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FIRE DESTROYS MUCH OF THE VILLAGE OF MERLIN

Eight Buildings, Including the Southern Pacific Depot and the Postoffice, Are Burned to the Ground in Early Morning Conflagration Saturday, the Loss Being Estimated at About \$20,000, With but Little Insurance

Merlin, seven miles north of Grants Pass, was visited early Saturday morning by a most disastrous fire that destroyed an entire block of buildings, as well as the Southern Pacific depot across the street from the burned block. The fire was first discovered just past midnight in the two-story frame structure belonging to I. B. Williams, of Grants Pass. The building had formerly been occupied as a rooming house and hotel, but had of late been unoccupied except for caretakers. During the evening the range in this building had been fired up to make coffee for a social gathering in a nearby hall, and this is supposed to have started the fire from a defective flue. From this building the fire soon spread both ways in the block, burning two buildings to the north belonging to W. M. Richards, and the building occupied by D. W. Mitchell's general merchandise store. South the fire destroyed the Mason building, which was vacant, and the building owned by A. J. Shafer, and occupied by the post office. The Ott blacksmith shop to the rear of the post office building was also burned, and the flames leaped across the street and wiped out the Southern Pacific depot.

There was no equipment in the village for the fighting of the flames, and only for the fact that there was

HUNT LEADERS OF RAIDS ALONG MEXICAN BORDER

Washington, Oct. 23.—A dragnet of American troops and special secret agents was thrown out along the Rio Grande border today in a search for leaders of recent disastrous raids by Mexicans which have cost many American lives.

President Wilson himself personally directed the efforts to check the raiders, and he authorized Secretary of War Garrison and Attorney General Gregory to resort to drastic measures to halt the marauding which has grown in volume since the United States recognized General Carranza as provisional president of Mexico.

American influences were believed to be responsible for the circulation of wild rumors of border conspiracies. General Villa was reported investigating attacks on American troops in reprisal for recognition of his enemy and in the hope of forcing American intervention in Mexico.

Still another rumor said Villa had secured new American financial backing. General Felix Diaz, too, was rumored to be fomenting a new revolution with the aid of General Zapata, Villa's ally.

Even more American reinforcements are contemplated for the Brownsville district.

FOOD SUPPLY OF GERMANY IS SHORT

Government Will Supervise Distribution of Provisions in Future to Equalize the Conditions in Empire

Berlin, via Sayville, Oct. 23.—Germany is about to take over, nationally, the food supply and regulation of prices, it was officially announced today.

Hitherto these matters have been in the hands of state and provincial authorities.

"It is necessary to equalize conditions in various parts of the empire," said the statement, explaining this move. "The supply is abundant, but it is desired to avoid differences and to make distributions even throughout Germany, thus assuring a sufficiency everywhere at reasonable cost."

While Germany explains there is sufficient food, travelers returning from abroad this week have reported that the situation really is grave and that food riots have occurred in leading cities. For some time there has been the localized supervision of distribution to effect as broad an economy as possible. Bread tickets, for instance, have permitted citizens to get just so much and no more bread. Even greater economy is forecasted by the complete nationalization of the food supply. Prices are said by travelers to have gone to exorbitant figures.

BULGARIANS HAVE OCCUPIED TWO SERBIAN CITIES

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Berlin, Oct. 23.—Bulgarian occupation of Negotin and Rogeljevo, Serbia, was officially reported today.

Both places are about 35 miles northeast of Monastir. This implies the invaders are steadily advancing.

"In the region of Vitegrad we have forced a passage of the Drina," said the official statement. "We stormed Serbian positions between Lukavivvo and Kosmaj."

"General von Gallwitz has driven the Serbians across the Jasenica and ejected them from Alexandrovac."

"The Serbians are retreating from the Kosutiah-Slatina line."

"The Bulgarians repulsed the Serbians southeast of Pirot. This is 12 miles within the eastern frontier and 35 miles southeast of Nish."

SUGAR BEETS MAKE HEAVY YIELD IN ROGUE VALLEY

Tests of Experimental Plots Indicate That Big Tonnage Can Be Produced, and Farmers Show Faith in Industry by Signing Acreage in the Campaign to Secure the Location of a Factory in This District

Will sugar beets grow in the Rogue valley? Friday a test was made. One of the experimental plots there had been roughly estimated at about 16 tons per acre. Under the direction of Mr. Bramwell a large part of the patch was pulled, and the largest and smallest, together with one of medium size were weighed. The three weighed a fraction over eight pounds. Beets are planted in rows 20 inches apart and the beets are left about 12 inches apart in the row. With a fall stand an acre produces 16,000 beets. The Rogue River patch therefore yields at the rate of 2 1/2 tons per acre.

Those farmers who have made a test of the crop are signing up all the acres they can possibly make ready for the spring planting. So well pleased with the character of the soil and the growth of the beets the past season was Mr. Mizoguchi, the Japanese contractor who came here with Messrs. Nibley and Bramwell, that he solicited the lease of 1,000 or more acres in the lower valley, stating that he would take it either at a flat rate or plant it on shares.

