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SECOND DAY OF CHAUTAUQUA WAS GREATLY ENJOYED

The second night of Chautauqua brought to the Chautauqua a striking personality in Capt. Sigurdur K. Gudmundson, an Arctic explorer, in his lecture, "Back from Russia." He commanded a relief expedition to the North of Siberia in 1920, returning to the United States in 1923.

It was a straight forward story of a daring and energetic man winning through great opposition of both nature and mankind. It was a stirring recital of thrilling experiences. Capt. Gudmundson stated that after an appeal from the soviet government he fitted out a relief expedition at Nome to carry foodstuffs and medicines to the Russians at the mouth of the Kolyma river.

He found the settlement in charge of deported criminals, whom the communists had made officials. At first welcomed, he was later dealt treachery by the governor and ended by making a trip overland by dog and reindeer teams to the soviet headquarters at Yakutsk. On this journey of 2800 miles he passed through country inhabited by three different peoples, none of which is like our Eskimos.

Freedom of the press, the right of free speech, and the right of free travel, either to travel or to talk without permission of the soviet.

Capt. Gudmundson was offered generous sums of money and great mineral concessions to preach bolshevism in the United States upon his return.

Upon his refusal he was imprisoned and sentenced to death, but escaped and finally returned to his vessel. His experience has caused him to wonder what is being given to those now in this country who are advocating recognition of the communist government in Russia.

At the end of the lecture a young man was dressed in a seal skin suit given the lecturer by Capt. Amundsen and like the one now worn by the lecturer.

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AMUNDSEN AIDE SPEAKS TO LOCAL KIWANIS CLUB

Captain Sigurdur K. Gudmundson, a native of Iceland, now an American citizen, was the principal speaker at the Kiwanis luncheon Monday. He declared his faith in Amundsen's being alive with some or all of his crew.

He said that an experienced and intelligent explorer like Amundsen would certainly be able to live "off the country" in the Arctic during the summer months. Our duty is to find the last explorer during the summer and secure his return before the long Arctic night sets in, the speaker said.

Captain Gudmundson is a fellow countryman of Roald Amundsen's and had met him in the Arctic when Gudmundson was captain of the "Polar Bear" and Amundsen was making his famous northern passage. Gudmundson has offered his services to aid in the search for Amundsen.

Captain Gudmundson spoke briefly of his own experiences in the north of Siberia as an Arctic explorer. His relations with the soviet government has made him a pronounced anti-bolshevik.

Communism as practiced there means starvation, oppression and often death to the subjects, while the officials lived in abundance and ruled by extortion and high-handed tyranny.

Captain Gudmundson warned against the encroachment of communist teaching and propaganda in America and urged that Americans make sure that all teachers from the primary schools through the university are perfect in their devotion to American principles.

L. W. Elliott of Salem, an experienced tax authority, spoke of a proposed income tax measure of which he is the author. He condemned the recent Oregon measure in positive terms but declared that an equitable measure would mean equalizing the tax burden so that all would bear a fair share and that the excessive burden now borne by property taxes would be relieved.

He pointed out that even the bad income tax recently repealed had not driven business from the state, supporting his contention by giving statistics of the corporation, local and foreign licensed to do business during recent years.

W. W. Baker told of the entertainment provided for the officers and privates of the national guard and all other visitors June 12 to 26, by the different organizations of the city through the committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce.

Paul McDonald received the attendance prize.

Mayor O. O. Alenderford told of the royal title furnished the Shriners by Los Angeles people and the "pranks" of the Shriners.

Lieut. Col. Alvin C. Baker, member of Brig. Gen. White's staff in charge of activities, told of the final preparations for Camp Jackson, complimented the people of Medford on the entertainment features provided for the men and said they were all looking forward to a good time here during their two weeks of work and vacation.

He said it is the first time the national guard is putting on the demonstrations, as heretofore the encampments have been held at Camp Lewis and the regular army has conducted the demonstrations.

