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HUNS FAIL RESPOND NIBBLING OF ALLIES

Seems to Have No Desire to React Against the Thrusts Made.

A BIG PLOT PLANNED

German and Irish Agents in United States Devise For Uprising in Ireland—Plans Frustrated By Government Agents.

(By Associated Press.) Associated Press War Lead, May 21.—Strange as it may seem the Germans do not react against the nibbling tactics that have been employed by the allied forces for the past two weeks and the result has been that our forces have greatly improved their positions by the local attacks made against the enemy. The French troops took 400 prisoners recently between Kemmel and Mont-rouge and their positions have been strengthened to a great degree in these sectors. Why the Germans make no effort to strike back from the frequent attacks made by the allies is a stroke of German diplomacy that is not fully understood. The city of Bethune lies in a mass of ruins as a result of the incessant bombardment carried on by the Germans.

GERMAN PLOTTERS BUSY

Washington, May 21.—Evidence of systematic plotting between the German and Irish agents in the United States for an uprising in Ireland has been uncovered by government agents and it is known that the plotters' activities were partly responsible for the recent arrest of Irish leaders by England authorities. The Sinn Fein leaders here have been in touch with Germans who have agreed to furnish all money necessary to finance a rebellion in Ireland, and possibly to send arms and ammunition to Ireland by submarines in order to successfully carry out the plot, and there was some discussion of sending German soldiers also, the instigators of the plot being willing to take grave chances in carrying out their scheme. The uprising had been set to occur at about the present time, as it had been anticipated that the enemy would be successful in reaching the channel ports with their great drive, had it progressed with the success that had been planned at the beginning, the plotters laboring under the idea that England would be thrown into a state of confusion by German victories. By the scheme as outlined by the German and Irish agents, Ireland was to be freed entirely from the British.

BRITISH POSITIONS IMPROVED.

London, May 21.—Northwest of Merville and the Flanders salient the British troops have improved their positions, taking 30 prisoners and six machine guns. A counter attack made by the Germans was crushed.

SAYS MILLION WILL REGISTER.

Washington, May 21.—It is estimated by Provost Marshal General Crowder that from present indications three quarters of a million men will be obtained for the army by the registration which is to take place June 5. It is his judgment that practically a million men will register.

41 NAMES ON LIST.

Washington, May 21.—The casualty list today contains 41 names. Three men were killed in action, while 10 are reported as having died of disease or missing.

TROOP TRAIN IS WRECKED.

TEXARKANA, Ark., May 21.—A troop train, north bound, was wrecked today near Garland City, Ark., the engine and four coaches overturning. The engineer and fireman have been reported killed and 16 or more soldiers injured.

TWO PLANES RESCUED.

London, May 21.—Two German airplanes, of a large new type, were forced to land in the North Sea and were rescued by Swedish steamers today.

FIFTEEN AIRPLANES LOST.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 21.—Fifteen airplanes under construction and considerable dried spruce and Irish linen were destroyed by fire in the Fowler Airplane Corporation plant last night. The estimated damage is placed at \$750,000.

FOOD SITUATION CRITICAL.

Washington, May 21.—Officials in Washington believe that the food situation in Germany is the most critical at this particular time than it has been during any period of the war. Information indicates that further reductions will be necessary in the consumption of food stuffs until the next harvest arrives and the correspondents have learned that the food

I. W. W. IS TAKEN IN.

(By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, May 21.—The federal attorney has begun suit to cancel the citizenship papers of Carl Swelgin, an I. W. W. and native of Prussia, charging that the individual was "attached to the principles of the American constitution when he was naturalized," and that he obtained his citizenship through fraud and deceit. Swelgin was arrested at Klamath Falls last summer and served six months for connection with I. W. W. activities in that section. He is now arrested for opposing the draft law.

MOONEY TO BE HANGED.

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, May 21.—Thomas J. Mooney, the convicted bomb thrower, will be re-sentenced to hang, May 28, Judge Griffin having denied the motion for the removal of the death sentence and permission for a new trial.

TENTATIVELY AGREES.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, May 21.—The house has tentatively agreed to the amendment to the food production bill making eleven million dollars unavailable unless President Wilson issues a proclamation prohibiting the use of food for the manufacture of liquor.

famine is likely to prove an important ally of the cut-throat. The morale of the central powers' population is very low, due to hunger prevailing among their people, and a witness has declared that two prisoners of war had been murdered by their fellow workers at Kers, Vienna, who ate a part of their bodies, and it is reported that people often faint on the streets from hunger.

