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An Irish Free State Official Assassinated

Kevin O'Higgins, Vice-President, Shot Down on Way to Church.

Dublin, Ireland.—Kevin O'Higgins, known as "the strong man" of the Irish Free State, was shot down in the streets Sunday and killed by assassins. As in the case of another "strong man," Michael Collins, his murderers lay in wait for him and as he was walking along from his home to Black Rock, a short distance from Dublin, an automobile pulled up beside him and three men pumped bullets into him.

The assassins drove away and thus far have escaped the police.

Mr. O'Higgins usually was accompanied by a detective, but Sunday when starting for the Bootertown Catholic church he told his escort for the first time in three years to remain at home. He was taken entirely by surprise when attacked. The first shot struck him in the abdomen, but he managed to stagger across the road, where he collapsed. His assailants fired five or more bullets into his head and body before springing into their car and driving furiously away.

As he lay on the road mortally wounded, O'Higgins, vice-president of the Free State council, minister of justice and foreign affairs, gasped out, "I forgive them all."

Ten men, charged with conspiracy in connection with the assassination of Kevin O'Higgins, vice president of the Irish Free State, were arraigned here in police court.

No evidence was offered and all 10 men were remanded for future hearings.

The suspects arrested were alleged to be senior officers in a republican organization, opponents of the present government.

Eamon de Valera, leader of the opposition, in an interview severely condemned the killing of O'Higgins, said he was "confident no republican organization was responsible for or would countenance such a crime."

INTERNAL REVENUE COLLECTIONS LARGER

Washington, D. C.—An increase of \$245,726,873 in the collection of income taxes during the last fiscal year over the preceding 12 months was reported by the internal revenue bureau, which showed total collections of \$2,219,831,014. A decrease of \$216,931,255 was shown in miscellaneous taxes, with collections of \$445,364,495.

Total tax collections from all sources showed an increase of \$29,695,617, reaching \$2,565,695,509.

Income tax collections totaling \$6,197,769 from the state of Oregon were reported for the fiscal year 1927, which ended June 30.

The 1927 total represents a drop of approximately \$200,000 from the total collections during the fiscal year 1926, which were \$6,399,176.

Income taxes from the state of Washington, including Alaska, showed an increase in 1927. The total payments from that revenue district were \$13,307,581 in 1927 and \$12,307,536 in 1926. Miscellaneous taxes in 1927 totaled \$694,556, bringing the aggregate collection from Washington and Alaska during that year to \$13,002,438.

NAVAL PARLEY PUZZLES

British Insistence on Big Cruiser Tonnage Unexplained.

Washington, D. C.—Increasing mystification over the insistent British demand at Geneva for a cruiser tonnage of 600,000 as a basis for a supplemental naval treaty was evident at the state department, where it was said that Great Britain had approved at the Washington arms conference five years ago a proposal to limit all auxiliary craft to a total of 450,000 tons.

Sir Esme Howard, the British ambassador, is remaining in Washington during the critical period of the deliberations.

It was pointed out here that the original American proposal at the Washington conference to limit auxiliary surface craft to a total of 450,000 tons for Great Britain, and the United States was accepted without reservation by Lord Balfour of the British delegation.

Two Pay Penalty on Elk Killing Count; Fines, Jail Sentence

East Oregonian: John Bell and S. R. Chilson of Ukiah, arrested June 28 by W. H. Albee, game warden and Charles Hoskins, deputy sheriff, on a charge of killing a cow elk, pleaded guilty in the court of Norborne Berkeley, justice of the peace, who gave a sentence of 30 days in jail and a fine of \$250 and costs to Bell, and a sentence of 30 days and \$350 and costs to Chilson.

Mr. Albee states that he first heard of the law violation last April, being told at that time that two men had killed the elk in Texas Bar basin. To keep Bell and Chilson from knowing that he had discovered the deed, Mr. Albee went to the Texas Bar region at night and found the hide, head and feet of the elk buried there. He brought the evidence to Pendleton, making the return trip at night also.

The two law-breakers, Mr. Albee states, told their friends of the killing and after some time witnesses were found who corroborated the game warden's suspicions. He and Hoskins made the arrest June 23, and brought the men to town. They pleaded not guilty and the date of trial was set for July 8, with bail at \$750. The two admitted themselves guilty of the crime.

