

FIELD-MARSHAL VON HINDENBURG ELECTED PRESIDENT OF GERMANY SUNDAY BY VERY HEAVY MAJORITY

Former German Ambassador, James W. Gerard, Says German People Desire Return to Militarism—France Declares Hindenburg Real Menace to Peace.

DOORN, April 27.—(By The Associated Press)—Two autos bringing high officers from Germany arrived at six o'clock this morning with the news of the election of Von Hindenburg and went direct to the ex-Kaisers chateau, over which Hohenzollern flags fly.

The ex-kaiser and his entourage were overjoyed at the news and great animation reigned at the chateau. Later in the day one of the autos started on the return trip to Germany.

BERLIN, April 27.—When told this morning of his election to the German presidency, Field Marshal Von Hindenburg who is at his son's estate near Hanover, declared "God grant that party strife may at last end. Everything is decided now. Let us hope the people now will learn complete unity, for in union there is strength."

The field marshal remained calm as he was told the news of his victory, but he evinced deep pleasure when the results were read. To a group of election workers, the new German president said:

"Let nobody imagine that I will stand for any body dictating to me. The battle has been fought and under reserve I am ready to stretch out my hand to every German, even to those who have hitherto opposed me in our common endeavor."

NEW YORK, April 27.—The election of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg as president of Germany is a menace to world peace, in the opinion of James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany. He characterized the election as a fit declaration by the German people of a return to militarism and monarchism.

BERLIN, April 27.—Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's "front porch" campaign conducted from his home in Hanover has been successful and next week he will be inducted into office, as the first popularly elected president of Germany.

The first president, the late Friedrich Ebert, was named by the national assembly after the revolution which established the republic but Von Hindenburg was chosen by direct vote of the people. Running as the choice of the nationalist-conservative, consisting of the parties of the right, he received 14,639,399 votes or 48.2 percent of the total valid ballots cast in yesterday's polling. He obtained a plurality of 386,759 over his principal opponent, former Chancellor Dr. Wilhelm Marx, candidate of the republican bloc, who received 13,752,640 votes.

Ernest Thaelmann, the communist, trailed with 1,831,591. The race was close from the start. The two chief candidates running neck and neck almost until the official count. Dr. Marx, backed by the centrists, democrats and socialists, conducted a whirlwind campaign on the American plan, delivering several scheduled addresses daily, as well as speaking from the rear platform of his train when occasion offered.

Von Hindenburg took little active personal part in the fight and did not even vote himself, but his supporters were busy everywhere waging a strenuous campaign. The important speech was delivered before a great gathering of nationalists at Hanover, when he denied that he represented reaction or that his candidacy was inimical to the republic.

His only other public utterance of significance was a final appeal, broadcast by radio last Friday night, in which he said: "I affirm before the whole world that it has always been made my holiest endeavor to prevent new horrors of war and to help to the utmost the victims of past wars. To serve our people as leader will be my holiest task."

The women's votes and the heavy turnout of former stay-at-homes, are believed to have been responsible for his victory over such a seasoned political campaigner as Dr. Marx.

The latter, however, failed to arouse much enthusiasm in the ranks of the so-called Wetmar coalition. Dr. Marx' supporters also freely admit that anti-Catholic feeling militated strongly against their candidates' prospect.

The Reichstag will reconvene next Tuesday and Von Hindenburg, if he follows established custom, will have the republican oath administered to him soon thereafter. The week by the socialist Reichstag president, Paul Loebe, in the presence of a parliament in which he probably has more opponents than supporters, as the centrists, democrats, socialists and communists command 277 seats against only 216 for the rightists.

In the voting in Berlin, violent encounters broke out at times

BURNING POWDER KILLS 4 KIDDIES

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) OREGON CITY, Ore., April 27.—Four children were killed, one seriously injured and another received a severe burn, the result of burning black powder Saturday at the farm of J. Koscinski, about 25 miles south of Molalla. Claire, aged 11, was buried yesterday and the bodies of Joe, 14, Carl 9, and Paul 5, are at an undertaker's where funeral arrangements are pending. Wessen, 7, is at the Oregon City hospital where his chances for recovery were said by hospital attendants today to be fair. Frank, the sixth child of the Koscinski family is at the family home.

The children had been playing with a quantity of black powder which had been obtained for the purpose of blasting. There was no explosion, the powder being loose in a large container. The injuries of the children were from burns, physicians stated.

USED MATCH TO SEE GAS; IS RECOVERING

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) ANACORTES, Wash., April 27.—John Bailey, got up before daylight Sunday to go fishing. He struck a match and peered into the gasoline tank of his automobile. He spent the day in the hospital suffering from badly burned hands and face. He has no garage today and his car is in ruins, with no insurance.

