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## FIVE AUSTRIAN SHIPS SHELL MONTENEGRINS

SEAPORT TOWN SEVERELY DAMAGED, AND ROYAL YACHT IS SUNK

### RUSSIANS AND GERMANS ALIKE CLAIM PROGRESS

Apparent that French are Gaining Ground in Champagne District While Russians Advance at on Point in the East and Lose in Another—Many Prisoners Taken Near Augustoff.

Cettinje, Montenegro, March 3.—Five Austrian warships entered the harbor at Antivari yesterday and sank the Montenegrin royal yacht, and bombarded the town it is said. Damage to property was great, though none are reported killed as the population either fled or took to cellars.

Russians Defeated at Lipke. Berlin, March 3.—Series Russian reverses west of Lipke, are announced officially. It is declared the Russians were defeated when they attempted to march from Grodno northeast of Warsaw, to Augustoff. Encountering a strong column, they were repulsed with heavy losses. Fifteen hundred were taken prisoners. The war office admits a large Russian force is moving toward the frontier of Prussia from Ostrolenska.

French Continue to Gain. Paris, March 3.—Important gains by the French at Champagne are the few days is officially claimed. The French say they hold all the first line of German trenches from northwest of Perthes to a point north of Beaulieu. Severe fighting continues in the vicinity of Badenvillier and Vauquois.

Petrograd, March 3.—A new offensive, which the Russians have developed in Galicia, and also in Gukovine, has revived the belief in official circles that the slave are about to sweep the Austrians and Germans out of the two provinces.

Lemberg dispatches declared the Austrian losses in the Carpathians and Eastern Galicia the past few days have been 10,000 killed, wounded and taken prisoners. Fighting continues on both fields.

Russians are shelling Czernowitz, the capital of Bukovina. The war office asserts the Austrian and German forces were routed at the different points and in Galicia.

### COUNTY COURT MEETS

First Session Under New Judge Convenes This Morning.

With Frank Phyl, the new judge, presiding, the March term of county court convened this morning. Routine matters, including claims against the county were largely considered the first day. Tomorrow the regular docket will be gone into.

### Make Old Neptune Work.

Venice, Cal., March 3.—"Make the waves undo the damage they have done." That, in effect today is what Captain W. D. McKinney of Los Angeles advised the Venice city trustees to do.

Captain McKinney proposes to make old Neptune replace the stretches of beach he encroached upon during the recent storm when giant breakers washed away long stretches of the Venice bathing beach.

He proposes to drive at low tide lines a row of interlocking fir piles to a depth of eight feet, leaving four feet projecting back of this row at 10-foot intervals, four rows of piling whose tops are on a level with the first row.

Every 10 feet of length, cross sections of piling would be sunk to form bins, timbered around the top. These bins would be expected to hold the sand washed up by the tide.

### TODAY'S ODDEST STORY

Kansas City, Mo., March 3.—Kansas City lost a lot of the pride today, all because little Earl Meade went to the country and what his mother wrote back got into the papers.

Earl had lived in Kansas City all his life, and then, on the farm where he was visiting, he scented a familiar odor as the breezes wafted in from the barnyard.

"Oh mama," he cried, "I can smell Kansas City."

Civic boosters are wondering if the stockyard breezes are really that bad.

## Allied Fleet Sends Marines Ashore to Aid in Clearing Dardanelles of Turks

WHERE ALLIED FLEETS ARE SHELLING TURKISH FORTS.



Map showing Dardanelles, narrow strait connecting Aegean sea and Sea of Marmora, where the British and French fleets are bombarding the Turkish fortifications along the banks.

Paris, March 3.—It is officially announced that the Turkish fortress Napoleon, has been destroyed by French battleships. Shells set the barracks on fire and the garrison fled.

Constantinople, March 4.—That the Anglo-French fleet was forced to retire yesterday evening after bombarding the forts on the Dardanelles for three hours, is claimed in official statements. Shelling of all land batteries by the fleet has been unsuccessful, it is asserted.

