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## IRELAND IS ON THE VERGE OF BIG CIVIL WAR

### DE VALERA SAID TO HAVE BEEN OUSTED FROM POWER BY REBELS

#### Fear of Civil Strife Hangs Over Ireland Like Black Pall, and Collins, Head of Free State Provisional Government, Admits Crisis Is Near

LONDON, April 11.—The news has reached here that at a secret meeting of the Irish republican forces in Dublin, Eamonn De Valera was deposed as leader and that in the future he will not be a controlling factor in the affairs of the rebels. It is also reported that he opposed the declaration of a "republic" at this time, and the radical element had gained the ascendancy.

Michael Collins, the head of the provisional government of the Free State, has stated that unless there is a right-about face in the tactics of those who are opposed to the provisional government, it will take little less than a miracle to avert civil war.

It is generally believed that Easter has been set for the staging of a general uprising in Ireland, that being the sixth anniversary of the famous Dublin uprising, when the Irish republic was first declared. The fear of a counter-revolution today hangs over all of Ireland like a pall of darkness.

### SPARKS-CHILDERS WEDDING OCCURS AT GRANTS PASS

Lloyd Sparks, who has been employed all winter in the Interurban Autocar machine shop at Medford, and Miss Thelma Childers, both of Jacksonville, were married in Grants Pass Saturday.

## JACKSONVILLE EXPERIENCING A BIG BOOM

The value of real estate in Jacksonville and vicinity has just about doubled within the last year, and at the rate the place is being settled up right along by newcomers, other increases will follow.

The principal reasons for this revival of business and increase in realty values are on account of the big enterprises being installed here by J. W. Opp and the Portland capitalists, who are associated with him, and which will soon provide the biggest payroll in southern Oregon for years to come.

The big brick yard being installed there by Brophy and Childers will be among the biggest enterprises in southern Oregon and will give employment to a large force of men. Already nearly a million bricks are contracted for—in Medford alone—and when in operation will furnish brick for dozens of towns north and south along the main line of the Southern Pacific.

### SISKIYOU SITES FOR COLONY TO BE VISITED

REDDING, Calif., April 11.—Directors of the Northern California Counties' association, following their meeting with the United Chambers of Commerce of the Sacramento valley here Saturday, left yesterday for Siskiyou county, where a series of meetings is to be held, beginning today, at Dunsuir, Sisson, Montague, Yreka, Etna Mills and Fort Jones.

The plans of Siskiyou county for a state land colony similar to the one at Durham if the \$3,000,000 legislative appropriation is approved by the voters next November, will receive special attention along with other matters. Superintendent George Kreutzer of the Durham land colony is accompanying the party to give his advice as to locations proposed.

A lighted match, cigar or cigarette stub, carelessly thrown to one side in the woods, may start a forest fire which requires days of hard work and thousands of dollars to control.

## SHERIFF SAYS SHOOTING OF WATCHMAN WAS SUICIDE

SUSANVILLE, Calif., April 11.—The coroner's jury decided James Boyle, night watchman, whose body was found in his cabin home Wednesday morning, "came to his death by a gunshot wound in the heart at the hand of hands of parties unknown." But Sheriff J. S. Church today said the investigation of the case had been dismissed as the officers had adopted the suicide theory.

## FRAUD IN WAR DEPARTMENT IS CHARGED

WASHINGTON, April 11.—A scathing assault on the war department with charges of fraud, corruption and favoritism and tampering with justice, through attempts to control the department of justice, was made in the house by Representative Johnson, republican and ex-service man.

He presented a long list of alleged incorrect sales of surplus property by the war department, resulting, he said, in enormous losses to the country. Johnson introduced a resolution demanding an investigation of the matters contained in his charges by a special committee to be appointed by the speaker of the house.

## BRYAN TO BREAK RECORD WILL NOT RUN FOR SENATE

MIAMI, Fla., April 11.—Whatever plans William Jennings Bryan may have cherished of representing Florida in the United States senate, have for some unknown reason, been knocked "galley west."

