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Grand Duke Nicholas Reported Shot By Baron Sievers

BULLETS SENT INTO ABDOMEN AFTER QUARREL

WOUND IS SERIOUS DECLARE RUMORS FROM SCENE OF THE ATTACK.

SIEVERS SAID TO HAVE SUICIDED AFTER FIGHT

Boxed Ears Leads to Attack on Commander in Chief of the Russians—Affair Reported to Berlin on Unimpeachable Authority—Sievers Routed by Von Hindenburg.

Berlin, April 17.—Grand Duke Nicholas, commander in chief of the Russian army who is declared to be the greatest war genius in Russia, was shot in the abdomen and seriously wounded by Baron Sievers, according to a story published in the Duisberg General Anzeiger. Sievers was commander of the 10th army corps which was routed by Von Hindenburg in the swamps of Poland and East Prussia. After shooting the Grand Duke, the Baron is declared to have suicided. It is said the attack occurred after a quarrel during which the Grand Duke boxed Sievers' ears. The Anzeiger declared it had received the information from unimpeachable sources.

ODD CASE TRIES.

Wallowa County Litigation Sets Precedent in Jurisprudence.

How Mrs. A. H. Rudd, wife of county surveyor of Wallowa county, has become defendant in a law action to recover \$750, with several years interest from her because her grandfather left her about \$2900, in his will, is told by the Enterprise Record Chief:

"A lawsuit with unusual features was filed in the Wallowa Circuit court last week. It is entitled Roy Rainey and Iva Rainey Davis against Jessie S. Rudd and Arthur H. Rudd of Joseph. The plaintiffs ask for \$750 and interest at 8 percent since 1908. "The complaint recites that in March, 1904, Wm. M. B. Sarrell, at New Augustine, Florida, made out and delivered to Mrs. Annie Rainey his promissory note for \$750, payable one year after his death, with interest after maturity. It was to be payable at the office of John Hipp in Denver.

"In July, 1905, Mrs. Rainey made her last will and testament, by which Roy Rainey and Iva Rainey Davis were named as beneficiaries. They were to receive notes, securities and property of various kinds, after certain specified bequests were paid. Roy Rainey was named in the will as executor.

"Mrs. Anna Rainey died in Florida in August, 1905, and her will was probated and administered in that state. Under this proceeding the complaint asserts the plaintiffs became the owners of the note signed by Mr. Sarrell.

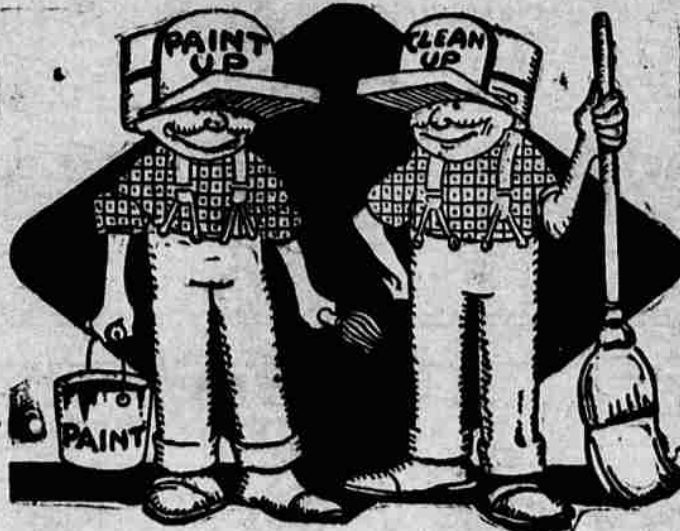
"Following the thread of the complaint, it is stated that Mr. Sarrell in Golden, Colorado, made his will in August, 1906. He made his granddaughter, Mrs. Jessie S. Rudd, and her husband, residuary legatees to receive the bulk of his estate.

"Afterward Mr. Sarrell died in Golden and his estate was administered. This included \$2900 in cash, which was paid to Mr. and Mrs. Rudd under the will.

"The plaintiffs in the present action assert that at no time prior to the making and filing of the decree of final settlement by the Colorado court, in the Sarrell estate, did they have any notice or knowledge of his death. Hence they did not file any notice or claim against his estate based on the note, which was due one year after his death. They state that they had no opportunity to present the note for payment during the period contemplated by law, and now ask that their claim be allowed against Mr. and Mrs. Rudd, as beneficiaries of Mr. Sarrell's will.

"A demurrer has been filed by the defendants in which they set up that the suit was commenced within the

PERTINENT SUGGESTIONS FOR LA GRANDE'S CLEANUP WEEK.



