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ENGLISH TOO LOST SHIP IN NAVAL BATTLE

BERLIN AVERS CRUISER AMONG
ENGLISH FLEET WENT TO
BOTTOM.

CRIPPLED GERMAN FIGHTER SEEN OFF HOLLAND TODAY

Running Battle Described—English to
No Officially Add to Statements of
Yesterday—Both Sides Lost More
Heavily Than Reported Officially—
German Cruiser Sunk.

London, Jan. 25.—A growing conviction that both England and German losses in Sunday's naval battle was greater than indicated by officials of the admiralty, is strengthened today when reports that a four-funnelled German cruiser was sighted in a badly damaged condition off the coast of Holland this morning. She was proceeding at half speed toward the Ems river. It is believed she is one of the light cruisers engaged yesterday in the big sea battle.

The Admiralty has offered no statement supplementary to the statement made yesterday. The Bluecher was sunk, the statement reiterated and said 123 of the crew of 885 were rescued.

ENGLISH CRUISER SUNK.

German Statement Admits Bluecher
Sinks, but Says English Suffered.

Berlin, Jan. 25.—That a British battleship was sunk by German warships in yesterday's North sea battle, was the declaration of the government officials in official statements today. It admits that the German armored cruiser Bluecher was sunk. The other German warships the statement says returned to their base without sustaining material damage.

German Ships Try to Run Away.

The German battleships Derfflinger, Seydlitz, Moltke, Bluecher, and four small cruisers and two torpedo boat flotillas were engaged in the battle the statement says, but as the British fleet consisted of five battleships and several smaller cruisers in addition to 26 destroyers, the Germans realized the overwhelming odds against them, and as soon as the English were sighted, drew toward their base. The English closed in.

Running Fight Follows.

For three hours a running fight ensued, vessels on both sides using their biggest guns. The German boat Bluecher was unable to get up the speed of the others and received the wholesale concentration of fire from the British ships as she trailed behind. The Bluecher's crew continued the fighting until the ship sank.

WALLOWA SCHOOLS ACTIVE

Manual Training Department Copied
By Ontario School.

Wallowa, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—The manual training class have made quite a little furniture for the high school this year, which saves the expense of buying it all ready made. They have made tables for the typewriters, a few large waste baskets, and many things of this nature. The principal of the Ontario high school has written to Prof. Conklin, for information concerning the manual training department. Ontario is planning to install a department of this kind, next year, and wanted information concerning the cost, method of handling the department and etc.

ALICEL DEBATORS WIN.

Interesting Forensic Contest With
Imbler Debaters.

Alicel, Ore., Jan. 25.—Alicel debaters claimed the honors in Friday night's contest with Imbler at the regular meeting of the literary society of this place. The subject under discussion was, "Resolved that the Chinese and Japanese should not be admitted as immigrants." Alicel represented the affirmative side of the question. A packed house greeted the debaters. The Imbler team has challenged Alicel for a return debate four weeks hence, which has been accepted.

WOULDN'T YOU LOSE A LEG FOR HIM?



This is a Tommy Atkins in France having his first walk since he was wounded, aided by a French nurse. The Tommy had his leg shot off and he was sent to a hospital. Now he is healed, and he seems just as happy as he was when he had two legs. Had he not lost a leg he would never have seen the pretty French nurse.

There is no information as to whether the situation developed further, and since the British censor would not pass the names of the pair any one can build his own romance.

PROCTER NOT MUCH WORRIED

DANGER OF LOSING JOB NOW IS
SCOUTED.

Predicts However, the Bill Will Eventually
Become a Law.

County Recorder Procter is not losing any sleep over the prospects of losing his job through the adoption of the bill introduced by Representative Woodell providing for the abolishment of the office of County Recorder of Union county.

"There has been a bill of that kind up before every legislature for years now," said Mr. Procter, "and nothing has as yet been done, although I would not be surprised if a bill should be put through some time or other abolishing the office is the efforts of the lawmakers continue along that line."

"I can not see, though, just where they would economize any by abolishing this office. The work is here to be done and it must be done by some one whether it is done by the recorder or any officer bearing some other title."

The bill introduced by Representative Woodell of this county expressly provides for the abolishment of the office of county recorder in Union county. Unlike previous bills, the other counties in the state are not included in this economy program. The provisions of the bill and there reasons for singling out Union county in this economy program are not understood here.

LA GRANDE NURSE MARRIED

Pennsylvania Merchant Comes to La
Grande to Claim His Bride.

