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EIGHT SHIPS ON ROCKS

**STORM OFF CAROLINAS DOES
TERRIFIC DAMAGE TO
SHIPPING INTERESTS.**

**EXTENT OF HUMAN TOLL
HARD TO ASCERTAIN**

Coast Guard Vessels Rushing Full Steam to Relief of Upturned Vessels—Several Bottom Side Up and Waterlogged—Expected That Some of the Crews Have Been Drowned.

Washington, April 8.—Eight vessels were wrecked off the coast of North Carolina last night and this morning. The Coast Guard service has ordered every available revenue cutter in the vicinity at full speed to aid the ships. Whether the loss of life is severe is not known and it is hard to get facts. The storm is terrific. It is regarded as likely that the crews of some of the ships have perished, however.

The wrecked vessels are, the schooner Alice Murphy, ashore; the schooner Lizzie B. Wiley, capsized, aground, waterlogged; two unidentified vessels overturned and stranded; a third unidentified vessel has only one mast above water; the schooner Cressy, and the barges Clinola and Northwestern are all in distress.

FAIR VISITORS CONTINUE.

Eastern Oregon Still Sending Its Quota to the Fair.

By W. E. MEACHAM.

Panama Exposition, San Francisco, April 3.—(Special)—Eastern Oregon people still drop in and are always welcome. The following have registered with us the past week:

F. W. Hambl, La Grande; J. Horrell, Lostine; Don Shintaffer, Walla; Harry E. Wright, Heppner; H. Jeldress, Halfway; J. N. Crafton, The Dalles; Thos. Wade, Island City; W. B. McCarty and wife, Baker; Fred L. Olmstead, Vale; H. Workman, Freewater; Joe Morris and J. P. Rector, Burns.

The past two days have been warm and bright in contrast to the rainy weather of the past week.

This is Easter Sunday and the fair ones are out on dress parade in all their finery.

FRUIT OUTLOOK GOOD.

Cherries and Prunes Are Especially in Demand—Immigrants Coming.

Karl J. Stackland, Cove Orchardist, has returned from the East where he visited fruit centers in the interest of his crops for both the past and future. Cherries and Prunes are in demand and the fruit prospects in general are bright but with these two varieties especially so.

On his trip Mr. Stackland found many immigrants are coming west this summer, he reported while in the city today. The inquiries for Oregon data was extensive, and a general tide of immigrants and fair visitors is soon to begin in earnest, he predicts.

NORWAY FOR PEACE.

Hot Lake Man Returns from Ten-Months' Stay in Norway.

Asserting that Norway is for peace and neutrality, but that the rank and file of the Norwegians have their doubts about the government's success is belief of L. Melgarde, a masseur at Hot Lake who returned from Tronjem and other Norway points. Mr. Melgarde met with no serious obstacles on his return, sailing for America from English soil.

Norwegians, said he today while in the city from Hot Lake, are for peace and government is for peace, but just how successful these neutrality elements will be, remains to be seen. He found more or less the same thing to be true in Sweden and Denmark, according to reports he gleaned in Norway.

Mr. Melgarde, accompanied by his brother Gus, were in the city today on business matters, returning on the noon train.

SEND WHEAT BY MAIL, CAR LOTS

**ISLAND CITY POSTOFFICE TO
GET BIG ORDER**

Island City Wheat Being Sent to Burns by Parcels Post—Spuds for John Day Same Way.

Wheat by the carload lot, broken up into 50-pound packages, is being shipped by parcels post to Burns today. The Sawyer-Clark company is the shipper, and the grain will be loaded out of Island City's postoffice.

The order was filled on condition that the wheat was to be sent by parcels post, and the merchants here promptly attended to the proposition.

An order for a carload of potatoes for John Day is also being considered by the same firm, and if it is filled, the parcels post method will be used by the shippers. In both of these instances, the destinations are off the mainlines.

NEUTRAL ZONE PLAN FAILURE

**CARRANZA, ALONE OF THREE
LEADERS OPPOSES.**

Villa's Forces in Retreat After Stinging Whipping.

Washington, April 8.—Attempts to have Mexico City declared a neutral zone, have failed. Secretary Bryan admitted his plan was blocked by refusal of Carranza to comply with suggestions from the administration. Villa and Zapata agreed, but Carranza wouldn't.

