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German Taubes Scare London

London Fears Raid on English Metropolis Within Few Hours

London, April 16.—Even while the admiralty officials were in conference to devise means to meeting the expected raid by Zeppelins upon London, word was received that German aeroplanes were dropping bombs within 32 miles of London. With the activity shown by the aerial arm of the German war machine the past 48 hours, authorities believe an attack upon London may be made within the next few hours. A dispatch received from Chatham stated an aeroplane dropped several bombs at Faversham, 50 miles from London. Sittingbourne, 32 miles away, was also bombarded.

A British aviator pursued the taube, which fled toward the continent. Count Zeppelin is now at Cuxhaven to direct the expected raid on London. Amsterdam dispatches say. Several Zeppelins of the most recent type have been transported from Emden to Cuxhaven.

It is believed the Germans were on a scouting expedition chiefly, and it is said no damage was done at either of the two principal towns visited.

Bullets Wing Bird

Sheerness England, April 16.—A German taube passed over Sheerness this afternoon and for a time it was believed it had been injured by anti-aircraft guns which opened fire. As the machine was flying toward the sea amidst the fire from British guns it was seen to dip slightly. The watching crowds sent up a cheer but the taube quickly recovered its balance and rose high in the air and disappeared toward the east.

COMPANY TO MANAGE RANCH.

Purchasers of Hartshorn Land Incorporate Their Large Business.

Enterprise, April 16.—The C. L. Hartshorn ranch of about 5400 acres was transferred this week by H. F. Kelly, Frank and George Gildersleeve, who bought it in the winter, to the Washtucna Land and Livestock company.

Mr. Kelly brought the deed from Washtucna, Washington, and had it recorded. Frank Gildersleeve has come from Washington in his automobile, and will remain in town, where he has rented a house, until the time comes to make his home on the ranch. The new proprietors will take possession formally July 1, but will do much work on the place before then, under the personal direction of Mr. Gildersleeve.

Early next month the Washtucna company will bring to the county about 600 cows and half that many calves. They will be driven across country, through Pomeroy, Washington, and the Grouse flat, crossing the Grande Ronde river at Troy, and then proceeding to the forest reserve range at the head of the Cougar creek, where they will graze until fall, when they will be taken to the ranch.

As soon as arrangements can be made, plowing will be begun, with the idea of breaking about 200 acres this spring and putting it in to hay and grain. It is estimated that the ranch has upwards of 1500 acres of plow land, and 1000 of this will be broken and put in to hay and grain without delay.

Bunny May Live.

New York, April 16.—John Bunny,

FOOD SUPPLY IN MEXICO CITY AGAIN RUNNING SERIOUSLY LOW

Washington, April 16.—The food situation in Mexico City is again a concern. Duval West, special agent for the state department, telegraphed Secretary Bryan that price of food stuffs in the Mexican capital is soaring. The food supply in the legations and the embassies is running short. West said that he feared the anti-foreign demonstrations are sure to break out again.

Secretary Bryan has taken steps to learn if it is permissible to ship food stuffs to Mexico City for general relief.

RESERVE BANK CHIEF COMING

ASSISTANT AT SAN FRANCISCO DUE MONDAY

Expected Many National Bank Heads Will Interview Him

Russell Lowry, assistant governor of the regional reserve bank at San Francisco will be in La Grande next Monday evening and Tuesday morning. Local bankers have sent word to cashiers and directors of the national banks of Union and Wallowa counties, there being two at Union one at Elgin, and one in Wallowa, Enterprise and Joseph each.

Mr. Lowry will arrive on the 8:30 train, and that all the national bank officers in this district who are members of the regional bank will be anxious to hear him speak to them is certain. There are many points upon which they would become familiar with through a personal interview with Mr. Lowry, and this all seem anxious to do.

The famous actor rallied today after being in a dying state, and his doctors hope for his recovery.

Eastern Oregon Leads

Panama Exposition, San Francisco, Apr. 12.—(Special) There have been more Eastern Oregon people visit our building than any other part of the state.

The Misses F. and Mary Sommers, of La Grande visited here yesterday. They spent the winter in the Hawaiian Islands and intend to return after visiting the fair.

Others visiting us were Arthur Dledsor, Union, W. E. Sheets, Enterprise; O. A. Mentzer and wife, Pendleton; E. D. Baldwin, The Dalles; Mrs. H. K. Brown and daughter Ethel, Baker; R. W. Parker, and wife North Powder; M. A. Wrightman, Heppner; John E. Long, Ontario.

Besides, many people who at one time lived in our country.

The old battleship Oregon is anchored in the bay and we have had the pleasure and privilege of looking her over from stem to stern.