2 HOOD RIVER GIRLS BURNED

FIRE IN RANCH HOUSE CAUSES DEATHS

Widower Father Working In Barn While Girls Were Cremated

Hood River, April 17.—Ruth and Violet Robertson, aged seven and fourteen years, and daughters of Robert Robertson a widower and a rancher, burned to death last night when their house was destroyed. The father was working in the barn at the time of the fire and it is supposed an explosion of some kind enveloped the children in flames instantly.

time limit set by the Oregon law; that the court has no jurisdiction and that the complaint does not state facts sufficient to constitute a basis for action.

La Grande lawyers were much interested in the case but claimed the facts in the article are not sufficiently full to warrant a conclusion being drawn. Some think that the time the administration of the estate in Colorado was kept open will have some controlling influence; while others think that if the estate was finished according to Colorado law the matter of actual notice of death of the grandfather and maker of the note, or of the note not being due, is immaterial. All agree that the jurisdictional steps in the Colorado administration and the form of the will must be able to withstand minute examination.

ROBBERY AT MARSHFIELD.

Man Robbed and Then Thrown Into Bay by Assaulters.

Marshfield, Ore., April 17.—Held up to by two men, Gus Severson of Eureka, Cal., was robbed of \$85.00 and then thrown into the bay early today. Severson clung to piling for an hour before he was rescued.

CLIMATIC DATA.

Climate data, based on readings for 24 hours ending last night at 6 o'clock:
Maximum, 69; Minimum, 38.
Temperature at 12:30 today, 53.

Good weather is on the weather map for next week when the big annual cleanup of streets, allies and back yards starts. Along lines indicated by those in charge in yesterday's Observer, the work will proceed "to the bitter end" and a week from today the fine-comb hunt for rubbish will no doubt be at an end. The last word to citizens is "burn all that can be burned, sack or box the rest and have it ready to be hauled away. Plant flowers and clean front and back yards and allies."

TURKS CERTAIN ALLIES HAVE ABANDONED RAIDS ON STRAITS

Constantinople, April 17.—With official statements announcing another allied warship put out of action in renewed attacks upon the Dardanelles, reports indicate that both Anglo-French and Russian fleets have abandoned serious attempts to reach Constantinople.

Since the last formidable attack upon Dardanelles, land defenses have been restored to their original strength.

Turks have declared themselves to be as well equipped to resist the allied fleet as at the time of the bombardment first opened, while the enemy is said to have suffered serious losses with both ships and men.

Peace Rumors Spurned.

Vienna, April 17.—Reports that Austria has attempted to negotiate separate peace with Russia is utterly unfounded according to the Freidenblatt, the official organ of the government.

French Again Active.

Berlin, April 17.—French have resumed the offensive about Saint Mihiel, concentrating their attack near Flirey, the war office has stated. Evacuation of small positions near Appui is admitted but the main attacks by the French against the German wedge was repulsed, it is stated.

MORE INVASION SEEN

Selby Sees Aerial Visitor Come and Go Without Harm.

London, April 17.—A German aeroplane flew over Selby, 14 miles from York. The appearance of the taube over Yorkshire town represents the fourth aerial invasion of England in 6 hours. One of the finest monastic churches in England is located at Selby.

Up to a late hour no reports have

Warships Investigate Reports of Japanese Naval Base in Turtle Bay

Washington, April 17.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels has announced Admiral Howard commanding the Pacific fleet had diverted the cruiser New Orleans to Turtle Bay in Lower California to investigate the activities

of Japanese warships there. The New Orleans, en route to San Diego, has been ordered to Turtle Bay. Although the government officials don't accept the reports that Japanese have established a naval base as true, a complete investigation has been decided on.

LETTER FROM FRONT

Twelve Yards Separated Writer From German Guns In France

To get a letter from the front, so close to the front that only 12 yards separated the writer from the German trenches, is the experience of Will Pearce today. Jack Halloy, a relative, fighting with the Fifth lancers in the British expeditionary force in France, writes interestingly about things as they are in the trenches. He says he is sorry he cannot disclose his actual whereabouts but he is in France which is all the censors will allow.

He goes on to say among other things: "We have had a proper rough up to our knees in water etc., and plenty of fighting. I belong, as you know to what the Kaiser terms 'General French's contemptible little army' and I have been through it all from the start and hope to be at the finish."

We expect to be on top when it is all over.

We have the Canadians out here now and they are getting along famously, also a good crowd who have come from the States to join our army and they are very keen for it. I was in Dublin for four days on leave and had a royal time of it. Just imagine holidays from war? We are only 12 yards from the German trenches in different parts of the line but we have got the upper hand of it now and it won't last many months more.

MINERS KILLED.

Accidents Reported from West Virginia Mining District.

