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GREAT BATTLE IS IMMINENT

German-Austro Army Await Italian Attack.

TWO MILES ONLY SEPARATE ARMIES

Berlin Rumors That Germans Have Reached Railway Near Przemysl Are Not Confirmed.

BERLIN, May 27.—A battle of great proportions on the Trentino border is imminent, dispatches from the German correspondents with the Austrian army assert. The Austrians are said to be strongly entrenched just inside the frontier and awaiting the Italian attack. Constant clashes between the outposts are reported and the main bodies of the two armies are declared to be separated by only two miles.

Terrific Battle is Raging. BERLIN, May 27.—A terrific battle is now raging in Galicia as the Austro-German army of General von Mackensen is sweeping steadily to the south toward the Russians' main artery of retreat about Przemysl, the official announcement stated. This statement failed to confirm the reports that the Austrians and Germans have reached the railway running from Przemysl to Lemberg. The battle is most violent.

Italian Submarine at Work. MILAN, May 27.—An Italian submarine penetrated Pola harbor and severely damaged an Austrian auxiliary cruiser, according to unconfirmed reports. The submarine is declared to have fired eight torpedoes at Austrian warships.

MAN SUICIDES WHEN ARRESTED

PORTLAND, May 27.—After being arrested on a charge of attempting to defraud a chauffeur, Theodore Fearey, Jr., suicided in front of the desk of the information officer at the police station, by stabbing himself in the heart with a pocket knife. Fearey collapsed while the arresting officer was making his report. It was not known that he had stabbed himself until after he had been taken to the elevator on his way to the emergency hospital, when the knife was found sticking in his left breast. Financial troubles are believed to be the cause. His parents live in Newberg, Oregon. Fearey died on the operating table, after reaching the hospital.

WHEAT GOES DOWN UPON NEWS OF TORPEDOING OF THE STEAMER NEBRASKAN

CHICAGO, May 27.—Free selling of wheat resulted yesterday from the news that the American steamer Nebraska had been torpedoed. Nearly 7 cents a bushel was slashed from the price of May wheat. That option, which closed last night at \$1.55 1/2, sold down to \$1.48, with last transactions at \$1.50 1/4, a net loss of 5 1/2. In the end July and September were respectively 2 1/8c and 1 1/2c down from Tuesday's level.

BECKER TO DIE IN JULY.

Death Warrant of ex-Police Lieutenant is Signed in New York.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 26.—The court of appeals today fixed the week beginning July 12 for the execution of ex-Police Lieutenant Becker, convicted of the murder of Herman Rosenbhal.

The death warrant was signed by the judges of the court today and forwarded to Warden Osborne at Sing Sing prison. Governor Whitman continued to remain silent on the case.

3RD ANNUAL BUST AT SUTHERLIN

The Third Annual Bust will be held at Sutherlin Saturday all day. Hundreds of visitors are expected from all parts of the county and every traveling man who operates in western Oregon is planning his dates so that he will be able to take in the Big Bust. The Bust is a picnic—not a game—and is given in the interests of the traveling men. Balloons, bands, parades, merry-go-rounds and dozens of other forms of amusement calculated to drag the gloom from one, are already making their appearance on the streets of Sutherlin.

Today the Bust Band came over to Roseburg and advertised their picnic. The band drove around the city in an auto and kept up a lively air. After the streets had been thoroughly canvassed the band stopped in front of a number of business houses, the hotels and other public places and gave a short concert. Many Roseburg people are planning on attending this unique Sutherlin picnic. They will be royally entertained, for Sutherlin hospitality is known wherever there is one who has been within her gates.

GERMANY CALLS UNTRAINED MEN

AMSTERDAM, May 27.—Germany has called all untrained members of the landsturm over 35, to active service, according to Berlin advices. The entrance of Italy in the war is declared as responsible for this.

"NOT GUILTY" PLEAS ENTERED

Sanity of One Defendant to be Determined

RUSSELL HOAGLIN ASSERTS INNOCENCE

Royce Jones May Secure His Freedom By Recent Amendment Made to Old Law.