Miss Margaret P. Cowan, niece of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cummings of La Grande, was married to Walter Richards of Brookville, Pa., Saturday evening at 7:30, at the home of her uncle, Mr. Cummings, 1903 Adams avenue.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. L. Clark, pastor of the First

Presbyterian church, in the presence of the family and a few friends.

Mr. Richards is a prosperous merchant of Brookville, Pa. Miss Cowan, who is a trained nurse, has been in La Grande for more than a year, having come west from her native town, Brookville, Pa.

They departed on the 9:40 train for a wedding trip on the coast, visiting Portland and the exposition before returning east to their home in Brookville.

DYAL FAMILY HOME

Relatives of Hazelhurst, Ga., Accompany Family to La Grande.

K. Dyal and family, who left the first of the month with the intention of spending several weeks visiting at the old home in the "Sunny South" returned home yesterday morning accompanied by two of Mr. Dyal's sisters, Misses Coran and Neomi Dyal, of Hazelhurst, Ga., who will spend the balance of the winter, at least, in this city. Mr. Dyal states that while he enjoyed the visit at the old home with his parents and friends in the beautiful balmy southland, he was glad, once his visit was accomplished, to get back to the Grande Ronde valley. He states that at Hazelhurst, Ga., the thermometer registered 70 degrees above zero the day he left and that the weather during his entire stay in the south was most enjoyable.

RAILROAD COMPANY CAN COM- PEL EMPLOYE TO WITHDRAW FROM UNION, RULES COURT

Washington, Jan. 25.—The fright of railway officials to compel an employee to withdraw from a union, granted under the laws of Kansas, was upheld by the United States Supreme court today when it reversed the decision of the Kansas Supreme court and the lower tribunal which found T. B. Coppage guilty of coercion.

Coppage was a superintendent for the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad Co., and as such, under the law because no extraneous questions were allowed to enter into the decisions of the lower courts whatever. For instance, it was not claimed that the man was incompetent or unsatisfactory for any other reason than that he persisted in remaining a member of the switchman's union.

The defense of Coppage was that his actions as charged were not a

AUSTRIA HALTS RUSSIAN DRIVE INTO HUNGARY

EASTERN ARMY HAS STOPPED
ADVANCE WITH AID OF
GOOD GERMAN TROOPS.

FRENCH BLOW UP BRIDGE GERMANS PUT OVER MEUSE

French Reported to Have Met Heavy
Reverses in Alsace With Losses of
Many Dead and Captured—French
Drive Germans Away from Meuse,
Doing Damage at Saint Mihiel.

Rome, Jan. 25.—Austria's Eastern army, heavily reinforced by their own first line troops and by some of the best brigades of the German army, has broken the Russian offensive against Hungary and is threatening the Czar's hold on Bukovina province. This is the official announcement made today. Vienna dispatches report the capture of several Russian trenches in the Carpathian mountains which commanded important passes leading to the plains of Hungary.

French Destroy Bridges.

Paris, Jan. 25.—Pontoon bridges thrown across the Meuse river by Germans at Saint Mihiel have been blown up by Frenchmen. German guns for hours shelled the French batteries in an effort to silence them but failed, and then the French brought up extra artillery. During the duel several shells fell in Saint Mihiel, causing losses to Germans. Except for this fighting, and slight gains by Frenchmen in East Saint George, no important changes in the Western zone are announced in official communication.

French Repulsed in Alsace.

Berlin, Jan. 25.—French efforts to advance in lower Alsace were repulsed with heavy losses, according to war office statements. It is admitted French captured a trench in Southwest Berry-Au-Bac. The statement told how German artillery halted the French charge, killing 400 French and capturing several hundred others. Heavy artillery engagements are in progress elsewhere, particularly at Neuport and Ypres. It is reported from the front.

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COLDEST NIGHT OF YEAR 'GETS' PIPES

OVER THIRTY REPORTED IN TO
CITY OFFICIALS THIS
MORNING.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY NIGHT RECORDS SAME

Water Department Has Thawing Out
to Do Over Again.

"Oh Fudge! Got it all to do over
again."

Such was the dismal moan that went up when the water department and other city officials went to work this morning. Over 30 homes were frozen up just as tight as they were earlier in the month. Furthermore, new cases are being reported hourly and if the cold snap continues it is to be presumed that considerably over 100 homes will be frozen up and with out water service before another 24 hours.

The cold snap reached its record of the year Saturday and Sunday nights when three above zero was recorded by official instruments. These two records followed on the heels of nearly a week of weather wherein the mercury dropped to four, five or six above zero at night and rarely above freezing points even at noon. The consequence was deep penetration by frostlines.

