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JOHN MINTO IS LAID TO REST TODAY

Many Life Friends Here From Over State For Funeral

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD AT OLD FELLOW'S HALL

Interment in Odd Fellow's Cemetery With Lodge Funeral Rites

Friends of a lifetime of John Minto, many coming from out-of-town, filled to capacity the Odd Fellows' temple this afternoon at 2 o'clock, when the funeral services over the remains were conducted under the auspices of this lodge.

Masses of exquisite flowers paid a fragrant silent tribute, and appropriate eulogistic remarks were made by Rev. Carl H. Elliott, of the First Presbyterian church, who spoke briefly and impressively.

The members of the L. O. O. F. and Elk lodges met previously, attending in a body. Many business houses were closed during the hours of the funeral, a large number of business and professional men, with prominent officials, being present.

A quartet composed of Mrs. Hallie Parrish Hines, Mrs. William P. Babcock, Charles Knowland and H. V. Compton, sang "Abide With Me," Miss Beatrice Shelton playing their accompaniment.

Following Mr. Elliott's remarks, Hon. P. H. D'Arcy, a life-long friend of Mr. Minto, paid an eloquent tribute, telling of his first memory of the deceased and of his noble traits of character and achievements.

The pallbearers were P. H. D'Arcy, August Hockenfort, Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, Milton W. Meyers and Judge Henry McMillin and Hon. John K. Will of Portland.

Interment took place at the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

GRAND PRIX ROAD RACE ON AT FRISCO TODAY

Rain Makes Course Most Dangerous In History of Big Annual Event

Exposition Stadium, San Francisco, Feb. 27.—Under the most adverse conditions in its history, the Grand Prix, the international automobile road class, was run here today over the Panama-Pacific exposition course.

Despite the dangers which beset the drivers on every side, the race, up to this time, 1000 m., had been marked by only two mishaps, neither serious. Earl Cooper was forced to quit in the second lap when the connecting rod on his Stutz car snapped. Lou Gandy, in an Edwards Special, was forced to retire when his car skidded and crashed into the fence on "Purgatory Bend" at the Presidio end of the track.

The daredevil spirit took possession of the racers when the rain, about the fifteenth lap, increased the peril of the course and called for a supreme test of nerve and coolness.

Even the more careful speed kings were compelled to three caution to the winds when other drivers, less careful, began to make the best of the rough going. A string of recklessness followed. Several cars went into the cables and banks at the "Death angles" soon after the rain made the roadway slippery, but no serious injury was inflicted.

This driving intermittent showers against the goggles of the racers was the most serious menace. Some chose to drive with one hand shielding their eyes from the confusing mist. Others stripped off their masks and while they dared the spatter with naked faces, their mechanics wiped and readjusted their goggles.

At the end of the 45th lap Hughes was leading by less than a minute. His time was 3:02.40, an average of 50 miles an hour. D. Bosta came next, having covered the distance in 3:03.50. The next two drivers in the order named were Alley, Wilcox, Dabrow, Rockwell, Carlson, Pullen, Lennie, Anderson.

LAND BATTERIES ALONG DARDANELLES ARE BEING DESTROYED BY FLEET

Turkish Gunners Unsuccessful In Destroying French Warships

Athens, Feb. 27.—With part of one of the land batteries along the Dardanelles destroyed, the attempt of the Anglo-French fleet to force the strait girdling Constantinople continued today according to dispatches from the Turkish capital. Two forts inside the strait are being subjected to a terrific fire.

Although several vessels of the allied fleet have been hit, advice indicates that the damage to them has been slight. The aim of the Turkish gunners has been very poor. They have been utterly unable to force the retirement of the allied fleet and at last reports the bombardment was increasing in intensity.

French Battle Ship Daring

Paris, Feb. 27.—During work by the French battleships in the bombardment of the Dardanelles forts was announced by the French admiralty in an official statement this afternoon.

During the bombardment, the statement said, three British warships battered the works on the French battleship Gueuleshelled the Kum Kaleli fort. When the battery on the Asiatic side had been partially silenced, two French battleships steamed into the entrance of the strait. Firing from a range of 2,000 yards these two vessels completed the demolition of the Asiatic forts. None of the French ships was damaged.

