

BRITISH LOSS IN LIVES PUT AT 139,347

ELEVEN DIE WHEN ENGLISH
STEAMER IS TORPEDOED
OFF HOLLAND COAST.

NEWS RECEIVED FROM THE EAST DIFFERS

London in Doubt as to the Outcome in
Carpathian Mountains, One Report
Claiming Success for Slavs and An-
other for the Teutons—Total Losses
to Date Given Out.

London, April 15.—British casual-
ties from the beginning of the war to
April 11 are 139,347, it is announced
in the House of Commons today by
Under Secretary of War Tennant.

Eleven Lose Lives.
Eleven lives were lost when the
steamer Ptarmigan was torpedoed in
the North sea by a German sub-
marine. Seven were rescued. The at-
tack was made a few miles off the
coast of Holland.

Sharp Differences Seen.
Sharply conflicting reports as to
the situation in the Carpathian moun-
tains have been received here, from
Petrograd and Berlin, and they have
left military authorities in doubt as to
the outcome. One report says the
Germans are ready to retreat and the
other says the Germans and Austrians
are holding back the Russians.

Western Broncos are War's Victims.

Denver, Apr. 15.—The European
war promises to mark the final pass-
ing of the wild horse of the range, the
disappearance of the bucking bronco,
so long associated with the West.

Even now there are practically no
wild horses such as once roamed the
ranges and with the inroads being
made upon the herds of the West by
the war, his half-civilized brother,
Thousands of horses have been taken
from Colorado, Wyoming and other
western states. Not only have British
and French buyers invaded this
section, but representatives of the
Italian government have combed the
country for mounts. During the last
few weeks an Italian buyer purchas-
ed several hundred horses and so
great was his haste to get them to
his home country that they were sent
by express from Denver to the East
instead of by freight. There they
were to be hurried aboard a steamer
for Italy.

Several million dollars have been
spent for these horses for war pur-
poses. The greatest demand, of
course, is for stout, sound horses
capable of work as cavalry mounts or
for artillery. The entire country has
been gone over two or three times by
buyers for different countries and
still the demand has not been filled.
This draining of the west of
horses means that in the rehabilita-
tion a better breed of horses will be
produced. It is this that sounds the
death knell of the bronco. The gov-
ernment has been working for years
encouraging the breeding of
better horses. Stallions and mares
of standard breeds draft and general
purpose horses have been placed
and are already influencing the
general trend for development of the
horses in the sections in which the
work of the government is being cen-
tered. As the demand for horses to
replace those sold for war service
increases, it will be animals of better
breeds which will take their place.

Another factor having a great in-
fluence, is the fencing of ranches—
something which was unknown in years
gone by. This ended the day of the
wild horse and the bronco, although
given to bucking and pitching, has
gradually become tamer and more
domesticated.

There was time when it was not
so very difficult to find a horse in the
West which no human being could
ride. That day has now gone by.
The last great horse of this stripe
was "Steamboat," which died only
this year. It is claimed that no man
ever rode Steamboat legitimately.
The greatest riders of the entire West
tried and failed, all finally being
thrown in some way or other.

When the British government was
purchasing horses for use in the
Boer war it was necessary to employ
brood busters, who spent weeks
bratting the prospective mounts
for British cavalymen, before they
were conquered and sufficiently sub-

NEW EXHIBIT IS PUT UP AT FAIR

EASTERN OREGON REPRESENTED
TWO TIMES

Agricultural Building Has Unem-
bellished Display of Eastern Ore-
gon Grains and Soil Products

San Francisco, Calif. Apr. 11.—
(Special) Besides the main exhibit
in the Oregon Building Eastern
Oregon has an exhibit in the Palace
of Agriculture.

On a background of green is ar-
ranged a neat display of grains and
grasses in sheaf.

"Eastern Oregon" is worked out
in large letters made of corn and the
"Land of Plenty" is made of heads
of different grains.

The center decoration consists of
a large bunch of white and yellow
corn on the cob and the outline of the
shield is worked out with barley
heads.

On the incline is shown apples and
grain in sheaf. A great log, twenty
feet long has been sawed in two and
made into rustic tables. On one is
shown small pyramids of corn and
dishes of threshed grain; on the other
is a fine display of threshed wheat,
oats, barley, rye, timothy, and alfalfa.
To the right is a large pyramid of
corn which does not show in the pic-
ture.

The booth is made of Oregon logs
on which are hung pictures illustra-
tive of the farm life of the section
and neatly worded placards telling
of the resources and possibilities of
this great section of the state. J. A.
Lackey of Ontario and W. E. Meach-
am of Baker represent Eastern Ore-
gon and have had charge of the in-
stallation of the exhibits. No effort
has been made to make a spectacular
display, the idea being to bring the
actual products of the soil before the
people free of embellishment.

GIRL REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS

MISS BROWN WILL NO DOUBT
RECOVER SPEEDILY.

Team Required to Lift Upturned Ma-
chine off Young Lady.

