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No Other Town in the World the Size of Grants Pass Has a Paper With Full Leased Wire Telegraph Service.

## MR. BOSCHKE SEES HARBOR AT CRESCENT

### Man Who Built the Galveston Sea Wall, Now Chief Engineer for Twohys, Returns from Trip to Coast

"It's a joke when people say that there are serious difficulties in the way to the building of a harbor at Crescent City. The construction of a harbor for ships of commerce, and of refuge for ships of all kinds, presents only a single difficulty, and that is the getting of the appropriation through congress."

The speaker was one of the foremost engineers of the west, the man who built the Galveston sea wall and who knows just as much about harbor construction as he knows about railroad building. It was George W. Boschke, whose name is known wherever harbors and railroads are built. He returned Wednesday from his first visit to Crescent City, and from remarks which he dropped on his return it is known that he is a firm believer in the possibilities for harbor construction there. He was accompanied on the trip to the coast by R. B. Miller, who has recently resigned from the position of general traffic manager for the O.-W. R. & N. railroad, and who arrived Monday in his private car for the trip to the coast, this being Mr. Miller's second visit to Grants Pass within the past two weeks. Other members of the party were Robert Twohy, P. B. Delano and Dr. Reddy. It was the first time over the Grants Pass-Crescent City road for Messrs. Boschke and Twohy, and they expressed themselves as "delighted" to use a Rooseveltian term for noting extreme satisfaction. The trip over the mountain roads was without mishap, and the railroad men studied the country that will soon be traversed by the Coast railroad. The scenic beauties and the personal comforts that would induce travel over a railroad that might some day be carrying passengers from Portland through to California and southern points via Grants Pass, Crescent City and Eureka were noted, and Mr. Miller spoke of the inducement for tourist travel in making the great loop, going one route by the coast to San Francisco and returning up the Sacramento valley and over the Sierras. The talk was only incidental, however, and what the railroad builders and operators had under their hats was not disclosed.

Returning to Grants Pass Wednesday evening, Mr. Miller and his private car left for the north on No. 16, while Mr. Boschke departed on No. 13 for San Francisco this morning. Robert Twohy is still in the city and will be joined here Friday by his father, Judge John F. Twohy. While no announcement has come from the inner circle of information, the signs all point to the opening of a new offensive campaign, and it seems a good bet that the Twohy forces will be hurled against Hays hill in a winter campaign that will spell victory and the capitulation of Selma, Kerby, Waldo and Takilma during another summer.

## RUSSIANS DRIVEN BACK ACROSS STRYPA RIVER

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Berlin, via London, Oct. 14.—Austrian forces in Galicia have again driven the Russians back across the Strypa river, following Russian successes the past few days.

It was officially announced today that the Germans captured the defenses before Pörschowitz, south of Belgrade.

## NISH PREPARES FOR DEFENSE FROM TEUTON INVADERS

Athens, Oct. 14.—Although Serbian reports claimed the Bulgarian invasion had been repulsed, Nish advises today admitted preparations are being made to defend the city.

In a terrible battle at Lips, near Semendria, the Austro-Germans admitted they were the victors but only at a tragic cost, for the battlefield is strewn with cadavers and the Teutons have since been unable to renew their advance because of enormous losses, it is claimed officially.

Sunday night Serbians repulsed two Teuton attacks and recaptured a village in the Semerevo district. Two night attacks on the fortress of Semerevo were repulsed.

Moored with protectors, the Serbians charged through a sea of asphyxiating gas at Seabresge and drove the invaders in part across the Save river. The enemy renewed the attack, but was again repulsed.

## GRAPES FROM GRANTS PASS ATTRACT AT PANAMA-PAC. FAIR

Oregon Building, P. P. I. E., Oct. 14.—Chief of Horticulture for Oregon C. N. Ravlin has been dressing the Oregon booth and has made a splendid showing with the fruit sent from different sections of the state. While Oregon will show an insignificant quantity of the apples, peaches, pears, grapes, etc., offered by some other states that are putting tremendous sums of money into their displays, the Oregon exhibit will be one of which Oregonians will have no reason to feel ashamed. For instance, take the grapes. This fruit has come from but two places in Oregon thus far, and not in great quantity, but the Oregon booth has a beautiful display, amply large enough to convince any one that the state does grow grapes, and just as acceptable grapes as other regions more famed for this fruit. From a ten-box display sent by A. H. Carson & Son, of Grants Pass, fifty or sixty fine bunches of Tokays and Malagas have been hung in portiere effect beneath the big gold-lettered "Rogue River Valley" sign, and the effect is stunning. The red and white bunches alternating offer contrast, and the lighting in the Horticulture building filters into the Oregon booth in such a way that this display of grapes is a most artistic and attractive feature. The Grants Pass grapes are beautiful in their perfect coloring, and in the display of 10,000 boxes on Grape day here last Saturday there were few bunches finer than those now hanging in the Oregon booth, and none were put up more attractively than those in the boxes from Grants Pass.