The visitors were Lieut. Col. Alvin C. Baker, L. W. Elliott, tax commissioner of Salem; H. S. Deitel, C. L. Wang, Mayor Thomas Grieve, W. N. Elmendorf of Southern Oregon Gas company, Jack Morelock and Captain Gudmundson of the Ellison-White Chautauqua association, and R. J. Wood.

Wasson Motor Check Demonstration Soon

The Wasson Motor Check, the machine which takes any automobile as is, and tests every running part of a car so as to locate definitely any trouble that exists, will begin operation in this city soon. After a week of private demonstrations to the automotive trade, the Motor Check will be thrown open to the public, and local motorists will be given an opportunity to have their motor ailments diagnosed free of charge.

With the new automotive fuel "Oil is more than oil—it is power" as a slogan, the Indian Refining company last month launched a national campaign to interest the car owner in the virtues in getting exactly the right grade of oil for his car, and through the Wasson Motor Check was able to prove to the motorist in his own motor, that the right oil meant a gain of 10 to 50 per cent in power.

The Indian Refining company has installed a number of these Motor Checks throughout the country. The public was invited to come and have their cars tested free, accepted and learned for the first time the real truth about their motors. So successful were these tests in this city, that the Indian company has brought the Motor Check here in order that the car owners may find out the exact condition that their motors are in.

Los Angeles Is Withdrawn. WASHINGTON, June 9.—(A. P.) Secretary Wilbur announced late yesterday that the dirigible Shenandoah would make the projected flight to Minnesota instead of the Los Angeles, which was forced to turn back at Cleveland Sunday because of engine trouble.

Knut Hamsun, Nobel prize winner, drove street cars in Chicago.

"The Mikado" Well Known Comic Opera to Be Presented by May Valentine Company.



Under the able direction of May Valentine, one of the most prominent stage producers of today, the favorite Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera, "The Mikado," will be presented at Chautauqua. The presentation of such a pretentious opera as the Mikado is a distinct acquisition to the general program. Under Miss Valentine it will be given in its entirety as to costuming and elaborate stage settings. The cast has been carefully selected, each voice eminently fitted to its particular role, and each singer a good actor. The funny story and the splendid music which Gilbert and Sullivan gave the opera seem to take on new life and interest with every presentation. Yun-Yun and her lover Nanki-Poo, Ko-Ko, the Lord High Executioner who eventually has to marry the ugly and elderly Katisha to escape the Mikado's wrath, Pook-Bah, and all the other comical characters will be well presented. "A Wandering Minstrel," "Til Willow," "Three Little Maids From School," "The Flowers That Bloom in the Spring," "Madrigal," "Moon Song," and other favorites will be thoroughly enjoyed as sung by the splendid cast which May Valentine, producer, has selected.

At the Chautauqua in Armory Tonight.

U. S. PEAR CROP IS ESTIMATED AT 17,500,000 BUSHEL

WASHINGTON, June 10.—(A. P.)—First indication of the size of this year's spring wheat crop and of those of oats, barley and hay, was given yesterday in the department of agriculture's monthly report which forecast production of spring wheat at 254,000,000 bushels. Last year 253,000,000 bushels were produced.

Other production forecasts were: Hay (tame) 82,500,000 tons compared with 98,000,000. Hay (wild) 13,400,000 tons compared with 14,500,000.

Peaches 47,100,000 bushels compared with 52,100,000. Pears 17,500,000 bushels compared with 18,600,000.

The spring wheat acreage this year is estimated at 21,181,000 acres, or 119.2 per cent of last year. Other acreages this year are estimated as follows:

All wheat 53,994,000 acres, or 99.6 per cent of last year; oats 44,467,000 or 104.7 per cent; barley 8,226,000, or 124.6 per cent; hay (tame) 60,745,000 or 98.8 per cent, and hay (wild) 15,151,000 or 101.5 per cent.

The condition of the crops on June 1 compared with that date a year ago: Winter wheat 66.5 per cent of a normal, compared with 74.6.

Radio News

The voice of Helen Keller, created by herself after years of patient effort, will be radiated across the Pacific ocean Saturday night June 13, at 11:50 p. m., and heard by millions on the other side of the earth. This feat will be accomplished by the world's most remarkable blind and deaf woman, speaking softly before a microphone in the San Francisco studio of KGO, the General Electric Pacific coast station.