CHILD-BEATER IN PORTLAND JAIL

TILLAMOOK, Ore., April 27.—Mrs. M. C. Paton, indicted late Saturday on a charge of second degree murder, in connection with the death of her grandchild Sylvia Louis Descamp, following a beating, will be taken to Portland today and placed in the county jail there until May 4, the date set by Judge Bagley for her to appear. Removal to Portland was due to lack of proper facilities here for women prisoners.

MAN IMPRISONED IN SUNKEN BOAT

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) BALTIMORE, Ore., April 27.—Divers and shipyard men worked frantically today to free George Schiemer, 53, waterman imprisoned in an airtight chamber of the tugboat Kentucky, sunk at the Speeden Shipbuilding Company's plant. Five other men of the crew narrowly escaped death by drowning, when the boat turned over as it was being drawn up on a marine railway to be repaired.

TWO ATTEMPT TO REACH CRATER LAKE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) MEDFORD, Ore., April 27.—The nearest approach to reaching Crater Lake this season from the Medford entrance was made yesterday by Mr. and Mrs. John K. Shaw of Chicago, and William Isaacs of this city, who tramped through the snow six miles above Union Creek, and about ten miles from government camp, after motoring a few miles beyond Prospect. The snow in the park is deeper now than usual at this time of the year.

DENY MURDER CHARGE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) BOMBAY, India, April 27.—Another chapter in the story of Mumtaz Begum began today by the high court before a special jury.

DUNCAN TRIES TO SAW WAY OUT OF COUNTY JAIL

Officers Found Hacksaws Which Prisoner Says He Brought From Coquille. FURNITURE WRECKED Chain Made From Bed Springs Used in Effort to Pry Open.

Lee Duncan, who led the officers on a merry chase last week, made another attempt to escape last night and this morning, and in the process destroyed furniture in the county jail. Nine hacksaw blades were taken from him this morning, after which he made still another attempt to get out by breaking up the jail furniture to use for levers in an effort to break the steel bars which held him in confinement. This morning when Deputy Sheriff Sewell entered the jail, he noticed that in Duncan's private cell the youthful burglar had hung a handkerchief over one of the bars, apparently as if he had put the cloth there to dry. The officer had the "hunch" that all was not right, and upon removing the handkerchief found that the bar had been nearly cut in two.

Under pressure Duncan admitted that he had several hacksaw blades, and revealed their hiding place to the officers, and they found eight whole blades and one broken one. He had taken one of the blades and with a stick of stovewood and produced a very creditable saw with which to cut away the bars.

He told the deputy sheriff that he had brought in the saws at the time he was brought over from Coquille.

Duncan first visited Roseburg, the last of March, less than a week from the time he was released from the penitentiary, where he served a term of one year for burglary. He robbed four stores at that time, and then fled to Coos Bay, where he was arrested the first part of April. He was brought from Coquille to Roseburg on the 17th and at that time, he said, the hacksaws were hanging about his neck in a sack. Local officers supposing that he had been thoroughly "frisked" at Coquille, did not search him very thoroughly here.

All the hacksaw blades were removed from the jail, he officers made a very careful search, and removed everything with which they thought Duncan might make another attempt to escape. Duncan, however, had still more ideas of his own, and proceeded to put them into execution. The jail has one large cage, and inside this is another inner cage, which in itself is divided into one large corridor and three small cells. Duncan was given the inner cage, which is devoid of furniture except cots. In the outer cell there is, or rather was, a large table, and several double cots.

Duncan decided that with a good lever he could force his way out, but as there was nothing in his compartment with which to work on the bars, he decided he had to get something from the outer cage.

His cot springs are made up of wire links, and he proceeded to take these off, and manufacture a chain which he threw across the outer cell, drawing the table over against his own bars, where he proceeded to break it up in an effort to get a bar sufficient for his purpose. Officers, however, interrupted this effort and took away his wire, but he had made a second one, and had kept it hidden, and when they went back they found he had drawn a steel cot over against the bars, and was in the act of working that too.

He is now in close confinement in one of the small cells, which is completely stripped of all furniture except a mattress, and is being kept closely guarded. He has informed officers that he is determined to escape, and that he will take every chance to get out. They are equally determined that he shall not, and a close watch will be kept over the jail while he is confined.

Because of the trouble he has caused, and is apt in cause, the officers are anxious to have a special session of the grand jury called to dispose of his case.

