

## COLONEL IS VIGOROUS IN DENUNCIATION

SHOWS TEETH AT JURORS AS HE GIVES TESTIMONY WITH WARMTH.

### DOMINATION OVER G. O. P. IN EMPIRE STATE SHOWN

Smashing Witness Chair with His Fists and Demouncing His Enemy in True Rooseveltian Style, Colonel Roosevelt Presents His Story to the Jury in Barnes Libel Suit.

Syracuse, April 21.—Bringing his fist down on the arm of the witness chair with resounding whacks, his teeth flashing and his indictments ringing out in crisp, jerky phrases, Theodore Roosevelt today portrayed William Barnes as a political boss of the most dominant type.

After the court had ruled that Roosevelt must confine his testimony to evidence having actual bearing on the case, the Colonel launched into an attack upon his political enemy with true Rooseveltian vigor.

He told how Barnes inherited his hold on the Republican machine in New York from the late Senator Platt, and how he strengthened it, how Barnes worked with "Chief" Murphy and other Tammany hall leaders to defeat legislation at Albany. He also recounted other evidence to prove the facts upon which the alleged statements of this suit was based.

### SUBURBAN WOMEN UNITE

Organization of Cemetery Association Contemplated

Next Friday evening the Ladies and society of Island City will conduct a meeting in the church in the suburb, commencing at 7:30, for the purpose of organizing a cemetery association. The invitation to attend is general, and all women interested are invited to be present.

### MRS. ZWEIFEL DEAD.

Woman of Middle Age Succumbs to Paralytic Stroke Today.

Mrs. M. S. Zweifel, for several years a citizen of La Grande, died early today of a paralytic stroke, the fourth she had suffered in recent years. She was seized last Friday and died as a result, at the home of Sam Lewis on Spring street.

Funeral arrangements have not been thoroughly completed on account of absence of some of the relatives. A considerable family survive her. The children are Nate and Walter of this city, Reuben of Lewistown, Mont., Amy Sturgis of Oregon City and Arthur of Malina, Ore. One brother lives at Mollala and a sister in Fond du Lac, Wis.

### MRS. TYLER PASSES.

Mother of Mrs. A. B. Blood Buried Here this Afternoon.

Mrs. Roxie Tyler, aged 79, mother of Mrs. A. B. Blood of May Park, who died yesterday, was buried today. The funeral was held this afternoon from the Bohnenkamp chapel with Rev. R. M. Close officiating.

### Scout Editor in City.

"Colonel" Maxwell, the Brisbane who presides over the Union Scout's destinies at Union, was a La Grande visitor today.

### Today's Oddest Story

Lawrence, Kansas, Apr. 21.—Could this have happened anywhere else than in Kansas?

In a discussion of the anti-screen law recently passed by the Missouri legislature only two students out of twelve in a journalism class at the University of Kansas knew what a screen was. One of these is registered from Missouri. In another class of eleven senior men only two had ever been in a saloon.

"I believe this percentage is true of the other 1500 men students of the University," says prof. Marle Thorpe of the department of Journalism.

## FAIRY GODMOTHER TO SOLDIERS' BABIES.



Countess Madolaine Hunyadi of Hungary, God-Mother of 37 Babies—Children of Men who Have Died in Battle. The Countess Will Pay For the Upbringing of Her Family of Babies.

## JOHN COLLIER LUNCH GUEST

### OLD CRONIES MEET TO BID HIM GOODBYE

Words of Regret Spoken By One Leaving and Those Remaining

Two score friends and co-workers of Commercial club circles in La Grande today paid fitting homage to John Collier, veteran club worker and premier booster who leaves in a day or two for Portland to make his future home, when a luncheon was served at the Sommer grill in Mr. Collier's honor. Mr. Collier expressed his deep regret at leaving La Grande and other speakers touched upon the universal regret in La Grande at the departure of a man who consistently has been aligned with forces for the city's advancement commercially, morally and otherwise.

Fourteen years ago tomorrow John Collier and Mac Wood incorporated the Golden Rule company. For a few months previous to that Mr. Collier had operated a men's furnishing store in a small room in the Huntington building and Mr. Wood had a little store two doors away in the same building. The two agreed to go into business together and for several years the two men were the moving factors in that concern. Eight years ago Mr. Collier sold out his stock in the Golden Rule company and with Charles Clements and others formed the People's store—eight years ago tomorrow.

Mr. Clements expects to go to his ranch after having been connected with business activity for half score or more years.

Mr. Collier has three or four car loads of stock and fixtures ready to ship to Portland tomorrow or the day after, and will himself go to Portland immediately to superintend the opening of the store at Eighth and Alder. J. C. Brill who came to La Grande recently to affiliate himself with the People's store, is to be a member of the new firm in Portland, to be called "The Peoples' company." Mr. Brill has already gone to Portland to look after details there.

