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

## TAKE SERBS IN TEUTON TRAP

### Defeated Soldiers Surrounded As They Attempt to Escape and Are Made Prisoners in Morava District

Berlin, via Wireless to Sayville, Nov. 11.—Cornered by the Teuton allies, 4,000 Serbian prisoners were taken south of the western Morava river, where they were retreating toward Montenegro, the war office announced today.

The fact that so many were caught proves that the crushed Serbs are experiencing difficulty in escaping the central allies' efforts to surround them, it was stated.

Bulgars under General Boyadjeff are co-operating with the Germans in driving the Serbs from the Morava valley.

A Russian attack in the Riga region has been repulsed by Field Marshal von Hindenburg. The extreme right wing of the Russians rests on the sea with three warships supporting it. Some Russians were captured south and east of Riga.

### PROBE CAUSE OF FIRES IN MUNITION PLANTS

Washington, Nov. 11.—Suspicious fires in munitions of war plants recently are under investigation by the department of justice, it was admitted today.

### TURKEY FOR UNFORTUNATES IN STATE INSTITUTIONS

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Olympia, Nov. 11.—All of the six thousand inmates of Washington state institutions will eat turkey, cranberries, celery and other trimmings on Thanksgiving, the board of control announced today.

## FOOTBALL STARS AND CENTRAL POINT PLAY SATURDAY

Saturday an all-star football team will play the fast Central Point aggregation on the local high school grounds. The Central Point team is composed of members of their athletic association. This team has not been defeated yet this season, and judging from reports they have one of the fastest teams in southern Oregon.

The Grants Pass team will contain all the old stars of previous gridiron battles. The best players of the high school team will also be in the line-up. This team will be nearly the same one that meets Medford here on New Year's day. They have been practicing every night and will be in the best of condition for the coming contest.

The game is to be played as a benefit for the high school athletic association, all the money over expenses going to the treasury of this organization. As the deficit is still quite large, this means is being taken to come out somewhere near even for the football season. Here is a good chance not only to see a fine game but also to help the association out of the hole.

The line-up will be as follows: Fullback, Dean or Spaulding; halves, Harvey and Cornell; quarter, Moore or Harmon; center, Gilmore; guards, Webb and Beards; tackles, Millikin and Morey; ends, Jay Fry and Hansen.

## JAP DELEGATES FRATERNIZE AT LABOR CONCLAVE

San Francisco, Nov. 11.—For the first time in its 35 years of history the American Federation of Labor has slated two Japanese as fraternal delegates. One of these, addressing the delegates, outlined the struggle between reactionary and progressive labor in Japan, and expressed the hope that the Japanese labor movement, now three years old, will be as firmly entrenched in Japan as the American federation is in America, when it has reached the latter's age.

Vice-President Duncan, before the convention meets tomorrow, will prepare a resolution opposing alteration of the seamen's law. Another resolution, favoring creation of an American merchant marine, will also be submitted.

### NORTH ATLANTIC VESSELS REPORTED IN DISTRESS

Washington, Nov. 11.—Three coast guard vessels were en route post haste today to vessels in distress in a serious gale reported off the north Atlantic coast.

### PORTLAND STREET CAR HELD UP AND ROBBED

Portland, Nov. 11.—Two masked men, revolvers in hand, held up a street car on the Woodstock line early today and relieved Conductor B. W. Cooley of \$9.75 in small change. There were no passengers on the car.

## NOTED ENGINEER ASSOCIATED WITH THE TWOHY ROAD

Engineer J. D. MacVicar, who was here last summer and made an extensive examination and report upon the proposed railroad from Grants Pass to the coast at the instance of Twohy Brothers company, will arrive in the city today from Seattle and will become permanently associated with the Coast road. Mr. MacVicar left Seattle by auto with his wife and daughter, but breaking a part of the machine requiring a delay for repairs, Mrs. MacVicar and the young lady came on by train, arriving Wednesday night. Mr. MacVicar is one of the foremost locating and construction engineers of the coast, having been with the Milwaukee line while it was building through Idaho and Washington. His report upon the route and the resources of the Grants Pass-Oreocent City line was so favorable that it was largely responsible for the taking over of the road by the Twohys, and it is now a matter of prophetic of extensive operations in the immediate future that he becomes permanently identified with the firm. Mrs. MacVicar and daughter are at the Josephine awaiting the arrival of MacVicar from the north.

## W. B. SHERMAN AND ASSOCIATES GET IRRIGATION WATER

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Portland, Nov. 11.—State Engineer Lewis today issued a permit to the Graves Creek Irrigation project to appropriate sufficient water from Graves and Jump-Off-Joe creeks to irrigate twenty thousand acres of land and to develop 3,000 horsepower. Two large reservoirs are included in the plans and, exclusive of them, the cost of the work is estimated at \$1,000,000. The project is located in Josephine county. W. B. Sherman is chief promoter of the plan.

