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THREE STEAMERS SUNK IN 8 HOURS BY SUBMARINES

SURVIVOR OF ONE PICTURES WRECK DETAIL

CREW CLINGS TO WRECKAGE SEVERAL HOURS, FINALLY DROPPING OFF.

AMERICAN SAILER AMONG THE SHIP'S SEA PRIZES

German Embassy at Washington Notified that German Converted Cruiser has Landed Over 300 Prisoners at Newport News—One Submarine Sunk by Collision with British Steamer.

London, March 10.—The British steamer Ariel rammed and sank the German submarine U-20, which has been very active in sinking British merchantmen, the admiralty announced today. The crew of the submarine surrendered.

Three steamers carrying 1000 tons of coal were sunk during an eight-hour period ending tonight, according to reports. They are the Tangistan, the Blackwood and Princess Victoria. All were attacked without warning of any kind.

Survivor Tells Story.

O'Toole the sole survivor of the Tangistan gave a graphic description of the scene which followed the torpedoing. He is one of five who made up the crew, who succeeded in seizing wreckage. All held out for several hours but finally dropped off—save O'Toole. The members of the crew of the Princess Victoria were rescued after drifting in two small boats, launched before the ship sank.

Periscope Seen, Shot Follows. The Victoria sank 15 minutes after the strike, so terrific was the torpedo's force. None saw a sign of the submarine until the wheelsman noticed the periscope and shouted a warning.

American Among Victims. Newport News, March 10.—Reports that the American sailor William P. Frye, was one of the crew of the German cruiser Eitel Frederick, was confirmed by officers of the cruiser. It is said the Frye was sunk in the Atlantic January 27, because she was carrying contraband. Captain Keihn, master of the ship, and his wife and 25 members of the crew were saved. The Frye sailed from Seattle for Queenstown November 6 with wheat.

PRISONERS IN U. S.

German Ship Put in with Load of Allies Held Prisoners.

Washington, March 10.—A message from Newport News today said the German armored liner Eitel Frederick had arrived with 326 Russian and French prisoners of war. It is expected she will intern here.

The German embassy here later received a message from the German consulate at Norfolk announcing the arrival of the Eitel Frederick. It is said the vessel is an armored and converted cruiser. The consul declared the vessel will put in to land the crews taken from the enemy's ships destroyed at sea by the cruiser.

MOTION DAY AT ENTERPRISE

System Adopted in This County Will Be Extended by Judge.

Hereafter Wallowa county is to have motion days at frequent intervals the same as Union county has them every Friday. Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles went to Enterprise today to hear one case set for trial today and while there he will institute a motion day. While it will not be his practice to have a set day each week, Judge expects to have these motion days at frequent intervals in an effort to keep the congested dockets in both counties as near up to date as is possible under the circumstances. Since the failure of the added judge bill to become a law, Judge Knowles must ferret out some scheme to make the best of conditions as they exist.

Mr. Bramwell Improves.

Word received today from F. S. Bramwell, of Portland, says that his condition is improving, in fact that he is considerably better and now is able to eat. His friends here will be pleased to hear this excellent news regarding a former La Grande citizen.

CALF STRUGGLES TO CLIMB STAIRS

FAITHFUL DOG FIGHTS FOR BOVINE FRIEND.

Pet Calf Wanders down Street Then Would Climb Stairway.

A calf and a dog, the poundmaster and the chief of police, were the principals in an impromptu moving picture scenario yesterday. Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles keeps a pet calf in his barn on Main street, but like some boys and other calves, this juvenile bovine sought freedom and the open air, and found it. To make the incident correlated, it must be remembered that the Knowles family house dog, of the bird-hunting species, has formed a remarkable attachment to this same calf, and when the calf started out to see the sights, the dog went after it. All went well as long as the future milk-giver was content to stay on the pavement.

There are several physicians on the second floor of the West-Jacobson building, but no veterinarians, and it can't be fathomed just why the calf should want to climb the stairs in that building. The dog had better sense but couldn't persuade the calf to desist in its foolish ways. The poundmaster and the chief of police and copious other persons tried to help the dog but he wouldn't take any help, and it was only with the greatest difficulty that the men on the job persuaded the canine to let the calf go. The calf wandered down the street and the dog followed, and the beast was loyal to its pal, seemingly certain that the men meant to harm his bovine friend. In the end the scenario closes with the chief and poundmaster herding the calf home.

