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Reckless Assaults Intended As Birthday Gift, Costly

GAINS AT ONE POINT HAILED WITH SINGING

CAPTURED TRENCHES USED BY
GERMANS TO SING BIRTH-
DAY ANTHEMS.

KAISER'S BIRTHDAY MADE DAY OF SPECIAL ASSAULTS

Series of Night Attacks Made on
French and English, but Except at
Craonne the Attacks Fall—Kaiser
on the Line and Instills Great En-
thusiasm into Night Attacks.

Paris, Jan. 27.—Heaps of dead,
victims of reckless and bloody charges
against the Allies' trenches, were the
German army's birthday present to
the Kaiser. Inspired by his presence,
Germans hurled themselves against
the French and English positions in
a series of night attacks between the
North sea and the Rheims line. Ex-
cepting near Craonne where the
French were driven out of their
trenches, the assaults were thrown
back with losses, according to head-
quarters reports.

The Germans held a celebration
and a song service in the captured
French trenches at Craonne.

The Kaiser's birthday was cele-
brated with vigor throughout the war
theatres today.

Emperor William II has the distinc-
tion today, as he celebrates his
56th birthday, of being more able to
wield power for good or evil than
any ruler since the first Napoleon. No
man in history has aroused so much
discussion. He is conceded every-
where to be the central figure in the
war.

This man of whom everyone is
talking was born on Jan. 27, 1859.
His father was Frederick III; his moti-
er, the Princess Victoria of Great
Britain. When his father died on
June 15, 1888, after a short reign,
the present Emperor succeeded to the
throne. He married Princess
Victoria of Schleswig Holstein, who
is three months older than he on
Feb. 27, 1881. They have seven chil-
dren, six princes and one princess.

William II is a many-sided man.
With a capacity for hard work and
long hours combined with a mind
quick to grasp essentials he would
have succeeded in almost any busi-
ness or profession. As an emperor
it is for the future historian to say
whether he is a success or a failure.
Until the war broke out, at least, he
was thoroughly in love with his work
and arose at five o'clock in the morn-
ing in order to do as much as pos-
sible. "We Hohenzollerns know noth-
ing about dressing gowns," is a say-
ing of his.

His program for each day, for each
week and for each month is always
carefully planned far ahead. Of
course, the war has cut into his or-
dinary routines; in fact, the death of
the Austrian Archduke compelled him
to return from Norway where he al-
ways spent his annual yachting trip.
He is a prodigious reader and on
his table may be found American,
British and French magazines and
newspapers as well as German. His
favorite books are those dealing with
history and economics. For recreation
he reads Latin and Greek poetry,
Horace and Homer being his favor-
ites.

He has a clear, strong voice and
his illness does not seem to have af-
fected it—despite reports to the con-
trary. Furthermore, the Emperor
likes to use his voice in loud singing
of hymns or in delivering flowery
sermons to his family and crew on the
"Hohenzollern," his yacht, or at one
of the palaces.

But it is in the role of the mili-
tary man that William II will be re-
membered longest and his birthday to-
day sees him engaged in a struggle
which is the climax of that training
which began with his boyhood days
when he was given a miniature frigate,
the Royal Luise, with which he
might play. Since that time he has
reviewed troops, supervised maneuvers,
studied tactics and encouraged
military and naval efficiency on the
ground that the best preparation for

Taft Opposes Government Ownership

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New York, Jan. 27.—Determined opposition to the administration shipping
bill, now pending in the senate, was declared by ex-President William H.
Taft today.

In a United Press interview today he commended the filibuster against
the bill lead by Senator Burton.

"I am positively opposed to a shipping bill," Mr. Taft said. "Do I think
it will pass? That seems to depend on the success of the filibuster. Ameri-
can private capital wouldn't be invested in business which comes in competi-
tion with the government. That's exactly the position presented in the
shipping bill. I am vigorously opposed to government ownership in any
form, whatsoever."

LAWYERS HIE TO STATE CAPITAL

IVANHOE-HODGIN HEARING UP
TOMORROW.

Quo Warranto Proceedings Argued
Before Supreme Court Then.