"Elk are on the increase and if people will leave them unmolested, it may be possible to have an open season later on," says Mr. Albee. "The game law regarding the killing of elk is a very strict one. It provides that violators be fined not less than \$200 or more than \$1,000 and sentenced to not less than 30 days nor more than one year in jail."

Seattle Stirs Row on Portland Differential

A movement to bring the so-called Portland differential grain rate case once more before the interstate commerce commission was started by the Seattle port commission meeting with 12 leading grain shippers of that port.

Seattle's growth as a grain shipping port is materially handicapped by railroad rates which enable shippers in the Columbia river basin, south of the Snake river, to send their product to Portland at rates 10 per cent lower than those to Seattle, speakers said.

Other Puget sound ports will be urged to start independent campaigns.

Dr. Dye Visits

Dr. Royal E. Dye, a former medical missionary to Bolenga, Africa, was in the city Wednesday calling on friends. Dr. Dye, who now makes his home in Los Angeles, was here with Mrs. Dye about 15 years ago in the interest of the building of the missionary boat Oregon, now plying the Congo river, and his mission now is soliciting for new and modern equipment for the boat. He lectured in Pendleton and in Milton. Dr. and Mrs. Dye have spent 28 years as missionaries on the Congo.

Man, Burned, Has Chance

Frank W. Tierney, Walla Walla automobile dealer, who was burned about the body at his automobile warehouse, has a fighting chance for life, his physician stated. Tierney said that he was pouring gasoline from a can into the carburetor of a gasoline engine when it back fired, firing the gasoline. He tossed the can away but it struck a post and the burning gasoline was thrown upon him.

To McNeil Island

Glen O. Rust, 32, formerly of Pendleton, was sentenced to serve 18 months at McNeil island for forgery. He was alleged to have forged the name of Sandy Olmstead for a United States treasury certificate at Klamath Falls.

For Liquor Possession

On a federal charge of possessing liquor on an Indian reservation, Lorain Shick of Athena, was fined \$100 at Pendleton, Monday. Shick was arrested at Cayuse Saturday night by Federal Officer Rogers and Deputy Sheriff Kessler.

Hand in Wringer

Mrs. George Payne had one of her hands seriously injured in the wringer of an electric washing machine, Monday. One of the fingers was badly lacerated. Dr. Sharp dressed the injured hand.

Car Plunges Over a Cliff, Killing Two

Mr. and Mrs. George Peebler Victims of Accident.

Mr. and Mrs. George Peebler, Umatilla county pioneers are dead as the result of an automobile accident near Yakima, Monday afternoon, when their car in which they and two grandchildren went over a cliff on the Ellensburg canyon road.

The accident occurred when Mrs. Peebler, alarmed at rocks rolling down the hillside seized Mr. Peebler's arm, causing the car to swerve from the grade and plunge over the cliff.

Mrs. Peebler was killed instantly, and Mr. Peebler with his head crushed lingered until after he was removed to a hospital at Yakima, when he died. The two granddaughters, Sylvia and Vivian Peterson of Seattle, were not seriously injured. Mr. and Mrs. Peebler were accompanying their grandchildren who had been visiting them in Pendleton, to their home in Seattle, when the accident took place.

Mr. Peebler is well known in Athena, where he resided for a couple of years, living in the residence now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McPherson. His first wife died over two years ago, and his second wife was formerly Miss Julia A. Smith, a sister of his widow.

Mr. Peebler was a pioneer farmer of this county, and is survived by two sons and two daughters, Mrs. Ira Perkins, Mrs. Ernest French, John Peebler, all of Pendleton, and D. A. Peebler, of Rudyard, Montana.

While en route from Seattle to Yakima, Mrs. Peterson, mother of the girls, and daughter of Mr. Peebler, was seriously injured in an automobile accident near the place where the Peebler accident occurred, when her car was struck by another machine.

Harvest Wage Scale as Adopted for County

The following wage scale was adopted July 11th, at a meeting of Umatilla County farmers called together by the Umatilla County Farm Bureau in connection with the annual tour of the county Grain Nursery.

