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ABDUL HAMID FREE AND WILL AID THE ALLIES

SAID TO BE PLANNING A MASTER STROKE AND BLOW AT PORTE.

BRITISH AND FRENCH SHIPS LIMP FROM FIRE

Dardanelles Ports Have Succeeded in Driving Back Big French Warship and Injuring Several Others—New Face in World Struggle May Be An Aid to Allied Interests.

London, March 8.—Abdul Hamid, former Sultan of Turkey, is free, according to a Bucharest dispatch to the Central News. The correspondent says the former ruler, who was banished when Young Turks took control and who has lived in prison life, surrounded by harem maidens since, has surrounded himself with friends and plans to execute a big coup.

Abdul expects to make a dramatic entry into Constantinople, with the possibility that the former sultan may make a master stroke for the allies which may make the present Turkish government to sue for peace.

Cotton On Contraband.
Washington, March 8.—The British embassy has announced that cargoes of cotton consigned to German and Austrian ports, will no longer be permitted to proceed by British patrol. It is stated cotton might be sent under certain restrictions, but in effect it is put on the contraband list.

French cruiser put out of action and a British cruiser was badly damaged during Sunday's bombardment of Dardanelles forts, according to official announcements from Constantinople. The dispatch reached here via Berlin, and the German government asserted the claims have been confirmed by unofficial German advisers.

Shells are declared to have exploded on the decks of the French ship, killing many. The Porte's statement asserts the stricken vessel steamed from the firing line with her superstructure aflame. The British battleships Majestic and Irresistible, are named among those participating in the bombardment.

Night Attacks Repulsed.
Berlin, March 8.—Russian night attacks on Novomiss, 50 miles southwest of Warsaw, have been repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy, according to a statement issued by the war office. Fifteen hundred prisoners were taken and the enemy driven back to the Pilica river, it is declared.

SHERMAN COUNTY AIDED

Real Help to be Given Ousted Land Applicants.

Washington, D. C., March 4.—(Special Observer Correspondence) Largely because of the hard and thorough work of Representative George Young of North Dakota, a member of the House Committee on Claims a real beginning has at last been made in the direction of obtaining relief for the Sherman county settlers who were ousted from their lands in 1900 by decree of the United States Supreme court.

Mr. Young has spent days going over the records in these cases and as a result has reported for the Committee on Claims a substitute bill including 67 out of the 200 original claimants and suggesting an appropriation of \$947,073.83, to pay the amounts which he believed ought to be allowed each one. This list only included claimants who had patent issued to them or had been allowed to make entry by local land office. A maximum limit of \$2000 was also made by Mr. Young.

Mr. Young does not necessarily believe that all meritorious claims have been included in his list; but thinks that if congress should act favorably upon these claims there might be a chance later to get favorable action on some of the claims where the showing of loss on account of the government ouster was not so strong.

It seems doubtful now on account of the great congestion of the calendar during the remaining days of this congress whether the Sherman county bill will be reached for consideration. Representative Sinnott who has been working early and late to get a report from the committee will bring the matter up on the floor if any opportunity should shape up. If the bill is not acted upon before March fourth the carefully worked out report of Mr. Young will form the basis for a new bill in the coming congress.

Return from Idaho Trip.
William Dougherty who owned the West ranch up the Grande Ronde until recently, has returned from a trip through Idaho and in and around Boise.

SENATORS TO PROBE THE SHIP LOBBY.



Five senators have been named to make an investigation of reports that there has been a lobby of American ship owners in Washington to prevent the passage of the bill for the purchase of ships for operation by the federal government. It was intimated in the senate debate on the bill that powerful New York financial interests had obtained options on some interned German merchant vessels, and would undertake to sell them to the government in case the bill passed.

LEGISLATURE WAS ACTIVE

Joint Senator Comments on Work Done at Salem by Legislators.

Senator Charles A. Barrett, of Athens, was in the city this morning shaking hands with friends. The senator in speaking of the recent session of the legislature stoutly asserted that his fight for consolidation of the various commissions in the state is still on.

EVANS FUNERAL HELD

Late Mt. Glen Resident Buried at Island City Sunday.

Mrs. George W. Evans, who died March 5, at her home near Mt. Glen, was buried yesterday morning at Island City, with Rev. Meinard Thompson, of the Christian church at Alicol officiating. Mabel Mildred Edlen Evans was born at Oakland, October 27, 1873 and was united in marriage to George W. Evans, at Island City May 27, 1887. She was baptised and joined the Christian church at La Grande in 1901. She is survived by her husband and nine daughters and one son, who have the keen sympathy of a large circle of friends.

Terre Haute Officials on Trial Today.

