

ITALY DECLARES HER NEUTRALITY WITH POWERS

GERMANS AND BELGIANS IN FIERCE BATTLE AT LIEGE. GERMAN LOSSES OVER TEN THOUSAND

ITALY'S DECLARATION OF NEUTRALITY AN INVITATION FOR WAR TO BE DECLARED ON THEM BY GERMANY; GERMAN AND ENGLISH NAVIES MAY MIX OFF WILHELMA

LONDON—The report that the Kaiser had given Italy until midnight to join Germany, Austria-Hungary in arms or he would declare war against them, was confirmed today.

NEW YORK—It is believed here that Italy will not only reject Germany's ultimatum but will lend her aid to England, France and Russia.

ROME—The Italian Foreign Office cabled the British Government that Italy would remain strictly neutral in the present war.

This means that she will be called upon to protect herself if the Kaiser carries out his threat to declare war on her unless she prepared to assist the other members of the former "Triple Alliance."

BRUSSELS—Real battle at Liege started at dawn today and still raging this afternoon. Belgians have the advantage which they gained by Wednesday's fighting. Germans are heavily reinforced, about 100,000 pressing the attack. The German crown prince is in command. Germans have directed the attack against the entire fortifications. Teutonic losses enormous, approached nearly 10,000. The Belgians, however, are suffering very few losses as they are fighting behind strong defenses.

BRUSSELS—In an attack on Liege Wednesday it is estimated that Germans lost 7000 in killed and wounded. They killed and wounded at Vise and vicinity is placed at 3500. At dawn they renewed their attempt to cross the river Meuse. Fighting re-

sumed immediately. General Von Emmich is in personal charge of German operations.

BRUSSELS—Declaring earlier estimates too low, the Brussels Gazette asserted that 8000 Germans were killed and wounded at Liege. It agreed that 3500 had been killed and wounded at Vise, and two thousand captured by Belgians. "At 4 a. m. Wednesday," continued the Gazette, "The German tenth army corps attacked Chautontaine and Bocoilles Forts from the Southwest. They bombarded Fort Flamalle. The Belgian Eleventh Brigade successfully resisted the assault, driving the Germans back with such energy that it was necessary to recall them to protect their fortification. The German demand for surrender of Liege was indignantly refused. In the fighting which ensued the Belgians proved far superior to the Germans. No Germans passed the fort surrounding the city until after the battle, when eight hundred of their wounded were carried to the Liege hospitals. In this battle a single Belgian soldier fought an entire German Squad of eight men, killing four of them. The Belgian's losses were trifling."

The Gazette placed the number of Belgians engaged at Liege at about 25,000 and the Germans at 40,000.

BRUSSELS—Two forts outlying Liege's main fortifications were evacuated by Belgians this afternoon as battle with Germans grew hotter. The Germans secured Belgian range and their fire was frightfully effective. The battle was terrific.

LONDON—That Germany's war fleet lying off Wilhelmshaven is protected by land forts was the news received by the Admiralty. It is believed that the British Commander Callaghan attempted to draw the Germans into a general attack by feinting with submarine destroyers.

SEATTLE—Cruiser Milwaukee sailed presumably for British Columbia waters to protect American interests in case of an attack on Vancouver or Victoria by the German ships.

BRUSSELS—A huge Zeppelin war dirigible balloon flew over the Herva plateau fortifications and a Belgian gun sent an explosive shell thru it which caused a terrific explosion, bursting the dirigible, which wrapt in flames fell to the ground. Entire crew of 26 perished.

LONDON—German Cruiser, Eden and the Russian Cruiser, Askold, sunk one another in a fight off Wei-hai-wei an English port off the coast of China. Crews went down with the ships. It is not known how many were in the ships.

DEPUTY SHERIFF M'DUFFEE TO BE HONORED WITH MEDAL FOR BRAVERY

Deputy Sheriff McDuffee has received a fund of \$95, which was forwarded to him from Lewiston, Idaho, several days ago by Dr. J. B. Morris, as a reward for his bravery in saving the passengers on the train near Pendleton from robbers on the morning of July 2. Dr. Morris was a passenger on the train and was made a committee of one to take charge of the collection of \$95 to be sent to McDuffee and also to select a proper medal to be presented to the local officer in recognition of his bravery. The medal is expected to arrive any day. It is of handsome design and heavy construction. On the back appears only the name, "George W. McDuffee," while on the face the following inscription:

"Presented by passengers on O. W. R. & N. train saved from train robbers near Pendleton, Oregon, July 2, 1914."

According to advices received at the Herald office this medal is due to arrive in Heppner immediately and will be highly prized by the receiver.