GOVERNOR APPOINTS G. R. BAGLEY NEW JUDGE

Prominent Hillsboro Attorney Named For New Position On Circuit Bench

Governor Withycombe last evening, upon his return from Corvallis, announced the appointment of George R. Bagley, of the law firm of Bagley & Hare, of Hillsboro, as judge of the Fifteenth judicial district, to be composed of Washington and Tillamook counties, created by the last session of the legislature. Mr. Bagley's principal opponent for the position was former State Senator W. N. Barrett, of Hillsboro.

Mr. Bagley was born the twenty-fifth of January, 1871, in Canton, Ohio. He came to Oregon in 1885 and settled in Hillsboro. He is a self-made man, and his education has been restricted to the common schools. He read law under the late Congressman T. H. Tongue, and was admitted to the bar June 1, 1892. He has been a life-long republican, but has never held office before.

Governor Withycombe also announced the personnel of the committee on revision of the insurance code, as created by house resolution 30, and provided for by senate bill 315, four of which represent the interests of the insurance companies and four the interests of the insured, and Insurance Commissioner Wells will preside over the deliberations of the committee as ex-officio chairman. The committee will probably not hold any meetings until after May 21, when the measure making an appropriation of \$500 to defray the expense necessary in drafting the proposed new legislation. All of the measures treating of the subject of insurance which were introduced before the last legislature and not disposed finally were referred to this committee for consideration. The committee will be composed of the following: Representing insurance interests: Life—D. C. Herri, Portland; mutual—W. C. Hagerty, McMinnville; casualty—Douglas Lett, Gresham; Penitentiary—Representing the insured: Business interests—William Cannon, office manager Meier & Frank Co., Portland, and J. C. Jones, Metzger, farmers—M. L. Jones, Brooks, attorneys—Representative Conrad P. Olson, of Portland.

BETTING AT ARIZONA RACES O. K.

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 27.—The senate today passed the bill permitting horse racing at Hot Springs with pari mutuels betting. It was considered certain the house would concur in an amendment including 33 counties in the measure operation.

Grant and DePalma. The latter's time was 3:14.14.

After several stops on account of engine trouble, Barney Oldfield finally gave up and withdrew from the race in the 37th lap.

GERMANS WILL USE TAUBE AEROPLANES TO AID SUBMARINES

Aircraft Will Patrol Sea and Signal Positions of English Ships

TWO AVIATORS WASHED ASHORE WITH WRECK

Cling to Mangled Hydroplanes For Two Days and Are Saved

London, Feb. 27.—The Germans have ordered Taube aeroplanes and hydroplanes to patrol the water of the British coast, hunt out British vessels and aid the German submarines in their campaign on enemy merchantmen.

This fact was learned this afternoon when two German aviators were found in the North sea off Lowestoft. They were half dead from exposure and said they had been clinging for two days to the floating wreckage of their aeroplanes.

They declared they had been sent from the Belgian coast with instructions to watch for British vessels and to signal their presence to German submarines.

Many other German airmen are known to be engaged in similar service and their work has been of a very effective character.

AGED PICKPOCKET TELLS OF HIS DUAL LIFE

Says He Fought Off Call of Profession For Over Sixteen Years

San Francisco, Feb. 27.—Oscar Burns, 73, who says he was once known from coast to coast as "the king of pickets," today began serving a 30 day sentence in the county jail after having told a tale of dual personality rivaling Robert Louis Stevenson's weird story of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

When the "Dr. Jekyll" side of his character is uppermost, Burns told Judge Oppenheim he is a respectable rancher near a southern California town, the name of which he refuses to reveal. When "Mr. Hyde" is dominant, he is a pickpocket. For sixteen years, he declared, he has resisted the powerful call of his dual self which compelled him to forget wife, respectability and everything to become a thief.

"I fought it off for 16 years," he said. "I dreamed of crowds with pockets bulging with gold and the call was too strong. My wife is a member of a prominent California family. She knows nothing of my dual life."

On account of the great age of the prisoner, Judge Oppenheim made the sentence 30 days in jail on the defendant's promise to leave the city at the end of his term.

CHICAGO SKYSCRAPER ON FIRE

Chicago, Feb. 27.—The Garland building, a sixteen story structure at Washington and Walsh streets, is burning.

