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UNCLE SAM'S ENORMOUS GUN TO PROTECT PANAMA CANAL



This enormous rifle, believed to be the largest single piece of armor ever made, is being shipped by the United States government to protect the Panama Canal. The photograph shows the great 16-inch gun on its way to Watertown, Mass., where it will be made ready for shipment to the canal. It weighs 284,000 pounds. The car on which the gun is carried itself weighs 192,420 pounds and no fewer than thirty-two wheels were necessary to hold it.

TEUTONS SHOW INCREASED ACTIVITY ON THE FRONTS

GERMAN AIRMEN HURL DEATH AT ALLIED TROOPS

SEVERAL TAUBES PASS NIEUPORT-HEADED FOR DUNKIRK ON COAST.

ADDED TROOPS ATTACK RUSSIAN POSITIONS

Greatest Battle of War Said to be Developing on Eastern Front—Seven Divisions of Teuton Army Said to be Making Series of Attacks Against Slavs in Poland.

Paris, Feb. 5.—Squadrons of German aviators are shelling the allied trenches from Nieuport to South Ypres. Two monoplanes bombarded Arras, six miles inside the allied line, artillery bombardment simultaneously. Great damage was done. Several Taubes have passed Nieuport, evidently bound for Dunkirk.

By desperate infantry attacks the Germans forced the French troops to evacuate more than a hundred yards of trenches, which, however, were recaptured by the French in a brilliant night attack.

Petrograd, Feb. 5.—One hundred thousand German troops are being hurled at the Russian positions west of Warsaw and one of the greatest battles of the war is developing in the eastern theatre of war, the war office here has officially announced. Seven divisions of the German army are making a series of frontal attacks between the Bzura and Rawka rivers in Poland. Hundreds of German batteries are shelling the Slav trenches and already the blood of the dead and wounded has turned the snow to crimson.

Berlin, Feb. 5.—Germany has announced that she is posing to strike another blow at England's control of the seas. A new official warning has been issued to neutral countries declaring the intention of Germany to attack British transports bearing troops and munitions to France. "England is even shipping large numbers of troops and quantities of war material to France," says the announcement. "We shall proceed against these transports with all means of warfare at our disposal."

Athens, Feb. 5.—Thirty thousand Turks have crossed the Sinai Pass and are passing along the Suez canal near Port Said, according to dispatches received here today. The Moslems are delaying a general advance against the British pending the arrival of reinforcements.

Berlin, Feb. 5.—It is officially announced that General Von Mackensen's troops west of Warsaw, have captured 6,000 Russians including six officers, in the past four days of fighting. Efforts of the Slavs to recapture the positions lost east of Bolimow have been repulsed. Indications are that the Russians are trying to resume the offensive in East Prussia near Tilist.

London, Feb. 5.—England has accepted Germany's challenge to starve the enemy out. The determination of the Kaiser to extend the war zone into British and French waters will be met by British warships.

It is authoritatively reported here that an order will be issued for part of the destroyer flotilla to be detached from the British North Sea fleet to assume the task of sweeping the sea free from hostile submarines, and for conveying allied and neutral merchantmen after February 15, the date on which the German order goes into effect.

Washington, Feb. 5.—After a brief examination of the German proclamation extending the war zone to all waters in the vicinity of England and France, officials of the administration are inclined to believe that there is ground for a protest. While they did not actually declare that a protest would be made by the United States high administration officials volunteered a "guess" that it would be. He said the situation would likely bring developments of great importance to the United States.

COMPETITION SAVES HIS LIFE

Passaic, N. J., Feb. 5.—Charles Steinheaver stood at the brink of the falls, melodramatically gesturing his intent to commit suicide. As his swan song he sang "Die Wacht am Rhein." Patrolman John Jorlett saw him, but could not urge the would-be suicide to leave his perilous position. Jorlett scratched his head, and started a competitive concert. He sang "It's a Long Way to Tipperary." Steinheaver got mad, and came down to fight. He rests in jail, instead of the river.