Bluefield, West Va., April 17.—Three miners were killed in a cave in the Pocahontas mine near Davy. Six men were entombed when the sides of the subterranean chamber collapsed. Three dug their way to safety but the others died before the obstruction was removed. It is believed five others were killed but they emerged at another point.

TODAY'S ODDDEST STORY

Cleveland, Apr. 17.—Discount for cash in paying alimony is an innovation in the common pleas court here. Judge Estep awarded Mrs. Sophia Swick, divorcee, \$1800 alimony, but agreed to cut it to \$1500 if Morris Swick, junk dealer, would pay in thirty days.

Coyote Wounds Mrs. J. B. Fisher

Pasteur Treatment to be Applied to Victim of Coyote Attack

BEAST FOLLOWS LADY TO PORCH DOOR

Mrs. J. B. Fisher, a resident of North La Grande at Fourth and Lake was bitten twice in the hip early this morning by a coyote apparently rabid. The beast sprang upon her when she had gone to the chicken yard at 4:30 to investigate a commotion in the chicken coop. She ran to the house and closed the screen door, the beast following her all the way, rubbing his frothy nose against the screen. Mr. Fisher, aroused from sleep by the commotion, appeared at the back door with his cane and but for his wife's remonstrance would have attacked the beast with his cane, and probably himself have been seriously injured. The beast was later shot by a neighbor. Mrs. Fisher was given treatment within a few minutes and Doctor Hall, the attending physician has turned the brain of the beast over to County Health Officer C. T. Bacon, who has forwarded it to Calvin White, secretary of the state board of health.

One wound penetrated the skin while the other created an abrasion. Mrs. Fisher is the least concerned of any in the family and this will make treatment, for authori-

ties agree that unnecessary alarm often facilitates incubation of the germs. The Pasteur treatment will be used, likely regardless of whether or not rabies is discovered in the coyote by expert analysis. It is a perfectly safe treatment and not difficult to take, consisting of a serum. The clothing tends to cleanse the teeth of saliva and only a small percent of human beings develop rabies after being bitten through clothing.

Pasteur serum has been ordered and will be applied by a local physician without the necessity of Mrs. Fisher going to Portland. The family will not wait for results of the analysis as the earlier the precautionary steps are taken the better, and in case of total absence of rabies the treatment will have done no harm.

Man In Tent Alarmed.

About midnight a man sleeping in a tent near the Fisher home learned that his dog was fighting a coyote and he shouted for someone to come and kill the animal, he very reasonably staying behind shelter. His shouts went unanswered. This dog was shot this morning, as was also another dog thought to have been bitten. Because the coyote is known to have been dashdashing about in the vicinity for several hours it is likely that a score of dogs were attacked and bitten. There is no way to determine the scope of the attacks. Wholesale slaughter of dogs in the vicinity is the only safe precaution.

The dog was finally killed by Oscar Garner, who having heard the commotion equipped himself with a gun and ran out in his unshod feet, and with his wife watching at one side of the house and he on the other, awaited developments. Mrs. Garner saw the coyote approaching and shouted to her husband, who turned and shot the beast while he was yet 10 feet away coming at him ferociously.

Boy's Hand Bitten

Yesterday the three-year-old son of the Bussboom family at 1106 Spring was bitten on the hand by a dog, but it is not known if the bite was a vicious one or one resulting from play. Precautions have been instituted. The dog had a leather muzzle on, that proved the inefficacy of that style of muzzles.

Rabid Dog Slain

A spitz pet dog belonging to the B. M. Rogers family was killed last night because it developed rabies. This was the result, no doubt, of the Oro Dell episode, although the Rogers family kept the dog tied up thereafter, fearing rabies might develop. Last night unmistakable signs were seen and the canine slain.

If conditions don't improve it is likely that both city and state officials will order wholesale slaughter of dogs. In Baker sometime ago over 100 dogs were killed in one campaign a crew taking systematic sweep of the city catching and killing every dog in the district.

BEAUTIFY THE GULLIES

Places Can Be Made Pretty Which Now Are Unsightly

In the clean-up work to be undertaken next week it is well not to overlook the gullies and small creeks around the city. This was called attention to today by one of the foremost ladies. For instance, the creek running out of Deal canyon has been used as dumping ground for tin cans and all sorts of garbage. But it is naturally a pretty spot. Another gully that is unsightly is the one running through the block on Fourth street between M and N streets. All sorts of rubbish is dumped there when it cleaned up it would present a good appearance.

Students Off to School

Fred Kiddie and Homer Leffel, students at Oregon, who have been home for the Easter vacation, are returning to their schools. Mr. Kiddie left this afternoon and Mr. Leffel will be at Eugene Monday morning.