The Great Commoner made the official announcement today that under no circumstances would he consent to be a candidate. It is not known exactly what led to this decision, but those who are well posted on the situation, say there was only one reason—he didn't have a chance of winning the nomination.

### FAREWELL PARTY IS GIVEN FOR SOUTHARDS

A farewell party was given last evening at the Baptist church for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Southard, who left today for Portland, where they expect to make their home.

The Southards have been residents of Ashland for the past year, and in that length of time have made a wide acquaintance of friends who are sorry to hear of their departure. Both Mr. and Mrs. Southard have been connected with the church work of the Baptist church, and have so interwoven themselves into the work that the church workers feel that it will be hard indeed to fill their places.

The evening was enjoyably spent with games and was appropriately finished with an excellent supper, at which time toasts for the future welfare of the departing members were given and expressions of thankfulness were given for the work they have done here.

### MORE THAN 100 COUGARS KILLED DURING WINTER

SALEM, April 11.—More than 100 cougars were killed in Oregon during the winter, according to an estimate made Saturday by Captain A. E. Burghdoff, state game warden, who said that while exact figures were not yet available, the number of the big cats killed last winter would exceed those killed the previous winter, when the state paid bounties for \$4.

### DECISION ON PICKFORD DIVORCE EXPECTED SOON

RENO, Nev., April 11.—The decision of the Nevada supreme court in the Mary Pickford divorce case is expected within the next two or three weeks, according to Judge P. A. Carran, attorney for the actress. The case was submitted February 3 and is due to be called on or before May 3.

## HUNDREDS MADE HOMELESS WHEN LEVEES BREAK

### TWENTY-SIX BLOCKS UNDER WATER IN BEARDSTOWN, ILLINOIS

#### Storm Takes Death Toll of Four in Kansas and Eastbound Trains Are Blocked by Terrific Snowstorm on Other Side of the Rockies.

BEARDSTOWN, Ill., April 11.—Weakened by the pressure of the highest waters ever recorded in the Illinois river, the levees here broke today, inundating 26 square blocks of the city, and 100 citizens have been made homeless. So far no loss of life has been reported, as the rise of the river has been slow and the breaking of the levee has been expected for several days.

### FOUR DEATHS REPORTED IN WAKE OF BIG STORM

KANSAS CITY, April 11.—Four deaths are reported in the wake of storms which swept Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma yesterday. Rivers and streams continue bank full, and the lowlands are still inundated, but further flood damage is not expected.

### TRAINS EAST FROM DENVER ARE BLOCKED BY SNOW

SMITH CENTER, Kans., April 11.—Western Kansas is battling against the worst April snowstorm in its history. No trains east bound from Denver have been able to plow their way through the storm.

### TWO HUNDRED DIE IN FLOOD WHEN ICE JAM BREAK

LONDON, April 11.—Two hundred persons have perished in the flood of the Dvina river at Dvinsk, said a Riga dispatch today. The flood was caused by the sudden release of an ice jam. Dvinsk is on the border of Latvia.

## SHERIFF TAKES HAND IN STRIKE ON AT WEED

WEED, Calif., April 11.—Striking Weed Lumber Company employees are meeting incoming trains every day. They carry a large sign with the legend, "Strike Still On: Keep Away." Several of them circulate among the passengers alighting from the train to determine if any are strikebreakers.

According to union heads, the company has been bringing in strikebreakers from the north in motor trucks in the early morning hours. For the purposes of taking steps to preserve order and to prevent any disturbances in connection with the strike, Sheriff A. S. Calkins has arrived from Yreka and has taken charge of the situation. He has warned the picketers there must be no violence.

### Nobody Loves a Fat Man; Heavyweight Is Divorced

WEED, Calif., April 11.—Minnie LaDue has been granted a divorce from J. M. LaDue of Weed, in the superior court at Yreka on the ground of non-support.

LaDue has conducted several restaurants, lunch wagons and tamale joints in Shastina during the past few years.

His chief cause for renown is that he is reported to be the fattest man in Siskiyou county, his weight very nearly approaching the 400 pound mark. Now he says: "Nobody loves a fat man."