TORNADO KILLS FIVE.

HAYS, Kans., May 21.—A tornado this morning killed five persons, all of one family, and destroyed their property.

WELL KNOWN LADY PASSES AWAY TODAY

Margaret J. Beach, of South Stephens street, passed away this morning at the age of 71 years after an illness of several days and her demise has caused profound regret among her wide circle of friends in this city. Mrs. Beach has resided in Roseburg for eight years and during that time endeared herself to many who will keenly feel the loss of the deceased. The remains of Mrs. Beach will be shipped to Minnesota, her former home where she will be laid to rest beside her husband. A heartbroken daughter, Iona Radabaugh, and a son who resides in Idaho survive and they have the sincere sympathy of all in their hour of sorrow. The funeral service was held at 10:30 this morning from the residence on South Stephens street, Rev. C. H. Hilton officiating.

There will be a meeting of the Benson Parent-Teacher Association at the school building Thursday evening. All patrons of the school are urged to be present.

THEODORE SHUBERT INTERNED AS ALIEN

Word was received in this office today from San Francisco to the effect that Theodore Shubert, a former well known resident of this city, and clerk for five years at the Grand hotel, had been interned, together with several others, as an enemy alien and will be confined until the close of the war in a government detention camp near San Francisco. Shubert was arrested at a banquet, seemingly an affair at which only German sympathizers were present, and was engaged in addressing the diners when the government authorities raided the banquet hall, so it is stated. The many friends of the ex-hotel clerk will be surprised to learn of his trouble. However, it was generally known here that the latter's relatives were Germans residing in Berlin and that he was closely related to the famous German musicians, the Shuberts.

WELL ORGANIZED GANG FISH PIRATES

Situation at Winchester Somewhat Improved by Recent Prosecutions.

BURCHFIELD NOT ALONE

Hundreds of Pounds Salmon Alleged to Have Been Illegally Gaffed During Closed Net Season—Property Is Destroyed.

That the Umpqua river at Winchester has been the scene of illegal fishing for a number of years past, and that a gang of a score or more have constantly operated there, is the statement reaching here from reliable sources. With the arrest, trial and conviction of H. E. Burchfield, there has been a scurrying to cover on the part of some of the malefactors, while others, so it is alleged, are still plying their old game of gaffing fish from the spillway at the Winchester dam.

According to the story told, this gang of freebooters consists of about twenty men, whose names were given, and who are known to have engaged in unlawful fishing during all of the closed season, and who utterly disregard law and defy officials. These men are said to be ready to use the rifle or revolver to clear away any censorship on their movements. It is a fact that they have repeatedly destroyed lights placed on the Douglas County Light & Water Company's power house at the dam so that their actions could not be observed at night, at which time, it is stated, they do a great part of their illegal fishing. Not only this, but they have destroyed property belonging to game and fish wardens, and at one time a couple of the fish pirates laid in wait behind a log with rifles in hand for the express purpose of "getting" the warden who incurred their displeasure. This gang has a system of signals, the accusers state, which is used to warn them away from the dam when persons suspected of being in league with the officers are approaching the river. This system extends from both sides of the stream, and so these men who are engaged in fishing at the dam or fishway are enabled to drop down stream to lawful water. In this way they keep from falling into the hands of the officers. As soon as the coast is clear they resume their operations.

During the recent closed season to net fishing, and while the Burchfield trial was progressing in this city, members of the gang are alleged to have caught and shipped by express to outside points over two tons of salmon, the major part of which was illegally gaffed or caught on a jerk hook. On Monday, May 13, and on Tuesday, May 14, consignments of 2253 pounds were sent to the Portland markets. Some of the fish thus sent out belonged to Burchfield and his boat partner. The remainder were caught by other people, and a large part of the fish are believed to have been gaffed from the fishway or from the river near the power house or just below the dam, where they collect in great numbers while endeavoring to get past the obstruction.

It is freely admitted that Burchfield was not alone in his unlawful course of gaffing salmon, but perhaps the real extent of the practice has yet to be brought to light. Deputy game and fish wardens are closely watching the situation on the north Umpqua at Winchester, and every effort will be made to apprehend the men who are engaged in destroying fish for profit, and who resort to every illegal method known to make big catches of salmon. Interesting developments are promised, and the public here, watching this matter with no little interest, is expecting sensational revelations.