London, March 3.—A British battleship and two smaller warships which are trying to dismantle Turkish forts near the Gulf of Saros, on the north side of the Dardanelles, will land marines for operations on shore. Athens dispatches declared today these vessels have shelled Moslem positions so heavily that for several hours it appeared the forts were silenced, but the enemy's gunners replied later so effectively that an attempt to send landing parties ashore failed. The warships resumed the attempt later.

The fleet operating against the forts on the European side of the Dardanelles have encountered fierce resistance from Fort Kilit Bahr. It is reported German gunners have charge of this position.

## WHEAT RE-SEEDING PRACTICALLY NIL

FORTY FOLD HAS COME ALONG, IN FINE SHAPE.

Spring Seeding and Plowing Is Now On in Full Blast—New Acreage Record Due.

Extremely little winter wheat land will have to be reseeded, in spite of the unsatisfactory winter weather. In fact, it is doubtful if there will be any appreciable amount at all. This is the opinion of wheat growers from various parts of the valley, and in contrast to the situation in Umatilla county, what seeding there is going on now is entirely new fields.

George Miller, a Lower Cove farmer, was over to the county capital today and reports plowing and seeding on in full blast in his neighborhood. He has seen no need of re-seeding. Forty fold wheat came through the threatening winter in fine shape," said Mr. Miller, "but it is a little too early to definitely say what the spring prospects are for the later varieties. Barley seeding is going on and if the weather keeps up as it is now, spring wheat seeding will have to be hurried," said Mr. Miller.

He also corroborates the prediction that the acreage in this valley in 1915 will be greater by far than in any previous year. The prospect of high prices and abundant market has increased the desire to get in wheat.

### ELKS ELECT THURSDAY

Baker Lodge Selected Its New Officers Last Evening.

Tomorrow evening the La Grande lodge of Elks will hold its annual election of officers, and a big attendance is looked for. At Baker last evening the Elks selected their choice for the coming year:

Exalted Ruler, G. Herbert Chandler; Esteemed Leading Knight, Willard Stoddard; Esteemed Loyal Knight, W. W. Williams; Esteemed Lecturing Knight, L. J. Lewis; Secretary, W. S. Levens; Treasurer, Louis Fernald; Tyler, R. T. Parker; Representative to Grand Lodge, George H. Foster; Alternate, Judge Gustav Anderson; Trustee for 3 years, F. P. Bodinson.

### Ed. Shaw Sells Ranch.

T. J. Snyder has purchased the Ed. Shaw forty acre ranch north of Island City.

## COYOTE GIVES KAMELA SCARE

DAYLIGHT RAID ON SUMMIT TOWN SCARES MANY.

Dogs Bitten Ordered Killed at Once—Evidence of Rabies Seen.

A coyote, with a huge hole torn in his side, and having all the earmarks of being infected with rabies, dashed through the town of Kamela this forenoon, biting dogs as he ran. In one instance his assault on the Kamela canines was so vicious that the animal died.

Lee Morgan's splendid bulldog was bitten, and the Nordine family dog fell a victim to the coyote. Two others were nipped.

Mrs. Nordine immediately telephoned to Dr. A. L. Richardson, of this city, after the incident happened, asking advice as to what to do. Dr. Richardson advised her to have all the bitten dogs killed at once, as such a precaution was the only safe one.

The coyote, which escaped into the brush and has not been seen since, caused a great deal of excitement in the summit town. Those who saw the crazed beast aver that it was badly wounded, probably in fights with other dogs.

### CONFERENCE SATURDAY

Quarterly Stake Conference Will Be Held in La Grande.

Next Saturday and Sunday the quarterly stake conference of the L. D. S. church will be held in this city. It is expected that in addition to the membership of this stake, Apostle Clawson and Seymour Young, of Salt Lake, will be in attendance.