### Vanguard I. W. W. Exodus Take Passage for Russia

NEW YORK, April 11.—The White Star liner Adriatic on her last passage carried in her steerage 68 members of the Industrial Workers of the World, the vanguard of a force of 6000 which is going to Russia, seeking to prove the workers can operate the machinery of industrial production.

## ARMED CIVILIAN POLICE FORCE SUGGESTED FOR NEW YORK

NEW YORK, April 11.—While the city agitates over the number of spectacular crimes—ninety-three murders since January 1—the New York Society for the City of New York has recommended to Police Commissioner Enright that the city virtually be turned into an armed camp.

The society's investigating committee reached the conclusion that the uniformed police was composed of men, "not less intelligent and conscientious than heretofore," but that citizens themselves should be better armed, and favors granting licenses to carry revolvers to a dozen citizens in every block.

## COUNTY SEAT R.R. IS TAKEN OVER BY NEW OWNERS

A new era has dawned or the county seat. The old "Trolleyville" conveyance that has served as the go-between for Jacksonville and Medford is soon to go into the discard, owing to the fact that the railroad has changed hands, and the new management, in view of a big freight contract with the Southern Pacific, will equip the road with new rolling stock, and promises to make the old line a modern means of transportation.

Of course, to do this, an increased revenue will be necessary, so the fare will be raised, but it is hardly likely any kick will be registered on that account, if it brings the relegation of the old trolleyville van to the relic warehouse.

John W. Opp is announced as manager, taking the position formerly held by J. T. Gagnon.

A force of men is at work repairing the roadbed with new ties and rails where needed, preparatory for the heavy traffic soon to be hauled over the road in compliance with the big contract of furnishing the Southern Pacific with 300,000 yards of rock and gravel for ballasting purposes.

The contract calls for at least 10 carloads per day delivered at Medford, and it is estimated that it will require nearly three years to complete the contract which will give steady employment to a large number of men.

Rock crushers are being installed on the ground half a mile west of Jacksonville and everything is being put in shape to begin work on the contract as rapidly as men and money can do it.

It will cost an enormous amount of money to equip the road with necessary rolling stock and other equipment.

A large eight-wheel passenger coach is being fitted up to take the place of the old four-wheeler now in use, which will add greatly to the convenience and comfort of the traveling public.

The new management found that it would be impossible to make these needed improvements without raising the fare to what it formerly was. Therefore the fare has been raised from 10 cents each way to 20 cents each way or 30 cents for the round trip. Book tickets, good for 20 rides between Jacksonville and Medford, are on sale at \$2, making it 10 cents a ride.

### JUDGE ESCHEWS USUAL INSTRUCTIONS TO JURY

KLAMATH FALLS, April 11.—All traditions of local circuit court jurisprudence were smashed and attorneys dumbfounded in the \$11,000 damage suit of George C. North against his neighbor, Henry Graham, when Judge C. F. Stone ignored not only the usual stereotyped instructions to the jury, but refused as well to consider a total of nine pages of special instructions passed up to the bench by the attorneys.

"Gentlemen of the jury," Judge Stone said, "you are the sole judges of the facts. Take this case and decide it accordingly."

As light as the instructions were, however, the jury consumed nearly five hours in deciding on a \$50 award for the plaintiff.

## BUCK PRIVATE HERO GIVE LIFE TO SAVE BUDDIES

### RUSHED INTO CRATER OF FIRE RESCUING TRAPPED COMRADES

#### Explosion on Camp Bullis Rifle Range, Kills Two Soldiers, Nine Are Dying, and Two Others Badly Injured in Flames.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, April 11.—John Brenner, plain "buck" private, died today, the hero of an explosion of pyrotechnics on the Camp Bullis rifle range last night. Into the crater of fire he had plunged again and again, dragging out his burned comrades, collapsing only when there were no more alive in the fiery pit.

The explosion has already cost two lives. Besides nine soldiers who are dying, two others are seriously burned.

