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MANILA LAWYER SAYS RUSSIA AND JAPAN MAY DEMAND SEPARATE PEACE

Japan is Thought to be Fostering the Present Chinese Revolution in Order to Give Russia, Germany and Japan Excuse to Interfere After the War

BRITISH COMMONS IS ASKED TO VOTE ANOTHER WAR CREDIT

State Department Admits the Possibility of a Crisis Developing Between America and Germany, as the Outcome of Recent German Concessions—Turks Begin Evacuating Several Important Centers in Armenia

(Special to the Evening Review).

San Francisco, Feb. 21.—That Russia and Japan apparently want separate peace, and intend to join Germany after the war and divide a generous slice of Chinese territory, was the report of Newel Martin, international lawyer, and T. G. McDonnell, a Manila journalist, brought here on the Japanese liner Chiyo Maru. England and Japan are reported in acute disagreement over Japan's movements in China. The Japanese are thought to be fostering the present Chinese revolution in order to give Russia, Germany and Japan an excuse for interference after the war. England's anger over the her gradual loss of control of the Chinese situation is reflected in bitter Japanese press comments against the English. Martin's father has been for many years in China and in close in touch with the government officials. Offiers of the Chiyo Maru declared 15,000 German prisoners, who had been interned in China since the opening of the war, had been smuggled into Australia within the past week. The reason for the wholesale seizure of the prisoners is a mystery. They were removed on British cruisers. China reported that plots to escape had been discovered, and a revolt against the English might follow.

NEW WAR CREDIT IS ASKED.

London, Feb. 21—The government will ask the House of Commons to vote a new war credit of two billion dollars, it is officially announced. This is the largest amount yet sought. Premier Asquith introduced the request in the House of Commons this afternoon. This makes England's war expenditures $8,640,000,000. It is unofficially estimated that the belligerents have spent forty billions since the beginning of the war. It is believed Germany has spent eight and a half billions, France seven and a half billions; Fussia and Austria discouraged giving estimates. Their amounts are doubtful.

POSSIBILITY OF CRISIS ADMITTED.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The State Department has admitted the possibility of a crisis developing in the German-American controversies, which is now graver than before Germany made concessions. The death of American through the sinking of armed merchantmen, or the indefinite postponement of the Lusitania settlement might precipitate a crisis. The officials declined to discuss reports of personal antagonism between Secretary Lansing and Ambassador von Bernstorff.

BRITISH TANKERS ARE BOMBARDED.

Berlin, Feb. 21.—German aeroplanes raiding England yesterday bombarded two British tankers, so the Admiralty announced. The main railway station and docks at Lowestoft were hit repeatedly. Other German aviators simultaneously raided Furnes, Poperinghe, Amiens and Luneville, along the western front, the statement said. It is reported that the British unsuccessfully attacked the Germans occupying ground recently gained near Ypres. Russian attacks near Dvinsk failed.

TURKS ARE EVACUATING TOWNS.

Rome, Feb. 21.—The Turks are evacuating Bitlis, Armenia, southwest of Lake Van, so Petrograd reported. The Russians followed up their conquest of Mush and Achlet, and occupied all the territory around the Lake.

CHAMBERLAIN BILL IS SATISFYING.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Settlement of the Oregon & California land grant question in accordance with the Chamberlain bill, was endorsed by Constantin Smith, the Government's special counsel in the forfeiture suits against the railroads. There is said to be no limitation to the power of Congress to take back the land upon paying $2.50 per acre for it, and no restrictions against the Government disposing of the land.

PROFITS FROM MINE TAXABLE.

Washingotn, Feb. 21.—The Supreme Court has held that profits taken from mines are taxable, even though reducing the actual physical value of mines. The decision sustains the Government's contention, further sustaining the validity of the income tax law.

STEAMEF VICTORIA WAS DAMAGED.

Seattle, Feb. 21.—Fire, originating from spontaneous combustion, started on the steamer Victoria, lying at the pier, this morning. It was controlled with slight damage.