A wind from the lake is fanning the flames and scattering embers, threatening adjoining buildings. Firemen are taking extraordinary precautions to prevent the spread of the fire across the street.

TOM WILSON NAMED AS INCOME TAX INSPECTOR

Bookkeeper at State Penitentiary to Have Position Held by Late James Godfrey

Tom E. Wilson, the genial and affable bookkeeper at the state penitentiary, has received notification that he has been appointed U. S. inspector of income tax for the Oregon district to succeed the late James A. Godfrey, and he will assume his new duties in the near future. The position carries a salary of \$7 per day and traveling expenses and the headquarters are in the customs building in Portland, in the department of collector of internal revenue under the direction of Collector Milton A. Miller.

Mr. Wilson was one of the disappointed candidates for the Salem postmastership. He has been employed as bookkeeper at the state prison for the past 12 years, aside from acting as secretary of the parole board and Bertillon expert, and his services have been invaluable. He is prominent in lodge circles, particularly the Masons and Elks, and has won a host of warm friends in and about Salem. Mr. Wilson, who is the daughter of former Superintendent C. W. James of the penitentiary, is also popular in Salem society circles. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will move to Portland in the near future.

CARLE ABRAMS CHOSEN TO SUCCEED FERN HOBBS

Governor Gives Notice That Resignation Will Be Accepted

Governor Withycombe today gave notice of the acceptance of the resignation of Miss Fern Hobbs, as a member of the industrial accident commission, to take effect in 90 days, and announced that he would appoint Carl Abrams, of the Statesman Publishing company, as her successor.

This action on the part of the governor came somewhat as a surprise, as it was not believed that he would take any action in the matter of the industrial accident commission until the Schuchel bill became effective May 21, but since Miss Hobbs has tendered her resignation he felt that it was up to him to take some action in the matter immediately.

Mr. Abrams, successor to Miss Hobbs, has been connected with the management of the Statesman Publishing company for the past 12 years. He has been an ardent and enthusiastic worker for the principles of the republican party ever since he arrived at his majority but has never held a political position. He was a member of Company K, Second Oregon volunteers, and served during the Spanish-American war in the Philippines as a corporal. Since his discharge from the service and retirement to citizenship, he has been in continuous service in the Oregon National Guard and worked up from sergeant to captain of the Salem company and to an officer of the regimental staff. He is a graduate of the Oregon Agricultural college and was one of the chief supporters of Dr. Withycombe in his candidacy for the governorship.

ASYLUM PATIENT STABS FELLOW PATIENT TODAY

Thomas Dawson Sticks Knife In Thomas B. Waldo As Inmates Exercise

Thomas Dawson, a patient at the state insane asylum, stabbed and perhaps fatally wounded Thomas B. Waldo, a fellow inmate at the asylum today while the patients were exercising on ward 6. Dawson is 75 years of age and Waldo 71 years. Dawson was committed from Clatsop county in 1905, and suffered the illusion that Waldo was waiting his opportunity to do him bodily harm. He attacked Waldo with a peeling knife, stabbing him between the ribs in the region of the heart. Dawson stated, after he had been overpowered by the attendants, that he had carried the knife concealed in his clothing for the past eight years for the express purpose of defending himself against Waldo should he attack him. At the asylum hospital it was stated at noon today that Waldo might recover from his wound. Waldo was committed from Multnomah county in 1891.

Many a first class kitchen mechanic is made over into a tenth class actress.

ROBBER KILLED AS HE EMERGES FROM STORE AT ST. PAUL

Benjamin Girdle Catches Thieves At Their Work

SHOOTS WHEN ORDER TO HALT IS DISOBEYED

Charge Blows Top of Man's Head Off—Two Companions—One Caught

After robbing the store of Joseph Gooding at St. Paul at 5 o'clock this morning the three robbers emerged from the rear window to be confronted by Ben Girdle with a rifle in his hands. He told the robbers to halt but they scattered as fast as they could and Girdle fired and one of the robbers dropped in his tracks with the top of his head blown off. Another of the robbers who gave the name of Frank Undermier was captured by a posse of citizens but the robber refused to talk and would not state who the dead man was. The other robber took to the brush with some determined St. Paul citizens after him.