Recent practice before KGO microphones showed that Helen Keller's voice over radio was even more distinct than when coming through the air direct from her mouth. While speaking she touched the vibrating disks of radio head phones and felt the rhythmic pulsations of her own voice. Her sensitive fingers even detected the difference between speech and music. When her name was pronounced three times over the air she recognized it twice—saying with the KGO announcer, "Helen Keller, Helen Keller." With her face beaming she declared "it will help me to speak."

The Screen

At the Riatta. The Riatta presents a well balanced program today and tomorrow, opening a three day's engagement at the popular playhouse yesterday. It is one which will be found generally entertaining. The feature picture "One Year to Live" has many entertaining episodes.

Allene Pringle and Antonio Moreno are the featured players and Joseph Kilgour, Dorothy Mackall, Sam De Grasse, Rosemary Theby, Leo White and hundreds of supernumeraries complete the big cast.

Harry Langdon in his latest two reel comedy "The Son Squawk" an International News and Pecky Biddle at the organ complete the bill.

1500 CARS PEARS IN ROGUE VALLEY, KENT'S PREDICTION

PORTLAND, Ore., June 10.—Abundance of soil moisture and the light wet of fruit, which indicate that sizes will range unusually large, may produce a fruit crop for Oregon larger than present estimates, says P. L. Kent, statistician of the department of agriculture in reporting upon a survey made during the last ten days of May.

These conditions, he points out, may overcome to a large extent the handicaps of the unusually dry season last year, the light bloom this spring, and the fact that cold rainy weather at pollination time interfered with normal setting of the fruit.

There was some loss of trees from winter cold, he says. There was also considerable winter damage to loganberries, raspberries and blackberries.

Last year's weather conditions affected pears unfavorably, and the spring weather was bad at pollination time. The Rogue river district had an early prospect for a 3,000 car crop, but indications now are for about 1500 cars. Prospects are very good in the Hood River district, with indications of more than a fifty per cent increase over last year.

BOY GETS DEGREE VIA THE RADIO

IOWA CITY, Iowa, June 9.—Clifford Lideen, an invalid in his home at Burlington, Iowa, was today awarded the first B. A. degree given by the University of Iowa for work taken through radio. Although unable to attend commencement, the university radio station carried Dean Kay's words of praise to the boy in Burlington "listening in."

Lideen, a student here several years ago, intended to enter law, but ill health forced him to leave school. With the knowledge that he could never regain his health, he enrolled for a B. A. degree when the university instituted radio courses last winter.

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A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR ROGUE VALLEY SEEN BY GRIFFITH

The Copco forum was signally honored Monday evening by the presence of Franklin T. Griffith, president of the National Electric Light association who stopped off here on his way to the national convention in San Francisco. Mr. Griffith, who is president of the Portland Electric Power company, was accompanied by C. M. Clark, Philadelphia capitalist and chairman of the board of the P. E. P. company, arriving from Portland Sunday. They were met by local representatives of the California Oregon Power company, who conducted them on a trip through this territory. Several of the principal power developments of the local company were visited including the new East Side plant at Klamath Falls and the new Copco No. 2 project on the Klamath river which is now nearing completion.

Monday night they were guests of honor at a special meeting of the Copco forum held in the assembly room of the Copco building. Mr. Griffith, who is a speaker of national reputation, addressed the meeting, giving a very interesting talk on the electrical industry and its remarkable development. Mr. Griffith emphasized the important part played by each and every employe in promoting a better and wider knowledge of true "public service," as is exemplified by the modern public utility of today. He was impressed by the general appearance of prosperity throughout this section of the state and predicted a wonderful future for the entire territory. Mr. Clark was called upon for a few remarks and responded with a good talk of interest to all present.

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CANAL CO. ASKS SETTING ASIDE OF LUPER'S DECISION

Suit has been filed in the circuit court by the Rogue River Valley Canal company against the Medford Irrigation district, R. P. Cowgill, its district engineer, Rhea Luper, state engineer, and Fred N. Cummings, watermaster for Jackson County, for settlement of the controversy between the district and the canal company, over final acceptance of the work.