War Bulletins

Paris, March 10.—Terrific fighting is in progress on the battle front of the narrow stretch of land between Bour de Paris and Boulaire. The fighting, according to a statement by the French war office, is the bloodiest in weeks. "French," it is stated "defeated the German blockhouse and advanced the trenches 80 yards. The Germans countered and drove out the French who returned to the attack in the face of a hot fire from machine guns, and again captured the trenches. The Germans still again returned to the attack and the engagement continues. The ground is covered with dead and wounded.

Petrograd, March 10.—A decisive victory over Germans who attempted to seize the Warsaw-Petrograd railroad in the vicinity of Orondo, is reported in dispatches from Warsaw. The Germans were pushed back six miles at that point and suffered very heavy losses, it is claimed. The Russians are also said to be engaging Germans in a big battle east of Augustoff, barely 12 miles from the Russian frontier. The statement from the war office claimed the Germans have assumed the offensive northeast of Lanza and north of Fleck.

WRITER LIKES COUNTY

"Finest I Ever Saw," Says Globe-Trotting Author and Lecturer.

W. A. Morton, well known writer and lecturer of Salt Lake, who has been giving a series of lectures throughout the county on betterment of conditions for children, spent a day with the E. D. Whiting family at Mt. Glen yesterday, and as their guest was taken to various points in the valley. He pronounced the beauty of the Grande Ronde beyond comparison with other farming localities and though he has been in practically every country of the world, he affirmed he did not know of a valley anywhere with as much natural beauty as this.

BOUNTY AVAILABLE NOW.

Attorney General Holds that Coyote Scalps Will Draw \$3.00

That coyotes shot this year can be presented now and will draw bounty to the extent of \$3.00 per head is the crux of an opinion handed down by Attorney General George M. Brown. County Clerk Ed Wright is therefore authorized to pay \$3.00 for coyote scalps at present. This applies to all coyotes shot this year.

Girl Has Appendicitis.

Miss Lela Evans, whose parents live on Monroe street, and who is about 12 years of age, was yesterday taken to the Grande Ronde hospital where she underwent an operation for appendicitis. Her condition this morning was fairly satisfactory.

COMMISSION OPENS LIGHT RATE HEARING

COMMISSION'S EXPERT ENGINEER FIRST TO GO ON THE STAND TODAY.

MANY ATTORNEYS TAKE A PART IN THE PROCEEDINGS

Commission Arrives at Noon and at 1:30 the Hearing is Underway—Cross Examination of Experts Deferred—Big Undertaking is Begun Without Loss of Time—Adjudication is Purpose.

Eliminating all unnecessary talk, high in important investigations never means anything; sticking closely to the text of its mission here the Railroad commission this afternoon convened at the city hall for the rate-hearing that is to settle all dispute over charges for lighting, heating and power made by the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company for the city of La Grande and surrounding country.

Two of the commission and commission attendants arrived at noon. The commission was ready. Preparation had been made, and to the surprise of spectators who congregated expecting to hear the first day's time consumed in random remarks, reports were filed for reference almost the instant the meeting was called to order.

Three Reports Form Basis. Three exhaustive typewritten reports with a number of blue prints will form the basis for the proceedings. On these reports the commission will firmly stand until attorneys for the company or the city prove the findings incorrect.

The first of these reports is the one compiled by Mr. Aichison, of the Railroad commission, bearing on "Corporate History and General Finance and Comparison of Rates Charged by Other Electrical Companies."

The second is report on "Appraisal and Physical Value of Company's Property" compiled by Will T. Neill, assistant engineer for the Railroad commission.

The third is "Analysis of Operating Revenue and Costs by Communities and Classes of Service," by J. A. Rockwood, electrical engineer and statistician for the Railroad commission.

These reports will be subject to attack by attorneys for either the city or the light company, but they will be defended by the Commission to the end that any attack must prove conclusively the Commission is in error before change of the report will be conceded.

Investigation Has Been Extensive. All should understand that the Commission's investigation of the E. O. L. & P. company has been extensive, and the final heat of the matter which is now being staged is but the sitting of the court to determine if error has been made in compilation of the data and error in conclusion drawn from such compilation.