The robbers entered the store through a window which they smashed out. Girdle who lives just across the street from the store heard the tinkle of the glass a little after 5 o'clock this morning and stepped out into his yard with his rifle to wait for the robbers. They soon came out of the store and were challenged by Mr. Girdle. He intended to give them time to surrender without bloodshed but the robbers evidently wanted to test his marksmanship. They showed no disposition to stop and the report of his rifle only added terror to their already rapid flight.

As soon as Girdle fired and the robber dropped the other robbers ducked out of sight and Girdle threw another shell into the magazine of his rifle and went forward to find out the extent of the injury. A glance sufficed to show that the robber would give no further trouble but by this time the companions of the dead man had vanished. The neighbors were aroused by the sound of the rifle shot and soon a number appeared on the scene. A posse was hastily organized and the pursuit of the fleeing burglars started. Undermier was captured in the thick brush near St. Paul where he was surrounded. He was unarmed and it was evident that he realized that resistance was useless. He was sullen and refused to answer any questions or even to tell the name of his dead pal.

The office of Sheriff Esch was notified at 6 o'clock and Deputy W. I. Needham and Coroner Clough left for St. Paul on the 7:15 Oregon Electric. The citizens of St. Paul had done all that was necessary however, and proved that they were right up to the minute in matters of this kind according to the report of Mr. Needham. The dead man is a stranger and it is not known whether or not he has a criminal record. Undermier is about 40 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighs about 150 pounds. The dead robber was brought back to this city by Coroner Clough.

James Grady, the robber who eluded the posse early this morning, was captured about 11 o'clock in a hop house where he had taken refuge. Grady spent 15 days in the county jail here last fall on a vagrancy charge and was released November 14. He was arrested by the city marshal of Turner as a suspected burglar. At the time of his arrest Grady had four new suits of clothes in his "bindle" and a dozen new pocket knives, some razors and other miscellaneous articles, all new which were thought to have been stolen from some general store in the valley. At the time it was impossible to locate the owner of the property and Grady was released. He was arrested during the latter part of October.

Wilsonville Depot Robbed.

The Oregon Electric depot was robbed at Wilsonville, a station about 12 miles from St. Paul last night and it is thought by the officers that these men had a hand in the proceedings. The safe was blown open and the office emptied but no money was found according to the agent who came on duty at 7 o'clock this morning to find that he had had night visitors. The station agent leaves at 7 o'clock in the evening and does not come on shift for 12 hours and the robbers had plenty of time to do their work. It is not known at what time the robbers entered the station. The robbers could easily have made the distance from one town to the other if they had been familiar with the country and had completed their job at Wilsonville early in the evening.

Mrs. P. A. Lear and Mrs. W. H. Folger are among the Silverton visitors in the city today.

SHIP PURCHASE BILL IS REPORTED FROM CONFERENCE TODAY

Will Not Be Up Today But Effort to Rush It Through Made First of Week

Washington, Feb. 27.—The conference committee of the house and senate today reported the compromise government ship purchase bill to both houses. The administration leaders decided, however, to delay final action on the bill until next week instead of trying to push it through today.

The conference report will come up in the house next Monday and will probably be adopted. Debate will undoubtedly be limited to one hour there. Then a desperate attempt will be made by the administration democrats to push the report through the upper house. As amended it is believed that the compromise measure will be acceptable to the progressive republicans but the seven democrats who bolted the original measure are still obstinate. If the administration leaders can enlist the support of only two republicans the vote will be a tie and they will win their fight by the deciding vote of Vice President Marshall.

The bill, as reported by the conference committee provides for permanent government ownership through a corporation of the stock of which the government will own at least 51 per cent. It strictly prohibits purchase of ships which would violate American neutrality. The provisions of the Weeks bill, covering operation by the navy department of ships not needed for naval purposes, as mail ships to South America, are retained but as a separate proposition.

ALLIES STILL ASSERT THAT PERFECT ACCORD EXISTS BETWEEN THEM

Mason Calls Attention to Fact That Assertion Is Made Repeatedly

New York, Feb. 27.—With the increasing frequency British and French statements are insisting that there is perfect accord between the members of the French-English-Russian alliance, while at the same time asserting the determination of their own nations to see the war through single handed, if necessary.

It is apparent that absolute certainty does not prevail at Paris and London regarding the future attitude of the Russians. The possibility exists that the Slavs may make separate peace, thus releasing 2,000,000 Austrians and Germans from the ankers for the western battle front and relieving the Tonic food peril.

