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DARDANELLES ATTACK GROWS MORE SEVERE

ALLIES HAVE LANDED STRONG FORCES PARALLELING THE LONG STRAIT.

FRENCH CRUISER TOOK DOWN MANY OF THE CREW

German said to have only one hold on the Yser Canal and Great Forces Aimed at this Point by the Allies—Italy and France Reported to Have Understanding Early.

Rome, April 29.—Rumors that Italy and France have reached an agreement in all particulars should the Italian government decide to enter the war, continued to be widely circulated today.

Athens, April 29.—Details of fighting in the new assault upon the Dardanelles show British are holding their positions on the European side of the strait while French have established themselves on the Asiatic side. Both forces are advancing slowly along parallel lines and despite reports from Constantinople claiming repulses of the allied troops, it is evident that only skirmishing has commenced. The general engagement is yet to come.

British are landing forces at Gallipoli peninsula reported pushing rapidly forward after defeating Turkish regulars with heavy losses. Heavy fighting continues.

Gambetta's Loss Very Heavy

Rome, April 29.—Of 714 men understood to be aboard the French cruiser Leon Gambetta when she was sunk by an Austrian submarine, 578 are believed to have been lost. Ten officers and 125 seamen from the Gambetta have reached Syracuse today on the New York, suffering severely from exposure through the hours spent in the water before they were picked up.

German at Last Stand On Yser

London, April 29.—Belgians are co-operating with French forces in Flanders in an effort to drive the Germans from their last remaining position on the west bank of the Yser canal. An official statement from Belgian headquarters stated the Belgians and French are concentrating in an attack upon Steenstraete. This is the last point now retained in the face of a strong allied counter attack. Germans are bombarding Ramskapelle, Persvey, Lampernisse and Gosvelpennen.

LA GRANDE GIRL HONORED

Gamma Phi Betas Pick Helen Currey As Convention Delegate

Miss Helen Currey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Currey has been named one of three delegates from the national convention of women's societies in San Francisco next fall. The Gamma Phi Beta, of which Miss Currey is a member, will be represented by Miss Currey, whose scholastic standing was the highest of any sophomores in her house, Miss Catherine Bridges and Miss Kate Stanfield, all Oregon girls. The academic achievements on the part of Miss Currey played an important part in her selection. The sorority pays all expenses to San Francisco and four days of the fair. The Gamma Phi Beta is one of the best known woman's societies and has among its members the daughters of President Wilson.

LADY OCCUPIES PULPIT

Miss Olive Childers to Preach at M. E. Church for Present

Until a regular pastor is installed, which will likely be about the first of June, Miss Olive Childers of this city will have regular charge of the pulpit in the Methodist church of this city. Her first sermon in that capacity will be delivered next Sunday morning.

Miss Childers, who is connected with Salvation army work is a thorough student, and has already occupied the Methodist pulpit at various occasions and all who have heard her speak admit that she has marked ability; her sermons are well shaped, well delivered and the church is fortunate in having her services until a regular pastor comes. She is probably the only lady in the Methodist conference that is to temporarily assume charge of a leading church in that conference.

Teachers in Convention

Laurel, Miss., Apr. 29.—With delegates present from throughout Mississippi, the State teachers association convened here today for a three day session.

ROOSEVELT IGNITES BOMB JUST BEFORE TRIAL ENDS

Syracuse, April 29.—Exploding a "timable bomb in New York state politics, Colonel Roosevelt scored heavily just before completing his testimony and leaving the witness stand in the Barnes libel suit today. The coup was sprung by the Colonel in the form of a letter written by Charles Whitman, now governor of New York, in which the writer expressed the belief that Republicans and Progressives should form an alliance to "rid the state of the kind of party control responsible for corrupt conditions clearly shown in various examinations and investigations."

TWO BRIDGES FEEL TORCHES

VANCOUVER, B. C. LOSES THROUGH FIRES

What are Said to be German Sympathizers Ignited Bridges

Vancouver, B. C., April 29.—The Craville and Connaught bridges, each costing more than a million, were set afire this morning, it is alleged, by German sympathizers. The Connaught bridge will be a total loss. The wind was unfavorable however for destruction of the Granville bridge. Both structures were main arteries to the south.

The affair followed closely upon the determination of the government to intern in detention camps all foreign enemies now in Canada.

The fire at the Connaught bridge was started at 4:30 this morning during a howling wind storm, and was practically under control at noon. The damage will be at least a half million.

Fire broke out in the Granville street bridge a half mile away, at 6 o'clock. While the available fire apparatus was engaged in fighting the flames at the Connaught bridge, the second blaze was extinguished with little damage. Although the Connaught structure was built only two years ago, and was of steel, it was plank and tarred for pavement, and this gave the flames plenty of material to feed upon.

