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The Weather

OREGON: Tonight and Friday
fair, colder tonight east portion;
light to heavy frost; moderate
winds mostly westerly.
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winds; part cloudy; maximum
62, minimum 44, set 46; river 5
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Allies Send Ultimatum To Huns

Demand Reply by May 12 Berlin Told Answer Must Be Made Within Six Days to Forestall Penalties

London, May 5.—The allied ultimatum issued to Germany today, demands her to reply categorically by May 12 at the latest whether she will perform her unfulfilled obligations under the treaty of Versailles, primarily as to the payment of reparations to the allied powers.

Should Germany fail to comply, the allies give notice that they will proceed on May 12 with the occupation of the Ruhr valley "and to undertake all other military and naval measures."

Allies to Prepare. The terms for Germany's payment of her debt to the allies are to be given her by the allied reparations commission by tomorrow.

Meanwhile the allies, the ultimatum states, are to continue with all necessary preliminaries for the occupation of the Ruhr.

The ultimatum was handed to the German ambassador in London this morning. It reads after reciting Germany's unfulfilled treaty obligations with regard to disarmament, reparations, the trial of war criminals and other matters, in substance as follows:

First—Disarmament. The terms of the allied ultimatum to Germany reads as follows: "The allied powers, taking note of the fact that despite the successive concessions made by the allies since the signature of the treaty of Versailles and despite the fact that Spa and Paris, as well as of the sanctions announced at London and since applied, the German government is still in default in fulfillment of the obligations imposed upon it under the terms of the treaty of Versailles as regards:

(a) To proceed from today with all necessary preliminary measures for the occupation of the Ruhr. (Continued on Page Eight.)

Federal Officials Abandon all Hope of Strike Settlement

Washington, May 5.—Representatives of the marine workers failed to meet today with Secretary Davis to continue conferences looking to a settlement of the shipping wage controversy which has resulted in crews of some American merchant craft walking out. Mr. Davis said the conference would not be held and that he did not know whether the meetings would be resumed.

Government officers apparently had about abandoned hope that the controversy could be settled at this time by federal mediation.

Slacker Lists to be Published Washington, May 5.—The war department slacker lists as issued from time to time will be published in the congressional record. Request for such publication was made in the house today by Representative Johnson, republican, South Dakota, a former service man, and there was no objection.

Ex-Governor Held For Bribery Jacksonville, Fla., May 5.—The Rev. Sydney P. Catts, whose term as governor of Florida expired last January 3 was indicted in connection with bribery charges by the Bradford county grand jury at Starke late yesterday, according to advices received here today.

Pay of Railroad Men Held Insufficient To Feed Their Children Chicago, May 5.—Charges that many railroad men's families were undernourished and asserted that a wage reduction order would bring chaos in the transportation industry were made before the railroad labor board today by B. M. Jewell, president of the R. W. Jewell, president of the American Federation of Labor. The employees' arguments against the wage reduction proposals were summed up by Mr. Jewell.

WASHINGTON INVITED TO APPOINT DELEGATES London, May 5.—Formal invitation to appoint representatives to the supreme allied council, the council of ambassadors and the allied reparations commission was cabled to the American state department in Washington by the supreme allied council last night.

De Valera and Craig In Session Great Importance Attached to Conference of Sinn Feiner and New Premier London, May 5.—Sir James Craig, premier-designate for Ulster, and Professor Eamonn DeValera, the Irish republican leader, had a conference on Irish affairs in Dublin today, it was announced officially. It was added that they exchanged their respective viewpoints.

The meeting of Sir James Craig and Professor DeValera today is regarded as of great importance, in view of Professor DeValera's proclamation to the Irish people early this week, in which he referred to provision for such devolution in the administration of home affairs as to make for satisfaction and contentment. Sir James a few days ago expressed a wish to meet the republican leader.

Hun Cabinet Continues In Office Today Berlin, May 5.—The cabinet of Chancellor Fehrenbach, which last night tendered its resignation to President Ebert was continuing to function today in compliance with the president's request that it remain in office until a new ministry was organized. Informal conferences were in progress today among the coalition party leaders.

Whether the present party bloc will be able to send another cabinet to the government's bench in the reichstag to sign the entente reparations protocol is the subject of lively conjecture in parliamentary circles.