Washington, April 8.—In a desperate battle near Calaya, the army of General Obregon defeated Villa's forces, according to claims of Carrankistas. The Villaista losses are declared to exceed 200 in dead and wounded. Carrankistas are pursuing the retreating forces.

MAKING MANY CHANGES

La Grande Meat Company, Inc., Rearranging Store.

Under the new management the La Grande Meat Co., Inc., is making a number of changes in the interior of their store. The front of the building is to be moved out to the sidewalk, the book-keeper's room has been changed to the extreme front of the building and encased in glass and a private office now occupies the space formerly used by the book-keeper.

INTERMENT DELAYED

Formal Action by Eitel Awaits Instructions.

Newport News, April 8.—Formal interment of the Prinz Eitel, German cruiser, announced last night as necessary, was delayed today pending instructions from Washington.

SHERIFF FINDS BULLION TAKEN BY 2 BANDITS

**RYE VALLEY RESIDENTS SUSPECTED OF COMPLICITY
IN STAGE ROBBERY.**

**BANDITS ARE STILL AT
LARGE REPORTS POSSE**

Seven Thousand Stolen From Stage Coach, Found Near Scene of the Robbery—Sheriff Telephones to Baker That He Has Two Men and a Woman Under Suspicion There.

Baker, April 8.—Gold bullion, worth \$7,000.00, secured by the two masked bandits who held up the Rainbow mine stage on Monday, was found in a cache a half mile from the scene of the robbery, according to word from Sheriff Anderson. The sheriff suspects that three residents of Rye Valley, two men and a woman, have complicity in the robbery.

BANDITS NOT CAPTURED

Baker County Posse Fail to Land Rainbow "Yeggs."

Rye Valley, Ore., April 7.—One of the posesses engaged in searching for the two bandits who held up the Rainbow mine stage on Monday returned to the mine this afternoon and Sheriff Anderson and several others came in this morning, reporting nothing but failure. The others are still continuing the search and Sheriff Ben Brown, with the Malheur county posse, is still in the hills. Nothing has been said by the officers, but opinion is expressed here at the mine that a different line of investigation is to be taken up.

Baker, April 7.—Sheriff Anderson was not in communication with the office here all day yesterday, but after he had been at the Rainbow mine a phone message came from there to Deputy Sheriff Herbert. There was absolutely no new information, and while the developments of the last 24 hours indicate that something has been learned, its nature is only conjecture.

Mr. Bramwell Better.

Word received by Lester Bramwell, ticket clerk at the O.-W. offices, from his brother F. C. Bramwell, states that their father who is critically ill at Medford was slightly improved yesterday afternoon.

Motor Fans to Meet.

There will be an important meeting of the Motorcycle club and all those who are interested or wish to belong, next Saturday evening in the Security Land & Savings company office.

INDUSTRIAL EXPERT TO ATTEND PEACE CONFERENCE.



E.A. Filene

Industrial interests will be represented on the Emergency Peace Conference by Edward A. Filene of Boston, vice president of the International Congress of the Chambers of Commerce.

Filene has traveled extensively in this country and Europe for the purpose of studying business and industrial problems. Peace advocates from all parts of the country, representing all classes of people, will attend the first conference to be held soon in Chicago.

DOG-MUZZLING LAW STRINGENT

Passage of an amended dog-muzzling ordinance was effected last evening when the city commission met in regular form. Due to the spread of rabies throughout the Eastern part of the state, and the close proximity of evidences of the disease to La Grande, in that at least two rabid coyotes have been killed on the outskirts of the city, the previous ordinance was not sufficiently stringent to effectively cope with the situation. The ordinance as passed last evening is unusually stringent. It makes it punishable for any person within the city to kill without further notice, any dog found running at large without a wire muzzle on it. President Russell was absent but Commissioners Gardner and Palmer voted for the measure and acting President Gardner signed the ordinance. It becomes effective next Saturday. It is also a severe offense for anyone to interfere with anyone else killing an unmuzzled dog, and the measure provides special requirements for the pound master to observe in enforcing this ordinance.

Defective Chimneys Deplored.
The monthly reports of the various officers were heard and considerable business discussed. The matter of defective chimneys came up for consideration and it was suggested that building inspectors condemn such as are found to be defective.

