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F-4 And Crew Still Under

CABLE HOOKED TO SUBMARINE EARLY IN DAY

OFFICIAL WASHINGTON HAS
HAS LONG SINCE ABAND-
ONED HOPE FOR MEN

RECENT EXPLOSION IN CRAFT MAY BE CAUSE

Rescue Work Progressing with all
Possible Haste but Progress is Nev-
ertheless Slow—Cable Fastened to
Ship Fore and Aft with Great Care
—Will Tow to Shore.

Honolulu, March 27.—The dredger
California and two tugs are dragging
an object to which the cables are at-
tached into shallow water in the har-
bor just about noon, but naval of-
ficers were not positive that it was
the F-4.

Honolulu, March 27.—Preparations
for the raising of the submarine F-4
which went down Thursday morning
and lay until last night undiscovered
with a crew of 19 officers and men
under 300 feet of water, were con-
ducted with frantic haste during the
day in hopes of raising her before
nightfall. Hope was not entirely
abandoned this morning when the
men got to work on the raising pro-
ject. Despite the fact the submarine
had been submerged 48 hours this
morning, there was some hope enter-
tained that at least a few of the men
would be alive when she comes to the
surface. The dredger California
reached here this morning to do the
work of raising.

After working for hours to hoist the
F-4, the rescue vessel succeeded in
attaching cables to the submarine.
Every effort is still being made to
rush the work in hopes that some of
the 19 may be taken out alive. A
buzzer detector test is being made to
determine the exact position fore and
aft of the vessel that the cables may
be correctly drawn. The submarine
will then be raised and dragged slowly
to shallow water. Progress is slow.

It has developed that an acid ex-
plosion aboard the submarine March
6 may have been connected in some
way with the mishap.

Washington Gloomy.

Washington, March 27.—When the
F-4 comes to the surface its occupants
will probably be dead. That the sub-
marine will prove a tomb for the crew
is expected by the navy depart-
ment. Secretary Daniels and other
officials practically abandoned any
hope for the men to be alive. No
word was received up to noon today
since the department was notified last
night that the submarine had been
located.

Badly Hurt by Rolling Log.

Baker, March 25.—Bruce Moore-
head, of the Baker White Pine Lum-
ber company, is suffering from pain-
ful injuries received day before yes-
terday at White Pine station on the
Sumpter Valley railroad. A log train
delivering logs at the company's mill
being loaded a trifle too high for the
grade of the roadbed at that point,
tipped over. Mr. Moorehead was
knocked down by one of the falling
logs and badly hurt.

CUT WORMS LAY WASTE

Variegated cutworms, working in
the form of an army, have infested
Grande Ronde ranches at various
places, and where they have struck
the ruin is complete. It is the same
pest that Umatilla county has met
this spring, and, like Umatilla county,
state farm experts are combating the
plague in its present small propor-
tions. Fred Zaugg, near Mt. Glenn,
was one of the first to discover the
presence of the pests, and County
Farm Expert Cate has located several
other small patches. Yesterday he
found an army moving across a
plowed field, bound for an adjoining
wheat field. At one point he found
an alfalfa patch where the pests had
worked into the field several feet from
the fence, and the forward line of

WILSON'S PEACE SCHEME FAILS

By CARL ACKERMAN

Berlin, March 27.—(Copyright 1915 by United Press)—
President Wilson's newest effort for peace met with failure.
Colonel E. M. House, the president's personal emissary leaves
Berlin for Switzerland tomorrow, convinced that for the present,
peace is out of the question. I learn authoritatively that he was
sent by President Wilson to sound the warring governments and
learn through informal interviews whether it was possible to ar-
range a truce and a peace conference before the Spring campaigns
are really opened. House has been told there is no possibility of
peace or compromise at this time.

CITY BEAUTIFUL IS WORKERS' SLOGAN

AMBITIOUS CAMPAIGN LAID OUT BY CIVIC COMMITTEE

Prizes Given for Best Lawns And
Parkings—Aster Show to be Re-
vived this Fall

Tangible plans to make La Grande
beautiful—and clean—have been
being drafted by the civic committee
of the Neighborhood club, in conjunc-
tion with the Commercial club. All
things in this respect are to commence
with a cleanup of alleys and front
yards, at a day to be set by the city
commission in the near future, but
the scope of the civic committee's
schedule extends far into the fall,
with something to keep the property
owners interested throughout.

Prizes for Best Lawns
Next fall at some suitable time,
prizes will be awarded to those who
keep the best lawns on their prop-
erty, and the most artistically laid
out. Parking is to be considered
in this move too, so that when
prizes are awarded, the basis of
awards will include the parkings, the
nature of the lawns, the shrubbery
and flowers in it.

Aster Show Revived

Further more, annual aster shows
which in years past were prominent
civic ventures in this city, are to be
revived this year, and it is planned
to make it of considerable size too.
In addition to the satisfaction of
La Grande people in having a neat
arrangement of lawns, parkings and
shrubby arrangement, the beauties
of the city will be a card toward
attracting settlers to the city, for

during the year fair visitors are sure
to make liberal stopovers at the var-
ious towns along to routes in search
of suitable cities in which to locate,
should a desire to come west strike
them.