## SIX STATES SUFFER IN BATTLE OF THE ELEMENTS

### Tornado Kills and Maims As It Tears Through the Middle West, and Leaves Behind a Path of Desolation in Which the Property Loss Will Amount to Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars, Kansas Being Worst Sufferer

Kansas City, Nov. 11.—Tearing its way over six states last night, a tornado killed nine known victims, injured 100 and crumpled hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of property, according to incomplete reports this afternoon.

Making its way over all or part of Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin, the twister wreaked its greatest havoc at Great Bend, Kas. There it ripped a broad swath through the town.

The hamlet of Seyba, Kas., was almost wiped out. The death toll, so far as reported this afternoon, stood:

Great Bend, 4; Seyba, 4; Hoopston, Ill., one killed by factory blowing down.

Several persons were hurt at Hartford, S. D., where buildings were battered down and unroofed and much livestock was killed.

Marshfield, Wis., and Iowa towns reported damage from wind and rain.

Great Bend, Kas., Nov. 11.—Smashed by a terrific cyclone, which killed at least 4, injured a score or more, with several missing, and worked an estimated property loss of \$500,000, Great Bend today came out from under the debris to the work of rehabilitation.

Following a hard wind, with fitful electrical showers, a dark funnel-shaped cloud rushed in with a roar from the southwest last night and struck in the light and water plants, leaving the city in darkness and without fire protection. It smashed its way through, taking its life toll and wrecking many structures in its wake.

The twister swept away many houses in this town of 4,000, wrecked the Santa Fe station, levelled a standpipe, and then swept eastward, striking other towns. Among the places destroyed here were a school, three mills and many homes.

Other towns in the path of the cyclone, but which suffered less damage, included Larned, Hutchinson, Derby, Claffin, Holsington and Hartford.

The wind literally picked up many buildings, hurling them considerable distance, or crashing them into kindling with their occupants beneath them. Number five, Santa Fe passenger train, came near being caught in the atmospheric maelstrom. Cut off from fire protection, citizens formed a volunteer fire department to fight many blazes following in the path of overturned lamps and stoves.

The cyclone ripped a three-fourths of a mile path through the town, taking its chief toll in the residence district. In the outlying district, however, many sheep were picked up dead, smashed to death in the feeding pens after being thrown high in the air. A drenching rain fell all night. At dawn the city was still lying under ruined buildings for trace of other dead and injured. Physicians poured in from neighboring villages to give aid to the wounded.

Rescuing parties feared that the death toll may run higher than the earlier reports indicated.

The tornado cut a path nearly a quarter of a mile wide through the southeast section of Great Bend. The Santa Fe depot, three flouring mills, a number of residences, the city water and light plants and a laundry were wrecked. Definite damage estimate is lacking.

Five fires broke out in different parts of the town, but the heavy rain saved Great Bend. Firemen were helpless in their fight without the

usual water supply. As far as is known, none perished in the flames. A wrecking train with doctors and nurses has arrived from Hutchinson, Kas.

Wichita, Kas., Nov. 11.—Mrs. William LaForce and her servant, Miss Meadows, and Mrs. Hartie were killed in the cyclone which struck Seyba, south of here last night.

Mr. Hartie and two children were brought to a hospital here, seriously injured. Seyba was badly damaged. A Mexican was killed and 27 persons injured when a bunk train was demolished at Derby.

## TRIAL OF ALLEGED DYNAMITER IS NOW IN PROGRESS

Los Angeles, Nov. 11.—Alleging that M. A. Schmidt purchased 500 pounds of dynamite in San Francisco under the name of Leonard, stored it in a vacant house there, and went through the Times building here to select the best location for the destructive explosion, Special Prosecutor James W. Noel today reached the jury in Schmidt's trial on a charge of murder.

Noel promised to prove that J. B. McNamara and Schmidt were paid Quentin. It created great excitement "old man."

He asserted he would show that immediately after receiving this money, Schmidt and McNamara went to a roadhouse near San Francisco in a taxicab with two women.

Outlining the alleged proceedings preliminary to the dynamiting of the Times and the death of 21 employees, Noel asserted he would prove that Schmidt, David Caplan, Ortie McManigal, J. B. McNamara, Eric Morton and Anton Johannsen held numerous conferences at the Argonaut hotel, San Francisco, shortly before the explosion, and that Schmidt ordered 500 pounds of dynamite at Grant, Cal., about the same time.

This dynamite, Noel asserted, was of such high power that it had to be manufactured especially. Later, he claimed, he would prove it was called for by David Caplan and others. Schmidt signed a receipt for it with the name of "J. B. Leonard," according to the state, and it was transferred to a launch of which Schmidt was engineer, stored in an empty house, and ultimately landed at Los Angeles.

Sticks of dynamite from this cargo were found in bombs under the houses of General H. G. Otis and F. J. Zeehandelaar, secretary of the Merchants' & Manufacturers' association, Noel promised to prove.

The principal witness for the state will be Ortie McManigal. It is upon him that the state depends for substantiation of Noel's various charges against Schmidt.

Noel's statement reopened many of the issues supposedly buried when the McNamaras were sent to San Quentin. It created great excitement in the court room.

The first witness probably will be called to the stand late this afternoon.