This afternoon was taken up with the filing of the reports until about 3 o'clock. It is very likely adjournment will follow to give time for all attorneys interested to inspect the reports.

Personnel of the Commission.

Two of the commissioners are here. Chairman T. K. Campbell presides at the hearing and Clyde B. Aichison is the other member of the commission present. The testimony is being reported by Examiner L. D. Leady, and Will Neill is the state's engineer.

Engineer Local Boy.

In Mr. Neill La Grande has consid-

Society Wedding of Interest in East

TOBACCO MILLIONAIRE'S SON AND GIRL HELL WED.



ANGIER B. DUKE. CORDELIA DREXEL BIDDLE.

New York, March 10.—Society in New York, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh was interested in the fact that Miss Cordelia Drexel Biddle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Drexel Biddle of Philadelphia, has selected Wednesday, April 28, as the date of her wedding to Angier B. Duke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin N. Duke, of New York.

The ceremony will be performed in Holy Trinity church, Philadelphia and

Miss Biddle will have among her attendants Miss Hope Truxton Beale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Beale, and Miss Eugenia Kelso Cassatt, daughter of Mrs. J. Gordon Cassatt, both debutantes of this season in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Biddle and her daughter are staying for some time at Palm Beach as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Duke. Mrs. Biddle was formerly Miss Cordelia Bradley, of Pittsburgh.

erable interest. He is the son of Mrs. Nellie Neill of this city, and since his graduation from the University of Oregon has been actively connected with responsible positions. He is now and has been for some time past, the engineer for the commission, and has spent several months on the physical valuation phase of the light company's holdings in this section of the state.

H. E. Dixon is Club Counsel.

H. E. Dixon of this city represents the commercial club having given considerable time to preparation of the case. He said today that the question of rates in other cities and other states would not be used as a comparative basis in the club's testimony, the sole purpose being to establish the physical valuation of the plant and upon that basis let the commission determine what rates would give an equitable income to the company.

Many Lawyers Here.

William Jackson and John L. Rand represent the interests of the light company, and L. Denham, of Elgin, represents the city of Elgin. Baker is represented in a legal way by Attorney McCulloch.

Expert Testimony First.

Among the first testimony taken was that given by Engineer Neill, and his testimony included the commission's first exhibit, a blueprint chart, showing the fruits of the engineer's study of the physical plant. In it he used his knowledge to determine the present value of portions of the plant, not touching, however, upon the development expenses and various other items. Cross examination on this exhibit was deferred because attorneys interested had not acquainted themselves with the contents of it. It was completed only last night.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon Hugh McCall, a Cove banker, was called as the second witness. The motive of placing him on the stand was to show

RABBIT SAUSAGE A CHOICE MORSEL

NEW FRANKFURTER WILL APPEAR ON TABLES.

Texas Aspires to Manufacture of a New Sausage, Due to High Bounty on Jackrabbits.

Austin, Texas, March 10.—"Rabbit Sausage—Made in Texas." If you come across this new wicker you may remember that the Texas legislature has just placed a bounty of five cents per head on jackrabbits. There are many millions of jackrabbits in Western Texas. Everyone knows what fun it is to hunt rabbits. The well prepared rabbit also is a gastronomic delight. Since the passage of the bounty the slaughtering of the little jacks has become an important industry. E. T. Castleman, of Llano, is preparing to erect a plant there for the manufacture of rabbit sausage and great numbers of the long-eared animals will be required.

A suggestion of bigger game—but no sausage—is contained in the appropriation of \$100,000 to pay bounties on predatory wild animals like panthers, Mexican lions and wolves. An equal amount has lately been expended by Texas to protect its stock men from losses by the larger wild animals still to be found in the very sparsely settled parts of Texas. The results of the first appropriation were so manifest that the legislature made a second appropriation.

the value of certain real estate owned by the company at Cove where a branch plant is located. It is likely that the value of the Morgan Lake property will also be expressed by local real estate men, before the day is over. At 3:30 the commission adjourned until 9 Thursday.

INDUSTRIAL WORK TALKED

Mt. Glen People Hear Praise for the Work Done at Early Date.

