

WEEK OF THRILLERS SCHEDULED FOR 4TH AT ASHLAND

The present week here will be one of thrillers. The roundup is already in evidence on every hand with the arrival of cowboys daily from the sporting centers of the west. Silk shirts, bright collars and spurred boots can be met with at every turn, the wearers arriving by train or auto, quite a few of the contingent coming here from a distance on horseback.

Included among the performers who have signed up within the last few days is Miss Vera McGinnis of Los Angeles, the noted relay expert of the west, who will ride the local string of horses owned by J. J. Murphy. Pitted against the Ashland speeders will be the Medford racers owned by Doc Helms. These will be ridden by Mrs. Dell Blanchett, wife of one of the leading performers at the roundup last year. Blanchett was recently killed while serving in a Canadian regiment with the British forces in France. Competition will be keen between the two towns as represented by the respective drivers and their high steppers. A lady relay rider from Pendleton will also be here with a string of swift animals from that locality. This special feature from that noted racing center will be a star attraction.

The famous colored cowboy, George Fletcher, who is well remembered as one of the leading performers here in 1916, will reappear this season. This daredevil "in color" makes a decided hit in the arena.

The bucking contest will be participated in by riders from Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake and Siskiyou counties. Ashland and vicinity will be represented by Ray Dennis, Vern Dollarhide and Sam Kennedy, while Ray Hills, Jack Turner, Ray Beek, E. R. Cox, Arthur Worth, Coyote Smith, Leo Johnson, Frank Hoover and S. J. Callahan are coming over from the Klamath country.

The Indian rider, also from the Klamath section, include Eugene Week, Louis LeClair, Harry Brown and Bennet Ivy, who will stage an amateur contest which will be no tame affair either. Don't miss it, as in this connection the amateur classification does not imply indifferent skill on the part of novices.

The real genuine thriller, however, is reserved for the professional contest in which the traditional unruly animals are subdued by experts and handled to a fare-you-well. "Hail to the chief" is deservedly applied to the special contingent which exploits cowboy tactics to a finish without introducing the element of cruelty to mar the performance.

Patriotic and social features are not to be overlooked during the celebration week, and if present plans are carried out there will be a big loyal demonstration in the Ashland parks on Friday, July 5. This is to be in honor of the drafted men about to leave for the camp centers. It will be more than a local affair, the entire county being represented in the homage to be paid the soldier boys. Patriotic music will supplement the patriotic sentiments echoed by able speakers. A special musical treat is scheduled for Friday night, this being a reproduction of "The Mikado," for the benefit of the Red Cross organizations of Ashland and Phoenix, Medford talent directing the presentation of this popular comic opera.

Round up headquarters are at Joe Alnutt's cigar store and pool room in Elk's block, where a convenient bureau of information handles the dope regarding schedules in general. For specific information, however, interview Ed Staples, general manager, who has a formal lineup on every phase of the celebration period.

WEST NOMINATED BY PROHIBITIONISTS

PORTLAND, July 1.—In a session which lasted practically throughout the day the Prohibition state convention thrashed out a platform and nominated two candidates—former Governor Oswald West, for the United States senate, and George M. Brown, for attorney general. Both men are nominees on other tickets.

There was no mention in the convention of fusion with the new national party of the state. In most states such a merger has been effected, and leaders of the new party in Oregon had generally believed they would absorb the old temperance organization here. Instead, the existence of the national party was completely ignored, though several of those who attended had been participants in proceedings a week ago of the infant party convention.

YPRES SWANS DEFY HUNS BY RESTING AMID OLD RUINS

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN BELGIUM, June 28.—Ypres today is not a deserted city. There is life amid the ruins made by German guns. Not all the population of the famous Belgian cathedral town has fled.

The swans are still there. For three years they have lived in a shrapnel-swept desolation. Hundreds of bets have been laid by soldiers on how long they would continue to nest in the Ypres moat. Early in the war these swans were famous. Then they became merely objects of mild curiosity. Now they are accepted by the British army as part of every-day life.