LOOKING GLASS MAN RELEASED ON CHARGE OF SELLING YOUNG VEAL

In the Justice Court late Saturday evening, Justice of the Peace Riddle found T. W. Morgan, a Looking Glass farmer, not guilty of selling veal under the statutory age of four weeks. The complaint against Mr. Morgan was filed by a state inspector who spent several days in this vicinity last week.

Most of the testimony in the case was taken Friday, but on account of the absence of one of the defense's most important witnesses, the hearing was continued until Saturday night. At that time Ralph Brisbin, of Looking Glass, was examined and testified that he saw the calf sold by Mr. Morgan on Jan. 5. At that time he said he believed the animal was about two days old. The testimony of Mr. Brisbin was substantiated by a number of other witnesses who testified before the court on the previous day

Mr. Morgan appeared as his own attorney, and evinced considerable skill in examining witnesses. In his argument he simply reviewed the evidence adduced during the hearing and asked for an acquittal. District Attorney George Neuner handled the prosecution.

ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS HELD BIG MEETING SATURDAY EVENING

Local Odd Fellows and Rebekahs last Saturday enjoyed a visit from Judge John F. Hall, of Marshfield, the present Grand Master of that order in this state. He arrived here on the 9:45 a. m. train and was greeted at the depot by a delegation of members. He spent the day with the local brethren and in renewing old acquaintances.

In the evening a large open meeting was held in the I. O. O. F. hall, both Odd Fellows and Rebekahs being present. During the session a brief musical program was enjoyed, as a prelude to the address by the Grand Master. His talk was an able effort, giving in condensed form a brief sketch of the order and its work, as well as the broad sphere of its activities, lodges having been established in many parts of the world. He especially called attention to the work being accomplished by the 53 Odd Fellows homes now maintained in various parts of the United States. In these homes many aged and infirm members of the order, as well as orphaned children, are being cared for. The Oregon home is located at Portland, and at the last report 28 aged members and 19 children were residents therein.

Another feature of the evening was the presentation of a 25-year veteran jewel to L. B. Moore, of this city. Mr. Moore is doubtless the youngest "veteran" in this state, having joined the order in January, 1881, less than three weeks after he became 21 years of age. The presentation was made by L. Winberly, P. G. R., on behalf of Philetarian lodge, and was fittingly responded to by Mr. Moore.

After the program was concluded excellent refreshments were served in the banquet room and social features followed until a late hour.

Judge Hall left for points north on the Sunday morning train.

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL TAKES FAST GAME SATURDAY FROM CORVALLIS

By taking Saturday night's contest from Corvallis, the Roseburg High school basketball team made it two straight victories over the northern high school lads and thereby drove another spike into the Southern Oregon championship. The score was 27 to 19.

While there was little doubt that the locals would win, in the first half they were given a decided scare. The score at the end of this period was in the locals' favor only 8 to 6. Entering the game apparently overconfident, they later seemed unable to hit their customary stride. In the first half, however, the sag otherwise was gotten under way and almost at once the baskets began to come with definite regularity. Roseburg's five was in the game at every turn in the period and the chase were fast and accurate, keeping the big crowd on edge until the end of the game. It was not until the last few minutes that the visitors gained their best basket, and completed their scoring with two more points from foals. Hendricks scored 8 points, Jewett 7, and Stark and Arney each 4. Quine was, as usual, the master of his team, as well as several others when the ball came within threatening distance of the Roseburg goal. Over 400 was cleared by the team after expenses, according to the receipts from the game, made known this morning.

WOULD REDUCE COSTS

Judge Coke Guards Interests of Douglas Taxpayers

NEW GRAND JURY WAS DRAWN

Judge Coke Called the Attention of the Jury to Laws Governing Gambling, Prize Fighting and Prohibition

NEW GRAND JURY.

Edward Hancock .....Elkton
A. H. Church .....Camas Valley
L. A. Leland .....Roseburg
Daniel Craig .....Scottsburg
W. F. Peck .....Gardiner
T. R. Dunnavin .Myrtle Creek
S. D. Evans, foreman, Roseburg

Do your part in keeping down the expense of the several actions that are to be tried during the present term of the Circuit Court, was the good advice directed at the jurors who assembled at the courthouse this morning by Judge John S. Coke, of Marshfield, who presided over today's sessions. "While I do not care to be severe with the jurors," said Judge Coke, "it will be my aim to safeguard the interests of the taxpayers who are compelled to pay the costs of the Circuit Court. You can aid materially to this end by remaining in calling distance of the courthouse unless otherwise instructed by the court."