GOING TO FRANCE SOON.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Daugherty, of this city, received a letter from their son, Floyd, who left the Rose school to enlist in the aviation corps of the U. S. army, and is with the 189th aero squadron, A. S. C., located at Ellington Field, Houston, Texas, saying he had made a number of flights, the best of all being made with a French captain in his war plane, and reaching a height of 13,000 feet, then, in descending, made 7000 feet in five minutes, which he thinks is some speed for an amateur. Also that in his tent, he had passed in a first sergeants grade, and would leave for France in a few days.

MAJOR HOUCK CENSORS LETTER

Mrs. Wm. Jackson, of Looking Glass, received a communication from her son, John, recently from France, the young man being a member of the 161st field hospital division, and a singular co-incidence in connection with the letter is the fact that Major Geo. E. Houck, a former local physician, censured Mr. Jackson's communication. The young soldier states the following: "Dear Mother: Just a note this time to let you now that I am still alive and feeling fine and trust that you are in good health. Must tell you not to worry so much as everything is all right. Don't pay too much attention to the reports that you see in the papers. Do write real often, as I will expect to hear from you and home quite frequently."

A second payment of 20 per cent on liberty bond subscriptions are now due. It is announced, and should be paid at once, so that the funds will reach the federal reserve bank at San Francisco on May 28.

PEARSON TRIAL IS OF SHORT DURATION

Defense Refused to Place a Single Witness on The Stand.

TECHNICAL POINT ISSUE

Did Defendant Possess Liquor or Was It Merely in His Possession—Case Goes to Jury At 3:30 O'Clock.

The case against Dr. C. L. Pearson for alleged transportation and having possession of certain 12 quarts of whiskey on April 26, 1918, came up before Judge Riddle this afternoon. The defendant was represented by Attorney Dexter Rice, while District Attorney Neuner prosecuted the case. The jurors were Oscar Lindsey, Frank Brown, Jess Hodges, W. A. Burr, L. A. Ueland and Ed. Neely.

Sheriff Quins was the first witness and told of having searched Pearson's offices and later of finding the suit case in a toilet across the hall containing 12 bottles of liquor. This suit case and its contents was produced as evidence. The defense admitted that the bottles probably contained whiskey, and therefore it was not incumbent on the state to have the "goods" officially sampled. Witness told of Pearson denying the ownership of the suit case or whiskey, and also that he had carried a suit case from the train to the Umpqua hotel bus for a drummer, who was a stranger to him.

On cross examination, the sheriff's description of the place where the liquor was found did not meet with approval of counsel for defense, and the jury was therefore taken over to examine the location thereof. Owing to the personal of a number of spectators present, Attorney Neuner thought it best to stand guard over the "evidence" during this pilgrimage. Sheriff Quins stated that Pearson had admitted visiting Hornbrook and was on his way home when arrested. He stated to the sheriff that he had plenty to drink while there, but brought no cargo back outside of what he drank.

Dave Shambrook was the next witness, and testified to substantially the same story as related by Mr. Quins. He also stated that Dr. Pearson had remarked he brought no liquor back excepting what he had in his "tank." District Attorney Neuner took the stand and was sworn. Witness related that while waiting at the depot for a train on April 26, he saw Dr. Pearson alight from the north bound passenger train. Defendant carried a very heavy suit case, and in one hand a square package about 14 inches long. He was especially interested in the fact that a mazzarine was strapped to the outside of the grip. The suitcase introduced as evidence was here turned over and a magazine was seen reposing under one strap.

Roy Durbin was called to the stand and said that he noticed Dr. Pearson on the afternoon of April 26, just after the hotel bus had come up, walking along toward the stairway of the Kohlhagen building. Defendant carried a leather suitcase, and beneath the strap a magazine was held, while in one hand he carried a square looking package about a foot long.

To the surprise of everybody the defense did not introduce a single witness, not even the defendant, and the case went to the jury at 3:30 after brief argument by the attorneys.

Attorney Rice, for the defense, urged that the wording of the charge must be taken literally, as the jurors were sworn to try the case in accordance with the arraignment therein contained, and to be guilty must really possess the wet goods the complaint alleges he owned.

An ordinance suppressing sedi-

CITY SUBSCRIBES \$250 TO RED CROSS

Ordinance Passed Giving City Authority For Dealing With Sedition.

FEW OTHER HAPPENINGS

Burning of Rubbish May Continue to Be Means Employed for Cleaning Yards—Weeds Must Be Cut—Excepting Creason's.