### Says That Mules are Gentlemen.

St. Paul Minn., Mar. 3.—"Treat your mule like a gentleman. He will reciprocate. Remember that in this democratic land that a gentleman need not claim distinguished ancestors." This was the advice Tom Riley gave the Minnesota horseholders association in annual convention here.

### Bill Is Opposed

St. Paul Minn., Mar. 3.—Legislators today freely expressed the opinion that a bill intended to combine the two cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis will fail. Jealousy between the two is thought to be the cause.

## NO HOPE HELD OUT FOR MEN IN MINE SHAFT

TWENTY CORPSES HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO THE SURFACE DURING THE DAY.

### CARLOAD OF COFFINS DISPATCHED TO HINTON

Temporary Morgues Established to Care for the Dead—Little Hope to Save the Large Number in Mine—A Few Have Been Taken Out Alive—Rescuers Recovering Lifeless Bodies.

Hinton, West Va., March 3.—Hope of rescuing alive any of the miners numbering more than a hundred now entombed in the Layland mine as a result of the gas explosion yesterday, has been practically abandoned. At 11 o'clock this morning 20 corpses were brought to the surface and nine miners had been rescued alive.

A carload of coffins has reached Layland. A temporary morgue has been established.

### PROPERTY MUST BE LISTED

Stringham Prepares for Big Community Sale.

The community sale which Auctioneer Ed. Stringham will hold at the fair grounds a week from Saturday, promises to include a large amount of property, such as livestock, farm implements, household goods. In order to have your property listed Mr. Stringham says the list must be in hand by Friday of this week, in order to be included in the sale a week from Saturday.

### GRANDY BUYS MORE LAND

Confidence in Grande Ronde Real Estate Is Plain.

W. D. Grandy, who knows this country as well or better than any other man, has just bought another half million section of land. This, added to already large holdings, makes Mr. Grandy one of the large land owners of the valley. He is one of the many men who appreciate the value in lands of this valley. The last purchase is the old Glenn ranch on the Cove road.

### MINTO IS SLATED.

Reported He is to Get Lawson's Job at the Penitentiary.

Salem, March 3.—Harry Minto, of Salem, is slated to succeed Lawson as superintendent of the state penitentiary, it is authoritatively reported.

## CARE NECESSARY IN ARMY SCHOOLS

MILITARY TRAINING IN HIGH SCHOOLS DUBIOUS.

Secretary of War Garrison Thinks Careful Supervision Alone Can Eliminate Ill Results.

(By Burton K. Standish.)

Washington, March 3.—High school military training, unless carefully supervised and directed, will work evil rather than good, in the opinion of Secretary of War Garrison.

So to prevent the widespread agitation for such training from becoming a detriment to the nation, he intends soon to inaugurate a movement where by this may be correlated and properly directed.

He announced today that he will try soon to get together a group of representative citizens from various communities to confer with a body of military experts from his department.

In this proposed conference, a plan will be mapped out whereby military training may be used in the schools to the advantage of all concerned.

He decided on this measure only after careful study of the situation, and after hundreds of letters had suggested to him that the recent preparedness discussions had produced throughout the nation a movement for military training everywhere.

The secretary explained today that, in many respects he believed the public schools, of today attempted too wide a range, and to make a military training effective, he held, it must not be too ambitious a program, and thrown in as a part of an undigested whole.

"When I went to school," he commented, "there were too many subjects. We had drawing a while, geography a while, and then trigonometry and calculus. Many of us didn't even know how to spell calculus, much less did we know what it was all about. For this reason, I have always felt that there should be more selection about school courses.

"And with respect to the matter of military training, I feel that we should not rush into it without careful consideration. We should not have the idea that schools can accomplish the purpose of turning school boys into trained soldiers. We must see to it that the training is properly supervised and properly apportioned."

He indicated that he is in hearty accord with the general principle involved but that he did not feel that it should be like many popular movements—"going up like a rocket and coming down like a stick."

"It is all very easy for the outsider to say, 'yes that's a great idea; let's have it.' But it is another thing to map it out, and make it efficient. For that reason I want to call in interested citizens to confer with army experts I shall plan to do this as soon as possible."