Soldiers Bonus Bill Endorsed By Realty Men Endorsement of the soldiers' bonus bill passed by the recent legislature which will be submitted to the people of the state at the June election was unanimously approved by members of the Marion County Realtors association at their meeting this noon in the Marion hotel.

The action followed a speech by Colonel Carl Abrams representing the Marion post of the American Legion and in which the speaker gave detailed information regarding the effect of the measure, if passed, on the development and increase of realty business here.

Exclusive listings plans were presented by J. K. Mills, chairman of the committee appointed by L. O. Hayford, president of the association. It was moved that the plans be laid on the table until the regular business meeting of the organization when the association will either adopt or disapprove an exclusive listing policy.

The membership committee reported, McGee winning the contest over George Swigle, who will give a feed to the winners.

Woman Set Fire Charge

Widow of Railroad Builder Jailed For Burning of Palatial Home at Spokane Spokane, Wash., May 5.—Mrs. Anna L. Corbin, widow of the late D. C. Corbin, northwestern railroad builder, was held in the city jail today following her admission, according to Prosecuting Attorney W. C. Meyer, that she set fire to her palatial home here last Friday to collect the insurance. The house was damaged about \$10,000, it was estimated.

L. E. Lige, Mrs. Corbin's caretaker, also was being held at the police station in connection with the case. According to Prosecuting Meyer's statement of Mrs. Corbin's reported confession, she said she set fire to her home after she had been urged by Lige to do so, owing to the difficulty she had experienced in maintaining it on her income. Lige denied having had anything to do with the matter.

She was induced to go to the police station and admit her part in the affair, she was declared to have told the prosecutor, through fear that her 15 year old nephew might be blamed for the fire.

Mr. Corbin built the Spokane Falls and Northern Railway, later taken over by the Northern Pacific system. He also was interested in the Corbin Coal and Coke company and other industrial concerns.

Stillman's Evidence Is Admitted

Banker Gains Point In Suit for Divorce; Family Physician to Be Called New York, May 5.—James A. Stillman, American banker, today gained a point in the proceedings for divorce which he has instituted against the former Piffi Potter, whom he charges with infidelity and who in turn makes a similar charge against him.

After prolonged argument, Reverend Gleason admitted into evidence a letter alleged to have been written to Mrs. Stillman by Fred Beavrais, Indian guide, named as co-respondent and said to have contained terms of endearment.

Supreme Court Justice Morsehauser at previous hearings on alimony motions had barred this letter and several others accredited to the guide, on the ground that they had been presented on the affidavit of the plaintiff who was not a competent witness in the action against his wife.

Other Letters Hang Fire. When noon recess was taken Mr. Gleason had not decided whether he would admit the other letters, which the plaintiff is seeking to introduce into the case. The letters are alleged to have been written to Mrs. Stillman in this country by Beavrais, then in Canada.

Two witnesses from Buffalo were on the stand this morning. One was Dr. Hugh Russell, family physician, and the other a Buffalo hotel clerk whose name was not learned.

Financial Situation Improves

Washington, May 5.—Action of the New York federal reserve bank in reducing its rediscount rate from 7 to 6 1/2 per cent reflects a tendency towards relaxation in rediscount rates in other reserve districts, Secretary Mellon said today. He said he thought it probable that the Chicago reserve board might anticipate the crop movement season with a rate reduction.

The treasury secretary said financial conditions over the country appeared to be very much better.

Schools To Receive 2 Mill Tax

\$43,014 Is Sent Out by Superintendent of School Districts of Marion County Warrants totalling \$43,014 are being mailed today from the office of the county school superintendent to the school districts of the county in part payment of the two mill state tax. The remainder, which amounts to an equal sum, will be sent out next fall.

The apportionment is made according to the number of elementary grade teachers in a district, \$150 being paid for each. In the case of union schools where children come from different districts to the same school, each district is paid its proportion. Where a teacher teaches both grades and high school, the apportionment is made as to the amount of time she devotes to the grades.