TRAVELER'S WALLET TAKEN

Earnest Schwatke Loses Money and Ticket at Pocatello.

Minus his railroad tickets and the greater part of his money Earnest Schwatke, enroute from Salt Lake to Seattle is in the city today. Mr. Schwatke stopped off in Pocatello for a couple of days and it was there that hard luck struck him. Whether he was "touched" or lost his wallet he does not know, but he is of the impression that he was relieved of the property, including his railroad ticket and several respectable sized bills, while attending a picture show in the Idaho city. He was fortunate in having some loose silver in another pocket and a "V" in his vest pocket, which with some coin he had in another suit helped relieve the embarrassment.

JAP SHIP ON ROCKS.

Crew of Asama Fast On Rocks in Turtle Bay Reported Safe.

San Diego, Feb. 5.—With its crew reported safe, the Japanese cruiser Asama, is still fast on the rocks at the entrance of Turtle Bay in Lower California. According to wireless reports the ship is a total loss. The Asama struck on the rocks Sunday, but has delayed reporting by wireless because of fear of attracting belligerent warships.

Stockmen Will Attend Convention.

Baker, Feb. 5.—A number of local stockmen will leave here Sunday evening for Prineville, where they will attend the annual meeting of the Cattle and Horse Raisers' Association of Oregon. The Prineville committee has secured a good program for the annual meeting and badges for the members were received here yesterday. The Baker delegation will make efforts to secure the next convention of the association for this city, with every chance of success as it is Baker's turn. Among those who will go to Prineville are S. O. Correll, Wm. Pollman, Fred Phillips, Wm. Doby, Thos. Mack and P. J. Brown. The convention will meet two days, Feb. 9 and 10.

Revival Meetings Going Nicely.

Rev. Sittler, of the M. E. church at Island City, was over this morning on business. Rev. Sittler has been conducting revival meetings for several weeks past and reports good attendance in spite of the inclemency of the weather of the past week. Rev. I. V. Maxey, of the Alico charge, who has been assisting in the meetings at Echo for two weeks past came in this morning to assist Rev. Sittler during the closing nights of his meeting.

To Settle on Harney Lands.

Baker, Feb. 5.—The passenger department of the O.-W. company has received advices from Alfred L. Werder of North St. Paul, Minn., that he has bought three sections of land in Harney county, which will serve as the nucleus for a colony of Swiss farmers. He expects to settle from 20 to 30 farmers there this summer. The tract is located on the surveyed route of the Oregon Eastern between Riverside and Harriman. This line is now finished as far west as Riverside.

Indoor Meet Tomorrow.

Boonton, Feb. 5.—Athletes from all colleges and athletic associations of the east will compete here tomorrow in the B. A. A. indoor meet.

CLIMATIC DATA.

Climatic data, based on readings for 24 hours ending last night at 6 o'clock:
Maximum, 41; Minimum, 32;
Lowest temperature last night 32 degrees above zero.

WILD LEAP ENDS HER SUFFERING

GIRL JUMPS FROM SEVENTH STORY WINDOW OF BUILDING

Pedestrians Narrowly Missed in Leap Which Brings Death.

Portland, Feb. 5.—While suffering from spinal trouble for which she came to Portland for treatment, Miss Agnes Wolfier, of Nashville, Oregon, today leaped from the seventh floor of the Morgan building, on the Washington street side, killing herself instantly. She narrowly missed a number of pedestrians who happened to be passing the building at the time of the suicidal leap.

FIRST WEEK IS BUSY ONE AT "Y"—CHANGES ARE MADE

The Y. M. C. A. is truly a busy place these days. The casual observer, just dropping in to look around, sees only a lobby filled with men and boys who are standing about the piano, playing at checkers, reading some of the many magazines provided for their use, or just visiting. The more thorough investigator however, will drop down to the swimming pool or go up into the gallery over the gymnasium.