It is but a week or 10 days since the water department, with the use of electrical appliances, completed the task of thawing about some 200 frozen service mains, and now it has to be done all over again.

WALLOWA HAS COLD SNAP

Water Supply at Wallowa Menaced
by Extreme Cold Snap.

Wallowa, Ore., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—The cold weather still continues. Friday night the thermometer registering 13 degrees below zero. Owing to this the river is rapidly getting lower, as also is Bear Creek, from which the city water is obtained. If the cold weather keeps on, it appears that the town may be without water. This is a condition which never existed in Wallowa before, and the people are anxiously hoping for a change in the weather.

WATER FROZEN, FIRE SPREADS

BAKER LOSES HEAVILY IN DAM-
AGING FIRE.

With Five Degrees Below, and No
Water, Flames Uncontrolled.

Baker, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Razing a half-block of second-class business houses on Center street, threatening to spread to St. Elizabeth hospital where scores of patients lay, and, indeed, for a time menacing the whole business district of Baker, fire raged this morning from 1:45 to 6:30. The water supply was frozen, hence the extreme scope of the fire. The total damage is in the neighborhood of \$16,000, and the only reason it was held down to that figure was that the city officials managed to make other water connections and thereby got sufficient streams to combat the flames. It was five below zero during the blaze, and extremely difficult to do any effective work.

The blaze started in The Little Dream cafe, from a stove explosion, and spread rapidly. Nevius Hall an Episcopal institution, was burned, and the other big loss was the Valentine Hardware company. The rest of the block was made up of various second-class stores.

Happy Murderer to Die This Week.

Ossining, N. Y., Jan. 25.—Unless granted a reprieve, Joseph Ferri, the murderer with nerves of steel will die in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison some morning this week. He killed his brother-in-law, Flaminio d'Iovani last August in a dispute over \$40. After the jury had pronounced him guilty, Ferri, shook hands with the district attorney who prosecuted him, waved his hand in friendly greeting to his friends and shouted "Good bye, everybody" when led from the court room.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION IS AMONG DEAD

SENATE ISSUES DEATH BLOW
WHEN VOTES COME—MAR-
GIN IS WIDE ONE.

SENATE WANTS WOMEN TO SERVE ON JURIES

House Passes Five Bills This Morn-
ing—Three Thousand Appropriations
for Eastern Oregon Jack Rabbit
Campaign of Extinction—Stock-
holders Bill Up.

Salem, Jan. 25.—The senate voted, 28 to two to abolish the Oregon Conservation commission today. By a vote of 24 to six the senate passed Languth's bill giving minority stockholders of corporations representation on the directorates.

Five bills were passed in the house. One of them made a laborer's wages prior liens, and another provided for the appropriation of three thousand in Eastern Oregon.

ASYLUM FOUND GOOD.

Committee Returns to Salem With
Much to Say About Hospital.

Salem, Jan. 25.—Everything is O. K. at the Eastern Oregon asylum according to the house and senate ways and means committees which went to Pendleton to investigate the Eastern Oregon asylum, and who have returned today. It is understood that if both insane institutions of the state are not to have appropriations, the Eastern Oregon branch is the one that needs it and should have what appropriations there may be made according to the committee. The committee has not made a formal report to date about the appropriation recommendations. Eight men were in the committee.

"Everything seems to have been done that could be done to cut down expenses and promote efficiency," said Senator La Follette. "We found Superintendent McMary turned back into the general fund about \$45,000 appropriate two years ago which he could not use to advantage during last year. This seemed good to us indicating he is only spending money that could be used to good advantage." Representative Smith praised the orderliness of the institution. He said the members of the committee were highly pleased with the conditions at the institution.

Movies Hypnotize Declares Preacher.

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 25.—"Mental thrills caused by sensational motion pictures deteriorate the mind. Fifty per cent of moving picture films today hypnotize, demoralize, and are emotionally dangerous. They incite and pervert emotions. Nothing in the films is normal, everything is accentuated."

These are the views of the Rev. Hugh Birney, Cleveland "probing pastor" who investigated motion picture houses here. He would tone down the movies and has put his views before Mayor Newton D. Baker to be made the basis of either state or municipal legislation.

"Safety First" Plan for Mine Slogan.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 25.—With the "safety first" policy applied to mining, Chief State Mines Inspector Nesbitt, chairman, and the board of mine inspectors held examinations today for the position of mine foreman.

CLIMATIC DATA.
Climatic data, based on readings for 24 hours ending last night at 6 o'clock:
Maximum, 25; Minimum, 3;
Lowest temperature last night 3 above zero.