The following is the amounts to be received by each district: Donald, \$300; Arbor Grove, \$150; Middle Grove, \$200; Silvertown No. 4, \$2448.50; Rosedale, \$300; Wazel, \$150; Sublimity, \$450; Rickey, \$150; Macleay, \$150; Evergreen, \$200; Aumville, \$400.50; Fern Ridge, \$150; Manning, \$150; Jefferson, \$600; Hubbard, \$900; Oak Grove, \$150; Park Gap, \$150; Hall, \$150; Brush Creek, \$150; Marion, \$400.50; Gates, \$150; Pringle, \$300; Aurora, \$25; Salem, \$1245; Battle Creek, \$150; Fairfield, \$150; Looney, \$150; Illihee, \$150; Rock Point, \$150; Liberty, \$150; Brook, \$300; Champees, \$150; Evans Valley, \$150; Belle Pass, \$150; Silver Cliff, \$150; Mission, \$150; Fairview, \$150; White Central Howell, \$300; Hazel Dell, \$150; Union Hill, \$150; Independence, \$150; West Woodburn, \$150; St. Paul, \$450; McKee, \$150; Croston, \$250.50; Kiskey Hill, \$35; Pratum, \$300; North Howell, \$300; McAlpin, \$330; Grassy Pond, \$150; Briteville, \$229; Pleasant View, \$150; St. Louis, \$150; Eldridge, \$150; West Stanton, \$150; Bethany, \$150; Hazel Green, \$300; Thoras, \$150; Johnson, \$150; Prospect, \$150; Harmony, \$150; Liberty, \$150; Sidney, \$150; Scotts Mills, \$300; Nehama, \$150; Mt. Anglin, \$150; Gervais, \$300; Stanton, \$649.50; Swagle, \$150; Turner, \$450; Shaw, \$150; Oak Glen, \$150; Parkersville, \$390; Triumph, \$150; Four Corners, \$150; Silver Creek Falls, \$150; Center View, \$150; Summit, \$150; Keller, \$408.50; Pleasant Point, \$150; Oakdale, \$150; Mt. Angel, \$1200; Geelan, \$150; Mountain View, \$150; Milster, \$57; Lavis, \$150; Sunnyside, \$150; Crooked Finger, \$150; Howell, \$150; Hayesville, \$390; Oak Ridge, \$150; Park, \$150; Woodburn, \$1545.50; Union, \$150; Abnoga, \$350; Hult, \$150; Liverdale, \$150; Valley View, \$150; Victor Point, \$150; Fruitland, \$300; Brief Nob, \$150; Noble, \$150; Niagara, \$150; Auburn, \$150; Mahony, \$150; Halls Camp, \$150; Clear Lake, \$390; Detroit, \$126; Crawford, \$150; Betzel, \$240; North Salem, \$390; Potter, \$150; Salem Heights, \$390; Mill City, \$420; Broadacre, \$150; Cloverdale, \$150; Fox Valley, \$3; Cedar Camp, \$150; Buena Crest, \$390; Woodco, \$150; Talbot, \$150; Raybell, \$150; Riverview, \$150; Idanha, \$150; Monitor, \$31; Loblack Center, \$150.

John Hunting Found Dead In Local Hotel With Shot Thru Head; Leaves Letters

Coroner Admonished Not To Let Medical Students Dissect Remains and Press Asked for Square Deal; Denies Insanity But Admits Being Radical; Humor, Philosophy and Pathos Voiced In Notes; Leaves Money to Pay for Ruined Bed

Coopted up in a small room on the uppermost floor of the Cherry City hotel at State and High streets, John Hunting, 41, until yesterday a patient at the state tuberculosis hospital, laughed at the world when, sometime during last night he placed a 25-50 rifle to his head and ended his life.

The bullet, fired from the gun which was found in bed with him, entered his head immediately above the right ear, took an upward course and emerged on the left side of his head near the top of his skull. When the trigger was pulled, ending his life, nobody can say. No shot was heard during the night by patrons of the hotel, and Hunting's dead body was not found until this morning at 9 o'clock when the chambermaid let herself into his room to make up the bed.

Humor, philosophy, pathos—these filled the long ironical treatise which he addressed to Coroner Lloyd Rigdon and in which he admonished the press to give him a square deal, elaborated in a dryly humorous manner on his life's tragedy and warned the coroner not to let his remains be dissected by medical students lest he "come back and jump on his neck."