La Grande will experience a dearth
of attorneys tomorrow—a big per-
centage of them will be in Salem,
either connected with or interested in
the hearing in the quo warranto pro-
ceedings brought by F. S. Ivanhoe
against John S. Hodgin to compel the
latter to show by what right he is
county prosecutor. Mr. Hodgin was
appointed county prosecutor by Os-
wald West when he was governor, but
Mr. Ivanhoe, former prosecutor,
maintains that the appointment was
made under a law which is
claimed to be unconstitutional. If
Mr. Ivanhoe wins his contention, he
will serve until 1916 when another
election will be held.

Among those who will be in Salem
when the arguments are made before
the supreme court, will be Mr. Hodgin
and Mr. Ivanhoe, besides City Attor-
ney J. D. Slater who is interested in
Mr. Hodgin's case. T. H. Crawford
and Robert Eakin, interested with
Mr. Ivanhoe in the case and C. H.
Finn, who has been before the su-
preme court in the North Powder
water case. Still other La Grande
attorneys may decide to go to Salem
tonight to be present at the hearing
tomorrow.

peace is to prepare for war. His
many portraits show him almost in-
variably in uniform.

His interest in naval affairs has
always been unceasing. "Our future
lies on the water," is a saying of his
which he first pronounced many years
ago. And he has tried to keep pace
with other countries in building up a
large navy.

Today Emperor William stands as
the last of the great monarchs—a
sovereign who is more like the mighty
rulers of old than any other ruler in
Europe with a deep-seated belief in
The Divine Right of Kings. His
hair is grayer than it was a year ago
—and the greyness was commented
upon then in the cablegrams,—he is
a little stouter and his health is prob-
ably not as vigorous as it once was.

ROCKEFELLER COMING WEST
Mother Jones and J. D. Junior Will
Visit Colorado Together.

New York, Jan. 27.—J. D. Rocke-
feller Jr., will accompany Mother
Jones to Colorado to inspect the con-
ditions of the mines there. This
agreement was reached during a noon
adjournment of the Industrial Rela-
tions committee.

PHYSICIANS OPERATE AS
BUILDING BURNS.

Walla Walla, Wash., Jan. 27.
—St. Mary's hospital has been
destroyed by fire. The loss is
estimated at \$50,000.
Forty-five patients were re-
moved to nearby houses. One
was on the operating table
when the fire broke out but
the physicians completed the op-
eration before having him re-
moved to another hospital.
The building was a frame one.
The hospital was conducted by
Catholic sisters.

WHEAT CREEPS EVEN HIGHER

NEARLY TWO CENT INCREASE
NET FOR THE DAY.

May and July Both Climb Materially
at Chicago.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—May wheat
reached \$1.48 7-8ths today. The net
advance was a cent and seven-eighths
for the entire day. May wheat closed
at \$1.48 3-8.

July showed a net gain of two and
a half cents at the close. Disqui-
eting rumors of small available sup-
plies caused the advance.

HOUSE KILLS CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS LAW

Salem, Jan. 27.—The house this
afternoon passed the Schuebel bill
abolishing all continuing appropri-
ations as amended—to exclude the ex-
periment stations and education ex-
tension work of the agricultural col-
lege.

Salem, Jan. 27.—The senate ses-
sion this morning was nil, the sen-
ators adjourning until this afternoon
to give the committees an opportu-
nity to catch up in their work.

The bill proposing to close the
from the Oregon City Falls to the
mouth of the Clackamas river occu-
pied much time in the house. The
bill is up for final passage, and there
is much bitter debate over it.

Sails to Conquer South America.

New York, Jan. 27.—The commer-
cial invasion of South America be-
gins in real earnest today when the
American built and American regis-
tered steamer Finland starts out on
its 16,000 mile trip. The steamer
will go to the West Indies and then
circumnavigate the southern contin-
ent, stopping at the principal ports
and coming back by way of the Pana-
ma canal. The passengers will be
prominent bankers, manufacturers,
merchants, exporters and importers.
On the Finland will be a complete

LONG TERM LIKELY TO ENSUE WHEN COURT CONVENES MONDAY

When circuit court convenes Mon-
day it will face a long drawn out
grind, providing all of the cases now
pending come to issue. The proba-
ilities are however that many of these
cases will not be ready for a hear-
ing at this session.

