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## DUBLIN EXPERIENCES THREE AMBUSCADES

Child Is Killed and Civilians  
Are Wounded During  
Attacks.

Belfast.—Dublin experienced three ambushes Saturday night, in one of which a four-year-old child was killed. Explosions and volleys in the suburbs were so continuous as to resemble the tumult of a small battle.

The first ambush was near Merrion square. Explosions were followed by rifle and revolver fire. Inhabitants sought their cellars, while pedestrians were stampeded.

Three bombs had been flung at a lorry filled with soldiers. This precipitated an exchange of shots of several minutes. Two civilians were wounded by bomb splinters. The second ambush occurred on the south side, where lorries were bombed.

The third ambush occurred when two lorries were attacked in the south suburbs.

From Queenstown it was reported that after services in the cathedral and the churches Sunday, all males between 16 and 40 years were rounded up. Several hundred were conveyed to the barracks. There, before liberated, they were required to give their names and addresses.

Afterwards they were divided into groups, six persons in each, and given a number and a date. Then they were informed that if any crown forces were ambuscaded within two miles of Queenstown on any dates assigned to the groups, the men would be held responsible and required to furnish information to the authorities.

## SLUMP IN CUT OF PINE PREDICTED

Spokane, Wash.—Member mills of the Western Pine Manufacturers' association produced approximately 1,630,000,000 feet of lumber in 1920, according to a report made at the annual meeting of the association, held here, by A. W. Cooper of Portland, Or., secretary and manager of the association. The figures were based upon the actual cut of 33 mills, and an estimate of the production of the remainder.

A total of 52 mills in eastern Oregon, eastern Washington, western Montana and Idaho are members of the association. The cut was the largest in the association's history.

It was estimated that the cut of the association for 1921 will show a decrease of approximately 20 per cent from last year, or about 1,300,000,000 feet.

Only five sawmills, owned by members of the association in attendance at the meeting, were reported to be in operation.

## RAPIDS' POWER IS SOUGHT

Oregon and Washington Delegations  
Lay Plans For Power Plant.

Pendleton, Or.—Plans to enrich Oregon and the northwest by millions of dollars annually by the erection of a \$25,000,000 hydro-electric plant at Umatilla rapids on the Columbia river took definite shape here at a meeting of 160 delegates from eastern Oregon and southeastern Washington communities.

The project, as outlined, would reclaim thousands of arid acres in eastern Oregon and southern Washington, supply power for electrification of railroads and for commercial use and would make the Columbia river navigable from its mouth practically to the junction with the Snake river.

Gilbert W. Phelps, circuit judge of Pendleton, was elected president of the permanent organization which is to be known as the Umatilla Rapids Power Site association.

All on Steamer Klamath Saved.

San Francisco.—The 19 passengers who were aboard the steam schooner Klamath when she went ashore at Del Mar, 80 miles north of San Francisco, early Saturday morning, were taken to Point Arena. An eighteen-months old baby in an ash can lashed to a sailor's back was one of the first to be taken in the breeches buoy from the steamer, after another member of the crew had swum 200 feet through the heavy sea to the rocks that the line might be made fast.

Cash for chickens. J. R. Reynolds.

## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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mation of Our Readers.

The new Deaconess hospital at Salem was dedicated last week. The building is not the property of any sect, but was erected by donations from all sources.

Snow nearly five feet in depth was found by Forest Ranger R. E. S. Smith and G. L. Drake, who have just completed a week of cruising in the Lost Lake region near Mt. Hood.

Because of the crowded condition of the Albany schools, the school board has decided to call a special election for the purpose of issuing bonds to provide additional room.

Senator Chamberlain has left the emergency hospital in Washington which he entered more than five weeks ago to undergo a serious operation, and is back at his apartments under the care of his physician and a nurse.

The sale of timber on a tract of land, between 9000 and 10,000 acres in extent, on Winberry creek, within the Cascade national forest, to Washington milling and timber interests is in contemplation, according to announcement of the Eugene office of the forest service.

A flume five miles long, to carry lumber from the Lost Creek valley above Dexter to the Southern Pacific railway at Pengra station, on the Natron cutoff, will be built at once, according to announcement of D. E. Yoran, one of the organizers of the Mount June Flume company of Eugene.

During the week ending February 3 there was one fatality in Oregon due to industrial accidents, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victim was John McKeown, laborer of Portland. A total of 424 accidents were reported in the course of the week.