The ramparts above their home, centuries old, are torn and pitted by Hun shells, but they remain intact. And the one little family of swans lives on, unscared by shrapnel, unfrightened by air-bombs—living reminders of the fact that Belgium's swans, like Belgium's people, can never be robbed of their spirit by German frightfulness.

The old swans are somewhat yellowed now by age—but there are two young swans, hatched on a day when the German bombardment was most terrible.

Once during the brooding season a shell burst near the nest. The sitting swan paid no attention to it, except that she fluttered a little from the concussion.

There is a scrap of shrapnel half-buried and flattened between two bricks of the moat not three feet from the nest. This struck at night. When the soldiers saw them in the morning the two old birds and the young ones were stretching their necks preparatory to their morning dip into the moat's waters, quite as if the night had been one of untroubled slumber.

JACKSONVILLE

Mrs. Sarah Wilcox of Applegate spent Thursday with Jacksonville friends.

Roy Ulrich and family and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dunnington left by auto for the Willamette valley last Monday where they expect to locate.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Numan and daughter left for Coleson Monday to remain during the hot weather.

Mrs. Amy Dair has returned from Richmond, Cal., where she visited friends.

Mrs. Mary Bagshaw left for Hoquiam, Wash., Thursday where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Clyde Horie.

A picnic party composed of Toke Garrett and family, Paul Anderson and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hines, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Latinspach, Mrs. Ralph Jennings, Lewis Jennings and Agnes Band spent Sunday on the Applegate.

Announcements have been received of the wedding of Miss Veda May Overton and David H. Cromemiller at Medford on June 25, 1918. Mr. and Mrs. Cromemiller are spending their honeymoon in Portland.

Mrs. A. Ash and Mrs. Ernest McKee of Medford, spent Tuesday afternoon with Jacksonville friends.

Mrs. Louis Brown and family of Talent spent Saturday afternoon in Jacksonville visiting friends.

Richard Sparks is receiving congratulations on the arrival of a grandson at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cox in Shelton, Wash.

At a recent meeting held at the school house W. H. Johnson was re-elected school director.

Louis Baker returned to Portland last Saturday after a week's visit here.

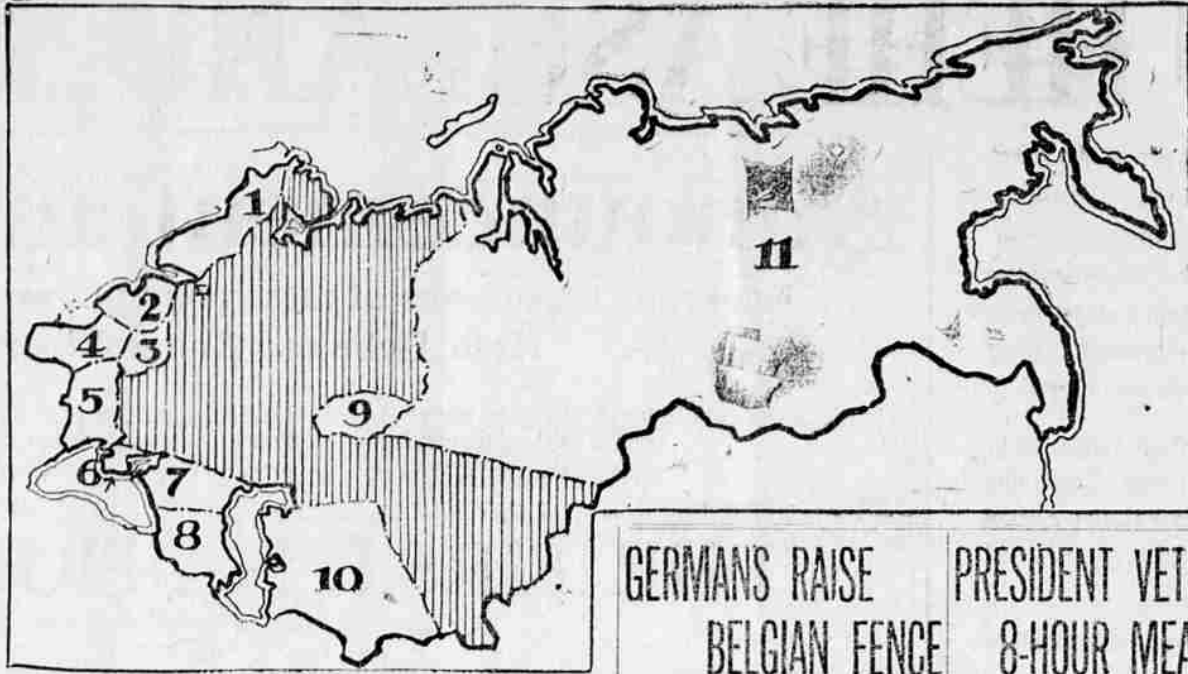
Miss Lulu Williams returned to Cinnabar Tuesday, making the trip to Walker in Jason Hartman's new car. Mrs. Hartman returned with her husband.