Sack sewers, 12-15 foot machines, \$5.00, 20 foot machines, \$6.60; Drivers, 12-15 foot machines, \$5.00, 20 foot machines \$6.60; Header tenders, \$4.00; Separator tenders, \$6.00-\$10.00; Caterpillar drivers, \$6.00; Straw haulers, \$3.00; Cooks up to ten men, \$3.00; Assistant cooks, \$2.00; Water buck and roustabout, \$3.00; Sack jig 16 foot machines \$4.00, 20 foot machines, \$5.00; Bulk drivers, \$3.50-\$4.00; Picking up sacks, where piling on 40 acres, 1½¢; Wheat hauling, 2 trips, \$4.00.

McKay Reservoir Used

Water is now being released from the McKay reservoir for irrigation purposes in the west end of Umatilla county. Only the normal flow of McKay creek has been released but it is now planned to utilize 350 acre feet a day. Due to late rains it was not necessary to call upon the reserve supply until much later in the season than had been expected.

County Wheat Men Meet Crop Specialists and Discuss Grain

D. E. Stephens, superintendent of the Moro experiment station, talked to approximately 65 wheat farmers who were present Monday at the Grain farm on the various varieties of wheat and the possible crosses of any two varieties which might produce a better type of wheat, says the East Oregonian. The different plots of the nursery were inspected by the farmers while Mr. Stephens explained the salient qualities of each variety of wheat.

Following the inspection of wheat at the nursery, the party went to the place of Sam Thompson, south of Blakeley station where two fields were inspected as to the good derived from early or late planting. In telling of the effects in the date of planting Mr. Stephens mentioned that in his work he had found at Moro that wheat planted in September was not so well as that planted in October. A field of clover belonging to A. R. Coppock was also inspected.

W. A. Holt, county agent for Umatilla county, explained that the purpose of the nursery was to obtain the best possible variety of wheat for this part of the state. As explained by Mr. Stephens, each county seems to have a particular wheat that does better for the growers. County Agent Holt also explained the use of fertilizer on a small plot of ground near the nursery to all appearances had increased the yield of the wheat on the ground where the fertilizer had been placed.

The hot dish is sometimes prepared by the mothers, taking turns, and in other schools by the older girls and boys under the supervision of the teacher. In larger schools, children are often charged the cost of the hot dish, and a good cook is paid for it's preparation, the cost coming to about 10 cents per week per child.

Teachers report greatly improved school work after the hot lunch has been established, also easier discipline and many corrections of underweight in malnourished children.

The school lunch committees were appointed by the chairman of Nutrition groups. Mrs. C. A. Keller of Hermiston, Mrs. Benjamin Stanton of Fork Grange, Mrs. Walter Smith of Pilot Rock. These working groups were organized by County Agent Walter A. Holt, and have been holding a series of demonstrations with Miss Lucy A. Case, Nutrition Specialist, Extension Service, Oregon Agricultural College Corvallis, Oregon.

Louisiana Letter Acknowledging Receipt of W. C. T. U. Gift

The following letter has been received by Mrs. H. W. Cowan of the local W. C. T. U. from an official of the Louisiana W. C. T. U., in acknowledgment of receipt of the box of clothing sent to the flood sufferers by the Athena society:

"The huge box of clothes came in perfect order and we had a wonderful time opening them. We have distributed most everything from that box and many of our folk were made very glad as they had lost all their possessions. Those of you who live in the high country can never know what these neighbors of ours have suffered.

"The box of things for little folks came today and we will distribute them in the next few days. Some of the mothers have little babies only a few days old. Others several months old.

"We assure you that we are giving these things to people that we think most need them. The local W. C. T. U. and I as president thank you very much for your kindness to us at this time.

"Baton Rouge and vicinity, being well above the flood we have had our share of folks to take care of, having something over 10,000 people in the camps. Should some of your members attend the World's Congress against alcohol at Winona Lake in August or the W. C. T. U. convention just after, and if any of your ladies attend we hope to meet you.

Mrs. Bun Moore who was operated on several weeks ago in a hospital at Walla Walla, has sufficiently recovered to be brought home Sunday, where she is convalescing nicely.

Hot School Lunch Committees Busy

Cold Lunch Doomed to Follow the Wake of Tallow Candle.

The following information in connection with the work done in the county by Miss Case, Nutrition specialist of O. A. C., may be of interest.

Progressive mothers and teachers in twelve Umatilla county school districts are working hard this summer to furnish their children with a simple hot lunch when they return to school next fall.

The aim of these committees is to visit the other mothers and teachers, present the advantage of a supervised hot lunch for the better growth and nutrition of the child, collect equipment and funds and make plans for the simple hot lunch dish when days turn colder and the kiddies are back at their books.