HILT, CALIFORNIA, IS SWEEPED BY FIRE

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., April 27.—For the second time within a year, Hilt, the most northerly town in California, was swept by flames late Saturday evening, says a special dispatch to the Klamath Falls Evening Herald, from Yreka, Cal., this morning. The old Hilt Hotel, its annex, the hospital belonging to the Fruit Growers Supply Company, an apartment house and the P. W. Foster residence were completely destroyed at an approximate loss of \$10,000. Many of the employees of the company lost their entire personal effects.

EARTH TREMORS SHAKE MID-WEST

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) CHICAGO, April 27.—Earth tremors of sufficient intensity to rock houses and upset all articles, were felt over a territory about 400 miles in extent in four mid-western states last night. No damage or no injuries reported. The disturbances appeared to center in the Ohio river valley areas of Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky, although the quake reports also came from Central Illinois and Indiana.

TODAY'S BASEBALL

Table with columns for National League and American League, listing teams and scores.

SUNDAY'S COAST GAMES

Table with columns for various coast games, listing teams and scores.

R. H. S. PARENT-TEACHERS MEET TUESDAY

The high school P. T. A. will meet Tuesday night at 10:15 in school auditorium. There will be election of officers and other important business. The Boy Scouts will provide the entertainment.

Go After Prisoner

Sheriff Sam Starmer and Deputy Sheriff Leas, left yesterday for Seattle to bring back Lester Meredith, who was recently arrested at that place charged with non-support.

FIRE DAMAGES THREE STORES ON NORTH SIDE

Grocery Store, Meat Market and Restaurant Damaged in Bad Blaze. INSURANCE CARRIED Businesses Have Protection to Cover Losses—Fire Department Commanded.

Fire last night destroyed the North Side Grocery located in the triangular building just north of the intersection of Winchester and Jackson streets. The North Side Meat Market, and the restaurant adjoining the grocery, were also quite badly damaged, and except for exceptionally good work on the part of the fire department, the fire doubtless would have spread to other buildings and the losses would have been much heavier.

The fire was first discovered shortly after 12:30 last night. Lee Overstreet and his wife, who were sleeping in the apartment over the grocery store, first saw the fire and had a rather close call in making their escape.

Mr. Overstreet said that when he was awakened by the crackling of the blaze, it appeared that it was in the attic, although he is unable to say positively that it started there. The stairway which led down from the rear of the apartment was blocked by fire and Mr. Overstreet had to kick down a door leading into the grocery in order to provide a way out of his apartment.

The personal belongings of himself and his wife, were pitched out the front windows into the street, and they managed to save a small amount of their household goods.

The building was a frame construction, and the fire spread very rapidly. Between the grocery store and butcher shop there was a small triangular store room, and the fire could not be reached for there for a long time.

The fire department was being highly commended today for the excellent manner in which the fire was handled.

The fire had a good start before the alarm was turned in and by the time the department reached the scene the entire structure was in flames. The value of the recently purchased pumper was quickly proven, for within a very few minutes the firemen had a line of hose under 160 pounds pressure playing on the blaze. Chief Fletcher several months ago realized the value of various stamess connections, and this foresight proved valuable last night, for the department was able to get into action, and then with the equipment recently provided the firemen were able to cut in other lines, one at a time, until there were four nozzles working off the pumper and one from the hydrant on Winchester street. The pumper delivered over 1200 gallons of water through the four lines for a period of nearly half an hour, the firemen getting control of the blaze in less than fifteen minutes.

This is considered a fine showing, when it is taken into consideration the type of building in which the fire was burning, and the other handicaps faced by the firemen. Except for their prompt and efficient work the fire doubtless would have spread to the garages adjoining, and probably to the Farm Bureau warehouse and California Packing Corporation's plant.

The heaviest loss occurred in the grocery store building owned by C. T. Bennett. The entire building was gutted and the greater part of the stock of goods destroyed.

The fire also got into the meat market on the west, but did only a nominal amount of damage there. The restaurant on the east was not greatly damaged.

All of the businesses were insured, and with the exception of the grocery, the insurance will probably cover the losses.

WORLD FLIERS ARE GIVEN HIGH HONOR

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, April 27.—Major Frederick L. Martin, first commander of the army world flyers expedition and first Lieutenant Leitch Wade and Leslie P. Arnold, members of that expedition, received today the first distinguished service medals ever given for military service performed in time of peace.

The presentation ceremonies took place at the war department and were attended by officials representing the army, navy, state, treasury, commerce and the post office departments, by special act of congress the medals were awarded to the eight world flight officers at the time some of their number also were made eligible for promotion in rank, but only Major Martin and the two lieutenants were present today to receive the decorations.