C. H. Topping returned today from Portland, where he spent several days on business.

## WAS THE ANCONA WARNED BEFORE SENT TO BOTTOM

Washington, Nov. 11.—The prime facts the state department sought today to know in the torpedoing of the liner Ancona before making a possible protest were:

Was the vessel warned before being sunk by the attacking submarine?

Was the submarine Austrian or German?

Preliminary dispatches to the department left officials in doubt as to these points. Press dispatches indicating rather conclusively, however, that the liner tried to escape pursuit lessened the gravity of the situation.

No protest could or would be made if it is officially established that the Ancona did not observe international laws requiring submission to search after she had been overhauled.

A sharp, peremptory, immediate demand for disavowal, reparation and assurance against repetition, however, would follow establishment of the fact that the vessel had been sunk following a halting command.

### GRAND JURY STILL PROBING PORTLAND ARSON TRUST

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Portland, Nov. 11.—Another alleged arsonist is under indictment by the grand jury today. Mrs. Daisy Miller is charged with burning her home last November for the insurance money.

Three members of the coast-wide arson trust will begin serving sentences of from three to seven years in the penitentiary today. They are Sanford Currier, Monty Akeyson and W. Woollette. Mordie Keeney, given the same sentence for arson following conviction several days ago, is taking advantage of 15 days' stay of execution to perfect an appeal to the supreme court.

### LABOR DELEGATES TAKE A DAY OFF

(By United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Nov. 11.—Delegates to the convention of the American Federation of Labor laid aside business today and journeyed to Vallejo, where they inspected the United States navy yard and the Mare Island shops.

President Samuel Gompers, who was unable to attend the business session yesterday because of a cold, expects to be back in harness tomorrow.

## 200 PERISHED AS ITALIAN LINER WAS TORPEDOED

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Rome, Nov. 11.—Whether helpless passengers of the Italian liner Ancona were slaughtered by shells while an Austrian submarine pursued her, or whether they were killed in cold blood, as the diving boat had overtaken her, was a point still undetermined here today.

Reports on this point—vital in determining the position of neutral America in the torpedoing incident—conflicted.

A Tunis' dispatch quoted Ancona officers as saying the vessel halted as she was commanded to do so. On the other hand, a survivor told of shells killing some in pursuit, followed by a hail of shrapnel over the fleeing, panic stricken passengers in the lifeboats after the vessel had been halted.

All messages agreed that the Austrian shrapnel took a bloody toll.

The number of casualties was still in doubt. The best information agreed that 300 were saved and that not over 200 perished.

## TELLS STORY OF ANCONA SINKING

### Survivor Says Ill-Fated Ship Was Pursued and Shelled by Austrian Submarine Before Being Torpedoed

Malta, Nov. 11.—The horror, the panic, the bloodshed, the thrilling chase in the Austrian submarine's fatal attack upon the Italian liner Ancona were pictured here today by a survivor. His story indicated passengers were given a chance to get off after the liner was halted by shells.

"On Monday," he said, "we sighted the submarine coming up astern. We were somewhere between the southern coast of Sardinia and Biserta. The submarine was several miles away, with full speed up. We could see she was very big by the way she split the water. Our captain ordered full speed ahead. In a minute the submarine fired. The wildest panic followed among the passengers and crew. Women and children, screaming and crying, knelt in prayer. The next shot struck aft, where a number of passengers were watching the chase. Several were killed, I understand. Others ran forward, with blood streaming from them. We were making 15 knots, but the submarine was faster and she kept shelling us as quickly as she could ram the shots home.

"One shot wrecked the chart house and pieces of it scattered all over the deck. The next lot of shells striking us stopped the engines. In a few minutes the submarine came alongside. She was the biggest I ever saw. Her commander megaphoned a curt order to our captain to get off the passengers and crew.

"The submarine withdrew a short distance, with her guns trained on us. Instantly there was a rush for the lifeboats. Women and children went over in the first, but men, fighting, screaming and cursing, pushed into the others. The din was awful. Above it, though, I could hear wounded passengers screaming for help to get them into the boats.

"The fourth boat over capsized. Then something seemed to go wrong and the boats began sliding down the side, striking on the edge. Most of them were righted, but others were capsized. The crew, yelling at passengers, interfered with the lowering of the boats."

Rome, Nov. 11.—Snapping out wireless calls for aid, the ill-fated Italian liner Ancona fled before her Austrian submarine pursuer under a rain of shells, a majority of dispatches today agreed.

Estimates of dead in the subsequent torpedoing were still confused, ranging from 150 to 300. The most reliable placed the number around 176.

The Societa Italia stated that only 11 Americans were aboard, naming Mrs. Cecile Greif as the only native born and the others as naturalized Italian-Americans. Other estimates placed the American victims at a score, while the American embassy here indicated that 27 were aboard.

Forty-five survivors, landed at Malta, described scenes of distressing panic preceding the sinking. Disregarding the rule of the sea—women and children first—men fought over the blood-spattered decks for places in the lifeboats. Rudely they pushed women aside in their mad scramble for safety. Shrieking, terror stricken women leaped into the sea, some of them clasping their babies to their breasts. Many of the

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