Judge Skipworth, who is presiding over the circuit court heard the pleas of three parties against whom indictment were returned by the grand jury during the past week. The grand jury made a further report last evening before court was adjourned for the day and returned a further indictment against Russell Hoaglin for contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Pat Espost, an Italian who was arrested, charged with larceny was also indicted a second time.

Joseph Lahr, arrested a short time ago at Glendale, was indicted on a charge of sodomy after several witnesses from that place had been examined.

All three defendants entered pleas of not guilty to the charges and their cases will be called as soon as some minor civil cases can be disposed of.

In the case of Espost, Elbert Hermann, who was appointed by the court to defend the prisoner, made a motion to have the prisoner examined by a sanity board in order to determine his mental condition. District Attorney Neuner did not oppose the motion and Dr. Miller will conduct an inquiry. Espost is charged with larceny from a dwelling, the crime having been committed about the 16th of May in this city. It is claimed that he terrorized the residents of the south end of the city for a time by appearing in their homes unannounced.

John Long has been retained to defend Hoaglin and witnesses from Portland and Wilbur will be summoned to appear in this case.

Albert Abraham was appointed by the court to look after the interests of Lahr.

Jones' Fate Still Undecided.

Royce Jones, who has been confined in the county jail on a charge of failing to support a minor child, appeared in the court room this morning, along with the three other defendants. A demurrer filed by Cardwell had been taken under advisement by the court, but his declaration in this matter was not announced this morning. The 1913 code makes it a felony for a husband to fail to support his wife or children. The 1915 legislature amended this law and added "that when a decree of divorce between husband and wife has heretofore or shall be hereafter granted by any competent court, and the custody of the child or children, the issue of said marriage relations, has been or may be given by the

court to either party to the suit, then the provisions of this act shall not apply as to the other party to said suit."

Jones had filed a bond with the district attorney's office to provide for his child and secure his release from the county jail, but his bondsman surrendered him on the 24th of this month. The amendment to the law of 1913 went into effect on the 22nd. Jones' wife secured a divorce some time ago and was given the custody of the child and it is the contention of his attorney that he cannot be prosecuted under the new law for not supporting his child.

ROYAL DIVORCE FORECAST

German Crown Prince and Wife Reported Considering Separation.

PARIS, May 27.—The Debats says that both the German Crown Prince and Crown Princess were absent during the baptism of their infant daughter, who was named Alexandrine Irene. The Kaiser and Empress were both present, however. What purports to be confirmation of the prospective divorce of the crown prince and the crown princess had been received here.

SCHOOL ALUMNI ELECT OFFICERS

The Roseburg High School Alumni association last night entertained in honor of this year's graduating class. The members of the board of education and the faculty were also included among the guests. The meeting place had been designated as the court house lawn and when the hour arrived there were more than 100 who had responded to the invitation. From the court house lawn the hosts and their guests went to the Majestic theatre and took in the movies for an hour. Then in a long line they marched to the Palace of Sweets where a splendid luncheon was waiting for them. During the time of eating the graduates told harrowing tales of what they used to do when in school. They wanted it to be known to this year's graduates that the good old days of fun in school were over, but when the members of this year's class told of their own experiences in the past four years the old timers just naturally had to give up. It was agreed that school days are school days and one generation has just as good a time as another. Ott's orchestra furnished music for the entertainment.

At the conclusion of the evening the officers for the association were elected. Elbert Lenox was chosen president and Ruluff Patterson vice president. The association does not have a secretary-treasurer, these duties being assumed by the vice-president.

Harry Campbell returned this morning from Portland. Mr. Campbell was a passenger on the Great Northern from San Francisco where he spent a couple of weeks taking in the sights at the fair.

TURKEY WILL SUE FOR PEACE

Special Representative to Notify Germany and Austria

STEAMERS TORPEDOED IN NORTH SEA

Italian King Takes Supreme Command of Land and Sea Forces—Is at the Front Now.