Unidentified men gained entrance to the state tuberculosis hospital at Salem, carried a safe to an automobile, which had been parked some distance from the institution, drove more than a mile down the highway, and there wrecked the strongbox and obtained approximately \$300 in cash and \$150 in checks.

Contracts for more than half a million dollars' worth of road work, including construction of six bridges and the laying of 15 miles of pavement, were ordered entered into by the state highway commission following the opening of bids upon the proposed work. Bids on many other jobs were opened and rejected, and a second advertising of the work ordered.

Charles J. Schnabel, prominent attorney of Portland, was shot in the back and fatally wounded by Joseph C. Poeschl, an ex-convict, as he was about to enter an elevator on the third floor of the court house. He died in an ambulance on the way to a hospital. Fancied grievances against the lawyer, harbored for more than ten years by Poeschl, furnished the motive for the killing.

Representative Hawley of Oregon has succeeded in having four special pension bills incorporated in the omnibus pension bill which has been reported to the house. They are for Mrs. Henrietta Brewer of Roseburg, Mrs. Sofia E. McKimney of Cottage Grove, Mrs. Caroline Hines Willis of Roseburg, and James M. Berry of Mills City. The widows will receive \$20 each and the veteran \$30 a month.

Federal aid for developing hydro-electric power at Umatilla rapids, in the Columbia, and passage of the Joseph hydro-electric commission bill by the Oregon legislature, were sought at Pendleton Saturday in a meeting of government and reclamation engineers, representatives of the Northern Pacific, Spokane, Portland & Seattle, Oregon-Washington Railway & Navigation, and Milwaukee railroads, the ways and means committee of the state legislature and 200 business men of eastern Oregon. John H. Lewis, formerly state engineer, and Robert N. Stanfield, United States senator-elect, were among the principal speakers. The project proposes the development of 120,000 horse-power from the river and the irrigation of 588,000 acres in the John Day project, Oregon, and the Horse Heaven project, Washington. A large sum of money already has been pledged, and co-operation of the railroads and the government is sought.

## Gaining Momentum



## FROM "OVER THE HILL"

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Barnes of Weston, were in the city Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Whiteman and Mr. and Mrs. Levine of Walla Walla were Sunday guests at the B. B. Richards home.

Miss Clara Haynie has been seriously ill at the home of her parents this week. Harold Haynie has also been confined to his bed with illness.

Bern Banister has been ill this week at his home south of Athena. Mrs. Hugh McIntyre is slowly recovering after a very serious illness from pneumonia.

Will Campbell was in town Wednesday from his ranch. He will improve the Caplinger place near town by setting out some fruit trees this spring.

W. D. Chamberlain who recently opened an accounting office in Pendleton, has been reappointed to a position in the revenue service, and is in Portland.

Mrs. Earl Grant and daughter Leslie, returned to their home in Condon, Thursday, after spending a fortnight at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bocher.

Twenty-four members of the Civic club took advantage of the invitation extended by the Weston Saturday Afternoon club and motored to that city Saturday, where they enjoyed the hospitality of the Weston ladies.

Manager Barnes of Weston Memorial Hall picture show, announces that when he presents that sterling picture, "Once to Every Woman," he will introduce a splendid singer, who will sing "Ben Bolt," the song which enters materially in the production of the picture.

Mrs. F. S. LeGrow returned Sunday from a three-weeks visit with her mother and sister in Seattle. Mrs. LeGrow left her mother in improved health, and is herself considerably better from a troublesome attack of inflammatory rheumatism.

Lawrence Tharp is home again after spending the past several months at employment in Pendleton. He recently made a trip to North Yakima and is very much taken with the country across the river. Lawrence intends farming the Tharp land near Stanfield this year and will soon begin spring plowing.

The Etude Club is the latest addition to Athena's increasing society organizations, and is organized solely for the purpose of the study of music and composers, and the pleasure of its members, who comprise a group of ladies who are interested in music. The initial meeting was held two weeks ago and today a meeting is being held at the home of Mrs. F. D. Watts for perfecting the organization.

Mrs. Fred Gross was a gracious hostess yesterday afternoon to the Sunshine club and a number of her neighbors and friends at her home on Fifth street. The afternoon was most informally spent in social chat and needle-work, and a delightful group of songs was given by Mrs. Otho Reeder, who played her own accompaniment at the piano. Mrs. Gross was assisted in serving a two-course luncheon by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Lula Read.