Mt. Glen, March 10.—(Special).—Industrial work as outlined for children was clearly discussed upon Monday evening by N. C. Maris, state industrial agent, C. C. Cate, county farm expert, and Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, county school superintendent. The early work done by boys and girls of industrial work age at Mt. Glen, was praised by the speakers and within a few days a class will be permanently organized and the work carried on until the fall fairs are held, when Mt. Glen children expect to win prizes galore.

Baker Man is Married.

This morning at 9:30, Ben Shold, a carpenter of Baker and Miss Sarah Weber, a school teacher at Telocaset, were quietly married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Zweifel, 2081 Adams. Rev. E. B. Fyke of the Methodist church officiated. The bride is a cousin of the Zweifels in this city. After the marriage, the couple left for Baker, their future home.

SITUATION IS CALMER

ZAPATA UNOFFICIALLY IS REPORTED TO HAVE POSSESSION AT CAPITAL.

IF TRUE, WASHINGTON WILL BE WELL PLEASED

General Villa Will Be Held Responsible for Situation in Mexico City After Withdrawal of Obregon, Unofficially reported as a Fact—Reply to Wilson's Note Favorable.

Washington, March 10.—Responsibility for protection of foreigners in Mexico City will rest with General Villa, state department officials declared, when advised of reports that General Obregon, Carranza's chief, had evacuated the capital and Zapata's forces have occupied it.

Although there has been no official confirmation of these dispatches late this afternoon, the administration is hopeful that they are true, as it is felt such a condition would simplify the Mexican situation measurably.

Greater optimism was displayed by all officials today. Carranza's reply to the American note has not yet been received, but Consular Agent Stillman has advised Wilson and Bryan it will be favorable and promises co-operation.

INTEREST IN CANAL HIGH

F. D. McCully Plans to Make Water Journey Down Grande Ronde.

F. D. McCully, of Joseph, Wallowa county, Oregon, is in Portland, and says that great interest is manifested in Wallowa county in the forthcoming celebration in honor of the opening of the Dille-Cello canal. Mr. McCully, a son of the late A. A. McCully, of Salem, says he intends personally to make the journey from Lewiston to the Dille-Cello canal, says the Portland Oregonian.

One of the ideas presented by Mr. McCully was the participation of some sort of craft from Wallowa county, making the journey down the Wallowa and Grande Ronde rivers to Lewiston. This, he thinks, will be practicable. Mr. McCully says that a boat several years ago successfully made the trip from La Grande down the Grande Ronde to its junction with the Snake.

It is probable that a demonstration shipment of the 1915 wool clip of the lower Grande Ronde and Snake rivers will also be undertaken in connection with the downriver excursion from Lewiston May 4. Mr. McCully says sheepmen of Wallowa County winter their flocks along the Lower Snake and Grande Ronde rivers, and this year will begin to shear early so that the flocks can return to the interior for pasture. It is possible that a shipment of wool may be arranged so that some may be routed through to Boston entirely by water via Astoria or Portland.

WEDDING TOUR ENDS

Fruitdale Orchardist and Bride See the Fair and Auto Races.

Tom Johnson and his bride, who was Miss Flossie Sallabury, have returned from a wedding tour that took them to Salt Lake and then to the fair at San Francisco. They spoke very highly of the fair, though they say portions are not completed. They witnessed the recent auto races, and attended such functions as were of special interest. On their return they came by way of Portland. Today they went to their fruitdale home.

MAN HURT IN SAW

James Biggs Brought in From Telocaset Suffering From Cuts.

James Biggs, an employee for Hess & Co., sawmill operators at Telocaset, was brought in last evening by automobile to the Grande Ronde hospital suffering with severe cuts and other wounds, due to falling in a saw. The tendons and bony parts of his upper arms were cut, but indications are today that he will recover.

TODAY'S ODDEST STORY.

Saginaw, Mich., March 10.—A lively scrap for the office of justice of the peace, with an armless man and one with a leg missing, as the candidates has developed here to enliven the spring election. Justice Arthur Clemens, who lost both his arms in a mine accident several years ago, is seeking re-election. His opponent is George Sonnsmith, who has but one leg, the other having been severed at the hip in a railroad wreck.