Capt. F. A. Ramsey, a former Pendleton boy is Captain of marines on board the ship. He was on the historic vessel on her trip from S. F. to Cuba and took part in the encounter that sent the Cristobal Colon to the bottom. Capt. Ramsey has recently seen service at Vera Cruz and was stationed there for several months.

Oregon is now rated as a second class battleship but still has a good scrap or two left in her. She will probably be stationed here until July when the voyage through the canal is expected to take place.

CLIMATIC DATA.

Climate data, based on readings for 24 hours ending last night at 6 o'clock:
Maximum 68; Minimum 36
Temperature at 12:30 today, 73.

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PRESIDENT RUSSELL ILL.

Goes to Hot Lake to Recuperate from Rheumatic Attack.

J. A. Russell, president of the city of La Grande, is now at Hot Lake suffering with rheumatism. He expects to remain several days, until he gains relief at least.

Maine Vs. New Hampshire

Durham, N. H., Apr. 16.—Maine clashes on the diamond with New Hampshire State University.

MEN IN TRENCHES GUARD AGAINST DEADLY FUMES OF BURSTING SHELLS



BRITISH SOLDIERS IN TRENCHES PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM FUMES OF BURSTING SHELLS. THEY TIE WET HANDKERCHIEFS OVER MOUTH AND NOSE, AS SHOWN IN ABOVE PHOTOGRAPH.

CLUBS DIRECT CITY CLEANUP

BUSINESS SECTION SET OFF FOR MEN

Residents Asked to Burn Inflammable Stuff Where Possible

Territorially, the division of responsibility for cleanup week has been agreed upon between the Commercial club and the civic committee of the Neighborhood club. The men will have charge of an area beginning at Third street and Washington and bounded by Washington on the South Greenwood on the East, the railroad tracks on the North and Third street on the West. In that area, President Snodgrass of the commercial club urges that all rubbish and debris be boxed or barreled and be ready to be hauled away by Tuesday at the latest.

Bon Fires to Assist

The general plan is to burn as much as is inflammable on the respective yards. In the business district this is not feasible but in the residence section property owners are asked to burn all that can be burned and thus reduce the amount to be hauled away.

FULL INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN

Civic Committee Issues Suggestions For Cleanup Week

With the state of Oregon and every individual municipal community working on clean-up work, it is but right and proper that La Grande becomes a decided factor in this great work.

Luckily the city has an organization of ladies who take a deep interest in the work and the Neighborhood club's civic section has outlined a few suggestions which should be of vital importance and of great help to the citizens and property owners.

While the state has designated a certain week for clean-up work the proclamation was left flexible so that each city could designate its own time. The La Grande Commission through City Manager Lafky has named the week of April 19 to 26 for the work during which period all assistance possible will be given by the city.

The Neighborhood club members will be busy during that week in their endeavor to assist in organization and perfecting some system to expedite the undertaking. The suggestions offered by the Civic department of that club follow:

1.—Take away all ashes and trash from your back yard, alley or vacant lot.

2.—Do not use vacant lots as dumping grounds—the city has provided grounds for that purpose.

3.—Burn all the rubbish that will burn but be careful of fires—do not set them close to buildings nor during high winds. The garbage wagons will have all they can possibly haul and you will find that a great deal of

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N. W. ALDRICH DROPS DEAD

FORMER STATESMAN OF LONG CAREER PASSES

One of Senate's Foremost Productions Dies Suddenly

New York, April 16.—Nelson W. Aldrich, former United States senator from Rhode Island, and one of the most brilliant senators of modern times, dropped dead in his Fifth avenue home today. He has been in poor health for several months but his illness wasn't considered serious. He was 74 years of age.

Nelson Willmarth Aldrich, Republican, of Providence, was born at Foster, R. I., November 6, 1841; received an academic education; was president of the Providence common council in 1871-1873; was a member of the Rhode Island general assembly in 1875-76, serving the latter year as speaker of the house of representatives; was elected to the House of Representatives of the Forty-sixth Congress and reelected to the Forty-seventh Congress; was elected October 5, 1881, to the United States Senate to succeed Ambrose E. Burnside, Republican, took his seat October 11, 1881 and was reelected in 1886, in 1898 and in 1905.

RANCH AND STORE TRADED

One of Union County's best equipped stock ranches has been traded for a going concern in the north end of Wallowa county. The W. H. Bohnenkamp stock ranch on Little Catherine, about three miles from Union, better known as the Alexander La Buff place, has been traded for the Golden Rule general merchandise store at Flora, acquired by the Golden Rule company of this city some four years ago. It was an even trade, and the valuation attached to either property is approximately \$18,000. Some 50 or 60 head of horses, 17 milch cows and considerable growing stock on the Bohnenkamp ranch do not go with the deal. The ranch represents a total acreage of 860 acres with about 150 cultivated. The house is modern in every respect the barns and buildings are the last word in modern farm equipment. Electric light and running water are wired and piped to every corner of the barn and home.