Indianapolis, March 8.—One hundred and fifteen Terre Haute politicians were to be arraigned today for trial in the federal court on charges of gross election frauds. Rulings of the court of a few weeks ago upheld the indictments.

Of the 115 indicted, 83 have pleaded guilty and five not guilty. Mayor Don M. Roberts and Judge Eli Redman, of the Vigo circuit court, and Sheriff Dennis Shea are among the most prominent who will fight the case. With them are most of the Terre Haute official family.

LAWSON GOES FROM WARDEN'S OFFICE QUICKLY

INSUBORDINATION CHARGED AND LAWSON HAS NOW BEEN REMOVED

DEPUTY ACTS UNTIL MINTO CAN RETURN

Quarrel Over Appointment of Parole Officer Ends in Summary Dismissal of Lawson by Board of Control—Olcott's Suggestion that Hearing be Given is Without Avail.

Salem, March 8.—B. K. Lawson, warden at the state penitentiary for a number of years, was summarily discharged this morning by the state board of control. Charges of insubordination were preferred by Governor Withcombe as the result of Lawson's refusal to appoint J. E. Keller as parole officer, having once agreed to it and then retracted, saying there was no need of such an officer. He is said to have been influenced in his second stand by ex-Governor West and was to have remained in office some little time yet.

John Bengen, deputy warden was elected to succeed Lawson until Harry Minto the warden-elect, returns and is ready to take charge. The governor refused to heed the suggestion of Secretary of State Olcott that Lawson be given a hearing.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS ELECT

La Grande Men Elected to Head L. D. S. Sunday School Organization.

With representatives from L. D. S. Sunday schools in attendance from Baker, Cove, Imbler, Pine Grove, and Mt. Glen, the district convention of L. D. S. Sunday schools was held in this city Saturday afternoon in conjunction with the quarterly conference of the church. The Sunday school convention resulted in much interest and instruction to all. Jacob H. Traynor, of this city, J. P. Price and Estel Wright as assistants, was put in charge as superintendent of all the Sunday schools in this jurisdiction. Earl Zundel also of La Grande, was made secretary-treasurer.

Yesterday the quarterly conference was held, and aside from several minor appointments new faces do not appear, as the church authorities formerly holding offices, were presented to the conference and sustained.

INDUSTRIAL WORK OPENS

Agents of School and County Will Visit Many Towns.

During the coming week, N. C. Maris, state industrial agent, in company with Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, county school superintendent, and Claude C. Cate, county farm expert, will visit the principal cities and towns of the county in the interest of industrial school affairs. The itinerary as outlined calls for visits to Mt. Glen tonight, Cove Tuesday, Imbler Wednesday night, Thursday night at North Powder, and Saturday at Elgin.

INTERVENTION, PRESSURE PUT ON PRESIDENT

THREE DISTINCT CLASSES URGE EXECUTIVE TO TAKE A HAND IN MEXICO.

PEACE STAND FIRMLY ADHERED TO BY CHIEF

European Capital Backing Huerta, Friends of Priests and Nuns, and Element Supporting Division of Mexico, All Bringing Great Pressure Upon Wilson.

Washington, March 8.—Extreme pressure from three sources is being brought to bear on the administration to force intervention in Mexico. European diplomats who backed Huerta are more apprehensive regarding their safety, and through Washington ambassadors are urging the states to act.

Financial interests in the states, Germany, England and elsewhere, are extremely alive. Those who advocate division of Mexico into two states and those resenting the abuse of priests and nuns by both sides in Mexico, are protesting present conditions.

Secretary of State Bryan told all these factions today that the president intends to stand firm on the belief that the states have no right to intervene in affairs of a friendly nation. Only a general massacre will force him to change his policy.

TAX PAYMENTS SLOW

Only \$24,000 Have Been Paid Into County Coffers Thus Far.

Tax money is coming in slowly, but the near arrival of the tax commission's date of delinquency throughout the state, will no doubt hasten the flow of dollars. Hal Rees and John Frawley, sheriff's office and treasury officials who handle the tax money, have struck totals including Saturday's business, which show that the sum of \$24,000 has been paid in up to date.

PORTLAND HOTEL BURNS

Rooming Houses Imperil Thirty-Seven Lodgers.

Portland, March 8.—Thirty-seven lodgers in two rooming houses were imperiled by a fire early today. The blaze destroyed the Morgan Wall Paper store on Second street. That none perished is due to the work of C. E. Tilbury, who turned in an alarm and helped arouse the sleepers. The loss will exceed \$12,000.

Victor R. Robinson Killed.