Mr. McDuffee has been getting along fine since he returned home from the St. Anthony hospital, where he was confined following the fight, and is now practically entirely recovered from the effects of the gunshot wound he received. He is now discharging the duties of his office at the court house.

From there she will go up to Cascade to spend the summer.

Mat Halverson started threshing Monday noon on his big ranch south of town.

J. B. Sparks and E. G. Harlan were down last Saturday. They came down in Sparks' Studebaker, returning the same night.

LEXINGTON ITEMS.

Lexington people are being treated this week to a show by the Wheeler Amusement Company. These people started their show on Tuesday night by having four good reels of moving pictures and some vaudeville and some acrobatic stunts. A large audience greeted them and everyone's interest is at fever pitch, wondering who will gain the prize of a chest containing 25 pieces of Rogers silverware or who will hold the lucky number on the ticket and gain the \$5 gold piece. The show will continue this week and is well worth the price of admission, which is thirty-five cents. Buy the peanuts, boys, and vote for the most popular lady.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Ward have moved from the Phillips house down into the old Daugherty place across from Leach's store.

Mrs. Anna Picketts is back in Lexington after a seige of cooking for harvesters.

Mrs. Effie Carmichael and Mrs. Bell Duran have the sympathy of the community in the loss of their mother who died last Friday at Medical Lake.

Miss Eve Swanson is entertaining a lady friend this week.

Threshing seems to be in full blast, as we can hear the whistles of the engines from almost every direction and wheat wagons are numerous.

John McMillin is back home after a week's trips to the coast.

John Moore is enjoying a visit from his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Haliker and young son visited friends in Lexington last Saturday.

What's the matter with our Moral Squad getting in and fixing up some of the sidewalks in our city, especially those from the postoffice to the railroad tracks.

Nearly everyone around here is

MRS. ELIZA J. AYERS.



Mrs. Ayers is one of the real pioneers of Oregon and the history of her life was featured under the "Prominent People" heading in our last issue.

While working on a well drilling machine on the Fred Maixner ranch in Sand Hollow last Wednesday, Hugh McLennon had his hand caught between the iron cable and the pulley block and severely injured. He was taken to Echo where Dr. Dorn examined and cared for the injury.

A. M. Brown, fire inspector for the O. W. R. & N. Co., made Heppner a visit Wednesday night on one of his regular inspection tours.

WIFE OF PRESIDENT WILSON DIES TODAY AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS; KIDNEY TROUBLE CHRONIC AND ATTACK SUDDEN

WASHINGTON, 5 p. m. Thursday—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the president of the United States, died at the Whitehouse this afternoon. At 7 a. m. today her condition was reported slightly better. She was taken suddenly ill last night with the chronic kidney attack and relapsed continually into periods of unconsciousness but made a brave fight for her life. Oxygen and saline injections were given. The President bore up wonderfully well but is heartbroken with grief. The entire nation sympathizes with the President and family.

CASTLE ROCK NOTES. S. H. Boardman and H. H. Weston were over on Willow Creek and bought a load of pigs and supplied the town of Castle Rock with all the pigs it wanted.

Improvements are in line for the Boardman ranch. Mr. Boardman is going to put in an up-to-date pumping plant with all necessary equipments. When he gets through his place will be one of the most complete and handy places in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McDade spent a very pleasant afternoon last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Marshall. Jerry and his wife are two very popular people in the Castle Rock country, needless to say, the Marshall's entertained them royally.

Mr. J. Marshall, our well known hotel and store keeper, was in Arlington recently on business. Mr. Marshall is catering to the wishes of the people and he is doing a fine business at Castle Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bellingmey spent a very enjoyable day last Sunday at Hood River.

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Forest Supervisor Cryder requests that all campers and hunters in the woods be very careful about fire. The season is one of the driest known and conditions in the timber are especially favorable to the spread of fire. Do not leave camp fires burning when not in use and travelers are cautioned against throwing live matches, cigar and cigarette stubs along the road side where they might fall in dry grass or litter. The large matches so generally in use, are dangerous and should be absolutely extinguished before throwing away. The co-operation of the public is earnestly requested against the common enemy—a forest fire.

NOTICE TO CAMPERS AND HUNTERS.