THEATRE SAFE IS ROBBED BY YEGGS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 27.—Removing the Legion Theatre safe from the office to a lavatory room, where they blew it open with nitroglycerine, robbers secured about \$1,500 here early this morning. The theatre is owned by the local post of the American Legion.

PACKING HOUSE EMPLOYEE HURT

V. Van Briesen, an employee at the California Packing Corporation plant in north Roseburg, received a broken leg and other painful injuries this morning, when he was caught under a slide of dried prunes. The prunes had been stored in a bin about 10 feet square and 8 feet deep, and had become packed so that they were quite rigid. Mr. Van Briesen was in the act of shovelling out some of these prunes, which had to be picked loose, and had under the face of the pile slightly. They still hung to the sides, and refused to break loose, and the forman, Mr. Tracy, climbed to the top of the pile to loosen the prunes from the slide. Van Briesen apparently failed to hear the foreman's warning in time to get away, and as he saw the prunes toppling started out of the bin, but ran squarely into a post and was crushed underneath the load, which weighed nearly 1,000 pounds. His leg was broken between the knee and hip, and his chest crushed. He was taken to his home and Dr. Wainwright called to attend him.

INEBRIATED CAN SOON SOBER SELVES

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, April 27.—An intoxicated person, if he so desires, can become sober in about half an hour by the proper exercise of his lungs. Dr. Yandell Henderson of the Sheridan Scientific School at Yale told the National Academy of Science here today.

The only thing necessary to eliminate the alcohol from his system, he said is to induce rapid breathing which would clear it through his lungs.

CONSPIRATOR WHO PLANNED TO OVERTHROW BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT ARRESTED; POWDER SEIZED

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) SOFIA, Bulgaria, April 27.—The authorities at Varna claim to have seized two hundred kilograms of explosives collected by conspirators plotting to blow up the police headquarters, the town hall and other public buildings. It is stated that a document was seized proving that the Bulgarian communists responsible for the recent outrages were receiving money from Russia.

BERLIN, April 27.—The Bulgarian incursion here has issued a denial of reports that Jews are being

THREE ARE HURT WHEN CAR RUNS WILD ON HILL

Jitney Driver, Wife and Passenger, Hurt in Wreck Sunday.

ESCAPE MIRACULOUS

Speeding Sedan Hit Bump and Made 3 Somersaults, Throwing Occupants Through Top.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Memminger, and Mr. Edward Von Pessel were quite badly injured late yesterday evening in an auto wreck at the corner of Spring and Lane streets, in the eastern part of the city. Mrs. Memminger was thought last night to be very dangerously hurt, but Dr. Shoemaker reported this morning that her injuries were not as serious as at first thought.

Mr. Memminger, who is a local jitney driver, was called to the Von Pessel home late in the evening. Mr. Von Pessel, residing on the hill east of town, near the end of Spring street which extends on from the end of East Lane street.

The car failed to get sufficient traction on the dirt road, and Mr. Memminger took out a light chain and wrapped it around one of the rear wheels in an effort to get a better grip on the road.

In descending the hill, he tried to change gears to hold the car in compression, but the gears would not mesh and the car started running wild. The chain came off the tire and wrapped itself into the brake rods in such a manner that the brakes could not be applied, and with no control the machine raced down the hill, gathering speed with terrifying rapidity on the steep incline.

Mr. Memminger tried to hold the car in the road, but near the intersection with Lane street, the car, then travelling at a tremendous speed, struck a bump sufficient to smash one of the rear wheels, with the result that the car began to somersault, turning over three times, end for end.

So great was the speed of the Star Sedan, the three passengers were thrown through the top and were hurled for several feet through the air. The car, completely wrecked, was scattered over a hundred feet along the road, the top being torn completely off, while glass was distributed over the entire block.

The three occupants miraculously escaped with their lives. Mrs. Memminger was found lying near the head of the car as it was turned on its side with the front end pointing back up the hill. Mr. Memminger was further down the hill, near the top which had been torn off, and Mr. Von Pessel, was thrown off to the side of the road.

It was thought at first that the woman was very seriously hurt and that she had suffered internal injuries. All were cut and bruised very badly, but Dr. Shoemaker reported this morning that these cuts and bruises were the extent of the injuries received.

In From Green— Miss Clara Anderson, a teacher in the Green school, was in Saturday for a few hours visiting with friends and shopping.

The Weather

Highest temp. yesterday 71. Lowest temp. last night 39. Fair tonight and Tuesday, heavy frost in morning.

"From now on," our weather man once remarked, "it will be dry." Query: Does he mean that prohibition will be enforced?