LONDON, May 27.—Athens dispatches declare that Djavid Pasha, former Turkish minister of finance, has left Constantinople for Berlin to inform Germany that Turkey is unable to continue the war. Germany will be told that it is necessary for Turkey to conclude a separate peace, the dispatches asserted.

Two Steamers Torpedoed.

LONDON, May 27.—The Montreal steamer Morwenna and the Danish steamer Betty were torpedoed by German submarines in the North Sea, the admiralty announced. One member of the Morwenna crew was killed and three wounded. The Morwenna was shelled as well as torpedoed. The remainder of the crew drifted in small boats before being picked up. The crew of the Betty was rescued and landed near New Castle. Both vessels were of considerable size.

King Will Lead to Victory.

ROME, May 27.—The king has assumed supreme command of the Italian land and sea forces. From the general headquarters near the frontier, the king telegraphed his soldiers and citizens the official orders of the day. The king declared he would lead Italy to victory over the Austrians, restoring to the nation the "lost provinces of Istria and Trentino". This announcement was the signal for renewed outbursts of patriotic enthusiasm in Rome.

COMMENCEMENT TOMORROW NIGHT

Tomorrow marks the closing exercises of this school year and the members of the senior class will be formally presented with their diplomas and given a God speed and a farewell from their school days. The commencement exercises will be held in the Antlers theatre and the principal address will be given by President C. J. Bushnell, of Pacific University. There are forty-six members of this year's class, which is the largest ever graduated from the high school. Miss Lillian Krogel is president of the class, Harold H. Jope is vice-president, and Elbert L. Lenox is secretary-treasurer. The other members of the class are Florence Kohl-bagen, Edna Carrick, Margaret Brem-

mer, Hannah Ruden, Ernest E. Schrenk, Clifford Jope, Gertrude Dolan, Harold Bellows, Dorothy Jeffrey, Gladys Strong, Edgar Rower, Myth Henderson, Madge Patterson, Edith Stages, John H. Carwell, Audrey E. Wallace, Gladys Lenox, Leon Bishop, Frances Aldrich, Anna Q. Woodward, Fannie Miller, Mildred Parks, George Tucker, Anna Stanott, Kathleen Coates, Gertrude Dillard, Edith Wilcox, Frank Davis, Velma Lewis, Frances Parslow, Bernice Morrison, Ruluff Patterson, Lillie McIver, Merle I. Hamilton, J. Gladys Kester, Phillip D. Harth, Inez Amadon, Julius Riddle, Bessie Hewitt, Katherine Waite, Charles Thornton, Annette Whipple and Lydia Ruden. The commencement program will be as follows:

March.....Played by Mrs. Shepard Invocation.....Rev. R. E. Jope Quartette, "Hunting Song".....Smart Mr. Fory, Meadames Kid and Fory, Mr. Fitzpatrick. Address—President C. J. Bushnell, of Pacific University. Duet "Voyagers".....Sanderson Miss Black and Miss Bridges Remarks.....F. C. Fitzpatrick Principal of High School. Presentation of Diplomas, by A. T. Marshall, chairman School Board.

ZEPPELINS ARE NEARING LONDON

LONDON, May 27.—Sailing within 40 miles of London, a Zeppelin bombarded South End on Sea last night. Two women were killed and one child injured by the bombs that were dropped, but little material damage was done, the official announcement stated.

SUNSHINE RANCH LOSES SUIT AGAINST KITCHIN AND BLACK

A. T. Lawrence, manager of the Sunshine lost his suit against Kitchin and Black, in which he sought to recover the purchase price of 4,000 fruit trees which he bought from the Roseburg Nursery Co. It was the contention of the plaintiff that the trees were defective and that they were not planted at once on advice of his horticulturist while the defendants claimed that the trees died for lack of cultivation after they had been planted. The sum involved was approximately \$220. Rice and Wimberly representing the plaintiff and B. L. Eddy the defendants.

GET BRITISH WARSHIP

LONDON, May 27.—The admiralty announced tonight that the British warship Majestic had been torpedoed and sunk off the Gallipoli peninsula. The crew was taken off but not all saved so the loss of life is not yet known.