The first case to receive attention
Monday will be that of Cohler vs. the
O. W. R. & N. company, in which
Cohler is suing for damages for live-
stock alleged to have been killed by
the railroad. This case is set for
1:30 in the afternoon as the morning
will be taken up with the selection
of jurors for the grand jury and trial

EX-GOVERNOR OF MAINE GOES TO SCHOOL AGAIN.



The newest student at the Univer-
sity of Maine is ex-Governor William
T. Haines of Waterville. Maine's re-
tiring chief executive completed his
duties at the capital on January 1
and has enlisted in one of the short
agricultural courses.

The former governor, in addition to
his activities as a lumberman and
politician, has been interested in
agriculture for a great many years.

Following several years of arduous
application to the law, he found that
his eyesight and general health were
failing and he took to the soil.

assertment of goods suitable for
South American trade, each article
bearing the "Made in U. S. A." stamp.
The trip will take 106 days. Ar-
rangements were made by the Fidel-
ity Trust Company of Baltimore and
the steamer will stop at that port on
January 29.

Gompers to Have Birthday Dinner.

Washington, Jan. 27.—In honor of
Samuel Gompers, president of the
American Federation of Labor, who
today celebrates his 65th anniversary,
a birthday dinner tonight was planned
with speeches by prominent labor
leaders here and in Congress. Secre-
tary of Labor Wilson was expected
to attend.

Family Returns Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Wait of Seattle
have returned to their home after at-
tending the funeral of the late Mrs.
J. Hopper. Mr. Hopper returned with
them for an extended visit. Other
relatives who have returned are T. R.
Hopper of Mt. Hood, Ed Hopper of
Nolin, and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley An-
drews of Baker.

PORTLAND POLICEMAN IS SHOT BY OWN PATROLMAN

JOINT COUNTY POOR FARM PLAN FLAYED

GRANGE RESOLUTION IS DIS-
CUSSED BY M. L. CARTER.
HUMOROUSLY, 'TIS TRUE.

SHOTGUNS NECESSARY TO KEEP WIDOWS PROTECTED

Writer Thinks it Best Not to Com-
bine All County Charity.

La Grande, Jan. 27.—(To the Ed-
itor)—The following is a self-ex-
planatory resolution, proposed by A.

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RESERVE BANKS RELIEVE STRESS

FIRST REPORT BY BOARD FILED WITH HOUSE.

Gold Importations Reduced—"Use the
Banks" Is Appeal Given.

Washington, Jan. 27.—The federal
reserve bank board made its first an-
nual report to the house today. The
report was mainly a review of the cir-
cumstances which led to the estab-
lishment of the federal reserve bank-
ing system.

It made only a few recommenda-
tions and predictions.
The important points in the report
were:

The establishment of the gold ex-
change fund had a good effect upon
banking conditions almost immedi-
ately. By the time the federal reserve
banks had opened for business, danger
of immediate gold exports had
passed.

The cotton loan fund was another
beneficial feature referred to, but its
effect could not be measured by the
actual amounts loaned.

Patience with the system should be
exercised, the report said, until it
has had time to demonstrate its use-
fulness.

Safety in critical times will de-
pend on the country's confidence in
the system, it adds.

Much time has been devoted to
check clearings, important improve-
ments in this system and wider cur-
rency for checks are expected in the
near future.

It is a mistake, the report says to
regard the federal reserve banks
merely as emergency institutions.

The banks can never become the
important factor in the money fac-
tory they were designed to be unless
a considerable part of their resources
are regularly and constantly employ-
ed, it is stated.

"With the lower rate of discount
now prevailing at reserve banks and
a continued increase in the rate of
taxation, to which emergency cur-
rency is made subject," the report
said, in conclusion, "there will be a
said, in conclusion of such currency
into federal reserve notes, so far as
existing notes are not redundant."

MR. STANCHFIELD LOW.