The greater part of the regular city council session was passed in quiet and peaceful harmony last night, and even when a ripple of disension came it quickly disappeared. There were five councilmen present at the opening of the session: Creason, Powell, Bullwinke, Hamilton and McClintock. Councilman Gile came in later, being summoned from guard drill for the purpose of voting on an ordinance governing disloyal utterances or acts. Mayor Rice presided in his usual calm and unruffled manner. City Attorney Wimberly and Marshal Shambrook occupied seats during the session. Recorder Whipple read the minutes which were approved. The matter of \$32 for jack shafts was referred to in a communication of the firm supplying the machine, and since they agreed to knock off the price of \$8, it was accepted and warrant ordered drawn for \$24.

A war garden prize will be offered according to the report handed in by a committee appointed, and details of the inducements will be made known in an article for the press supplied by Chairman McClintock. It has been arranged by the mayor so that Carl Black will relieve Percy Webb at the fire station at certain times, thus keeping a man constantly at the station and giving the regular driver needed recreation.

Bills for labor performed by Messrs. Palm and Green, and a lumber bill Joe Carson & Norris, of the Meirose mill, were ordered paid.

A resolution endorsing a petition to have the grade at the north end of the Hamilton street pavement adjusted to survey, eliminating certain catch basin, in accordance with a map and profile filed in the recorder's office May 7, 1918, was adopted. The mayor and recorder were authorized to enter into negotiations for ascertaining cost of change suggested.

An ordinance to repeal an old ordinance regulating gates and doors swinging out over sidewalks, failed to get through on final reading. An ordinance drawn in accordance with suggestions of the state fire warden, providing for removal of defective electrical wiring, passed on roll call.

It was passed only after considerable discussion, and the opinion prevailed that it would probably result in litigation if attempts were made to enforce it. The fact was stated that all wiring heretofore done had been under direction of an electrical inspector, and duly passed upon as legal, so that any attempt to have such wiring done to conform to another inspector's views would be causing trouble. But the ordinance passed.

Another ordinance, also drawn to conform to suggestions of the state fire warden, prohibiting any person within the corporate limits of the city of Roseburg burning any rubbish of any nature whatsoever within 200 feet of any building, thereby violating the safety, peace and aesthetic sensibilities of any citizen of the corporation by allowing the smoke, incense, fumes and perfumes, disagreeable, pleasant or otherwise from pervading the sacred precincts of adjacent homes, was placed on final reading. The council was in a quandary. How was the apartment house matron to get rid of all the old rubbish in way of discarded socks, hoisery, obsolete corsets, old rubbers, shoes, and a thousand and one other things she does not want, without the convenience of a bonfire in the back yard. After duly considering the phases of the situation the council voted no on roll call, four to two, Gile and McClintock voting yes.

THREE PERSONS MURDERED.

(By Associated Press.) KELSEY, Wash., May 21.—A woman, aged 35, a girl 13 years old, and a boy of 11 years, were found today murdered in a tent near the Pacific highway, and the man who had been travelling with them in a Ford is missing. All three of the victims were apparently shot while asleep Saturday or Sunday. The authorities are after the man, but so far no trace of him has been found. The names of the parties are unknown.

RACE IS A CLOSE ONE.

(By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, May 21.—William Miller is reported to be leading for the nomination for public service commissioner by about 200 votes this afternoon with six counties yet incomplete and it is expected that these will give Miller the lead. Ryan is leading Hoff by 40 votes with five counties missing.

URGE ORGANIC UNION.

(By Associated Press.) COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 21.—The general assembly of the Presbyterian church north has adopted resolutions urging the organic union of all evangelical churches in the United States.

tion, disloyal utterances and acts, was placed on first and second reading. Under suspension of the rules it was read third time and passed by a unanimous vote, signed by the mayor and attested by the city recorder, and is now law. This ordinance gives the city authority to handle without gloves Germans and pro-Germans who may be so foolish as to offer suggestions concerning the attitude of the United States government in relation to the war. The city will pay the water and light bills for the tourist camp ground this year, and not leave it to the merchants' association.

On motion of McClintock seconded by Gile, and passed by unanimous vote, the city recorder was authorized to draw a warrant for \$250 as the city's share of the Red Cross subscription.