There were 43 men in the rifle pit when a rocket backfired and set fire to a huge "dump" of pyrotechnics being used in the night firing problem by troops of the Seventeenth infantry.

### MARCH MARRIAGE ANNULLED; WILL MARRY AGAIN IN APRIL

REDDING, Calif., April 11.—The marriage of Rudolph Friebe, proprietor of the hotel at Middle Creek, and Mrs. Alpha M. Broadbent, of San Francisco, which took place in this city March 8, was annulled in the superior court Thursday on the ground that Mrs. Broadbent was the wife of Frank Broadbent of San Francisco at the time of the March wedding. A final decree of divorce from Frank Broadbent was entered in San Francisco last Wednesday.

So, with the final decree of divorce entered, Friebe and Mrs. Broadbent were married "sure enough" by Judge Harry Donnelly.

## CAMP GROUND FEE FIXED AT FIFTY CENTS BY BOARD

The city park board held an adjourned meeting at the home of G. S. Butler on Granite street last evening, when it was decided to charge an admission fee of 50 cents a day at the auto camp ground. This will cover all charges with the exception of gas, which campers will have to purchase as has been the case heretofore.

The house purchased late last season is being equipped as a rest room and wash house, with all the facilities necessary for the comfort of auto tourists. The board, at last night's meeting, hired John H. Doran to attend to the registration of the tourists, to give them the glad hand on arrival, and wish them well on their way when they leave.

Quite a number of new rules and regulations in regard to the camp grounds and the park in general were passed, and the caretaker was given instructions as to his duties.

SWENSON & McRAE HAVE NOVEL DEMONSTRATION

Swenson and McRae are putting on a novel demonstration this week of Universal stoves and furnaces. In one of their show windows is a combination gas, wood and coal Universal range. The stove is connected up with the gas, and Charles Caddery, demonstrator from the Universal factory is at hand to point out the good features of the range and how it works. In the other window is one of the Universal furnaces set up to show how it looks; also a Universal heater which is to be given away Wednesday afternoon.

### SUSPECTED CHINESE ROCK THROWER DIES IN ASYLUM

CHICO, Calif., April 11.—Wong Quam, insane Chinese, who was suspected at one time of throwing the rocks and bolts that startled Chico and amused the world, died recently at the Stockton insane asylum, where he had been confined.

## MOONSHINERS SUSPECTED OF STEALING FORTY BEEHIVES

RED BLUFF, Calif., April 11.—Bee thieves furnish the latest innovation in the line of burglary in Tehama county. Forty hives of bees have been stolen recently from E. F. Foster, who has a large apiary in the Los Molinos colony.

Foster declared he suspected that moonshiners were stealing his honey to use as one of the ingredients in making liquor.

## LOYD GEORGE TO PLACATE SOVIET AND GERMANY

GENOA, April 11.—Either the creation of a new society of nations, or expansion of the present League of Nations will grow out of the international economic conference if Lloyd George's plans succeed, it was learned here today. The French believed they had persuaded the British statesman to abandon his plans for the organization of the powers to guarantee the peace of Europe for a specified number of years, but it is understood that Lloyd George has approached other delegates on the subject. His plan would include both Russia and Germany on a common equality with the other signatories.

## WOULD GIVE THE PRESIDENT TARIFF CONTROL

WASHINGTON, April 11.—After many months of delay, the so-called permanent tariff bill, radically different in many important respects from the form in which it passed the house last year, and revolutionary in some of its administrative and other vital provisions, was finally reported favorably to the senate today by the republican majority in control of the senate finance committee.

For the first time in a long, eventful history of tariff-making, the president would be vested by the bill with sweeping, discretionary power to change and fix rates on imported articles and to even bar completely foreign products from this country, whenever he deemed trade conditions warranted such action on his part. The bill establishes a high "protective" duty on agricultural products, which, heretofore, invariably have been placed on the free list in both republican and democratic tariff measures.