Mrs. F. W. Fitzpatrick of Lostine received a telegram last Wednesday announcing the tragic death of her younger brother, Victor R. Robinson of Los Angeles, California. He was killed in a train collision near Susanville, Lassen county, Cal. No particulars as to the accident have been received. Mr. Robinson lived for a number of years at Flora, being one of the

pioneer sawmill men of that section. He leaves a wife and three children, two of whom are quite small.—Enterprise Chieftain.

COMMISSION HERE THE TENTH

Date of Hearing in Light Adjustment is Finally Set.

According to word received by Attorney H. E. Dixon, counsel for the Commercial club, the State Railroad commission will be in La Grande on Wednesday to conduct the hearing started by the club for adjustment of electric light rates in this city. The date had first been set for Tuesday. It is expected the whole commission will be here.

FIRM MOVING STORE

Jones & Rabone Will Have New Location Soon.

Today Jones & Rabone, ladies' ready-to-wear suppliers, are moving into the West-Jacobson building on the Elm street side near the Y. M. C. A. They will be open and ready for business March 10, in their new location.

J. EMIGH RETURNS

Finds Conditions Better in the Sound Country Since Mills Reopened.

Saw mills and shingle mills are resuming operations along the Sound, and business generally is brisker than it has been this winter, according to Jarvis Emigh, field manager for the Valley Creamery of this city, who returned yesterday from an extended stay in Seattle. While glad to see better business conditions, Mr. Emigh is not friendly to Seattle climate and would much rather live and work hard in La Grande than loaf and live in ease at Seattle. While at Seattle, he made a couple of trips to Olympia, where his son, Ed S. Emigh, is secretary of the board of control of Washington.

HORSE SALE OPENS.

Wallawa Sale Started this Morning with Many Buyers.

Wallawa, March 8. (Special)—The big horse sale started today. It is held at the Maxwell stock yards west of town. All the horse markets are now open, and want horses of all classes, and so the sale should be very successful. Many Oregon and Eastern buyers are here.

Pilcher Buys Interest.

North Powder, March 8.—An important business deal affecting the commercial life of this place has been consummated. Oscar Pilcher, a pioneer farmer of this vicinity, has purchased an interest in the mercantile house of Forsstrom brothers. He has also invested in real estate and will take up his residence here. Mr. Pilcher will be a valuable member of this community.

Pendleton Elks Elect Officers

Pendleton, March 6.—At the meeting of the Elks last night, officers for the ensuing year were chosen. Jack A. Gibson was elected exalted ruler, John Mumm esteemed leading knight, E. G. Sturdivant, esteemed loyal knight, Frank Saling esteemed lecturing knight, Thomas Fitz Gerald was re-elected secretary and R. M. Mayberry was chosen treasurer. Thomas Smart was re-elected tyler and J. V. Tallman, retiring exalted ruler, was selected as representative to the grand lodge with C. S. Cheshire as alternate. R. W. Ritner was elected trustee to serve with L. G. Frazier and Judge G. W. Phelps, holdover trustees.

THAW'S TRIAL ON CONSPIRACY CHARGE STARTS

WILL TAKE STAND TO PROVE HIMSELF SAME MINT HIS COUNSEL.

DEFENSE THINKS IT HAS STATE IN A HOLE

Contended that State Must Prove Him Guilty to be Able to Charge Conspiracy. Not Entitled to be Kept in Matteawan—Mother and Sister, at His Trial.

New York, March 8.—Harry K. Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, will take the stand in his own defense to refute the charge he is insane. This was the intimation of Thaw's counsel at the opening of his trial this morning on a charge of conspiracy to escape from Matteawan. Deputy Attorney General Kennedy will fight to prevent the insanity issue being raised in this instance. Thaw's attorneys insist they will force the state to prove he is sane before they can prove him capable of conspiracy. Thaw's mother and sister were interested spectators while the drawing of a jury was going on.

When Thaw was arraigned today before Justice Weeks on the charge of conspiracy to escape from Matteawan he was jubilant in having escaped his nameless—William Travers Jerome—for the first time since he killed Stanford White. Jerome's absence from the prosecution brought hope to the Thaw camp.

There was belief on both sides of the case that the hearing which began today might be the final hearing in the most notorious of American trials. If Thaw were found not guilty whatever proceedings were taken against him later would prove futile, his counsel declared. If he is convicted and the court suspends sentence on the conspiracy charge and returns him, instead, to Matteawan, a vital blow will have been struck at the defense.

Since January 28, when Thaw pleaded guilty to the charge, he has been in the Toms, always confident of acquittal. Although Deputy Attorney General Kennedy, and Frank H. Cook, who appeared for District Attorney Perkins, said there will be no remission of zeal in the prosecution because of Jerome's absence from the case, Thaw's sides declare he is forced to face a sanity test, which will be fought by habeas corpus proceedings in case of conviction, they believe he will come out of it with flying colors. His condition, they say, is noticeably less nervous, and, besides, Dr. Austin Flint, the principal alienist against Thaw in his previous hearings has been ill and is not expected to be able to appear in case of a new sanity hearing.

