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SLAVS LOSE IN POLAND

TEN THOUSAND TAKEN PRISONERS AND KILLED SAYS BERLIN STATEMENTS

RUSSIANS AGAIN FIRE ON OTTOMAN CAPITAL

Harm Done Thus Far in Constantinople is Minor Claim Neutral Dispatches—Losses in Poland Extremely Heavy During Past Few Days—Taubes Circle Over Rheims Dropping Bombs.

Berlin, March 30.—Russian losses the last three days in Poland and East Prussia totaled 10,000 killed, wounded and captured, dispatches to the war office state. The war office has declared that 2000 Russians were killed and 3000 captured in the fighting around Krasnopol alone. One thousand prisoners were taken with the capture of Tauraggen.

Russians Bombard Ottoman. Constantinople, March 30.—The Russian fleet has again appeared at the entrance of the Bosphorus and directed desultory shell fire against the outer forts. An official statement declared no damage had been done of consequence.

Airmen Attack Church. Paris, March 30.—The ancient cathedral at Rheims is under bombardment again, from the air as well as land. The bombardment is of unusual violence. With German guns roaring and pouring in shells, taubes circling high above dropping bombs on the streets, more civilians are being wounded and killed. The cathedral was struck again.

JONES ELECTED SECRETARY. Meredith Resigns to Accept Similar Position at North Yakima. Salem, March 29.—(Special)—W. A. Jones, Representative in the Legislature from Walla and Union counties, was today appointed secretary of the State Fair to succeed Frank Meredith, who had accepted an offer of the secretaryship of the Washington State Fair. Mr. Meredith will go to North Yakima, where the fair is held, at once.

After the resignation of Mr. Meredith, who was notified over long-distance telephone of his appointment by the Washington Commission, while the meeting was being held here, Mr. Jones tendered his resignation as a member of the State Fair Commission to Governor Withycombe and was immediately appointed secretary by a unanimous vote. To curtail expenses the Commissioners decided to abolish the office of farmer at the fair grounds, the new secretary to take up his residence there and attend to that work.

Mr. Jones, generally known as "Al" Jones, is a son of T. B. Jones, of this city, and lived here until four years ago. Mr. Meredith has been secretary of the State Fair about five years and under his management it has become one of the most important fairs of the West. The indebtedness was large until two years ago, when there was a record-breaking attendance and all debts were paid.

The members of the board are J. H. Booth, of Roseburg; N. K. West, of La Grande; Mrs. Edith Tozier Weathered, of Portland; and W. H. Savage, of Corvallis. Governor Withycombe is expected to appoint a successor on the board to Mr. Jones in a few days.

Mr. Booth was elected president; Mr. Savage, vice president; and the Ladd & Bush Bank, treasurer.

Mr. Jones is an expert agriculturist and horticulturist and has had much experience in exhibiting stock at state fairs. He was superintendent of the pavilion at the State Fair several years ago and has been superintendent of stock at the Walla Walla County Fair, one of the best county fairs in the state, for three years. He has been a member of the state board three years.

NO JURY REPORT

Grand Jury Still Wrestling With Rumors and Accusations.

Late this afternoon no report has been filed by the grand jury, called together yesterday. The number of witnesses called indicates the jurors have more cases before them than those publicly known to be ready for consideration.

Hotel Clerk in City. Dan Van Housen, an old-time hotel clerk of this city now at the Antlers in Baker, is in the city today visiting old friends.

Owners of British Ocean Liners Greatly Alarmed And Passenger Boats Leave Under Heavy Escort

ON THE TRAIL OF A TORPEDO, DREADED BY COMMERCE.



The picture shows the white wake from a torpedo just launched by a submarine. The torpedo, after it enters the water, is propelled by its own power. A tiny engine operated by compressed air turns the propeller which is attached to the end of the torpedo, and it is the bubbles of the escaping air rising to the surface that makes the white streak of foam by which the course of the torpedo can easily be traced.

PERRY DOG GIVES CHASE TO LADIES

CANINE BELIEVED RABID SHOWS MUCH FIGHT.

Fight With Coyote Precedes—Women Escape Dog's Poisoned Fangs by Narrow Margin.

Perry, March 30. (Special)—Mrs. Andrew Howell and Rena Coalwell had a narrow escape from a mad dog yesterday. Several days ago the dog, belonging to Chas. Coalwell went into the hills with Harry Coalwell and while in the timber a mad coyote attacked it. It was a hard struggle to beat the coyote off as Mr. Coalwell had no gun and had to use a club, until the beast released itself and ran off. This morning the dog went mad. While Mrs. Howell and her sister were in the yard and the dog made a dive for them but they stepped out of his path and the dog missed them, running into the fence—the shock knocking it down—but the beast was on its feet in a moment and turned and started after the ladies again. They reached the door of the house just in time to save themselves from being bitten. The dog was shot shortly after.

COVE GRANGE MEETS

Cove, March 29.—(Special)—Union County Pomona Grande met with Mt. Fannie Grange, Saturday, March 27. A business meeting took up the great part of the forenoon. The sisters Fannie Grange band furnished music for dinner at noon to which the Pomona Grangers did justice. The Mt. Fannie Grange band furnished music throughout the day. There was a good attendance of both members and visitors.

The lecturer took charge of the following program.

Music by Grange band
Song by Grange
Recitation—"Chores," Wallace Pease
Address—"Sociability in the Grange" C. D. Huffman
Vocal Solo—"Jewel of Asia" Miss Hayes

Instrumental Solo Eudella Gray
Address—"Pests" C. C. Cate
Select Reading Mrs. C. E. Golden
Recitation—"Katrina's Visit in New York" Mrs. C. E. Trueblood

Vocal Solo Mrs. G. M. Gray
Address—"Financial Side of the Grange" A. P. Davis

"Shamrock" Drill by the children
The drill was in charge of Mrs. B. E. Anderson and was highly appreciated by the Grangers.

