor service between Pendleton and Umatilla will be resumed about March 31. This is the word received here today from William McMurray, general passenger agent, who notified T. F. O'Brien, local agent, that the Commercial Club be notified of the announcement. It is the presumption that the motor car will follow its old schedule, but no statement has yet been made on this point.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS VOTE NOW STANDS 36 TO 1; VOTE EARLY

For League of Nations... 36
Against... 1
Out of 37 ballots thus far cast in the League of Nations plebiscite here conducted by the East Oregonian only one negative vote has been cast. It came from a Hermiston man this morning. During the forenoon a total of 16 votes were dropped into the ballot box and 15 of the number were favorable to the league. Get Extra Ballots. It is desirable that a representative vote be secured from all parts of the county. Therefore those favoring the league, also those in opposition are asked to vote and give others 10 votes to show public sentiment. Extra ballots will be mailed on request to any address. Help make the plebiscite a success and thus give those in authority a line on what the people want. The ballots will be preserved and at the close of the plebiscite the vote will be audited so as to insure fairness and accuracy in the county.

DO YOU FAVOR A LEAGUE OF NATIONS TO prevent future wars, such as President Wilson and Former President Taft are working for?

Enclose this coupon in an envelope addressed to "League of Nations Editor, Care The East Oregonian," or bring it to East Oregonian's business office and drop it in the ballot box. Only persons of voting age should send in a ballot.

YES.....
NO.....
(Mark with a X after your choice)

(Sign your name here)
Address.....

STANDARD OIL CO. WILL BUILD HERE

Will Invest \$25,000 in New Buildings, Pendleton Distributing Center.

That Pendleton is to be the distributing station for supplying Eastern Oregon with the products of the Standard Oil Co., and that in order to take charge of the enlarged business the company will invest from \$25,000 to \$30,000 in the announcement made today by H. J. Jack, local manager for the Standard Oil Co. Mr. Jack stated that the improvements to be made call for the replacement of all the company's buildings at the present oil station with new buildings. These will consist of a brick warehouse 24 by 18 feet; a garage 24 by 48 feet; office building 12 by 24 feet. There will be 10 tanks. One 20 feet in diameter and 30 feet high; another 20 feet in diameter and 30 feet high. The four tanks now at the station will be moved to a new location on the lot and three more of the same kind put in.

Station Growing. Mr. Jack states that the entire state of Oregon is supplied with Standard Oil products through Portland, and the growth of the territory has been so rapid in the past year that it seems the time will come in the near future when the territory will have to be divided. When this comes Pendleton will doubtless be made the distributing station for the entire Eastern Oregon. In such an event general offices will be established in Pendleton and the company will have a payroll here of probably 100 men. Last year the company only employed four men here and now has eight men working. With the new buildings now to be built this force will be greatly increased.

During 1918 the Pendleton station averaged 24 cars of bulk oil a month. Neighboring towns will now draw their supplies from Pendleton, and increase this amount greatly. The buildings are to be erected with a view of the plant expanding as business demands. It has been the intention of the Standard Oil Co. to improve the Pendleton plant for the past year, but it was held up awaiting the voting of the franchise permitting the enlarging of the present plant. The vote was carried by a large majority in the November election.

BISHOP PADDOCK MAY STAY IN "Y" SERVICE

Bishop Robert L. Paddock, of the Eastern Oregon diocese of the Episcopal church, will remain overseas in Y. M. C. A. work according to word received in Pendleton. The bishop left for France early last summer to engage in the "Y" work, and saw service in both France and Italy before the armistice was signed.

A. J. GIBSON HEADS BUILDERS ASSOCIATION

At a meeting of building contractors of Pendleton held last evening at the offices of Dunham, Brownlow & Payne, the Pendleton Builders' Association was organized. Officers elected were A. J. Gibson, president; Cecil Cole, secretary; J. H. Dunham, treasurer. Ten contracting firms and contractors are represented in the association.

91ST DIVISION UNITS ALL DUE HOME SOON

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The war department announced today that practically all units of the 91st division are assigned to early convoy. The 91st is composed of drafted men from Oregon, Washington, California, Alaska, Idaho, Nevada, Montana, Utah and Wyoming.