Little Catherine creek splits the narrow valley in two and supplies adequate water for all purposes.

The Flora store has been built up throughout the vast domain of the North end of Wallowa county and until it has a stock that reaches all that a ranchman needs from pills to combines is handled by the institution. Frank Conner formerly of this city who has been manager for some little time will remain for the present but it is contemplated that Will Erickson and Frank Snyder, at present with the Bohnenkamp com-

kamp company here will eventually take charge.

The present tenant on the Golden Rule ranch will remain on the premises for the time being.

R. W. Logan of the Security Land & Savings company looked after the details of the trade.

Amateur Mat Grapplers Meet

San Francisco, Apr. 16.—The cream of American amateur wrestlers gathered here today for the championship tournament at the exposition. The pick of mat artists were weeded out to meet here at recent elimination contests in New York, Chicago and this city. Events scheduled are in the 108, 115, 125, 135, 158, 175 and over 175 pound.

Kansas Clean-up Day

Topeka, Kans., Apr. 16.—Today was fire prevention and clean-up day in Kansas by proclamation of Governor Arthur Capper.

Miss Brown Improves.

Miss Hanna Brown, victim of an auto accident a few days ago, continues to improve splendidly according to advices from the hospital.

Grain Dealers Convention

Omaha, Neb., Apr. 16.—The Western Grain Dealers' Association, comprising prominent grain men of Iowa and Nebraska, today opened a two day's convention here.

BALKANS MAY ENTER WAR IN A FEW WEEKS

UNWILLING KINGS MAY HAVE TO GIVE WAY TO WISHES OF PEOPLE

PECULIAR CONDITIONS IN BALKANS PREVAIL

Statesmen High In Council of Balkan Affairs Look for Forcible Entry of Balkins into the War Against Germany—Kings of Nearly All the Countries Opposed.

BY HENRY WOOD.

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Nish, Servia, April 16.—By the middle of May all the Balkan states may again be plunged into war for the third time in less than four years. This is the information I have obtained from some of the leading political authorities of Servia and Greece, Greece, Bulgaria and Roumania, as well as Italy, they said, must inevitably be drawn into the conflict, if the all four countries will enter on the side of the allies. A decisive victory for the Russians in the Carpathians may set the ball rolling. The Bulgarian states have two ends they feel they must sometime attain. One is the expulsion for all time of the Turks from Europe and the division among themselves of what remains of European Turkey. The other is to wrest from Austria the province of Bukovina and Transylvania. Roumania and Italy, according to reports in diplomatic circles, will enter the war simultaneously. For six months a secret agreement to that effect is said to have existed between the two countries. Roumania's ambition is to take over Bukovina.

Greece has large colonies in Asiatic Turkey, especially at Smyrna. In addition colonies by the Aegean coast of Asia Sea are filled largely with Greek colonists. Centuries ago not only the colonies by the Aegean coast of Asia Minor were part of Greece and the Mother country is one of the Greek statesmen's ambition.

This is the political aspect in the Balkans as it has been outlined to me. There is an interesting and almost as important a personal side. Three Balkan rulers, the monarchs of Greece, Roumania and Bulgaria, are dynastically allied to the families of the Austro-German block. The wife of King Constantine of Greece is the sister of the kaiser and the Greek king himself is known to have pro-German sympathies. King Ferdinand of Roumania is a German and a Hohenzollern. His wife is a German princess, Czar Ferdinand of Bulgaria is likewise of German blood. He belongs to the house of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha and is also a Hungarian nobleman, with vast estates in the dual monarchy. His wife is German.

Where history is full of instances where rulers have forced unwilling subjects into war, the present Balkan situation promises the reverse.

The subjects—if the statesmen represent the will of the people—may force the unwilling rulers into war.

BAKER DOGLESS COMMUNITY.

150 Less Canines Than Last Year—Many Chloroform Pets.

Baker, April 16.—To avoid paying license fees for their dogs, many people in Baker have chloroformed their pets since Monday, April 12, "Cleanup Day" for dogs. Such is the statement of Mayor Palmer. In addition to this, he has been informed by Dog Catcher Keough, that a number are giving away their dogs to people in the country.

Since Monday \$51 in license has been collected, representing 16 dogs which have a legal right to exist in Baker. According to statistics kept by the dog catcher, there were 150 less dogs in Baker April 1, than on the same date of the year previous.

TODAY'S ODDEST STORY

Tamaqua, Pa., Apr. 16.—While leaning against a radiator in the bar room, in which he is employed as bartender, Frank Kershner was seized with a violent spasm of sneezing, which resulted in the dislocation of his right shoulder. Kershner had been the victim of these involuntary convulsions a number of times heretofore, and on each occasion he dislocated his shoulder.