FAIR BOARD CALLED

La Grande Member of State Institu-
tion to Attend Monday

When the state fair board meets at
Salem next Monday, N. K. West of
this city expects to be present. This
will be the first meeting of the board

COYOTE'S BITE INFECTS ORO DELL HORSE; DEATH VIOLENT

Twenty-one days to the very min-
ute after it had been attacked and
bitten by a rabid coyote, a \$225.00
work horse owned by D. E. Brannon, of
Ora Dell, fell a victim of rabies and
after all hours of suffering, was shot.
The brains of the beast will be sent
to state laboratories for analysis, as
were the brains of the coyote that
bit the horse and which was pro-
nounced rabid by state chemists. An-
other horse owned by Mr. Brannon,
and a cow owned by Sam Evans, were
bitten at the same time, but the
equine which became rabid yesterday
was the first of the group to be at-
tacked by the coyote, and, precisely
as Dr. White, secretary of the state
board predicted, fell ill 21 days after
the attack. Mr. Brannon has been
keeping close tab on the horse and
was therefore familiar with the exact
hours in this connection.

The first symptoms were light, but
rapidly the disease showed itself in
more virile form, and within a short

time the beast fought, frothed at the
mouth, gritted his teeth and snapped
at everything that came near him.

Within the course of a few hours he
was raving with all the fierceness of a
wild beast, and chains and heavy
ropes were required to keep him in
place.
Price Gates was called in and bled
the animal in the mouth and legs and
blood was spilled not only on the
ground thereabout but squirted on
surrounding wagon boxes and the
like. Later on Humane Officer Chas.
McCrory was called and ordered the
bloody dirt hauled away and burned.
After the animal fell in convulsions,
the owner and the humane officer de-
cided to kill it, and a shot was sent
through the heart. The carcass was
hauled away and burned with much
precaution.
Mr. Brannon can ill afford to lose
the animal and trusts that the other
animal may not become infected with
the rabies.

Volley Ball Game Tonight.
Captain Meyers announces that his
men are ready for the volley ball
battle tonight at 7:30 and Captain
Kelly asserts that his men will all
be lined up by the time the first game
is called. Neither side is confident of
the victory though each "expects" to
win. The game begins at 7:30 and
will be open to any who may care to
attend, with ample seating capacity in
the gallery.

RUSSIANS MEET SEVERE RESISTANCE IN GALICIA

War Bulletins

Berlin, March 27.—Eleven French
civilians were killed and 22 injured
when French aviators dropped bombs
upon Strassburg and villages in Al-
sace, the war office announced.

Paris, March 27.—Three children
were killed when German aviators
dropped bombs in Willer, the office
says.

ONTARIO BOYS HURT IN FIGHT

TOWN YOUNGSTERS RAID CADET HEADQUARTERS

Blank Shells Stuffed with Rocks—
Wounds Serious.

Ontario, March 27.—Robert Madden
and Billy Fitzgerald, high school boys,
were shot and seriously wounded at
midnight during an attempted raid on
a camp of Ontario's cadets near here.
The cadets started on their trip Fri-
day. A party of town boys started
out to raid their camp and a fight fol-
lowed. The wounds were inflicted in
the melee. The guns the cadets
supposed to contain blank cartridges,
but it is believed the boys pushed
rocks into the ends of the cartridges.

Grand Jury Called.

Judge Knowles has called the grand
jury together for Monday. Several
important cases are to come up, it is
said.

TODAY'S ODDEST STORY

St. Paul, Minn., March 27.—
Ray Temple of Morristown,
Minn., a college student, is liv-
ing on rations which, he declares,
cost just 10 cents a day. On a
limited fare he has gained 40
pounds, and incidentally re-
gained his health in five months.
Temple's economy is not caused
by financial worries, as he is
not working his way through
college, but merely to restore
his physical vigor.

ONE UNIT OF THREE ROLLED BACK BY FOE

TWO ARMIES PRESSING IN TO-
WARD HUNGARY'S HEART
NEVERTHELESS

DARDANELLES FLEET MATERIALLY LARGER

French Lose Many Men to Gain Im-
portant Hill in Alsace, but from it
They Can Dominate Larger Area—
New Russian Offensive Develops
Farther North Admits Berlin.

London March 27.—Russians in the
Eastern Russo-Austrian battle line
have suffered a reverse, according to
reports received here. While two
Russian armies have successfully
pressed toward the heart of Hungary,
General Ivanoff's forces have been
beaten back from Cernowitz, the cap-
ital of Bukovina, and have been driv-
en several miles North of the Pruth
river.

New Development Admitted.

Berlin, March 27.—The war office
has admitted that there is a new de-
velopment of the Russian offensive,
having for its subject, an invasion of
East Prussia. It is semi-officially
stated that the offensive has been
broken and rolled back but the war
office previously insisted the occupa-
tion of Memel by Russians and spor-
adic attacks north of Tilsit were
merely the work of raiders.