The secretary's idea would be to make such training in schools an attractive part of the curriculum, instead of a burden or hardship which students would avoid as they sometimes do difficult studies.

As far as the war department is now concerned, it has no branch dealing directly with the general subject of school military training. The

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## PRESENT TERM OF CONGRESS IS NEARING CLOSE

SESSION NOW UNDER WAY TO CONTINUE TILL 12 O'CLOCK TOMORROW.

### ALL-NIGHT SESSION IS FOLLOWED BY BRIEF REST

All Federal Trade Appointments Save That of Rabies Confirmed and President Will Give Him Recess Appointment—Wilson Will Give His Time to International Affairs Now.

Washington, March 4.—All thought of an extra session has been abandoned, and although the rivers and harbors bill, carrying \$25,000,000, has passed both houses, the fate of four big appropriation bills, the rural credits and the ship purchase bills hangs in the balance.

Washington, March 3.—When the senate and house met today the members expected to remain in continuous session until noon tomorrow, when the present session of congress ends by limitation.

After remaining in session all night the senate recessed at 7 o'clock this morning until 11 a. m. During the night the senate confirmed William Parry, progressive, Joseph Davies, Edward Hurley and W. J. Harris, democrats, to be members of the new federal trade commission.

The nomination of George Rublee, republican, wasn't confirmed. The nomination will die with the end of the session and the president will give him a recess appointment.

Wilson to Give Whole Time.

After congress adjourns, the president will take personal charge of negotiations to be conducted by the United States in the international situation resulting from the European war. It is stated on good authority that he is far from pessimistic and that he believes the outlook good for an agreement between Great Britain, Germany and the States regarding the present food war.

President Wilson is compelled to devote most of his nights to consideration of the issues of the controversies abroad, his days being devoted entirely to legislative affairs.

Germany has answered the American note regarding the blockade.

Here is what Germany in willing to do concerning sea blockade:

The German reply to the American note offers, in substance:

1. Germany is willing to concede non-employment of drifting mines and would agree to attach government mark to all mines used. Renunciation of anchored mines deemed impracticable.

2. Submarines to employ armed force against merchantmen, and where necessary to carry out right of search.

3. Condition made that hostile merchantmen be not armed.

4. Regulation of legitimate food imports into Germany by sea, as suggested by United States, declared acceptable.

Permission to import other raw materials for peaceful purposes, including fodder, is demanded.

### WILLIS MOSS TO BUILD

Prominent Rancher to Build a Fine Bungalow.

Willis Moss, who lives near the Moss Chapel, has let a contract to H. E. Finkamp for a fine seven-room bungalow, to be erected early this spring. It is to be modern in every way and will be one of the first-class country homes of the valley.

### Changes at Fire Station.

While workmen are building the basement to house the city hall heating plant, changes are being made in the arrangement of partitions in the fire station, among other things, being the construction of a cellar stairway from the main room to the basement, and rearrangement of coal bins and the like. The Lockers had to be shifted about to make room for the changes.

### Town Moves On Election Day

Bokoshe, Okla., Mar. 3.—The town of Milton, Okla., a Socialist colony a miles from here today was virtually moved to Bokoshe in order that the paid-up stockholders of the Socialist colony might vote in their city election to the exclusion of the non paid-up stockholders. Voters are given their ballots after having shown their credentials proving their assessments paid.

## THIS AMERICAN GIRL WOULDN'T LET HER HUSBAND BE A SPY; SHE MADE HIM TELL U. S. ABOUT PLOT.



Mrs. Richard P. Siegler, American girl bride of the German reservist, whose startling disclosures may involve high officials of the German embassy at Washington, talking with her husband's attorney Siegler. It is said, prompted by his girl bride revealed a plot by which he was to go to England ostensibly as an American business man, but in reality as a German spy. Documents in his possession were signed by Capt. R. Boy-Ed, German naval attaché at the embassy.