Miss Hanna Brown, the young lady
very critically injured yesterday noon
when an automobile in which she and
John Ormond were enjoying a non-
day ride across the valley turned
turtle with them, is today resting
nicely at the hospital. She has re-
gained her consciousness and there
is now every reason to believe that
recovery will be speedy.

In the excitement of the scene yester-
day all the details of the accident
didn't come to light. The couple were
running about 15 miles an hour they
say when in some way while swerving
the front wheels, the front axle
buckled driving the nose of the car
into the ground and turning the car
completely over. Mr. Ormond was
not able himself to lift the car off the
girl, neither was he when aided by a
farmer boy who happened to be near
and it was not until a team had been
hitched to the car that the load was
taken off the girl's neck.

She was brought in late last even-
ing and taken to the hospital.

due to the saddle to satisfy the
government agent. This year there
is little evidence that the British or
French are in danger of suffering
casualties through encountering the
American horses.

Constant association with man
through the years between the Boer
war and the present, instead of
roaming over unfenced plains, has
had its influence on the horse. The
"never say die" fighter spirit of the
old bronco in his struggle against
the touch of leather and his intense
hatred of man, because he was re-
presentative of enslavement to the
saddle, has slowly flickered out. Breed-
ing and association has brought about
the inevitable. Within a few year it
will probably be hard for even a "wild
west" show manager to find western
horses which will buck constantly
and consistently, as though he meant
it.

CLIMATIC DATA.
Climate data, based on read-
ings for 24 hours ending last
night at 6 o'clock:
Maximum 60; Minimum 37.
Temperature at 12:30 today,
73.

FREIGHT TRAIN LOADED WITH SILK IS ROBBED

Fifty Thousand in Silk Loaded Into Auto
Trucks and Removed

ENGINEER'S BRAVERY READS LIKE FICTION PLOT

Buffalo, N. Y. Apr. 15.—Twenty
masked robbers held up the New
York Central's fast freight near
Sarnon early today and escaped
with silks valued at \$50,000 which
was loaded into automobile trucks.

The robbery is unique in railroad
history. The train was enroute
from Buffalo to Chicago. When 15
miles from Boston it was stopped
by an armed gang. Engineer Mor-

Elgin Will Be Host To Next Meeting of Presbyterians

All business has been transacted, the
last prayer said, and adjournment
taken, departure of many of the dele-
gates a fact, and only the closing
ceremony a social function—remains
as the physical earmark of the an-
nual Grande Ronde Presbytery held
in this city.

In the parlance of politics, the big-
gest plum at the disposal of the con-
vention went to Rev. William Baird of
Baker, who was chosen principal
commissioner to the general as-
sembly of the church in Rochester.
His alternate was D. K. Laurie of Baker.
The Elders' delegates are E. H.
McDonald, of Nyssa, principal, and
Fred Loeey of Ironside alternate.
The assembly meets in May.

Elgin will be the meeting place of
the next semi-annual Grande Ronde
Presbytery. That town was selected
today at a business session held just
prior to adjournment in time to al-
low delegates from the east to get
out on the noon train. Evert Smits
was chosen stated clerk and consid-
erable business was transacted
during the day's early session.
Last evening and yesterday after-

KAISER AND KAISERIN IN DAYS BEFORE WAR



THAT THE "WAR LORD" IS NOT ALL "WAR LORD" AND HAS
MANY DISTINCTLY HUMAN CHARACTERISTICS IS SHOWN BY
THIS INTERESTING PICTURE OF THE KAISER AND KAISERIN,
TAKEN BEFORE THE PRESENT CONFLICT BROKE OUT AND DE-
PICTING THEM AS THEY WERE BEFORE THE CARES AND TROU-
BLES BEGAN TO TELL ON THEM.

GENTLE-VOICED "LADY LAWYER" IS TERROR TO CRIMINALS.



MRS. VAN LEUVAN.
When the burly burglar and
the nimble porch climber are
brought into court in Muskogee,
Okla., these days, the prosecutor
they face is a gentle-voiced, fluffy-
haired young woman—Mrs. Kath-
eryn Van Leuvan, assistant county
attorney of Nowata county.
Mrs. Van Leuvan didn't use po-
litical pull to get her office—she's
one of the best lawyers in Nowata
county, the daughter of a lawyer,
the wife of a lawyer, and she got
her appointment on merit as a
lawyer. Mrs. Van Leuvan is her
husband's partner in the law firm
of Van Leuvan & Van Leuvan.

START SURVEY FOR NEW DAM

PRELIMINARY DETAILS AT-
TENDED TO EARLY.

Clean-up Week Provided for by City
Commissioners.

Preliminary surveys of the intake
at Beaver creek and immediately sur-
rounding country, will be taken at
once as an initial step to-
wards construction of a dam to sup-
ply added volume to the city's water
plant. City Engineer L. D. Howland
and Water Superintendent L. M.
Hoyt will leave for the intake within
a few days to conduct this survey for
the purpose of making application
to the government for the right to
build the dam. This step out of the
way, the city can then decide upon
the nature of the dam and the time
of construction. The task is no small
one however, and it will require sev-
eral days to complete it.