Asked regarding the tests made of the beets grown here, Mr. Bramwell did not state the exact proportions of sugar, but remarked that they "averaged better than the Utah beet. They averaged so well, in fact, that Mr. Nibley decided that the question of freight rate differential could be eliminated, therefore we are offered a flat rate for the beets delivered at the railroad, regardless of where the factory may be located."

It is stated that the farmers in the upper portion of the valley are fast signing up acreage, and with the interest being manifested by the producers it seems certain that the factory will be guaranteed its required acreage.

But other of the experimental plots in the valley have done equally as well as Mr. Hood's. One in the Willdeville district the committee found a patch grown by W. O. Hill on the red soil that was equally as good, while the largest and smoothest beets yet seen are those on the River Banks ranch of the Leonard Orchard company holdings. These beets were grown in the orchard on sub-irrigated river bottom soil, and received no surface irrigation whatever.

Last year, when the campaign for acreage was on the best that could be said of yield was to quote what other countries had done. It was said that the farmer should get 12 to 15 tons per acre. But it is demonstrated that in the Rogue valley he

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HEADLINERS IN FOOTBALL GO DOWN TO DEFEAT

(By United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Oct. 23.—The "big leaguers" in football bit the dust this afternoon. Cornell beat Harvard, 10 to 0, before a big crowd in the Cambridge stadium; Yale fell before W. & J., 16 to 7, and Dartmouth was defeated by Princeton, 30 to 7. On the strength of their showing today and on previous Saturdays this season, the Tigers now look fit for any and all comers.

- ### Football Results
- Harvard, 0; Cornell, 10.
 - Western Md., 6; Delaware, 19.
 - Army, 10; Georgetown, 0.
 - Case, 12; Oberlin, 2.
 - Carnegie Tech., 60; Grove City, 8.
 - Pitt, 14; Penna., 7.
 - Yale, 7; W. & J., 16.
 - Princeton, 30; Dartmouth, 7.
 - Bucknell, 0; Carlisle, 0.
 - Nebraska, 0; Notre Dame, 19.
 - Navy, 20; Virginia Tech., 0.
 - Wisconsin, 21; Ohio State, 0.
 - Lehigh, 0; Muehlenberg, 0.
 - Colby, 34; Bowdoin, 6.
 - St. John's, 0; Gettysburg, 18.
 - Syracuse, 6; Brown, 0.
 - Minn., 51; Iowa, 12.
 - Columbia, 57; St. Lawrence, 0.
 - Lafayette, 46; Albright, 0.
 - Penna. State, 28; West Va. Wesleyan, 0.
 - Union College, 21; Stevens, 0.
 - Denison, 35; Cincinnati, 0.
 - St. Louis, 21; Depaw, 0.

DIAZ REPORTED AT HEAD OF 40,000 ZAPATISTAS

El Paso, Oct. 23.—The American embargo against arms and munitions shipments to and from northern Mexico is in full effect. It cuts off some sources of General Villa's revenue and all of his munitions. All local dealers have been ordered to report strictly the details of every sale of arms and ammunition.

ACCOMMODATING FRIEND PLACED UNDER ARREST

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Seattle, Oct. 23.—When George Marino, driver of an auto truck for a public market, was ordered to go to police headquarters and be booked on a charge of violating a traffic ordinance, he hunted up his friend George Pay, and had him go instead. Pay, the accommodating friend, accordingly got himself into jail, though with no charge against him. Later the traffic officer who had ordered Marino to report, failed to find his name on the police court docket and had a warrant issued. Whereupon Pay was released.

ANOTHER PROTEST TO BE SENT TO JOHN BULL

Washington, Oct. 23.—President Wilson this afternoon approved a note to England protesting against British interference with American trade. The state department probably will forward it Monday, it was announced.

ALLIES SEEK TO INFLUENCE GREECE TO JOIN IN WAR

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Paris, Oct. 23.—Negotiations were in progress today regarding the allies' policy in the Balkans, in view of Greece's refusal to accept the island of Cyprus as the prize for joining the entente forces.

Some authorities were disposed to substitute force for diplomatic parleys in dealing with Greece. But inasmuch as Greece said her refusal was "for the present," others inclined to believe that nothing would be lost by waiting.

Increasing of the allied forces so that Greece need not fear she would be overwhelmed by the invasion of her own territory, and the pressure of public opinion in favor of the allies, may determine Greece finally to come to the allies' aid.

AMERICAN SHIP BELIEVED NOW GERMAN PIRATE

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Oct. 23.—Evidence to show that the American steamship Zealandia is now a German pirate ship, whose crew includes missing officers of the interned Kronprinz Wilhelm, was obtained today by Attorney. As a pirate, the crew is subject to capture and hanging by any one. Department of Justice agents reported that the Zealandia, New York to Tampico, called October 7 at Pensacola, changed crews and got a German captain and German sympathizers. It is alleged that she dropped the American flag and changed her name to Pensacola.