CONTEST DRY LAW, NO GOV'T ACTION TAKEN

NEW YORK, March 19.—The latest suit to test the constitutionality of the home dry law was filed in the United States district court by the Hoffman Brewing company today. An injunction is asked preventing the collector of revenue and district attorney from arresting brewers or molesting their property if the law is violated. The company alleges the law is unconstitutional and that beer contains only 2.75 per cent of alcohol is not intoxicating. No Definite Policy. WASHINGTON, March 19.—Assistant Attorney General Frierson, prohibition prosecutor, after a long conference with Attorney General Palmer said today that nothing definite has been decided regarding the government's policy in preventing brewers from resuming the brewing of 2.75 per cent alcoholic beer.

REPARATION BE BASED UPON ENEMY ABILITY

Leading Nations in Practical Agreement Regarding Basis for Fixing Bill.

ACCORDING TO POWER IN NEXT FEW YEARS

League Work Continues, Neutrals Ask to Submit Suggestions.

PARIS, March 19.—The supreme war council is expected to formally ratify today a tentative agreement understood to have been reached yesterday on territorial and financial questions of the preliminary peace treaty. The big powers, it is learned, are now in practical agreement regarding the principle of working out of financial affairs—that the final bill for reparation must be based on what experts find Germany will be able to pay over a comparatively short period of years. With the government heads already agreed on this basis, the fixing of the definite amount of the indemnity today appeared to be a matter of only a few days.

Building League. Meanwhile work is also being pushed on the league of nations covenant for incorporation in the preliminary pact. A call was sent yesterday to all neutrals to have their recommendations for changes and amendments ready for presentation at a special session of the league sub-committee tomorrow. Japan intends to press its position that the covenant, which is designed to establish equality of peoples, should establish the principle of racial equality.

U. S. TROOPS SOON TO LEAVE SIBERIA

LOS ANGELES, March 19.—American troops in Siberia will be withdrawn this spring, Secretary Baker declared today, following his arrival here. He said the exact date depends on weather conditions. He would not say whether the administration is withdrawing the troops because their work has been accomplished or because nothing could be gained by keeping troops there. Baker and General March arrived from San Francisco but were here only 15 minutes before leaving for San Diego.

MONROE DOCTRINE DECLARED STRONGER

PARIS, March 19.—Lord Cecil, British league of nations expert, told correspondents today that the British delegation considers the covenant should be a part of the preliminary peace treaty. He believes it is inconceivable that the league of nations would not delay presentation of the treaty. He said: "If the Monroe doctrine means what I understand it does—no interference in American affairs by Europe without the consent of the United States—then the doctrine is strengthened by the league, since no action could be taken under its provisions without America's consent."

STEIWER WILL TALK TO ELKS TOMORROW

Lieutenant Fred Steiwer will be the guest of honor at a meeting of Pendleton Lodge E. P. O. E. tomorrow evening and will make a talk on his experience as a soldier overseas. Mr. Steiwer is a member of the local lodge and the promise of a talk was extracted from him today. In addition to the talk by Lieutenant Steiwer there will be a social session by the lodge and some initiatory work.

CLOTHING MEN STRIKE

CLEVELAND, March 19.—A general strike in the men's clothing industries has been called. Union officials said half of the 4,000 workers resounded. The men demand a 44 hour week and a 30 per cent increase in pay with time and a half for overtime, abolition of the sub-contract system and recognition of the union. The present hours of the clothing workers are between 60 and 70 hours, union leaders said.

PHILBUSTER DELAYS APPOINTMENTS

WASHINGTON, March 19.—President Wilson today ordered the recess appointment of nearly 200 postmasters. This is necessary because the senate in its filibuster failed to approve the nominations.

TEMPEST IN PARIS PAST, WANT LEAGUE

No Opposition to Inclusion in League Intended, New Pact Nearly Ready.

BY WILLIAM PHILLIP SIMMS. (United Press Staff Correspondent.) PARIS, March 19.—Another "tempest in the teapot" seems to have blown over. Further investigation confirmed that Foreign Minister (Foch) in his statement Sunday, indicated no opposition to the inclusion of the league of nations in the peace treaty but merely questioned whether there was sufficient time to perfect the covenant for incorporation into the preliminary pact. Neutrals will have the opportunity to present recommendations for amendments to the constitution at tomorrow's session, and it is believed the covenant will be in shape for presentation before the preliminary session for open debate by Saturday.