The Parent-Teachers' Association meetings are increasing in interest at each session. Next Thursday evening Dr. F. D. Watts will give a talk on the care of the eyes. A piano duet by Misses Rea Allen and Vera Gross, a vocal solo by Jennamiae Read, and possibly other numbers

will be the musical entertainment of the evening. Discussion of some unfinished subjects will be followed by a social hour at which light refreshments will be served.

According to Pendleton estimates, 65 percent of the Umatilla county grain crop has now been sold. There has been considerable selling since the first of January.

Mrs. Charles Keen of Pendleton, was a guest yesterday at the Fred Gross home in this city.

Last week Superintendent Hadley received his Life Certificate for teaching. This certificate is given to anyone teaching school successfully for thirty months.

A new telephone has been installed in the office of Superintendent Hadley, recently. This much-needed facility is highly valued by the entire school.

## Death Calls A. B. McEwen.

Andrew B. McEwen, retired farmer and former prominent citizen of Athena, died Wednesday evening at 5:15 at his home in Portland, surrounded by members of his family. Death came after a few days of serious illness, the culmination of a long period of gradual decline in health.

The body will arrive in Athena on this evening's train from Portland, and the funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock. The funeral services will be preached by Dr. Bleakney, a lifelong friend of the deceased, the services being held in the auditorium of the Methodist Episcopal church. At the grave, Masonic services will be held. The burial will be on Mr. McEwen's 70th birthday anniversary.

His sons, R. B., and A. L. McEwen and his daughter, Mrs. H. A. Barrett, were summoned from Athena to his bedside, Monday. On Tuesday, Mr. McEwen's condition was reported to be better, but Wednesday he became alarmingly worse again and failed fast until the end.

He leaves besides his widow, two sons and three daughters. They are: R. B. and A. L. McEwen, of Athena; Mrs. H. A. Barrett, of Athena; Miss Jessica McEwen and Miss Thelma McEwen of Portland.

Coming to Umatilla county in an early day, Mr. McEwen engaged in sheepraising, but later devoted his time and attention to wheatraising. With characteristic energy and frugality, he carved out of the Vansycle district a splendid farm of large acreage, and accumulated a comfortable fortune, retiring a few years ago and removing to Portland with members of his family to enjoy it.

## College Glee Club Pleases.

Always popular in Athena, the Willamette Glee Club more than pleased its audience at High School Auditorium, Friday evening, when the gleeful singers and entertainers made their annual appearance here.

Ensemble, the club was at better advantage if anything, than on former engagements here, and the solo men were splendid. Especially did Mr. Blinkensop and Mr. Basler please. The stunts by Messrs. Emmel, Rarey and Stokolsky were mirth-catching in high degree and were sparkling in effect. Miss DeLong at the piano in her gifted solo work and as accompanist, proved to be one of the principal assets of the club.

## Wallace Ashpaugh Dead.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Sanders returned from Newport, Wash., Tuesday, where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Sanders' brother, the late Wallace Ashpaugh. Mr. Ashpaugh, who

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Exports from Portland during January had a total valuation of about \$4,959,996.

Cottage Grove will have a modern ice plant before the opening of the summer season.

A woman's auxiliary to Umpqua Post, American Legion, was organized at Roseburg.

The Corvallis Country club directors have elected Warren G. Harding to honorary membership.

The sundry civil bill as reported to the senate carries \$400,000 for beginning the Deschutes project in Oregon.

Reopening of the state lime plant at Gold Hill was urged by Marlon county realty men in session at Salem.

Additional classrooms are needed at once to house the increase of nearly 3000 children in Portland schools this term.

## WESTON WOMEN'S CLUB HAS PLEASING RECIPROCITY DAY

One of the most important events in the history of the Saturday Afternoon club was the Reciprocity day meeting held the afternoon of February 5th in Memorial hall, when the Milton Improvement club and the Civic club of Athena were guests of the Weston organization.

A decorating committee consisting of Mesdames C. E. Fisk, Leon Lundell, M. W. Pedersen and Miss Vira Morrison transformed the hall into an attractive living and dining room—employing the club colors, pink and white, as the leading color scheme.

At three o'clock the president, Mrs. W. S. Price, called the meeting to order, and the following program was given:

Piano Solo—Mrs. Jos. Wurzer.  
Address of Welcome—Mrs. W. S. Price.

Vocal Solo—John F. McNeel.  
Selection—Weston Male Quartette (Messrs. Wood, McNeel, Claude Price and Williams.)

Report of Work of Milton Club—Mrs. S. S. Shields.  
Report of Work of Athena Club—Mrs. Ralph McEwen.