F. W. Streeter, a New York ship broker, said that one of the Zealandia's engineers told him the steamer is now a German raider. H. V. Dixon, of the Fiske Trading company, owners, denied Streeter's claims.

TEXAS CITIZENS DISCUSS WAYS TO STOP RAIDERS

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Brownsville, Texas, Oct. 23.—Boiling with rage over the continued banditry along the Rio Grande, citizens of towns hereabouts gathered today at Mayor Brown's call to discuss means of relieving the situation. Brown himself announced there would be no discussion of reprisals. But in the temper of the citizens there was some doubt that he, or any one else, would be able to restrain such efforts.

It was true that dispatch of additional forces had somewhat of a quieting effect, and the people hoped Congressman Garner's visit to Washington would result in additional aid, yet the fresh killings of the past week made it likely that, unless strong measures are taken, Texans will take affairs into their own hands at an early moment.

Two supposed raiders were slain by a cavalry detachment last night while trying to cross the Rio Grande. Their bodies were not found. Leaders are still at large.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Wood spent Friday in Medford.

SERBIAN CAPITAL TRANSFERRED FROM THE CITY OF NISH

Berlin, Oct. 23.—The Serbian capital has been transferred to Kraljevo, according to a Bucharest dispatch today.

Transfer of the capital to Monastir and Pristrend has been announced previously, but it developed only certain departments had been sent there. It was stated positively yesterday that the capital would remain at Nish.

TWO TO HANG EACH WEEK IN CALIFORNIA

Sacramento, Oct. 23.—California will begin on November 5 to hang two men a week for five weeks, according to the "execution calendar," as it now stands in the governor's office. The executions are slated for consecutive weeks, except for Thanksgiving week. The governor did not wish to have a condemned man go to his death the day following the holiday, so the men who were scheduled to be hanged on that Friday were reprieved for a week.

The cases are at present in the hands of the advisory board of pardons and only a recommendation by that body for pardon or commutation of sentence will interfere with the carrying out of the execution schedule in its present form.

The first on the death list are Earl Loomis, of Sacramento, and Louis Bundy, of Los Angeles, boy murderers. Loomis is to be hanged at Folsom November 5 and Bundy at San Quentin the same day.

ALLIES CAN USE THE GREEK PORTS

Paris, Oct. 23.—Though Greece will not actively help the allies, she will permit them to use Greek ports and railroads in order to get troops to Serbia, it was learned semi-officially today.

MRS. PAMIES KILLED CRIPPLE LOVER TO HIDE OWN PAST

(By United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Oct. 23.—After pondering all night over the latest confession, secured yesterday by "sweating" of Mrs. Mary Pamies, who murdered Michael Weinstein and chopped up his body, police today were convinced her deed resulted solely from a desire to blot out the man who stood between her and a past she sought to forget. That she truly loved her husband was their belief—just as she told them.

But Weinstein, according to advices from Atlantic City, knew her history. His appearance here, his possession of letters she had written, and the tell-tale photo he carried in his watch all brought back other days. She feared her husband would learn—so she killed him, as she confessed.

And the police learned that behind the tragedy is still another—the tragedy of a wife straying in a flat at Atlantic City. This woman, Weinstein's wife, will be given the \$225 which the girl said Weinstein offered her to elope.

That Weinstein perhaps was a "white slaver" who lured immigrant girls to a life of shame was one theory the police held.

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HEBREWS SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO SEEK RELATIVES

(By United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Oct. 23.—Representing Hebrew aid societies here and in Chicago, New York and other eastern cities, Isadore Hirschfeld, attorney, was on route to Europe today, preparing to locate relatives of thousands of Jews in this country.

Before sailing he said that devastation of Russia and Galicia had broken up many families, whose relatives have been unable to locate them through the usual channels.

In addition to this mission, Hirschfeld intends to study the conditions among Jews in Europe, particularly in Russia, and to act for the department of labor in instructing foreigners as to the possibilities of deportation under certain circumstances in this country.

ARIZONA VOTERS START RECALL OF GOVERNOR HUNT

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Phoenix, Ariz., Oct. 23.—Recall proceedings against Governor Hunt—the first to be launched against a state executive in the nation's history, were started here today. The recall petition was first circulated in Mesa, a suburb of Phoenix. It was signed by 150 farmers. The petition alleges:

That Hunt is incompetent, that his administration has been "wantonly extravagant," that he disregarded laws and set himself above the courts, that he attempted to foment class hatred and by catering to the most radical elements created conditions approaching anarchy in certain sections of the state.

Thirteen thousand signatures are necessary if a recall election is to be held. Hunt's opponents expect to file the petition with the secretary of state next week.

"It is up to the people," said Hunt, when asked for a statement. Farther than that he declined to comment.

PRES. WILSON AND FIANCEE GO VISITING

Washington, Oct. 23.—President Wilson and his fiancée, Mrs. Norman Galt, disappeared for 5 1/2 hours today. Accompanied by Miss Margaret Wilson, they went to Emmittsburg, Md., 75 miles from here, and visited Editor Sterling Galt, a brother of Mrs. Galt's first husband.