After drawing the members of the grand jury, which is composed of Edward Hancock, of Elkton; A. H. Church, of Camas Valley; L. A. Leland, of Roseburg; Daniel Craig, of Scottsburg; W. F. Peck, of Gardiner; T. R. Dunnavin, of Myrtle Creek, and S. D. Evans, of Roseburg, Judge Coke instructed them with regard to the law governing their deliberations. The court called the especial attention of the grand jury to the laws regulating the setting of forest

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UNION IS FAVORED

School Patrons of Four Districts Want Joint High School

MASS MEETING HELD AT GREEN

Pres. Ackerman and Supt. Brown Were Among Speakers and Gathering Saturday Night Seemed to Endorse the Plan

That the four school districts in the vicinity of Green will probably petition for a union high school within the next few weeks is the opinion of County Supt. O. C. Brown, who, upon invitation from the school patrons, attended a mass meeting at the Green Grange hall Saturday evening and presented the various features of such a plan. About 200 people were present, representing points in the Green, Camas Valley and Winston districts, and in the speeches made during the evening the plans for a new high school in consolidation were greatly favored.

Accompanying Supt. Brown were J. H. Ackerman, president of the Monmouth state normal school; Prof. H. G. Hall and Mrs. Brown, of Roseburg. The principal address of the evening was made by President Ackerman, who pointed out the many advantages of having a local high school, this allowing the pupils to remain at home and thus save the early parental training, which is important, he said, at such a critical time in their lives. He said it was necessary that country boys and girls be given education of a practical sort, so the children of the city.

Supt. Brown gave a history of the union idea and said he believed it would prove a success if adopted by the people of these districts. Prof. Hall and Mrs. Brown also spoke in the same effect. It was stated that there are now three such schools in this county.

Formal petitions were left with representatives from each district, and these will be circulated later. It was admitted that the next move be to hold meetings in the separate districts and at which times the definite stand of the people could be determined.

MINING MAN LEAVES AFTER OBTAINING DATA; PROSPECT HERE RECALLED

Leaving a person here to look after his inquiries, F. T. Hanshaw, of Seattle, who was here several days in regard to looking up some antimony and tungsten properties, left for the north yesterday. His representative here is Robert McKee, of the Banner ranch. It is believed Mr. Hanshaw obtained considerable information and may return here later.

In connection with his investigation, attention is said to have been called to the opening up of a shaft several years ago in North Roseburg, from which rock was taken that was said to have indicated in one assay to have contained tungsten. This shaft was sunk by David Walker in 1912, at an expense of about $1500. He undertook the work, it is said, as the result of a vision which showed large nuggets of gold to be obtained after a certain depth. Before the required depth was reached, however, his funds gave out and he was forced to give up the property on a foreclosure of mortgage. It was recently bought in by the city for delinquent street assessments from Frank D. Webb, now a resident of Kansas. The shaft is still to be seen near the end of Winchester street.

STEVE PEARSON WON GOLD MEDAL IN SHOOT HELD AT WINCHESTER

At Sunday's shoot held at Winchester under the auspices of the Roseburg Gun Club, Steve Pearson, one of Douglas County's best known marksmen and a member of the title team of the Oregon National Guard, won the gold medal offered for the person recording the highest score in the chief event of the day.

In the shoot, which was participated in by about 25 members of the gun club, Steve Pearson, F. Hogan and H. E. Burchfield tied with a score of 23 birds each. On the shoot-off Pearson again broke 22 birds, while Burchfield and Hogan fell short of that mark. The medal posted in this event was one of the finest ever offered by the local gun club.