It has been definitely demonstrated in several schools in the county that children can get more into their head, if there is a good meal in their stomach. A bowl of hot soup means a more balanced meal, better digestion, slower eating, more enjoyment of the carried lunch, better supervision of manners and behavior at the lunch hour, and less "piecing" on sweets after school.

Another Double Bill at Standard Theatre

The Standard Theatre offers its patrons another double bill on tomorrow evening, when Harold Lloyd will be seen on the screen in "The Kid Brother," his comedy scream of the season. "The Kid Brother" is Lloyd's second comedy production made for distribution by Paramount, and is said to easily reach the heights he attained in "Grandma's Boy" and "Safety Last." Also on the screen, the usual news reel and regular comedy number.

U. of O. Orchestra Pleases Athena People

John Robinson's University of Oregon Orchestra pleased a large audience at the Standard Theatre Sunday night, in concert. The appearance of the orchestra was delayed owing to a motor accident at Mission, while the musicians were en route from Wallowa Lake to Athena.

Monday night the orchestra sponsored a dance at Legion Hall which was largely attended, and announcement was made that the orchestra would give a dance again at Legion Hall on Monday evening July 25, while on their return trip to Willamette valley.

The Standard Theatre has engaged the orchestra for a second concert on Sunday evening, July 24. The University of Oregon Orchestra has tentatively been engaged by a steamship company for a trip around the world on one of its excursion steamers.

Demand Made by Agricultural Meeting for Farm Relief Bill

Enactment into law of the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill at the next session of congress is demanded in resolutions adopted at the final session of the Northwestern Agricultural conference at St. Paul.

Concluding a two day conference, representatives of farm organizations in more than a dozen states in the south and middle-west unanimously approved resolutions endorsing the bill vetoed last winter by President Coolidge.

United States Senator Smith W. Brookhart, of Iowa and several members of congress from Minnesota and North Dakota were among the speakers at the closing session who urged unremitting efforts to gain "full equality for agriculture."

President Coolidge, the resolutions declared, by vetoing the McNary-Haugen bill, had "clearly repudiated the republican platform on which he was elected," and his reasons for the veto were branded as "indefensible and conflicting arguments."

Another resolution unanimously adopted, on motion of Congressman J. Kvale, of Minnesota, requested the house committee on agriculture to meet before the regular session of congress and have the McNary-Haugen bill ready for introduction when congress convenes.

Bean Crop Damaged

Weston Leader: The bean crop of the Pea ridge region, bean growing center of the Weston country, suffered greatly from the flood. Albert O'Harra had 60 acres of the legumes which were utterly wiped out, and Herman O'Harra is also a loser. Albert figures that his wheat crop was damaged about 50 per cent by the hail. His blacksmith shop, chicken house and granary were washed away and his binder torn to pieces. Eighty acres of Hernan O'Harra's 160-acre wheat crop was greatly damaged, and he lost 20 acres of beans—all that he planted.

Wheat Crop Shows Splendid Outlook

Washington, D. C.—The shortest corn crop in 26 years was indicated by the department of agriculture in its July crop report, which forecast a production of 2,274,424,000 bushels. The figure is almost half a billion bushels below the average production of the last five years.

"Crop prospects as a whole are far from promising," was the comment of the crop reporting board in its review of conditions.

Winter wheat made a strong recovery from the low condition of a month ago, and the present indicated production, 579,416,000 bushels, is 2,000,000 bushels more than forecast there. The principal increases were in Kansas and Nebraska.

The indicated production of spring wheat, 274,215,000 bushels, was recorded as about 70,000,000 bushels more than last year's crop, and 2,900,000 bushels more than the average of the last five years.

This year's indicated total wheat crop was placed at 853,634,000 bushels, or about 22,000,000 bushels more than produced last year.

Stocks of wheat on farms on July 1 were relatively low, being 27,339,000 bushels, compared with the five-year average of 29,913,000 bushels.

Hill Lines Divulge Plans for Merging

Great Northern and Northern Pacific Ask I. C. C. to Combine Roads.

Washington, D. C.—Formal application was made to the interstate commerce commission for approval of the project to consolidate the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railroads.