LOCAL PEOPLE VISITING IN EUROPE MAY SEE NAVAL BATTLE IN NORTH SEA

Robt. Hynd and family and Mrs. Wm. Barratt, who are visiting at their father's place in Scotland, stand a good chance of seeing one of the great naval battles of the present war. The Hynd ranch is situated on the highest point on the east coast of Scotland and commands a view of forty miles on the North Sea where the English and German vessels are reported to have a heavy engagement several days ago. Mr. Barratt informed a Herald representative yesterday that he received a letter from Mrs. Barratt on the 19th of July in which it was stated that the Hynd-Barratt party would leave Scotland on their trip home

Sept. 11. However, news has since been received stating that all passages have been cancelled and it is doubtful if they will be able to leave there until sometime later in the fall. Dr. Boyden, who was formerly a leading physician of Heppner, and who is now practicing at Pendleton, is in Europe and according to Mr. Barratt, is probably in Berlin at the present time. Dr. Boyden dined at the Hynd home in Scotland several weeks ago and announced at that time that it was his intention to go to Berlin to study in the hospitals, and take some post-graduate work in a leading university. Nothing has been heard from him since his departure from Scotland.

MORAL SQUAD NOTES.

The regular meeting of the Squad was held last night at the usual meeting place, the red bench. The meeting was called to order and Private Brennan introduced the first business of the session. He called the attention of the Squad to the poor health of Dr. Dye's dog. He suggested that its diet be changed to the European Plan. After much discussion, Dr. Prentice was appointed as a committee of one to start the dog on the European Plan. Corporal Cornett said that his cat had never fully recovered from the recent attempt on its life and asked that the cat might be included in the motion. The Squad granted the Corporal's request and the two mascots will be turned over to Wilkins at once.

As a special meeting had been held last Tuesday night, there was no further business that appeared before the Squad. Bruce Kelley's name remained on the "bench."

Several people have handed us lists of names to send the paper to. Most of these are outside the state and in many cases the idea is to influence them to come here and make their home with us. No better presentation of this county's resources and possibilities could be sent them than the semi-weekly paper. The Herald pays special attention to this business and the papers are wrapped and delivered promptly and in good order to the party's address.

J. W. Ferguson and family are here from Burns, Oregon, and expect to make Heppner their home for the winter. Mr. Ferguson will engage in wheat hauling.

Mr. W. R. Fletcher, one of the owners of "The Arcady Press," a high class printing establishment of Portland, is spending his vacation in Heppner visiting his old friend, L. K. Harlan, of The Herald. While editing the paper at Cloverdale, Oregon, several years ago, Mr. Fletcher enjoyed the distinction of being the youngest newspaper publisher in the United States.

In talking with Jack Hynd yesterday he said that the new school house at Cecil is going to be one of the best in the county. It is 26x62, built of wood with a cement foundation. It will have two rooms with a library, cloak rooms and in fact everything that you find in an up-to-date school. It will be a lucky teacher that gets it.

Owing to the fact that the pictures did not arrive on the evening train, J. B. Sparks took a number of young people to Lexington last night to see the tent show. While there he saw the Lexington Moral Squad on the front seats. The management had presented them with free tickets.

Jack Hynd says that if his neighbors will come to his assistance, he will hold a rabbit drive in his locality. He bought several rolls of wire fencing yesterday which he is anxious to use for that purpose. He also said that he would furnish a few good cigars.

Jan. Gilcese, a salesman in the S. B. Barker Co. store at Condon, came over today from the Wheat City wit hJan. Murtha of Rock Creek. Mr. Gilcese has numerous friends in this city who gave him a cordial welcome.

NEWS FROM NORTHWEST SECTION OF THE COUNTY BY REGULAR CORRESPONDENTS

IONE ITEMS.

Claud Taylor and wife came in town last Sunday from John Kiehn's place where they have just finished a 33 day heading job. Mr. Taylor will go to work immediately on the Pettey's threshing outfit.

George Cochran and Dick Turpin went hunting last Tuesday and form their version of the affair, they exterminated 62 rabbits all told. Every little bit helps, the farmers say, and so say we.

Tom Grabill finished heading on the Blake ranch last Tuesday.

Earnest Higgs is working for F. S. Bender & Co.

Harlan McCurdy was in town the first of the week.

Buffington and Ritchie have their building moved and the carpenters putting in new floors, etc.

Miss Della Davidson returned Tuesday from Toppenist where she has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reis for the past month.

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Whiteis \$5, "Biz" Engleman \$5, and a few others. When it was found that his checks were no good, Marshal Cason telephoned to Heppner. Inquiries being made it was learned that he had \$6.25 in the bank. His practice was to get some person to endorse a check so that he could get the money to go to Heppner with, as he was not known here. He was formerly employed at the Palace Hotel as a cook. The last reports stated that he was locked up and a prominent business man of Heppner agreed to give him work and pay the checks.

"Billy" Swanson pulled out with his kerosene tractor last Tuesday morning. He will use the Pettey's separator and will commence to thresh in this neighborhood immediately.

Eb Sink left on Tuesday's train for Portland.

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