When it comes to enforcing the weed ordinance, the marshal is up against the awkward determination of Councilman Creason to kick over the traces. The delicate operation of the enactment caused the mayor to say that owing to people all being busy with war gardens, and besides help scarce, if the council wanted the ordinance strictly enforced the matter was up to them. The mayor simply had no heart to do it. There was energetic scratching of heads, a lot of hard smoking and some thought following this announcement. Creason was the first to get his breath, and then followed his declaration of opposition. The gentleman stated that he could not find anybody, probably, to cut weeds from his numerous vacant properties, that he was 62 years old, and too far along in life to attempt the work, and more than that he did not propose to do it, nor would he be forced into welding a scythe on those weeks. There, now. Whether it was to "show" Creason, or simply to get weeds cut, no one will ever know, because this time the councilmen kept their peace, and voting on motion that the marshal see to it that the weeds were cut.

HIGH SCHOOL DOES ITS BIT FOR RED CROSS

The loyalty of the students and faculty of the Roseburg high school was shown yesterday in the splendid response given on the war fund committee. Miss Maybelle Wilson had charge of the campaign in the high school, and each respective class under their supervisor, had a class meeting last evening and decided as to the amount they could donate. The following appropriations were decided upon: Seniors \$20, Juniors \$25, Sophomores \$10, Freshmen \$5. The faculty also played an important part in the relief work yesterday, donating \$42.50. The school is proud to boast of such an enormous response, the amount taken in altogether yesterday being \$103.16. In order to give these amounts, each class sacrificed a great deal and it greatly appreciated by the committee of this city for the students of this city own to take the matter in their own hands.

RED CROSS CONTRIBUTIONS STILL POUR IN

As was predicted yesterday the appeal for the support of the American Red Cross has reached the hearts of the Roseburg and Douglas county people, and the results will be even better than was first expected. All over Roseburg yesterday, today and tomorrow, eclipsing the lesser affairs of business and pleasure looms the scarlet symbol of the American Red Cross as the guild and inspiration for pledging support in this worthy cause and as Douglas county has answered every patriotic call in the past, so will she answer this vastly important call.

Yoncalla sends word today that she has gone over the top and is still climbing and many other Douglas county towns are nearing this record. The house to house canvassers are jubilant over the results in this city so far and are still working the business and resident sections. A number of patriotic merchants have adorned their windows with inspiring settings and Red Cross posters are conspicuously displayed about the stores as a reminder to everyone to do their bit. The Roseburg Electric Company, showing an exceptionally worth while spirit, have donated their net proceeds this week to the Red Cross fund and each patron who purchases an electrical appliance is given the credit for the donation, individually. This splendid offer is exceptionally fine and needless to say that the offer was appreciated by the local Red Cross managers.

Two hundred and nine Oregon mayors yesterday issued proclamations calling upon the citizens of Oregon to devote every possible moment and effort to the successful conduct of the second war fund drive of the American Red Cross. Union, Tillamook, Clackamas and Willamette counties have already completed and exceed their quotas and Douglas county is sure to follow this example.

HOW TO PLANT AND GROW THE TOMATO

County Agent C. J. Hurd Offers Some Excellent Suggestions to Farmers.

CROP PROFITABLE ONE

Where There is No Irrigation Possible Constant Cultivation Will Insure Yield of From 5 to 10 Tons Acre.

Owing to the establishment of a cannery in Roseburg this year a number of farmers will plant tomatoes in a commercial way for the first time. A few items regarding cultivation methods may be of benefit. The first and most essential thing is to have the ground well prepared before setting the plants in the field.

The plants should be well hardened and of good size; should be set from four to four and a half feet apart each way. This will permit cross cultivation and avoid the necessity of hand hoeing.

No weeds should be permitted to grow as the tomato requires a large amount of moisture and for this reason a system of cultivation should be practiced that will conserve the moisture to the greatest extent possible.

Cultivation should begin almost immediately after the plants are established and should continue throughout the growing season, in fact it is well to cultivate the plants twice a week during the entire growing season. Cultivation should be shallow as the rooting system is near the surface and whenever the roots are disturbed by deep cultivation the growth is checked and consequent reduction in the yield of the tomato will be the result. The object of cultivation should be to keep the plants growing continually as any setback to the plants is always noticeable in the yield of the tomato.

The tomato plant in this state is remarkably free from disease. Occasionally the leaf spot and blight attacks the tomatoes, but this can be easily controlled by Bordeaux spray.

Where tomatoes are planted on suitable ground, such as the free soil along the river bottom and well taken care of it would not be difficult to obtain a yield of from five to ten tons per acre, and at the price that is being offered this year it should be a very profitable crop.

The varieties to plant, of course, will depend upon the requirements of the cannery, but the three standard varieties are the Bonny Best, the Stone and Matchless. These three varieties ripen at different seasons and will thus enable one to do more of their own picking and marketing.