### SCOTTISH RITE MASONS TO OBSERVE SOLEMN FEAST

The Scottish Rite Masons of southern Oregon will observe the solemn feast of the Knights of the Rose Croix at Medford Thursday night, at 8:30 o'clock. This is called the Maundy-Thursday service from the Latin "mandare," to command, and its observance is required of all Knights of the Rose Croix. The program for the evening is as follows: "The Flag of our County"—Ben C. Sheldon. "To All Masons of All Degrees"—Mayor C. E. Gates. "Ye Shall Know the Truth and the Truth Shall Make You Free"—Dr. W. H. Flanagan. "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"—Gus Newbury. "It is Finished"—Rev. W. Judson Oldfield. The above program is somewhat tentative and, therefore, is subject to change. All Scottish Rite Masons please take notice.

### FORMER ASHLAND MAN BUYS JACKSONVILLE DRUG STORE

A business deal, which had been pending for several weeks, was closed this week, whereby Dr. J. W. Robinson has sold his drug store in Jacksonville to C. C. Chitwood, recently from Portland, says the Jacksonville Post.

Mr. Chitwood is not a stranger to this part of the country, having been born and reared to manhood in Ashland, where his father formerly conducted a drug store and was a practicing physician for many years.

For the past several years he has followed the drug business in Klamath Falls and Portland.

## VIGILANTES HANG A BOY TO TREE IN JACKSONVILLE

### SUSPENDED LONG ENOUGH TO GET GLANCE INTO ETERNITY

Paul York, 17 Years, and Sam Johnson, 22, Were Manhandled Sunday Night at County Seat by Men in Black Masks and Flowing Robes.

Vigilantes got busy in Jacksonville Sunday night, and as a result two young men, Sam Johnson, aged 22 years, and Paul York, 17, were seized by a crowd of men wearing black masks and flowing robes, taken out on the county road, about a mile from town, and York was hanged to a tree—not long enough to kill him, but sufficiently long to give him a glance into eternity.

Johnson was given a severe lecture on his evil ways and threatened with similar punishment unless he trod the straight and narrow part in the future.

Both lads were badly scared, and when they arrived in Jacksonville the matter was reported to Sheriff Terrill, but so far no arrests have been made. The sheriff did not know of what particular offenses the boys were accused by the vigilantes, although he said both were bad actors, but had never been caught doing anything which would bring them within the pale of the law.

### RUSSIAN IRONWORKER PAROLED, SEEKING JOB

William Miller, the Russian, who was convicted in the circuit court last month on a burglary charge, was sent to Salem Saturday, where the state parole board will try to secure a job for him. Miller was accompanied by his wife. He is an expert ironworker.

## BIG GOLD STRIKE CAUSES STAMPEDE TO BRIGGS CREEK

Reports of a gold strike on Briggs creek, a tributary of the Illinois, about 25 miles southwest of Grants Pass, were brought to the city Friday by Harry Sordy, mining man, from the Alameda district, according to the Grants Pass Courier.

According to Sordy, the strike is said to be rich enough to cause all those engaged in placer mining to abandon their workings temporarily, and to rush for the region in which the strike occurred.

Claims are being staked in the snow and nearly every mining man in the vicinity of the reported strike has set his stakes, hoping that the gold ore may be found when the snow has melted.

### ACCIDENT ON FIRST STREET IS NARROWLY AVERTED

A near accident happened Monday afternoon at the intersection of First street and the alley at the rear of the Union Oil service station, when Mr. Hottenstein and Roy Hale almost locked-horns with their machines.

Mr. Hottenstein, who operates a wood yard on Second street between A and B streets, was driving his Ford truck west in the alley at a fair rate of speed, and Mr. Hale had turned into First street from East Main. Both cars were within a few feet of each other before the drivers were aware, and only by the quickest sort of turning was a serious smash averted. Mr. Hottenstein turned to the left, narrowly missing the front of the Palace lunch room, while Mr. Hale turned to the right and went down the alley to the rear of the Beaver annex, the fenders of both cars just grazing each other.

A second either way might have resulted in the wrecking of one or both machines, the result of a little too much speed.

All national forest headquarters, and many ranger stations have telephones. If you discover a forest fire, call central and ask to be connected with the nearest forest officer.