A warrant for \$14.00 issued to Peter Nelson in 1906 was the subject of an affidavit coming before the commission. Mr. Nelson contends the original one was burned after it had been given to him.

HOLLAND REPORTED TO BE MASSING TROOPS QUIETLY

Today's Oddest Story

Cleveland, April 8.—Whether or not Mrs. Sarah Hotchkiss, 85, should or not wear corsets was one point on which she and Cyrus, her husband, could never agree. This was the testimony of Mrs. Hotchkiss when she pleaded for a divorce: "He said corsets injured my health, I said they didn't, and I took him to a doctor and proved it. Once he threw me down and cut off my corset with a knife. He would get up in the morning and burn corsets."

Illinois Plays Vanderbilt

Nashville, Tenn., April 8.—The University of Illinois nine today plays Vanderbilt University on the form-southern spring tour.

INVASION BY GERMANS SAID TO BE LIKELY

**ENGLISH PAPERS GIVE MUCH
SPACE TO RUMORS
CURRENT.**

**NEUTRAL CRITICS CAN
SEE NO REAL CAUSES**

Invasion Rumored to Be Likely and It Is Said Dutch Have Already Commenced to Mass Their Troops Along the Dutch-Belgian Frontier—French Losses Reported Heavy.

London, April 8.—Wild reports that Germany and Holland are quietly massing troops on the Dutch-Belgian frontier, coupled with incredible rumors that Germany is about to invade Holland, came from English sources in The Hague, Amsterdam and other Dutch cities today.

London papers, for obvious reasons, laid great stress upon the reports. In neutral quarters it is said that while public opinion in The Netherlands has shown the greatest concern as the result of the reported attacks upon Dutch shipping, the situation was such as to warrant the belief that an outbreak is imminent.

Petrograd, April 8.—German reinforcements have temporarily halted the Russian forward movement near Luknow Pass, it is semi-officially admitted. Russians southeast of Smolnik have continued to press successfully in the direction of Ussuk and forces are being re-distributed to meet the reinforced enemy near Vidrony. Heavy artillery engagements are now in progress, as Russians are delaying the renewal of infantry attack pending arrival of reinforcements.

Berlin, April 8.—Renewing fierce assaults upon German lines between the Meuse and Moselle rivers, the French have maintained severe losses, according to the war office. The French are pouring men into the fight to face the death-dealing artillery fire, it is declared.

Russian Jews Exiled.
Berlin, April 8.—Eighty thousand Jews have been driven homeless from Warsaw by Russians, according to information given out today.

UNION THEFT CHARGED

Suspect Captured at North Powder and Tried at Union Today.

Baker, April 8.—Acting on information furnished by Sheriff Hug, of Union county, Constable C. R. Bowman took a 14-mile trip up the Powder river this morning and captured Loren (Alvie) Haines, wanted for the theft of a diamond ring and a gold watch in Union over a week ago. Haines was found at the house of his half brother, Thomas Haines. He told where the ring might be found but could not give the location of the watch, as the latter had been pawned, it is said.

Haines is charged with stealing some rings from Mrs. F. C. Dreher, of Union, and he is now there held for preliminary hearing.

Stage and Society Tango

New York, Apr. 8.—Stage stars and society leaders will mingle tonight at the annual ball of the Allied Arts, for the benefit of the Actors Relief Fund of America at the Hotel Astor. The Lambs, Friars, Players and Screen clubs and other allied organizations will be represented.

Aid For Polish War Victims

New York, April 8.—To secure funds for war relief work in Poland the American Polish Relief committee will hold a ball tonight at the Hotel Diltmore. Another Pageant is planned next week.

ONE A GENIUS AND THE OTHER ACCUSED OF THEFT.



Winifred Sackville Stoner, Genius.

New York, April 8.—Winifred Sackville Stoner, twelve years of age, is an admitted genius. She knows eight languages. She has already studied as much as the college graduate who

quits school at twenty. Albertine Marlowe, also bright and alert, is accused of having robbed a woman who befriended her of \$1,000. She does not worry about it.

Albertine Marlowe, Accused of Theft.

Winifred is the daughter of James Buchanan Stoner. Her mother has educated her, and she said she began

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