## CZAR MAY SEND TROOPS TO FIGHT IN THE BALKANS

Paris, Oct. 14.—Bucharest reports today that Russians are concentrating at Odessa strengthened the belief of those who think that the czar plans to land forces on the Bulgarian coast.

London, Oct. 14.—Co-operation of Russian troops with the allied forces in the Balkans "the moment they are available," was promised, by Sir Edward Grey in the commons today. It is supposed he meant the moment the road is opened for getting them to the fighting zone.

It was officially stated in Paris this week that the Russians would be fighting beside the allies the following day.

## CLOVERDALE FIRE HAS 4 VICTIMS

### Nine Business Houses Are Destroyed, and Number of People Are Injured in an Early Hour Conflagration

Santa Rosa, Cal., Oct. 14.—Two persons are dead, two are missing and six are seriously injured as the result of a fire which destroyed nine business structures in Cloverdale, north of here early today.

The damage is estimated at \$50,000. The dead, whose bodies have been recovered, are Mrs. George R. Harrison, of Lodi, Cal., burned to death in the Cloverdale hotel; Charles Scott, laborer of Ornaum, burned to death in his room in the hotel.

The injured are: Louis Amadee, Italian, terribly burned about the head, probably will die; George R. Harrison, head, face and body burned, leg broken; Tony Lonzi, burned about legs and body; Jewel Swindel, owner of hotel, burned arms, face and neck; Julius Reinhardt, right leg and body burned; John Deales, both legs injured.

The missing are employes of the Cloverdale hotel.

The fire, which started at 5:30 o'clock as the result of an explosion of a gas stove, raged for three hours before it burned itself out. Nine business buildings, mostly frame structures, were burned, a high wind fanning the flames.

Mrs. Harrison and her husband reached Cloverdale last night on an automobile trip and put up for the night at the Cloverdale hotel. When the fire started early today Harrison attempted in vain to save his wife's life. She was overcome by smoke, however, and perished. Harrison leaped from the second story of the hotel and sustained fractures of the arm and leg. He is also believed to have been injured internally.

## THIEVES FIND COPPER STEALING PROFITABLE

San Francisco, Oct. 14.—Because of the high price of copper under war conditions, copper stealing is prevalent. The United Railroads complained today that \$1,000 worth had been stolen from them in the past 24 hours.

## TO ASK PRESIDENT TO CALL PEACE CONFERENCE OF NEUTRAL NATIONS

(By United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Oct. 14.—President Wilson will be asked personally, and soon, to call a conference of neutral nations to halt the European war. In the closing session of the International Peace congress, Dr. David Starr Jordan, noted peace advocate, was delegated to see the president and to present resolutions calling for such a conference. The proposed conference, under the congress' resolutions, would constitute a continuing court of mediation.

The congress developed some difference of opinion over a clause declaring "While we don't urge disarmament under present conditions, we are opposed to the widespread demand for preparation against hypothetical dangers."

Over the opposition of the "peace-at-any-price" delegates, the congress adopted this virtual approval of present armaments. They condemned, however, having on congressional committees or governmental advisory boards men personally interested in the manufacture of munitions.

## SLAV STEAM ROLLER IS IN OPERATION

### Petrograd Officials Claim Continued Successes for the Czar's Forces in Galician and Dvinsk District

Petrograd, Oct. 14.—The Russian steam roller is going full tilt. The Slav successes continue. From Dvinsk to Galicia they are gaining new victories constantly, it was officially claimed today.

Illust, in the Dvinsk region, the scene of violent fighting for days past, is still a center of action. Though the Teutons claim to hold the town proper, the war office statement reported a victory for the Slavs at the heights to the northwest, followed by repulse of all German counterattacks.

South of the Pripet river on the left bank of the Styr, north of Rafaelovka, the Germans were driven out. Several villages were captured, hundreds of Teutons were taken prisoner and a number of guns were captured.

The Slav successes along the Strypa are complete. Their capture of Gavoronka marks the crumbling of the former successes of the Austrians in Galicia and may have a vital effect on the Roumanian situation, in view of the fact that this nation was undoubtedly supposed to be impressed by the Austrian strength near the border of the Balkans.

## SEATTLE GROCERYMAN BATTLES WITH BANDITS

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Seattle, Oct. 14.—Because the "sight" on his revolver caught in the lining of his coat as he was drawing it from an inside pocket, Charles M. Delaware, 75 years old, who runs a grocery store here, lost in a fight with three robbers last night. The bandits entered the store with revolvers drawn and with handkerchiefs over their faces. One of them marched Delaware to the rear of the store, while the other two opened the cash drawer. Delaware suddenly swung on his guard and felled him. He then reached for his own revolver. But it stuck and before he could extricate it the other two were upon him and knocked him into insensibility. They escaped with \$34.