Monday afternoon the school girls had their first class on the floor and all were agreed that Miss Lucrece Wood was a splendid instructor. On Wednesday afternoon the same group had their second lesson and a good swim in the plunge. Many of the school girls are coming into this class, on account of the demand for an evening class for ladies Miss Wood has announced the following changes in the schedule for her classes. The gymnasium is to be in her charge Monday afternoon and evening with the following divisions:
2:30 to 4:00—Ladies class.
4:15 to 5:30—Grade school girls.
5:30 to 7:00—High school girls.
7:30 to 9:00—Ladies class.

It was found necessary to introduce a night class for ladies in order that those who were employed during the day including the teachers of the schools might have some time each week for recreation. Already several have indicated their wish to join such a class. Wednesday afternoon Miss Wood will have one hour from 4:15 to 5:15 announcement for which she will make at her classes next Monday. The business men hold their session in the Gym. tonight and an increased attendance is assured. Those who entered this class last Tuesday are enthusiastic about the time they had. As soon as there is sufficient demand for an evening business men's class one will be arranged with probable joint sessions on the volley ball floor. The 5:15 men are already convinced that they could beat the 7:30 men in a good fast game. Yesterday three classes ranging in age from 10 to young men enjoyed some fast work on the floor followed by a good swim. If anyone has an idea that the work on the new Y. M. C. A. Gym floor is slow they have only to visit the class some day and watch the boys go through their paces. They are a lively bunch. The social room should be ready for use early next week giving the membership a splendid place to spend their spare time in recreation and games. Announcements will be made later in regard to this part of the association's activities. It goes without saying that this will prove one of the popular features of the building already so well patronized.

On account of the arranging of the ladies classes for Monday afternoon the high school class and the senior class will meet on Tuesday night instead of on Monday night. "I believe that this arrangement will be very satisfactory to all parties concerned, and that the new Y. M. C. A. has already been proving its ability to serve the whole community, a La Grande and Union county made building and used by all of these same classes," said Secretary Rudd today.

ATTEMPT WHEAT CORNER RUMORED

'MAN OF GREAT WEALTH' MAY ATTEMPT COUP IS REPORT.

Wheat Prices on Chicago Exchange to Soar Skyward—New Records are Made Daily.

Chicago, Feb. 5.—The continued upward trend of the wheat market has resulted in a rumor becoming current on the local exchange to the effect that "a man of great wealth" would attempt a corner of the commodity.

New high record prices are established daily. May wheat at 10 o'clock touched \$1.65 7-8, establishing a record for the present spurt. May opened at \$1.65 and July opened at \$1.43 1/2.

FOUNDATION NOT SOCIETY MENAGE

ROCKEFELLER TAKES STAND IN DEFENSE OF CHARITY.

Says Foundation Only a Means of Systematizing Donations.

New York, Feb. 5.—J. D. Rockefeller, Sr., took the stand before the Industrial relations committee today and defended the foundation bearing his name. He emphatically denied that the foundation was a menace to society and insisted that it was intended to systematize his donations.

Savings Banks for Schools.

Baker, Feb. 4.—Proposal to install a school savings bank system will be made by City Superintendent Strange at the meeting of the Parent-Teachers' association tomorrow afternoon which will meet for its regular session at 3 o'clock at the South Baker school. Professor Strange has been working on this idea with the Baker bankers for some time and believes that now is the time to start such a movement.

"Our children are being taught virtually nothing of thrift," he said today. "We cannot wait until they are grown up for it will be too late and if the parents are not teaching them, as children, to save at home they must be taught in the schools."

C. H. McCulloch will make the principal address of the afternoon, taking as his topic, "Cooperation Between Parents and Teachers." Professor Elton will speak on high school work.

There will also be folk dances by pupils of the first and third grades and music by pupils of the higher grades.

Rector's Brother Recovers.