The Pomona Grange will hold their next quarterly meeting at the Union Experimental Station on the third Saturday in June.

Convict Prison Architect

Denver, Mar. 30.—Eight years ago Leslie E. Francisco could neither read nor write. He was convicted of the aiding in the murder of a man sentenced to the penitentiary. Now his sentence is commuted. In two months he will be free, and not only can he read and write but is a capable architect.

Warden Tom Tynan, of the Colorado state prison brought Francisco to light when he came to Denver to urge Governor Carlson is approval, of a \$10,000 appropriation to fit out the new administration building at the penitentiary. He brought along the plans of the building. They were drawn by Francisco, and were as complete as any architect could turn out.

North Dakota At El Dorado

Fargo, N. D. Mar. 30.—Bank deposits in Fargo represent between \$500 and \$600 for every man and woman and child in this city, according to announcement today. The per capita throughout the United States is \$37.15. Aggregate deposits total \$9,000,000.

GERMAN CAMPS WILL BE SEEN

AMERICAN COMMISSION TO SEE PRISONERS.

Reports Will Then Be Sent to All Nations Embraced in War.

(By CARL ACKERMAN.)

Berlin, March 30.—(Copyrighted 1915, United Press. Copyrighted in Great Britain.)—Germany has agreed to throw open her prison camps for inspection by the American commission. American Ambassador Gerard made that announcement today. England, it is understood, has made the same offer and trips of inspection will begin upon arrival of the commission in Europe.

Ten Americans will constitute the commission, according to the present plans. They will visit 47 camps in Germany. Every effort will be made by the authorities to see that the probe of the condition of military prisoners is free and unhampered.

Copies of the commission's report will be forwarded to each belligerent nation. The report will embody a recommendation to warring powers to adopt uniform prison policy regarding supplies, correspondence and treatment by guards, it is expected.

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HOLD ON F-4 SLIPS OFF AND RESCUE IS HALTED

ROSEBURG, BANKER INDICTED

Portland, March 30.—The federal jury today found T. H. Sheridan of Roseburg guilty on two counts of willfully converting funds of depositors to his own use.

ENGLISH CUSTOM FOLLOWED

Hot Cross Buns to Be Consumed Freely Here Good Friday

La Grande is getting ready to eat hot cross buns Good Friday, and local food merchants, at least enough of them, will stock up on the supply to provide all who wish to observe this ancient custom.

Hot cross buns will be a feature on the tables of numerous La Grande people, the old English custom of eating them on Good Friday being still observed by many. The custom does not find so many adherents here as in the past, but nevertheless it is said to be becoming more and more into favor and bakers are preparing to handle a greater demand this year than ever before and are featuring hot cross buns in their advertisements.

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EQUIPMENT ON HAND NOT LARGE ENOUGH TO HOLD

WORK SUSPENDED AND ENGINEERS IN CHARGE HOLD NEW CONFERENCE

DIVING BELL IS READY FOR WORK DURING DAY

After Re-Locating the Ill-Fated Ship, Hold Slips and for a While Tug Tries to Drag Submarine Inland—Partial Success Results, but Work Is Abandoned for the Present.

Honolulu, March 30.—After tugging with the F-4 for two days, the hold the dredger California had on the ill-fated craft which went down with 19 men in her, broke again early today. Before letting go the California had dragged the submarine 563 feet toward shore.

The dredger Navajo retained its hold however and continued to struggle alone with the hulk. It is still more than 40 fathoms under water. The diving bell will be ready this afternoon.

Attempts to raise the F-4 were suspended temporarily late today. Cables, chains and tackles available for use by the vessels in salvage are inadequate. The halt was called while Rear Admiral Moore and engineers directing the operations held a conference.

Daniels Going to Honolulu.

Washington, March 30.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels is going to Honolulu with the American war squadron, it is learned to day. Definite announcement in connection with the outline of the plans for the cruise will be announced in the near future.

After a series of two maneuvers on the Atlantic coast, he will come to the Pacific via the canal.

Daniels said about 20 ships will be taken on the cruise which will extend up the Pacific as far as Bremerton, Wash. From Bremerton the secretary will return to San Francisco and after a brief stay will cruise to Hawaii.

Wool Growers in Baker This Week.

Baker, March 30.—The meeting of Eastern Oregon and Southern Idaho woolgrowers in this city April 1 and 2 will be held in the council chamber of the city hall, use of the chamber being donated by the city. According to a recent communication from President Falconer of the Oregon Woolgrowers' association, which has been boosting the meeting, the matter of the program has been left to the executive committee and the names of speakers have not yet been given out.

All that could be done locally has been looked after by the Commercial club, and letters received from prominent sheep men indicate that the attendance will be large. A banquet on the evening of April 2, at which Messrs. Miles Lee of this city and R. N. Stanfield of Stanfield will be the hosts, will close the two days' session.

Big Wrestling Card

San Francisco, Mar. 29.—The A. A. U. championship of the Pacific coast will be decided at a tournament to begin here tonight. The contests are open to all registered athletes of the Pacific Association of the A. A. U. There will be eight events, with weights ranging from 108 pounds to the unlimited weight class. Each contest will be catch as catch and will be staged under the A. A. U. rules.

Cinder Path Event

San Francisco Mar 30.—The University of Illinois track and field team arrived in Berkeley today to participate in the dual meet with the University of California to be staged April 5. The Illinois team consisted of 20 men and is conceded to be one of the strongest track teams of the Middle West.

Graduate Manager Street turned over an entire fraternity house to the team and provided the visitors with a cook to prepare special meals so their tastes they figure on a good meal for athletes to come.

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