Russia undoubtedly is suffering worse under the strain of war than any other of the powers. Among the Slavs the military humiliation is intense, not only because of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's repeated victories over their armies, but also because of the swagger with which they entered the war and the grandiose annexation of German Poland by a premature akase.

Not only is Germany firmly in possession of a large part of Russian Poland, but Austria has recovered much Galician territory and seems destined to regain still more.

Financially Russia is near national bankruptcy. If the Slavs could not obtain relief from their western allies, the money situation alone would compel them either to lay down their arms or else fight with a shortage of supplies.

England is now largely paying for the Slavs' continuance in the war. Russia is being subsidized by British gold, and must so continue.

A strong peace party exists in Russia, whose activities are dominated by German influences. The Germans long have been the economic and cultural leaders in Russia, and it is known that high percentages at Petrograd are working to sever the dominant influence of the court in Germany's interest.

The peace advocates may well claim that the high tide of Russia's military success has been reached and in fact is beginning to recede. On the other hand if Russia abandons her allies now she will lose Constantinople, with the freedom of a passage from the Black sea. Certainly it is possible the allies may not be able to capture Constantinople even if Russia continues faithful, but the hope of possession must excite longings at Petrograd which will be difficult to overcome by the reasoning of Germanic peace agents.

McLain Is Marshfield Postmaster.

Washington, Feb. 27.—President Wilson today nominated Hugh P. McLain postmaster at Marshfield, Ore.

LIQUID FIRE IS USED BY GERMANS

Motors Throw Big Bombs Full of Flaming Fluid On French

TROOPS IN AGONY RUSH FROM TRENCHES

New and Powerful Russian Offensive Shown In Poland

Paris, Feb. 27.—Liquid fire is being used by the Germans as an instrument of war against the French.

This was announced in the official statement here by the French war office this afternoon. It declared that this weapon of death had been thrown on the advance French trenches between the Argonne and the Meuse river. Several hundred French soldiers were burned by the flaming liquid, which was dropped by bombs thrown up by German mortars. The clothing of the troops was set afire and they ran from the trenches screaming in agony.

A determined advance by the French second line, however, forced the enemy to abandon the trenches taken by these methods.

New St. Hubert, French artillery shelled and blew up a German ammunition depot. A battery along the heights of the Meuse was demolished and 20 ammunition wagons blown up in the same vicinity.

The German commander on the heights ordered a large detachment of infantry to deliver a charge against the French guns but before this force could concentrate, the French artillery shelled and annihilated it.

French aviators are declared in the statement to have flown over Metz and to have dropped bombs on the barracks there, causing severe damage.

New Offensive In Poland.

Berlin, via London, Feb. 27.—Opening of the new and powerful Russian offensive in Poland was announced in an official statement issued by the German war office today.

New Slav forces, it was admitted, had appeared on the Przasnysz-Augustow line. Russians started a series of violent assaults against the village of Skroda, south of Kolno, several of which had been repulsed. As the result of these attacks, 1100 Slavs had been taken prisoners, the statement declared. Despite their heavy losses, the Russian assaults at Skroda continue.

Large forces of Russians and Tenthons are battling in the swamps ten miles east of Augustow, with no decisive result thus far.

Dispatches from the front today expressed the belief that attacks of the czar's forces are for the purpose of lulling the German advance rather than a serious attempt to force Marshal Von Hindenburg back to the frontier. In the western war zone fighting continues at Verdun and Perthes, where the crown prince's army is assaulting the French positions.

Surfboatmen Drive War Autos.

Berlin, via wireless to Sayville, L. I., Feb. 27.—English surfboatmen have taken their places at the side of their men folk in the allied armies, the official press bureau here asserted today. Two battalions of war seeking English women have arrived at Havre, the bureau's statement declares. They will swell the actual fighting force, it was said, by driving motorcars thus enabling the males to go to the battle front.

SAYS JAPS WANT ISLANDS.

Berlin, via wireless to Sayville, L. I., Feb. 27.—Purchase of the Philippine islands by Japan is being seriously considered in Japanese political circles, according to the Tokio correspondent of the Beech, a Petrograd newspaper, advice received here today from the Russian capital declares.