The scores recorded in this shoot follow:

S. Pearson	23
F. Hogan	23
H. E. Burchfield	23
R. B. Matthews	22
J. M. Donahew	22
A. D. Bradley	22
Roy Miller	21
Dr. Stevenson	21
H. Pearson	21
Bud Wilkins	21
Joe Sykes	20
Fred Telles	20
Dr. Watmsott	20
John Enger	20
Wig Hanna	19
Bert Taylor	19
Ralph Quine	18
C. W. Clark	17
Dr. Owens	17
W. A. Milner	17

Another shoot will be held on Sunday, February 27, when two teams from Oakland and Roseburg will compete for the grand medal. This will no doubt be one of the most entertaining shoots of the season. Yesterday's shoot was well attended and everybody had a good time.

FORMER ROSEBURG MAN GOES TO PENITENTIARY ON CHARGE OF ARSON

William H. Newman, a former resident of Roseburg, but for the last four years of Oswego, was yesterday taken to the state penitentiary at Salem to serve an indeterminate term of from three to seven years on charges of arson.

Mr. Newman, who is 45 years of age, was arrested on Thursday of last week charged of setting fire to three buildings at Oswego. On the following day he appeared in the Clackamas County court and entered a formal plea of guilty. The sentencing of the accused man followed. Newman lived in Roseburg for a number of years, and during most of that time was engaged in railroad work. He left here about four years ago and went to Oswego.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 21.—A marriage license was issued here Saturday to Claud Passon, of Roseburg, and Miss Myrtle Lee, of Portland. They will be married in the latter city. The Groom is well known in Roseburg, where he was engaged in business for a number of years. Mrs. Lee also lived here, her father, husband having been superintendent of the local water and light plant.

JURY HEARING CASE

Riddle Damage Action Called by Judge Coke Today

WATER RIGHT IS CHIEF ISSUE

Defense Will Show That Plaintiff Was Member of Riddle Council When Appropriation of Water Was Authorized

The case of H. A. Rasor vs. the city of Riddle was called before Judge Coke in the Circuit Court here this morning, following the selection of a grand jury.

The several talesmen were questioned quite thoroughly by the opposing counsel, and it was not until noon that the jury was completed. The personnel of the jury follows: J. W. Harrison, Arthur Cloake, H. F. Hatfield, Bert Hollens, John Binder, C. M. Saunders, R. H. Olivant, Alvin Lee, Elmer Palmer, Harrison Manning, Fred Weatherly and F. A. Chesney. A. A. Bellows and Geo. Hollenbaugh were excused by the attorneys for the plaintiff, while Chas. Strong, C. S. Wood and C. F. Applegate were excused by the defense.

The action at issue was brought by Mr. Rasor to recover the sum of $2000 from the city of Riddle. This sum of money, Mr. Rasor alleges, is due him because of damages resulting to his property through the action of the Riddle authorities in diverting the water of Wilson Creek to the use of the municipality. By doing this water, Mr. Rasor alleges, he has been unable to irrigate his property during the summer months, notwithstanding that he had previously constructed a dam and made other expenditures necessary in handling and distributing the water over his land.

The city of Riddle alleges that Mr. Rasor was a member of the council when the plan for the municipality building the water system, and was one of the chief "boosters" for the project. It is further claimed by the defendant that it was Mr. Rasor who first suggested diverting the water from Wilson Creek, and so voted when the proposition came before the council. Another defense of the city is to the effect that Mr. Rasor's land was not damaged, for the reason that during the dry seasons of the year little, if any, water passed over Mr. Rasor's land. The city also contends that Mr. Rasor never at any time presented a claim for compensation previous to the time the water system was completed and the Riddle authorities were about to turn the water into the mains. It was then that Mr. Rasor showed dissatisfaction, and filed injunction proceedings in which he asked that the city of Riddle be restrained from diverting the waters of the creek. The injunction was denied by the courts. Now Mr. Rasor sues for the alleged injury to his land, in some good through a month consideration.

The city of Riddle is represented by Attorneys Hoke & Marsh, while Attorneys Conner and Kirk appear for the plaintiff.

The taking of evidence began this afternoon with H. A. Hall, a civil engineer from Coquille City, testifying in behalf of the plaintiff. His testimony pertained to the value of the water in Wilson Creek for irrigating purposes. Then in the afternoon Jay Cook, that charged the course of Wilson Creek, and other witnesses were examined in rebuttal. On account of numerous cases a special session of court will not be convened before Wednesday, and it will take quite a number of witnesses.