For years Mr. Collier has been knitted to the commercial club continuously and when the club slumped the farthest, others forsook it but Mr. Collier remained on the job. The chess-tauquas association has seen him actively interested in its life and it was only last year that Mr. Collier turned his portion of the work over to a successor.

### Cathedral Draws Fire.

Berlin, April 21.—Owing to the fact that the French have mounted guns and cannon near the Rheims cathedral, Germans have been compelled to again bombard the position, the war office announced. It is stated shells were fired directly at the cathedral. Renewed bombardment at Rheims, together with attacks directed by French at Flibrey, between the Meuse and Meiselle, and about Metzeral, represented the chief activity of the war today. All attacks at these points were repulsed with heavy losses it is stated.

## CANAL ROUTE NOT SUITABLE FOR BIG FLEET

PROPOSED CRUISE BY ATLANTIC FLEET THIS SUMMER DISCOURAGED.

### SLIDES MAY HALT THE ATLANTIC FLEET PROGRAM

Official at Panama Admit They Can't Guarantee Absence of Slides and Drednaughts will not Likely be Sent Through the Channel—Proposed to Send a Few Smaller Vessels.

Washington, April 21.—More cold water has been thrown on the plan to have the Atlantic fleet pass through the Panama canal on the voyage to San Francisco, Puget Sound and Hawaii, when it was announced through the war department that Panama authorities could give no guarantee that there will be no further slides in the canal.

This follows reports that the canal is not deep enough in some places at present to permit the dreadnaughts to pass, as a result of which definite information was asked of Governor Goethals.

The announcement made it appear extremely likely that the proposed visit may be abandoned. As stoppage of the slides cannot be assured it is stated a part of the fleet might pass through the canal and the remaining vessels may be cut off.

### FIRE BOOKLET OUT

Children's Story Depicts Dangers of Forest Fires

Portland, April 21.—State School authorities throughout Oregon are co-operating with the State Board of Forestry and Oregon Forest Fire Association in carrying forest fire lessons to public school children before 1915 danger season opens. Over seven thousand little booklets are being distributed containing a story entitled "The Friends of the Forest" written by E. T. Allen, which weaves into attractive story form, with a boy and squirrel as heroes, the age-old prevalence of fire in these states, the struggles of the trees for self-preservation and the interest of men and children in our forest resources.

### MANY ATTEND FUNERAL

La Grande Residents Pay Respects to Memory of Pioneer

Many La Grande people are in Cove this afternoon attending the funeral of the late M. B. Rees, who died suddenly yesterday morning. Several auto loads of people crossed the valley to be present at the funeral services.

### Leaves Property to Wife

Pendleton, April 21.—The entire estate of the late Frank P. Round is left to his widow, Carolyn Round, and she is named the executor of the will, according to the terms of that instrument filed yesterday afternoon. The estate consists of the residence property of a house and two lots on South Garden street, valued approximately at \$2000, and notes and accounts valued at \$2807. The will was made May 7, 1901, in the presence of E. J. Murphy and E. D. Boyd. The daughter of the deceased, Onex Annetta Nash, Clarks-ville, Mich., and the son, Francis Leroy Round, believed to be in California, are left the nominal sum of one dollar each.

## ALLIES LAND TROOPS IN VICINITY OF DARDANELLES

Constantinople, April 21.—Twenty thousand Anglo-French troops are reported to have landed near Enos. Strict censorship has been established by Berlin from the Dardanelles and operations are believed to be in progress there.

## Secretary McAdoo Leads Bank Fight



W. G. McADOO



TOP—CHARLES C. GLOVER

Washington, April 21.—Secretary of the treasury William G. McAdoo and Controller of the Treasury John Skelton Williams created a sensation when they attacked the methods of management of the famous Riggs National Bank of Washington D. C. In a statement issued from his office Mr. Williams made a bitter attack on Charles C. Glover, president, and other officers of it. Frank A. Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank of New York, the largest bank in the United States, is a director in the Riggs, and is believed to have a financial interest in it. Bankers have

suspected, because of statements heretofore made by treasury officials about the National City Bank, that there was some feeling against Mr. Vanderlip. At any rate, they fear a controversy between the big bank and the treasury.

The attack on the Riggs bank was carried so far that the controller announced he would not sanction the use of it as the depository of funds of national banks outside the capital. Financiers and bankers wait with interest to learn whether or not the trouble will develop into a fight between important financiers and the treasury officials.

## FIRE AIMED AT BROWNSVILLE

MEXICAN AEROPLANES SAID TO HAVE COME NORTH.