Left Two Letters. Two letters were left by Hunting. One was addressed to the proprietor of the Cherry City hotel and the other to Mr. Rigdon. In his letter to the hotel man, Hunting explained that he would "damage the place some" but added that he would leave the proprietor what money he had, hoping that "it would in a measure compensate."

Hunting first entered the hotel about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, signed for a room and paid his bill in advance. At the time he carried a large package, apparently the gun, Ray Myers said this morning.

Left Hospital Yesterday. "I'm going to Grants Pass tonight, and I won't need the room to sleep in," Myers says Hunting told him. He did not converse with hotel officials later in the day.

Hunting was discharged from the tuberculosis hospital yesterday morning and, at the time of his departure, told Dr. G. C. Bellinger, superintendent, that he expected to join a sister, Mrs. A. H. Kerling, at Merlin, Or. Kerling to this in the note addressed to the hotel man, Hunting wrote:

Gentleman Bolshevist. "I am supposed to be going to Grants Pass, Or., or, to be exact, to Merlin. But to be exactly exact, here is where I stop."

Social, political and economic problems were exhaustively dealt with by Hunting in his long letter to Mr. Rigdon. In it his dictation was almost faultless, and throughout the lengthy communication he employed excellent English. In the letter he posed as a gentleman-bolshevist, insisting all the while that the two terms were not at all paradoxical.

"Now if the press consents to take any notice of my death and this letter, it will be only to quote such parts of it as would make me out an insane radical for one of their stock lies is that only an insane person will commit suicide," Hunting wrote.

"They also say that only a coward will take his own life, but I will say that I went through the third degree in the Knights of Pythias with flying colors. I also believe I've put up as good a fight against tuberculosis as the average person, while under a handicap."

Asks "Square Deal". Further alluding to the 'press,' Hunting wrote: "You will notice that you are only getting a carbon copy of all this. The original goes to my friends, the radicals. So if the press does misquote me and vilify me, they will have a chance for a come back."

No fear of death was expressed by Hunting. Obviously with a view to forestalling any misunderstanding he prefaced his letter with:

Cyrus Walker Dead; Second White Child Born West of Rockies

Albany, Or., May 5.—Cyrus H. Walker, prominent pioneer, died at his home here today. He was the second white child born west of the Rocky mountains. Walker was one of the picturesque characters of pioneer history. His parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Elkannah Walker came west in 1838 to assist Dr. Marcus Whitman in his missionary work, and their son was born on December 7, shortly after the arrival of his parents at Whitman mission, then known as Wallatoo, Oregon territory, near the present city of Walla Walla.

Mrs. Elizabeth Spaulding Warren, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Spaulding was the first white child born in the war west, a few months before the birth of Walker. Mrs. Warren died four years ago.

Walker was a farmer and prominent in grange affairs. He was well known in G. A. R. circles and was past commander of the Veterans of Indian Wars, which he assisted in founding.

Durdall Out; \$1,000 Bond Is Accepted

C. Burton Durdall, Salem merchant who was arrested in Roseburg Thursday on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, was yesterday released from the county jail here on \$1000 bond demanded by Judge Unruh of the justice court.

Durdall was arrested about one week after he had disappeared from Salem. He was proprietor of three grocery stores, located in Salem, Silverton and Independence. The charge on which he was arrested was filed by the United States National bank of Salem.

Plane Crashes; Air Mail Pilot Burns To Death

Rock Springs, Wyo., May 5.—Walter M. Bunting, a mail service aviator, was burned to death early today when his airplane overturned and crashed to the ground while he was taking off for a flight to Cheyenne, with mail. Bunting, who was 26 years old, was severely injured at Omaha, Neb., December 24 last when his plane fell to the ground.

Freight Hit, Stolen Auto Demolished

Police are today searching for the man who is reported to have stolen an automobile owned by David Mofr of Salem and to have crashed into a south-bound Southern Pacific freight train at 3 o'clock this morning. Mr. Mofr's car was demolished, but no trace of the driver could be found today.

It is believed that the man was not seriously hurt, and he appeared at none of the local hospitals. When Mr. Mofr reported the theft to police this morning he was not aware his car had been destroyed in an accident.