Hopes for Recovery Now Practically
Given Up By Friends.

W. H. Stanchfield is extremely low.
He was brought home from Seattle
a few days ago where he had been
visiting, and this morning was re-
ported as in a very precarious condi-
tion. His recovery is dispaired of.

Mr. Stanchfield has been sick for
several years, his condition oscillating
between better and worse from day to
day. It is not long since that he was
able to come down town and walk
about the streets. He was taken seri-
ously ill again while in Seattle re-
cently. Mrs. Stanchfield was called to
his side hurriedly, and brought her
husband to La Grande as soon as it
was possible to do so. He has been
sinking steadily.

MORE QUAKES REPORTED.

Dodon, Jan. 27.—West Bromwich
observatory recorded a severe earth-
quake today which is believed to have
shaken Greece or Turkey.

SERGT. STAHL, INSTOLEN CAR, SHOT TO DEATH

PATROLMAN ORDERS HIM TO
HALT BUT OUTCRY IS
NOT UNDERSTOOD.

BULLET RICOCHETTED WHEN
AIMED AT CAR'S WHEELS

Sergeant, Having Found Stolen Auto-
mobile Brings It to Headquarters
But Is Killed While Doing So—Sh-
ot Not Aimed at Him But Has Its
Effect Nevertheless.

Portland, Jan. 27.—Fatal fruits of
hasty shooting by policemen were
seen this morning when Patrolman C.
Klingensmith, by mistake, shot Pol-
ice Sergeant R. H. Stahl. Stahl died
shortly afterwards.

The patrolman saw a man driving
a car he knew to have been stolen
several days ago and ordered the
driver to stop. Either the driver did
not hear it or misunderstood the or-
der, for he kept on going.

Bullet ricocheted
Klingensmith fired at the car, in-
tending to disable the machine but
the bullet fell short and ricocheted
from the pavement, striking the ser-
geant in the head. Klingensmith then
found he had shot Stahl, who, having
found the stolen car, was taking it
to headquarters with him.

HOBOES KEEP AWAY.

Ample Work for Jail Tenants' Like-
ly Responsible for the Fact.

It looks as though it was going to
be a case of "cut the board" or close
down until spring at the city jail this
way business at Chief Orsi's board-
ing and rooming house has fallen off
in the past few days. Only one sleep-
er graced the city bastille with his
presence last night, not even a drunk
getting boisterous enough to demand
attention of the gaurdians of the
peace and quietude of the city.

Perhaps the fact that the city has
now under course of construction a
basement under the city hall which of-
fers employment to all delinquent
patrons of the Hotel d'Orsi may have
something to do with the way the
"undesirables" are fighting shy of
this city. It is a notorious fact that
bad news travels fast in the circles
of hobodom and to say the least a
symptom of manual labor is hardly
good news to this class of the "un-
employed."

It may also be that the arrests of
the past few weeks in which petty
thievery have been involved may
have something to do with the cea-
sation of activities in that line. At
any rate business is rather quiet at
police headquarters this week.

BEEF DATA SOUGHT.

Eugene Asks for Information About
Sugar Beet Industry Here.

The Commercial club of Eugene,
seeking information on the advan-
tages of a beet sugar factory which is
seeking a location in their city has
written to Secretary Clark of the lo-
cal club relative to the experience of
this city with the plant which oper-
ated here several years ago but which
was discontinued because local
conditions were not favorable to a con-
tinuation of the industry.

Secretary Clark in his reply to the
Eugene club has given them the facts
in the case as they were found to
exist here, but adds that with plenty
of water for irrigation purposes and
lots of sunshine there is every reason
to believe that the project will be a
success in the city in the western
part of the state.

The Amalgamated Sugar company,
practically the same company as the
one operating in this field, are be-
hind the project that proposes to
open a factory in Eugene.

Veterinarian Seeks Location.

Dr. C. S. Foster and wife arrived
in the city from Atchison, Kansas,
this morning. Mr. Foster is a veteri-
nary surgeon and is in the Northwest
looking for a location. His first im-
pression of La Grande and the Grande
Ronde valley were very flattering
and it may be that he will locate here.