Vocal Solo—Miss McCullough of Milton.  
Reading—Mrs. T. A. Williams of Milton.

Report of Work of Weston Club—Mrs. H. Goodwin.  
Instrumental Duet — Mesdames Omar Stephens and C. M. Eager of Athena.

Address—Mrs. Edith G. Van Deusen of Pendleton.  
Piano Solo—Mrs. Iley Winn.

Discussion of various topics of interest to club women followed. During the social hour, the guests were seated at tables centered with pink and white carnations and served with a dainty lunch by Mesdames R. Morrison, J. R. Rowland, W. S. Payne and J. A. Lumsden. The affair served to promote friendly relations and a spirit of co-operation in important activities to be undertaken by the clubs represented. About 70 ladies were in attendance.

## "GO AND GET IT!"

was 68 years old, died Saturday morning at his home in Newport, following an operation for stomach trouble. He was buried Monday with the funeral services being conducted by the Odd Fellow and Masonic orders, to both of which he had been a member for many years. Mr. Ashpaugh was a bachelor and leaves besides Mrs. Sanders, two other sisters, a brother, and his aged mother. He lived near Athena about 30 years ago, with his parents.

## Flooded Streets.

The heaviest rainfall of the season was experienced here Tuesday afternoon and evening. Water from the fields east and north of town flooded the streets, but as the result of recent street improvement, the flow of water was controlled to the extent that it did not flood basements and cellars as in the past. In the downtown district a few basements had a small quantity of water in them as the result of the water backing up in the drainage pipes, but no damage was done.

## "GO AND GET IT!"

## CATTLEMEN ASK FOR FREIGHT REDUCTION

Charge Prices For Cattle Not  
Enough to Meet Freight  
Charges.

Washington.—A reduction in freight rates was asked of the interstate commerce commission by six of the largest cattlemen's associations of the West. Their spokesman told the commission that market prices on sheep, cattle and wool had fallen so low that western cattle raisers and farmers no longer were able to sell their produce for enough to pay freight rates.

The complaint contended that financial conditions made it impossible to obtain loans to condition cattle for market properly and that growers were compelled to sell "for whatever they can get in an unmarketable condition."

Joining in the complaint were the National Livestock Shippers' league, the American National Livestock association, the National Wool Growers and others.

It was claimed that increases due to the commission's decision last August amounted to \$40,500,000 annually to the cattlemen in freight rates.

## WILSON REFUSES TO PASS ON RAIL PAY

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson refused the request of the railroad labor union representatives that he investigate railroad executives' claims before the railroad board and declined to submit the matter to congress.

Confidence was expressed by the president that all questions dealing with railroad labor and management might be left safely to the railroad labor board and the interstate commerce commission. He accordingly informed the labor and railroad representatives that he was submitting copies of telegrams received from them to these bodies.

The reply of the president to two telegrams sent by the railway labor unions and to one telegram from the Association of Railway Executives was understood to have been based on recommendations of Secretary Payne, who still acts as director-general of the railroad administration.

## ASK TO CANCEL WAR LOANS

Secretary Houston, However, Refuses  
to Name the Nation.

Washington.—Declaration by Secretary Houston that an allied government had proposed to the United States cancellation of its war obligations to this country, a wrangle over status of war loans to Russia and Russian embassy financing, and a decision to divide the investigation as to foreign loans with the foreign relations committee, marked a session of the senate judiciary committee.

Secretary Houston said that "one government" had proposed cancellation by the United States of loans. He preferred "not to say" what government.

Recently published remarks of J. Austen Chamberlain, British chancellor of the exchequer, that such a proposal had been made to the United States and refused prompted the question that drew Mr. Houston's statement.

## Soldiers' Relief Measure Passed.

Washington.—Two big relief measures were put through the house in a hurry Monday. Called up under a suspension of rules, a proceeding which required a two-thirds vote on passage, the \$13,000,000 soldier hospital bill was passed by a rising vote, and the \$100,000,000 road fund appropriation won easily.

## U. S. Firm on Island of Yap.

Washington.—The United States will not recognize Japan's mandate over the Island of Yap unless Japan agrees to accept this government's contention that the island should be internationalized insofar as the cable landing station feature is concerned, it was said at the state department.

## Army Recruiting Is Stopped.

Washington.—Complete cessation of army recruiting was ordered by Secretary Baker in accordance with the direction of congress as embodied in a joint resolution adopted over President Wilson's veto.