BRIEF RESIDENT AT MILNOSE DIED SUNDAY; FOUND DEAD IN BED

[illegible] Frank Hall, 24 years old, died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hall, at Milnose Sunday morning. The deceased had been in poor health for some time, but his death was unexpected. He was found dead in his bed by his mother, who went to his room to call him to breakfast. He was a native of Douglas County, and was well known in Milnose and vicinity. He has several relatives living in Roseburg, where he was [illegible]. He has several relatives living in Roseburg.

MILL ENGINEER DEAD

H. R. Staggs Expired Suddenly Saturday Evening

WAS PROMINENT MILL BUILDER

Widely Known in This Country and in the Orient—Was Also a Veteran of the Civil War

H. R. Staggs, senior member of the firm of Staggs & Son, of North Roseburg, died suddenly at his home there shortly before 6 o'clock last Saturday evening, Feb. 19, 1916. The cause of his death was pronounced to be extreme dilation of the heart. He had suffered two other attacks of this nature during the past few weeks, but apparently had been feeling better lately, and was about the premises as usual on Saturday. About 3 p. m. he retired to his room for a few hours rest, as he often did of late. On being called to supper at 6 o'clock, and making no response, an examination showed that he had peacefully passed away, lying in bed as calmly as if he had fallen asleep.

Mr. Staggs was a native of Missouri, and was about 68 years of age. As a boy he served as a bugler with a Missouri regiment in the Union army during the Civil War. Later he took up the profession of a flouring mill engineer, which he followed for the major portion of his life. It is said that he created more mills of that character, west of the Mississippi River, than any other living man. Later he went to Shanghai, China, on behalf of a large firm of flouring mill machinery builders, erecting seven large mills in that country. He spent more than four years in the Orient, and came to Roseburg with his family about five years ago. He held a leading rank in his profession, and also gained the highest esteem of those with whom he came in contact. This condition prevailed in the lands across the sea, as well as in this country.

Mr. Staggs is survived by his wife, two sons and three daughters. The latter are: R. L. Staggs and Miss Edith Staggs, of North Roseburg; Mrs. E. B. Mace, Springfield, Mo.; Mrs. C. C. Mace, DeQueen, Ark.; and Wm. E. Staggs (a son by a former marriage), Kansas City, Mo. He also leaves a brother, Samuel Staggs, of Liberty, Mo., and 12 grandchildren.

The funeral was held at 2:30 this afternoon, with services at the family house, under direction of Rev. R. S. Joss. Interment followed in the Masonic cemetery.

MARSHFIELD JUDGE IS TO HEAR CONDEMNATION ACTIONS THIS WEEK

John S. Coke, Circuit Judge of Coos County, arrived in Roseburg Saturday night and will probably remain here for at least 10 days. Judge Coke was called here to preside over the suits brought by the city of Roseburg to condemn certain lands necessary for rights of way for the proposed Roseburg & Eastern Railroad. There are 17 of these cases, and it is not believed they can be tried in less than two weeks. The first of these suits will probably be tried during the present week, while the other actions will be heard as soon as possible.

Judge Coke is one of the best known men in Southern Oregon, and has a host of friends in Roseburg and Douglas County. Judge Coke is a candidate for reelection at the primaries to be held in May, and from all reports he will receive a handsome vote in this county. He is one of the younger judges of the state, and is popular among the members of his profession.

On visit to Roseburg, Judge Coke stopped at Salem, where he called on Attorney General George Brown, the members of the Supreme Court, and other state officials. It is said that Judge Coke will be the guest of honor at a number of social gatherings to be given by local lawyers during his stay in Roseburg.

IN GUARD HOUSE.

Harvey Nelson, alias Joe Richards, who was Saturday taken to Vancouver, Wash., where he deserted from the United States Army, has been sentenced to a term of six months in the guard house. Nelson is the man who entered the Harness & Johnson grocery store, but was later released from this charge by order of the grand jury.