Friends of Edison Dunn, will be pleased to hear of his marriage to Miss Nellie Peachey at Ashland one day last week. Edison is the son of G. W. Dunn and formerly lived in Jacksonville.

The Royal Neighbors gave Mrs. Roy Ulrich a pleasant surprise last Friday evening when the members of the lodge and a few invited friends gathered at her home to bid her farewell.

Miss Alpha Alger entertained a number of her little friends with a lawn party last Saturday afternoon, the occasion being her birthday. Following were those present: Dorothy Flory, Cheryl Smith, Geraldine Gardner, Virginia Fick, Sybil and Frances Herrell, Virginia Numan, Wilsa Bailey, Ruth Lay, May McKendry, Russell Ulrich, Fletcher Johnson, Edward Fleming, Josie Weber, Venita Anderson, Claire Coleman, Margaret and Lucile Garretty.

THE DISINTEGRATION OF RUSSIA



This map shows the political dismemberment of the once powerful Russian empire as a result of the revolution. Most of the small republics shown are now under German domination.

The shaded portion on the map is all that is left of "Greater" Russia, the Bolshevik republic—and even their control of some of this is uncertain. The other states are as follows:

- 1—Finland, under German military control.
 - 2—Estonia, Livonia and Courland, the Baltic provinces.
 - 3—Lithuania, under a German "protectorate."
 - 4—Poland, completely under the Kaiser's thumb.
 - 5—Ukraine, still in a chaotic state but ruled by a dictator placed in power by Germany.
 - 6—The Crimea, independent, but its chief city, Sebastopol, in German hands.
 - 7—Ciscaucasia, the most recent of the Russian republics to declare its independence.
 - 8—Kars, awarded to Turkey under the Brest-Litovsk treaty, but still independent. (Control of the eastern section of the district indicated on this map is uncertain.)
 - 9—Orenburg.
 - 10—Turkistan.
 - 11—Siberia.
- The three last named are the only republics which can make an honest claim to independence. German influence has not yet succeeded in gaining complete control in them.

GERMANS RAISE BELGIAN FENCE

AMSTERDAM, July 1.—Belgium men and boys have lately shown a unique interest in athletics—particularly the pole vault and high jump. At the same time the German invaders in Belgium have raised the electrically charged wire fence around Belgium from a height of about four feet to a new height of nine feet.

These two items of news are closely related. When the Belgian youths had perfected their training in the high jump, they had taken to making their way to the frontier and jumping over the electric wires at some poorly guarded point.

The new nine-foot fence prevents this method of escape to Holland, and refugees are again forced to resort to the difficult expedient of wriggling thru the wires at spots where the sentries are few.

PRESIDENT VEToes 8-HOUR MEASURE

WASHINGTON, July 1.—President Wilson today vetoed the legislative executive and judicial appropriation on account of a provision increasing the hours of work for government clerks from seven to eight hours per day.

In his veto message the president said since, at the outset of the war he had called upon all employers to see that there was no change in conditions unfavorable to labor, he did not feel justified in assenting to a measure in which the United States itself makes such a change.

WASHINGTON, July 1.—A new urgent deficiency bill appropriating \$28,594,000 additional for the military establishments and \$50,000,000 for additional war labor housing was reported to the house today by the appropriations committee.

ENGLISH GIRLS THREATEN TO GO WITHOUT HATS

LONDON, July 1.—Fashion routed by economy!