A special panel of 200 talesmen were on hand when the case was called for trial today. They were men who had been chosen carefully for their above-average ability as jurors, and it was confidently expected that not more than three days' proceedings would be required to select the jury.

Deputy Attorney General Kennedy planned to move for the trial of all the defendants in the conspiracy case together with Thaw.

Many Hear Negroes.

Yesterday afternoon about 100 men were out at the Y. M. C. A. men's meeting, held in the Presbyterian church, to hear the California Jubilee singers. Last evening about 1000 people filled the Methodist church to capacity to hear the singers again. At both instances, sacred numbers were sung and greatly enjoyed by the audiences.

Water is Plentiful Today.

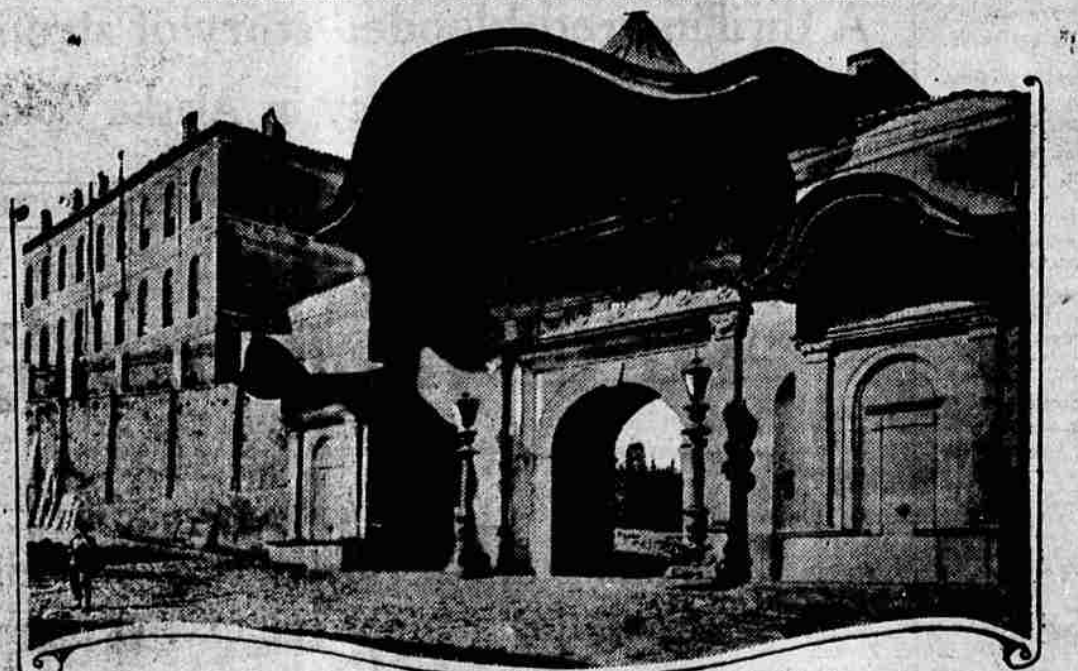
For the first time in several weeks the city reservoir is well filled with Beaver creek H2O. The rains and snow storm in the mountains recently are responsible, along with the reading of meters which has tended to cut off promiscuous waste of water.

Leiter With Journal.

Clark Leiter, who for several weeks made his home in La Grande after severing connections with the Portland Oregonian as its city editor, has accepted a similar position with the Portland Journal.

Mr. Bramwell Better.
After many ups and downs F. S. Bramwell seems to be slightly improved today according to word received from Portland where he is wrestling with abscesses.

HERE'S WHAT IS MEANT BY "SUBLIME PORTE"—PALACE GATEWAY FROM WHICH THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT TAKES NAME.



THE "SUBLIME PORTE," OR HIGH GATE OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENTAL PALACE IN CONSTANTINOPLE, FROM WHICH HAS ORIGINATED THE TERM "SUBLIME PORTE," MEANING THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT. FORMERLY THE HIGHEST OFFICER OF THE GOVERNMENT SAT WITHIN THE GATE AND PUBLICLY DISPENSED JUSTICE. THUS THE TERM FOR THE GRAND VIZIER BECAME "SUBLIME PORTE," AND LATER THE EXPRESSION BECAME SYNONYMOUS WITH THE WHOLE OF THE SULTAN'S CABINET, OR TURKISH GOVERNMENT.