The suit is one of the most voluminous ever filed in a local court, and stripped of legal verbiage means that the canal company seeks to have the court decide the status of the case, the agreement that all differences between the district and the canal company be settled by the state engineer as arbiter having failed.

Judgment for \$106,322 is asked against the irrigation district, of this amount approximately \$82,000 being for construction work, the remainder being interest accumulated, etc., etc.

The Canal Co. asks that a judgment setting aside the "determination of the state engineer" of March 9th, May 1st and 9th, this year be set aside; that it be decreed that the canal company has complied fully with its contract; a judgment and decree for compliance of contract by the irrigation district, and that the canal company has fully complied with its contract; an accounting of money claimed to be due the canal company, and payment thereof by the district; restraining of Water Master Cummings and State Engineer Luper from diverting waters of the North and South Forks of Little Butte creek and charging the expense of same to the canal company; the enjoyment of the state engineer from certifying to any amount due to the defendant irrigation company, on account of his "pretended judgments," and the charging by the district to the plaintiffs of any amounts already expended or to be expended for repair and maintenance of the irrigation ditches.

Decrees are asked setting forth that the canal company has complied with its contract, and that the irrigation district be compelled to specifically perform its contract; that the \$325,000 bond of the canal company for performance of the work be annulled; and that the "pretended judgments" of the state engineer relative to the completion and acceptance be annulled and set aside.

The complaint alleges that the state engineer never made "an independent or impartial survey," was "unfamiliar with the work," and proper time was not taken for inspection of the work.

The Canal Co. also recites that its efforts to adjudicate and secure acceptance of the work, has been met with decisions of "work not completed," without setting forth in particularity, and further alleges: "That defendant Cowgill was, and for a long time prior thereto, opposed to the plaintiff on account of things and matters not involved herein, and was not in a position to exercise any fair or impartial judgment, between the defendant irrigation district, and the plaintiff."

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VOLT TOURISTS' NUMBER SCORES TREMENDOUS HIT

One of the best bits of publicity ever devoted to the scenic beauties and tourist attractions of this territory is contained in the last issue of The Volt, the unique magazine published each month by the California Oregon Power company. For several years past it has been the custom of this company to produce an annual feature edition designed to tell the story of this vast scenic wonderland with special appeal to the tourist and prospective settler. This little publication covers a mailing list of many thousand people throughout the United States (some copies even going to foreign ports.) In addition to the regular mailing list, ten thousand extra copies of this year's issue have been ordered for special distribution to the tourists and home seekers.

The 1925 edition, which is just off the press, excels in every way all previous attempts in this line. The photographic lay out alone tells a picture story of this territory that should intrigue the most hardened and blasé tourist. Instead of featuring Crater Lake, as is generally the case, this number presents fourteen attractive cuts of outstanding scenic attractions throughout northern Oregon and northern California. Inasmuch as the average tourist arrives here with the intention of visiting Crater Lake, this issue was designed to present to him a special appeal to remain in this territory not one day, or perhaps two, but at least a week, in order to visit all the wondrous scenic spots so effectively pictured in this booklet. Of particular interest to this locality are several good photos of The Redwoods, Oregon Caves and a new picture of Crater Lake with one of the famous bears in the foreground.

In connection with the double-page spread of illustrations there appears the following explanation which might be aptly described as "a paragraph with a punch in it":

"The camera cannot record the exhilarating air of the high mountain regions, the pungent odor of the pine forests, nor the emotions roused perhaps by the call of a quail or the splash of a trout at sundown in a mirror like lake. The photographs herewith reproduced are only indicative of the varied character and beauty of the scenery in The California Oregon Power Company's field of service."

In addition to the excellent photographs there is presented one of the finest highway maps of this territory which has yet been produced. This map is presented in four colors, and is designed to equip the tourists with all available information concerning highway conditions throughout this section of the coast. It is predicted that these highway maps will be much in demand not only by the tourist but by the general public as well.

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