The Rev. Upton H. Gibbs received good news today of his brother who is a prisoner of war at Griefeld, Germany. He has entirely recovered from the severe wounds received at the battle of Mons, and is able to walk five miles a day by going round and round the prison enclosure. But it is a long way yet to Tipperary for him and his fellow prisoners.

Veterans Meet Tonight.

Jas. E. M. Meade camp, United Spanish-American War veterans, will meet in the city hall at 8:30 tonight, at which time a number of members are expected to be added to the roll. The camp has been gradually increasing in membership since its organization a couple of months ago.

New Model for Aeroplanes.

New York, Feb. 5.—New models in aeroplanes were expected to be devised as result of inventions displayed today at the conference of scientific organizations at the Engineering Societies' Building. Inventions to increase the stability and safety of aeroplanes were subjects of the conference.

HOUSE PASSES COMPROMISE ON LICENSE FEES

WARM DISCUSSION IN HOUSE OVER APPROPRIATION BILL. NOT ENDED AT NOON.

PROHIBITION BILL IS SPECIAL ORDER TODAY

Vote to be Taken on Measure After School Laws of State to Give all Taxpayers and Parents Vote is Indefinitely Postponed.

Salem, Feb. 5.—By a conference between the speaker and Representative Schuchel, the House today passed the Schuchel bill creating a general fund into which all money received by the state from general sources shall be paid and out of which warrants shall be disbursed.

The bill as amended allows hunting and fishing license fees to remain in a general fund to the credit of the fish and game department, surpluses to go into the fund permanently.

Salem, Feb. 5.—After a most bitter debate the Senate has indefinitely postponed Moser's bill amending the school laws so as to permit all taxpayers and parents of children of school age to vote at school elections. The House spent the morning debating whether or not to indefinitely postpone the House bill appropriating \$450,000 as a state loan to help develop the arid plains of central Oregon. The debate was not concluded at noon. The prohibition bill is a special order of business in the House this afternoon.

CALLED TO DEATHBED.

Mrs. W. M. Pierce Notified of Death of Aged Mother.

Mrs. Walter M. Pierce has been called to Centralia, Wash., by the death of her mother, Mrs. Lucinda Rudio, who passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. Kahler, of Centralia, Tuesday.

Mrs. Rudio was a resident of Walla Walla and was one of the first settlers in the state of Washington. She was 80 years of age. She was born in Arkansas in 1835 and crossed the plains with her parents in 1852.

She is survived by her husband, son Wm. Rudio, of Walla Walla and four daughters, Mrs. Hester Foraythe, of Walla Walla; Mrs. Andrew Kahler, of Centralia, Wash.; and Mrs. W. M. Pierce of this city.

NEW INDUSTRY LOCATES HERE

ILLINOIS MANUFACTURER SELECTS LA GRANDE.

Quick Shoe Repair Outfits to be Turned Out by Local Plant.

Jos. C. Wise, formerly of Quincy, Ill., has cast his lot with the people of La Grande this week and has brought with him a new industry. Mr. Wise, in his old home in Illinois was manufacturer of what is known as the "Wise Perfect Finisher and Laster," a quick repair shoe outfit which is sold for home use. He disposed of his interests in Illinois some time ago and is now preparing to enter the same business in La Grande.

Arrangements have been made with the La Grande Iron Works to turn out these repair outfits for Mr. Wise and it is his intention to make this place a distributing center for the entire northwest country. While the industry will not necessitate the employment of considerable extra help at the beginning, it is hoped to soon create such a demand for the product in this country that more help will follow as a matter of course.

Jolley Detained by Father's Illness.

F. W. Jolly and family, who left here several weeks ago on their way to Des Moines, Iowa, were in the city this morning on their way to Union to which place they were called by the critical illness of Mr. Jolly's father, J. H. Jolly. Mr. Jolly and family were still in Spokane when the summons reached them. They will proceed east as soon as the condition of his father permits.