This decision was reached at the
mid-week session of the city com-
mission last evening. Commissioner
John Gardner presiding in the ab-
sence of President Russell. By com-
mencing the preliminary work, the
details with the Washington office can
be carried along and be completed
by the time the city is ready for ac-
tion.

Satisfactory disposal of an over-
flowed ditch in North La Grande
was taken up with taxpayers from
that section of the city.

Cleanup Prepared For

The matter of cleanup week which
starts next Monday occupied atten-
tion of the commission. The work will
be commenced in South La Grande
and vigorously prosecuted Northward.

General Manager's report for the
week ending April 10th 1915:
The water superintendent employ-
ed two men at a cost of \$34.50 for the
week repairing and installing two
taps and meters.

The engineer made new plats and
estimates for paving alley in block
107, also gave lines and grade at
various places.

The street superintendent spent
\$135.50 for labor and teams includ-
ing \$27.00 prison labor. He used
70 1-3 cu. yds. of rock on Second and
Fir streets. Repairs cost \$22.00 a
shovel \$0.75 and meal tickets \$16.80.

There were two roof fires caused
by poor chimneys last week. Used
35 gal chemicals and 26 volunteers
were out.

The police arrested seven besides
one for state. Two drunks; one dis-
orderly; two trespassers, and one ju-
venile. Received \$1.50 for meals served
state prisoners. Fines \$10.00. Meals
served 13. Lights out 3. Had 15
sleepers.

The recorder received \$10.00 fines,
\$15.05 Dist. 82, with \$0.55 interest
thereon. \$11.45 sewer Washington to
Adams with \$3.53 interest thereon.
\$1.50 for meals furnished in state

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DEPOT GROUND TO BE SEEDED, DEPOT REBUILT

WHOLE VACANT AREA WILL BE
PARKED AND SEEDED THIS
SPRING

RUNNERS AND TAXIES PUSHED BACK A BLOCK

Except for Strips at Each End, Whole
Area Between Bolton-Bodmer and
Freight House, Jefferson Curb and
Tracks Will Be Seeded to Grass—
Depot Rearrangement Is Ordered

Extensive parking of the depot
grounds that in itself simultaneously
will greatly beautify the grounds and
drive hotel runners, cabs and taxis to
Jefferson avenue, and rearrange-
ment of the depot building to provide
greater comforts to the public, have
been ordered by O-w officials. Exca-
vation and filling for the parking be-
gins tomorrow morning, and will be
continued until finished. The rear-
rangement of the depot is to come up
shortly.

Big Area Parked

A large area is to be seeded to
grass and parked. A strip 10 feet
will be left on the West end of the
Bolton-Bodmer warehouse for use
of the firm's patrons. Otherwise, all
ground is to be seeded up to the East
end of the depot, south of it to the
Jefferson street curb, including the
area about the express office. A cer-
ment walk will connect the platform
with the terminus of Depot street.

Between Jefferson avenue and the
South side of the depot building, all
is to be parked save a circular drive-
way leading to the main entrance of
the depot. A large double-door en-
trance is to be cut in at the center
of the semi-circle, and baggage and
passengers will be loaded and un-
loaded at that point. The large open
space from Jefferson toward the
track in the center of which the yard-
master's office stands, is also to be
seeded, leaving only a narrow strip
on the east end of the freight office.
The area a block long and a half block
wide has always been one of the bald
vacant spots in that section of the
city and the parking will be a vast
improvement, for which commercial
club and civic associations have long
yearned.

The rearrangement of the depot
will provide a far more satisfactory
room. On the East end, a ladies' rest
room, men's smoking rooms and two
sets of lavatories will be installed,
and the present location of the lava-
tories will be made the main en-
trance to the building and the wait-
ing room's additional floor space. The
ticket office will be made smaller.

While the extensive repairs
probably mean that there will be no
new depot for some little time, yet
the beautiful grounds are to be ar-
ranged at once, and the added facili-
ties in the depot will largely pacify
the public desire for a suitable depot,
it is argued.

Sure Sign of Spring

Pittsburg, Apr. 15.—Judge Joseph
Buffington put on the wood fires in
his chambers in the Federal Building
here this afternoon, stored an English
teapot until November's chill blast
shall have come again and officials
there, friends of the Judge and re-
porters on the "central beat" knew
that spring had arrived.

From mid-November to mid-April
the Judge feeds his open grate from
a pile of cut wood placed each morn-
ing just without the chambers door,
keeps the tea-pot boiling above the
cheerful blaze and for his visitors
brews as fine a tea as may be had
in any of New York's celebrated
"chop-sueys."

SPECIAL TRAIN TO ELGIN
Tonight at 6:30 the Elks
special train pulls out of La
Grande bound for Elgin
where this evening LaGrande
amateurs who are about let-
ter perfect by the way, will
present "In the Bishop's
Carriage." After the show
is over a dance will be partici-
pated in and a general good
time is anticipated by all who
may go. The public is invited
to join with this special, the
round trip being \$1.00.