The Railroad Bond Issue and the Tax Bug-a-Boo

One week from today the people of Roseburg will go to the polls to vote upon the proposed amendment to the city charter which provides for the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$300,000.00 for the purpose of building a railroad to the forest reserve boundary. This is the only question which the people have to decide at this special election. There are no other questions on the ballot and this one question is not complicated with any other issue. What the people really have to decide by their vote is "Will such a railroad be of benefit to the city and its future? Is it a proposition which looks to the progress and upbuilding of our city?" When the voters have settled this question in their own mind all other considerations may safely be cast aside, for that is the vital issue. In the first place there would be no necessity at this time of building a road to the boundary line were it not for the fact that the city has re-

ceived an offer from men financially capable of carrying it out. This offer is that they will build a mill here at Roseburg which will employ several hundred men and the average payroll of which will be something over \$1,000 a day. These men who have made this proposal to Roseburg own timber east of the city and are ready to develop it. Roseburg has been asked to assist in the initial cost of this development work. The Kendalls are willing and have agreed to put into the road all the money over \$200,000.00 which is necessary to build and construct it. They are to receive a lease from the city with the option to buy, the city reserving the right to sell at any time and terminate the lease. This arrangement is no longer a subject of debate. Mr. Kendall's recent trip here has eliminated all questions at issue with the city council and so far as The News is able to ascertain the tentative arrangement between the council and Mr.

Kendall is very satisfactory, to the people here who have discussed it. The only argument which is heard against the proposed bond issue now is that ancient and time honored one of "it will increase your taxes and make your property a burden." It would scarcely be necessary to answer this argument were it not for the ingenious manner in which it is being used. It is dressed up in new clothes and many people fail to recognize it as the old argument which they rejected years ago when it was first used here in the city hall bond issue election. As a matter of fact there never was an election held anywhere for a bond issue for any purpose but which was attacked on the ground that taxes would be raised and no extra revenue would be produced to take care of the taxes. It was this same argument in a little different form which was used by all the opponents of railroads about a hundred years ago. These

early and shortsighted citizens said that the railroad would rob the country of its horses besides making it cost more to travel. They couldn't see what good a railroad could be to any community. That was way back in the eighteen hundreds and on the Atlantic coast. Every progressive movement in the city, state or nation has its opponents. Progress expects opposition. There are in every community those who cannot see beyond the present and who resent the spirit of reaching out for better things. And these people who stand in their own and their city's light have since the beginning of progressive history in the world's events used the same old argument of "higher taxes". Of course taxes will be higher. No progressive movement was ever launched and carried through without revenue and revenue must be raised through taxation. Good roads cost money, but who ever heard of any one wanting to go back to the old mud holes after riding to town on a

good highway. They pay their increased taxes and make them back in increased facilities of getting their products to market. And in addition they have greater convenience. The telephone costs money each month, but few of us feel that we could get along without it. Paved streets, sewers, water and lights have all added to our tax burden, but who of us would ask the city to abolish them because of the extra cost they are to us each year. The assessed valuation of the city is approximately three million dollars. The bonds which will be issued to build the railroad to the timber bear five per cent interest. This amounts to fifteen thousand dollars a year. The tax necessary to raise this amount of additional revenue is five mills or five dollars on every one thousand dollars of assessed valuation. In other words the home owner whose place is assessed at \$1,000 will have to pay \$5.00 a year extra taxes in case the railroad bond issue

carries and the road is built. This amounts to just a little less than ten cents a week or not quite the price of a good cigar. This tax will be levied just as long as the city gets no revenue out of the road. But Mr. Kendall proposes to lease the road from the city and the people of Roseburg will share in the profits of the road in proportion to the investment. Surely a road to the timber hauling huge trains of logs to Roseburg daily will be profitable! Then there will be the local freight and the passenger traffic from which a revenue will be derived. All these sources of income will have a tendency to cut down the tax rate. The five mill extra tax is based on an assumption that the road will never pay back to the city a single penny. And it is further based on the assumption that the assessed valuation of the city will remain at an absolute

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