Report of the Incident Held up for 12 Hours by War Office.

Washington, April 21.—Secretary of War Garrison has announced that he has received reports from Gen. Funston of a Mexican aeroplane firing upon Brownsville. Details of the report won't be made public for 12 hours, the secretary said. He refused to explain his reason.

Despite optimistic unofficial announcements of the incident the action of Garrison in withholding details is interpreted as indicating the affair might be of a serious nature.

## RACE SLOGAN IS SOUGHT BY CLUB

SELECTION TO BE MADE FRIDAY EVENING

Public Invited to Suggest Suitable Slogan for Club's Permanent use in Advertising Campaign

REWARD FOR SLOGAN

Five dollars in gold will be given to the Union county citizen who can think up the best slogan for the motorcycle races. Suggestions should be mailed to the Observer before Friday night, properly signed, and judges will be named to make the selection. Brevity will be a dominant factor in determining the winner.

### Wanted, a slogan for the La Grande Motorcycle race meet:

Next Friday night the Motorcycle club will meet to decide upon a slogan and in order to get the best possible phrase, the club has invited the public to suggest something along that line, and anyone who has a slogan, short, convincing and to the point, is asked to mail it to the Observer, Friday evening, care slogan contest.

The purpose is to retain this slogan permanently and for that reason it must be the best. To make this slogan synonymous with the motorcycle races each year as is "Let 'er Buck" for the Round-up is the purpose of the club's directors.

### Trial Postponed.

Due to absence of Officers Weagle and Eberhardt yesterday evening the trial of James Childers accused of selling liquor to an intoxicated parson, had to be postponed until today.

## PRISONERS IN ENGLAND GIVEN SUITABLE CARE

AMERICAN INSPECTION OF CAMPS AND SHIPS MADE PUBLIC TODAY

### THOSE INTERNED SEEM GENERALLY SATISFIED

Some Criticism Filed Against England by Inspection However, and Government Has Promised That Be Remedied—Situation on Whole Sanitary and Satisfactory.

BY CARL ACKERMAN (United Press Correspondent)

Berlin, April 21.—(By Mail to New York.)—England on the whole treats the Austro-German prisoners she has interned as good as could be expected under the circumstances, according to a report made to U. S. Ambassador Gerard by John R. Jackson, an American, who visited English prison camps. The sanitary conditions in some of British camps were bad, Jackson reported. The British commanders promised him, he said, that these conditions would be improved.

On February 1, Jackson reported, England had interned 20,000 Germans and Austrians. These men were confined in 13 detention camps and on nine ships. Generally speaking, the food and health of the prisoners was good, according to the report to Ambassador Gerard.

The Germans complained principally of the monotonous bill of fare and of their treatment after arrest, Jackson reported. Several Germans brought from South Africa swore they had been insulted and robbed, while others testified that they owed their lives to British soldiers who protected them from mobs in France, while they were being transferred from the front to Great Britain.

"The new camps are better than the ones first used," said the report. "Lack of organization and preparation would account for most of the hardships that prevailed at first. Absolutely nowhere did there seem to be any wish to make conditions any harder or more disagreeable for the prisoners than was necessary."

On the "Royal Edward," Jackson found 1400 Germans, some of the prisoners were locked below decks at night, he said. This caused some nervousness, because of the fear of German attacks. In the camp at Stratford, in the eastern part of London, Jackson declared the prisoners were permitted to have their own government. The men elected a "Serbate" members of which were given certain authority over other prisoners.

At Dorchester the German non-commissioned officers have separate rooms, while the men are generally housed in stables, lofts and other rooms of the barracks, Jackson reported. "This camp was one of the most contented I visited. A man who made himself famous by attempting to escape in a box was there. After two weeks confinement he was granted the same liberties as other prisoners. Pictures of the German Emperor, and German flags, were hanging in the rooms."

Jackson reported that the worst conditions were at Queens Ferry, Dorchester, where 2,200 Austro-Germans were interned.

The general atmosphere of this camp was in most depressing of all those I visited," he reported. "Though the camp had been occupied for five months, little had been done to improve the general conditions. The buildings were those of an old machine shop. The roofs are of glass, and there are many leaks. The floors are of stone and cement and as a rule the wooden beds are raised but a few inches. There were no special accommodations for the better class prisoners, though many had been allowed to build a kind of tent around their beds to protect themselves from leaks and draughts. Most of the prisoners themselves seemed listless and not inclined to make much effort to improve conditions."

### Summerville People Here.

J. M. Amsberry and son, H. M., were in from Summerville today. They were accompanied by Mrs. R. F. Amsberry.

Middie Harvard Tennis Match Annapolis, Apr. 21.—Tennis of Harvard University and naval academy met today for their first annual spring journey.