Dardanelles Fleet Grows.

London, March 27.—Eight addi-
tional warships have joined the fleet
in the grand assault on the Dar-
danelles, in co-operation with allied
land forces, according to an Athens
dispatch. The bombardment is seem-
ingly conducted with the utmost cau-
tion, and warships are believed to be
keeping well out of range of the Tur-
kish guns while hurling their shells.

French Recapture Point.

Paris, March 27.—After a struggle
of several days the French have re-
captured the principal height near
Hartmannswillerkopf, Alsace, dis-
patches from the front state. Under
a terrific fire the French charged re-
peatedly until the height was carried.
The French loss was heavy but the
victory gives them a position dominat-
ing other hills.

Johnson Fight Postponed.

Havana, March 27.—Following a
conference with a delegation of min-
isters who visited him, President Men-
ocal has postponed the Johnson-Wil-
lard fight until April 5th. It was
scheduled for Easter day.

Bishop Paddock in City.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Paddock, in charge
of the Eastern Oregon diocese of the
Episcopal church, was in the city be-
tween trains today the guest of Rev.
Upton H. Gibbs. He went to Ontario
on the noon train.

COMPANY TAX CHECK LARGE

OVER \$35,000. HALF OF TOTAL
PAID TODAY.

Tax Collector Receives Substantial
Payment from O.-W.

One-half of the O.-W.'s taxes for
the year in Union county, were paid
by check today, and the "half only"
amounts to \$35,373.53. This amount
is one-half the taxes on a total as-
sessed valuation on the company in
this county of \$4,166,842.00.

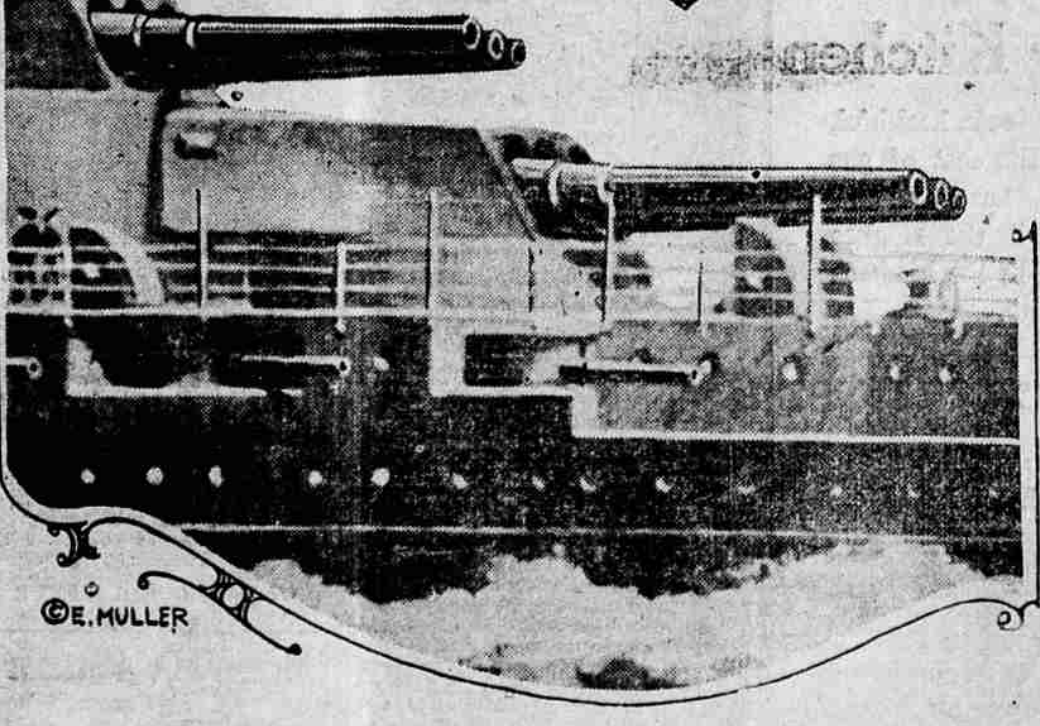
Deputy Sheriff Hal Reiss and
County Treasurer Frawley look with
pleasure upon these payments for
they bring in more with one check
than is usually collected in a week.



One of the Pennsyl-
vania's 14-inch guns.
Note figure of man on
gun carriage.

Newspaper Man Here.

Editor H. A. Clemmens, of the
Pine Valley Herald and also
United States Commissioner for that
district is in the city transacting busi-
ness at the land office and visiting his
friend Nolan Skiff. Mr. Clemmens at
one time was engaged in newspaper
work in La Grande.



Forward 14-in batteries of New U. S. battleship Pennsylvania, which has just been launched. Notice the
guns are three in a row. If the Pennsylvania could get in range of enemy, a broadside from these two tiers
would blow any ship afloat out of the water. England's newest battleship monster, Queen Elizabeth, is six
miles an hour faster than the Pennsylvania, however, so these guns could not reach her in a battle, but the Eliza-
beth's 15-in. guns, which shoot thousands of yards farther than 14-in. guns, could reach the Pennsylvania.