The complete plan, which has been drawn up and approved by stockholders and officers of the two roads, provides for creation of a new company, the Great Northern Pacific, under the laws of Delaware. Under this plan the corporation asks the commission to allow it to issue 4,970,976 shares of common stock, 2,479,950 shares of which would be exchanged for the outstanding stock of the Northern Pacific railroad and 2,490,981 shares of which would be exchanged for outstanding stock of the Great Northern company.

Most of the securities of the existing companies already have been deposited with committees in preparation for the contemplated exchange.

The new Great Northern Pacific company's plan also includes lease of the 900 mile system of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad, which is now owned in common by the Northern Pacific and Great Northern.

While the definite application did not deal with the subject, the corporation also contemplates control of the 11,400 mile system of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, which is now jointly owned by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific.

The new company, if the commission approves the project, will own or operate approximately 25,000 miles of trunk line railroad and will become by far the largest railroad system in the United States.

JAPANESE PATROL TSINGTAO

Official Count Shows 419 Americans Now in Menaced City.

Pekin.—Japanese marines, numbering 750, are patrolling Tsingtao, Shantung province, replacing the soldiers who have been sent westward along the railway in readiness for emergencies. It is reported that a Japanese cruiser has left Shanghai for Tsingtao carrying 450 additional marines. The Japanese war craft at Tsingtao are two cruisers and two gunboats.

Tsingtao and Tshan are quiet and there is no immediate threat of disorder or occupation by the southern (nationalist) forces.

An official count on June 19 showed there was 419 Americans in Tsingtao, the majority of them refugee missionaries from interior posts or summer sojourners.

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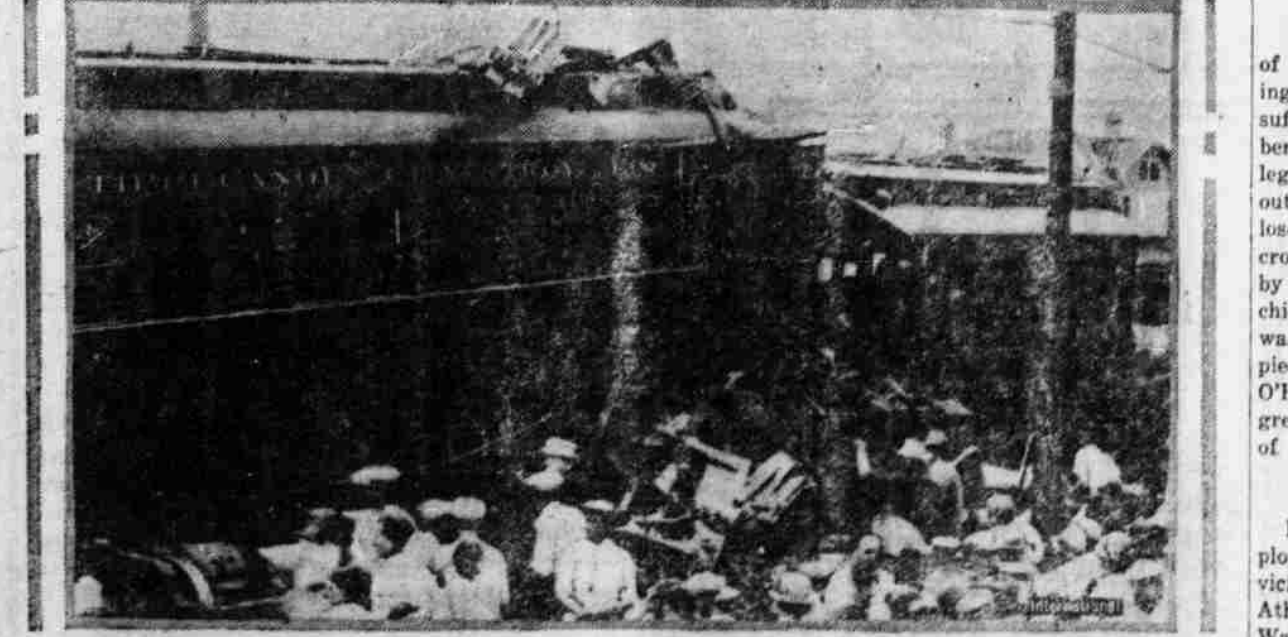
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Traction Wreck in Which Six Were Killed



Scene near Dayton, Ohio, after a head-on collision between two interurban traction cars in which six persons were killed and thirty were injured.