New Armistice Ready.

President Wilson apparently has approved the military, aerial and naval conditions contained in the definite armistice with Germany," said the Temps. Therefore, after the council of ten delegates on these three is nothing to prevent Foch from giving the Germans 72 hours' notice of the cessation of the present armistice, informing them of the new conditions fixing their military status. But only military problems have been solved in this manner. Political problems have been adjourned. The question therefore will probably come up before the council whether or not it is preferable to fix in the permanent diplomatic document Germany's military, political and territorial status. In this document the league of nations will be included. If this opinion prevails, subsequent sessions will be utilized for fixing Germany's frontiers, after which the Germans will be summoned to Versailles to sign the preliminaries.

ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN URGED BY LABOR MAN

WASHINGTON, March 19.—An extensive advertising campaign throughout the country will put business on its feet and relieve the present stagnation, Roger Babson, director of information service of the department of labor and a business authority, declared today. Babson has sent statements to big businessmen urging increased advertising as a means of ushering in an era of prosperity.

TREATY SIGNED AT VERSAILLES MAYBE APRIL 1

BY FRED PERGUSON. (United Press Staff Correspondent.) PARIS, March 19.—The speed-up program of the peace conference is on in full swing. Committee sessions and a meeting of the supreme war council this afternoon are expected to accomplish appreciable progress in the winding up of the terms of the preliminary treaty. Delegates continue to believe the treaty will be completed by March 29 and will probably be submitted to the Germans three days later. It is announced that Versailles has been definitely selected as the site for signing the treaty.

SPANISH GIRL IS KIDNAPED IN S. F., ENTERING LAUNDRY

SAN FRANCISCO, March 19.—Josephine Castro, 16, a Spanish girl, was kidnaped today while she was entering a laundry where she works. The abduction occurred in the plain sight of many employees but happened so speedily that they were powerless to prevent. The girl was just about to enter the building when a taxi cab arrived. A young man stepped out, seized the girl by the arm and dragged her into the machine. The car was rapidly driven away.

FATE RESTS ON APPROVAL BY OFFICIALS

Project to Get Water From South End for Irrigation of 20,000 Acres.

WARREN COMPANY TO DO CONTRACTING JOB

State Officials to be on Ground Latter Part of the week.

Unless obstacles arise that are now unforeseen by those interested in the move the Teel irrigation project is a go. If the project goes it will mean the expenditure of a million dollars on an enterprise for the reclamation of 20,000 acres of land in Umatilla county and the employment of approximately 1000 men on work that will start in the near future. The Warren Construction company will do the construction work. Decision Expected Soon. The directors of the project, O. D. Teel, Asa R. Thomson and Frank Spinning, and J. T. Hinkle, attorney, are meeting here today with representatives of the contracting firm. According to Mr. Hinkle, the proposition now rests with the state irrigation securities commission which consists of the attorney general, state engineer and the superintendent of banks. These men are expected on the ground the latter part of the week. They have to pass upon the value of the property, the land, water, construction work and the feasibility of the project. Engineering data is now before the board and Mr. Hinkle is of the belief their approval will be given. The bonds for financing of the project are being placed by Mullholland & Hough of Spokane and it is stated the bonds are sold contingent upon their certification. The sum of \$500,000 is said to be immediately available. Water from South. The land to be reclaimed under the Teel project lies near Echo and comprises 16,000 acres under the project and about 4000 acres more on Butter creek. It is proposed to take water from Camas, Hildaway and Cabs creeks in the southern part of the county. For a portion of the distance the canal will pass through a two-mile tunnel, about 20 miles above Pilot Rock. The big portion of the expense will be near the headworks, so will be tributary to Pendleton and Pilot Rock. If unexpected delays do not meet the project will be completed by the season of 1920. It is hoped to have work started within 60 days.

THE WEATHER FORECAST

Tonight and Thursday rain or snow, colder tonight.