Who ever heard of such a thing! It's about to happen in England, for women are up in arms against the increasing cost of millinery, and are threatening to go without hats altogether.

Particularly is this true of those who are employed in offices, shops, etc. It's getting so a working girl can't afford to buy a hat any more, and when she does it's hardly fit to wear.

Must Have Silk Hose!

Said a girl stenographer: "It's particularly hard on the girl who has to keep the family going now that her brothers have gone to war. But we dress as well as we can for our own self respect. Only a girl knows the difference in the moral and mental outlook brought about by wearing silk stockings."

"Few girls I know can buy hats these days. It takes all they can make to buy shoes, underwear, frocks and other clothes. The prices paid for everything have doubled. What can a girl do on \$10 a week?"

Hat Seller Scoffs

"There are many things we must have regardless of price, and I don't see why we should wear hats except that it's a habit."

A male proprietor of a millinery store denied there is any profiteering in hats.

"I doubt whether English girls could go without hats," he said. "It would take a lot of courage to start it, and the climate is against the fashion. Furthermore, it requires a different mode of hairdressing."

But then—he sells hats.

WATERDOGS WAR UPON MOSQUITOS

O. A. C. EXPERIMENT STATION, Corvallis, July 1.—That western neovs or water-dogs may become an important factor in fighting mosquitoes is brought out in a bulletin on "The Western Neovt or Water-Dog, a Natural Enemy of Mosquitoes," put out by the Oregon Agricultural College Experiment station.

"From the facts brought out by field observations, stomach examinations, and feeding," says Dr. Asa C. Chandler, the author, "the conclusion is unquestionable that water-dogs under suitable conditions, at least, are highly efficient destroyers of mosquito larvae, and where they naturally occur have much to do with the reduction of mosquitoes."

"One or two water-dogs placed in a water trough at the beginning of the mosquito breeding season would be sufficient to eliminate the breeding of mosquitoes in them. Watering troughs are often the chief source of mosquitoes in farm houses and barns."

\$170,000,000 FROM RED CROSS DRIVE

WASHINGTON, July 1.—Red Cross subscriptions in the second war fund drive amount now to \$170,028,394, with returns still coming in, national headquarters today announced. The first fund amounted to \$119,475,125, of which \$17,895,211 was refunded to or retained by local chapters. A financial statement issued today shows Red Cross receipts from all sources during the 11 months ending May 31 were \$117,544,284, which, with \$3,134,904 on hand July 1, last year, brought the society's total funds to \$120,679,188. Of this \$10,990,622 came from the second war fund drive. Total appropriations during the period were \$100,985,498 of which \$83,745,212 had been expended to May 31. Unencumbered resources were \$19,593,690 on May 31.

SENATOR TILLMAN IN VALLEY OF DEATH

WASHINGTON, July 1.—Hope for the recovery of Senator Tillman of South Carolina, chairman of the naval affairs committee, who suffered a cerebral hemorrhage, virtually was abandoned today. The end was believed to be a matter of only a few days. Senator Tillman has been unconscious since Sunday.

BRITAIN EXPLAINS CHILEAN AIRPLANES

WASHINGTON, July 1.—Great Britain has explained to Peru in a statement issued by the British minister at Lima that the recent delivery to Chile of a number of airplanes was in accord with American principles proclaimed by President Wilson and that the British government had not believed the act would be misinterpreted.

COPENHAGEN, July 1.—The National Tidende states that the former dowager empress, Maria Feodorovna of Russia, temporarily is in the Crimea and, even with the German military in power there, she had not been able to proceed to Denmark. As the Danish nation is anxious for the safety of this former Danish princess and longing to welcome her in Denmark, the newspaper asked Dr. von Kuchmann, German foreign secretary, whether the German government had refused to allow the empress-mother to come to Denmark.

Dr. von Kuchmann answered that Germany had not refused this permission, and that she and the other members of the former czar's family were remaining in the Crimea of their own volition.

Rosie Zeita and Hilda Singler, Palotte Kelley, Ina Howard, Elizabeth and Russell Brown of Talent and Miss Went.

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