## MRS. GORDON IS AGAIN PRESIDENT NATIONAL W.C.T.U.

Seattle, Oct. 14.—In spite of the fact that her nomination was opposed by her own state delegation, Mrs. Margaret C. Munns, of Seattle, is today the newly elected national treasurer of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

The opposition was declared not through lack of faith in Mrs. Munns' ability to creditably hold the office, but because, as her delegation expressed it, "she is most needed in Washington."

Her election necessitates her living in Evanston, Ill., the national headquarters.

Mrs. Anna Adams Gordon, for years national president, was re-elected and showered with flowers as a tribute from her 800 national delegates. Mrs. Ella A. Boole, vice-president; Mrs. Elizabeth P. Anderson, recording secretary; Mrs. Frances P. Parks, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Sarah H. Hodge, assistant recording secretary, were all re-elected by the convention by an overwhelming vote.

The diamond medal oratorical contest was won by Mrs. Mattie White Colvin, of New York.

Officially the convention closes today, but ante-convention meetings will be held in Plymouth Congregational church Saturday. Most of the eastern delegates already have secured reservations for a trip to the California expositions en route home.

## BERLIN REPORTS ZEPPELIN RAID OVER ENGLAND

Berlin, via Sayville, Oct. 14.—Heavy damage was done to London and vicinity by Zeppelins last night, the admiralty stated today. The official statement mentioned attacks on "London city and important establishments; also on the Ipswich batteries."

Further attacks were made on London docks and waterworks, upon Hampton and Woolwich arsenal, with incendiary and shrapnel bombs.

"Important fires and great explosions were observed," said the announcement.

The Zeppelins all returned safely, though fiercely attacked.

## GERMAN ORE STEAMERS ARE REPORTED MISSING

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Copenhagen, Oct. 14.—Out of 27 German ore steamers due at Stockholm only 10 had arrived today. It was feared British submarines, recently active, had sunk the others.

## ITALY WILL AID ALLIED ARMIES IN BALKAN CAMPAIGN

Paris, Oct. 14.—"Italy will participate fully in the allies' plans," Premier Viviani declared today in the senate.

She will aid the allies in the Balkans, the Petit Journal's Rome correspondent said on "good authority."

Unofficial reports told of annihilation of a Bulgarian division attempting to invade Serbia at Kulahevat.

## NO AMERICANS KILLED IN RAID ON LONDON

London, Oct. 14.—Consul-General Skinner today notified the Washington administration that there were no American casualties in last night's Zeppelin raid on London.

## SERIOUS AIR RAID OVER LONDON

### Zeppelin Attack Upon Metropolis of the World Is Most Destructive Since the Opening of European War

London, Oct. 14.—In the most destructive Zeppelin raid of the war, Germans last night over London killed 41 and wounded 101, it was officially announced today.

Of this number, 14 killed and 13 wounded were soldiers, and the others were civilians.

Resolutions were adopted in a mass meeting, presided over by Lord Willoughby de Broke, calling upon the government to announce formally a policy of reprisal raids against Germany—raid for raid.

"The only way to hit the enemy is to strike him as he has struck us and to bombard sleeping towns," said the Globe, commenting on the meeting.

Nine women, five children and 27 men constituted the death list in this raid—by far the most costly in human life of any raid on England thus far. Sixty-four men, thirty women and seven children were wounded.

Today's official announcement, supplementing the one given out shortly after midnight this morning, declared that one Zeppelin was seen to keel over and dropped to a lower altitude.

London, Oct. 14.—Besides leaving in their wake 41 dead and 101 wounded, Zeppelin raiders over London last night left Britons angered at their government for not providing better aerial defense.

This indignation found expression in bitter denunciation of the government's delay in making ready to drive off the air invaders.

"People who want to business this morning amid the spectacle of shattered window fronts," said the Globe, "may be forgiven if they wonder how long this sort of thing will be allowed to go without effective measures to check it.

"We have a new scheme of defenses, but it did not defend us. The plain fact is that, apart from the wind and the weather, London has no adequate protection against Zeppelins."

The Pall Mall Gazette added this sarcastic comment: "It is permissible to hope that we will soon have a corps of naval gunners who can really distinguish between a Zeppelin and a star."

The death toll in England from Zeppelin raiders was increased to 130 by the latest raid, while the wounded now total nearly 350. That the heart of London was again attacked is believed, particularly in view of the fact that the home office admitted part of the London area was hit. The raid followed in the wake of orders for extra precautions in darkening the city. Further evidence that the busiest part of the metropolis was penetrated was given in a cable to the New York Sun, which said: "Myself and my home safe," indicating that the correspondent desired to notify his home office that the branch office in the center of the city, as well as his residence, escaped.

The most serious recent raid was on September 8, when the Zeppelins killed 20 and wounded 88.

Berlin, via Sayville, Oct. 14.—The last great Zeppelin raid on England, previous to last night's, started a fire near the biggest arsenal in London, and burned \$5,000,000 worth of property, an American traveler, known as reliable, told me today. He said that with each successive raid the bombs fell nearer the arsenal and that during the last one a bomb missed the structure by only 100 yards.