General Ready to Retire

San Francisco, Apr. 29.—Major General Arthur Murray, commanding the Western department of the United States army reached the age of retirement today but will remain on the active list until the close of the expedition.

Legislature Ends Session

Lansing, Mich., Apr. 29.—The legislature, in continuous session since January 6th, recessed today until May 20th, when sine die adjournment is scheduled.

"OLD DOC YAK" INCINERATED

Pet Car of Foley Hotel Taxi Consumed by Flames

The hour was 11 o'clock p. m.

The place was in a lonesome cut between La Grande and Perry.

As eleven strokes were sounding on the gong of the Foley hotel clock, the proprietor, Pat Foley, was standing in the glare of the conflagration caused by the burning of "Old Doc Yak." Although a postmaster in the act of fighting fire, he could not cope with the flames that spread to the gasoline tank of the faithful old car. All there was for him to do was to look on and wait to see just what would be left after the fire had got what it wanted.

Nothing was spared by the ruthless flames. Tires melted, springs bent double, brasses gradually turned into shapeless things. At last he took up the trail for home. He had been to Perry with a passenger and upon his return he reached the cut around the hill above Oro Del when "Old Doc Yak" balked. He wouldn't climb the hill. Twice he was backed up and a run made for the incline but each time he acted badly. Then Pat heard the crackling flames and he realized something had gone wrong.

Forgetting to remove the wreck from the highway Pat came to town and about 2 o'clock this morning happened to think that some machine might smash into the twisted form of the car and he returned to the scene of the incineration removing all that remains of Old Doc Yak to a place where traffic will not be molested.

Fortunately there was \$400 insurance on the favorite of the Taxi string.

Imbler, April 29.—A movement has been set afoot here to localize the various celebrations being held from time to time throughout the county. As it is understood here the Union County Pioneer association last year voted to make Imbler the permanent meeting place for that organization, because of its central location, and that unless there is serious opposition it will be held here every year from now on. If this was an agreeable arrangement, Imbler could prepare for it; make it their big day of the year, and cut out all other celebrations. The thought that comes in this connection that if each town of the valley could be certain that one annual event would be theirs and that the rest of the county would co-operate with them in the celebration of that day, it would encourage the different communities to make a great effort every year to properly entertain.

PIONEERS TO GET TREATS

IMBLER WORKS UPON PLAN TO IMPROVE MATTERS

Would have Permanent Meeting of Pioneers and Localize Other Functions

Here is the way local prime movers in the pla have sized up the situation: For instance, Elgin, has been making the 4th of July as their great day of the year, and Imbler and other towns have also been celebrating. Why not let Elgin have the 4th, as their day and that all the other towns of the valley proper, help them make it great. Let Imbler have the old settlers date and expect it from year to year, so that this community will feel like fixing up a permanent grounds for the meeting. Let Cove have their Cherry Fair and all of us boost that. Let Union have the Horse show and everybody close up business and take in the show, then let La Grande have the Chautauqua, and Fair and everybody get behind the whole business. We should have the whole county back of each one of these important dates, and no more pulling and hauling to see where the meetings shall be held. It might be best for each town to hold a mass meeting to discuss this matter and I believe that it could be practically settled in that way. Whatever is done should be done soon.

EXAMINATIONS NEAR

Uniform Quiz to be Conducted Throughout the State

Next Thursday and Friday all the schools of Union county, the whole state in fact, will conduct uniform eighth grade examinations, through which the pupils will step to the high school if they pass. Each school room will conduct its own examinations, along lines prescribed by the state superintendent.

Today's storm has put off one day farther the days of grace allotted to Union county people who owe income tax money to the government. At it is, Saturday will be this "last day of grace," and thereafter the arms of the law will strike hard—in this case Uncle Sam's arms and they invariably squeeze hard once set in motion. Income Tax Collector Zweek who has been at the Foley several days, today announced that because of the storm another day of grace will be allowed

those whose income ranges around the \$3,000 mark to get in touch with him; to call on him and discuss the situation and learn just what they are to do. The visit is not one of education but one of collection and those who should pay and haven't by next Saturday night will in the end be found out and of course suffer punishment. The tax relates to all income regardless of what source; bet money investments or that earned by the sweat of the brow.

Alfalfa Most Needy Here

The wheatfields in Union county were not sorely pressed for rain but the alfalfa fields needed it quite badly and although the rain will allow unstinted growth of the wheat crop, it came as a much-needed succor to alfalfa.

This condition was true all over the valley and hay and alfalfa crops are restored to their normal conditions from what looked like failure—barring what harm is done by cut worms. The downfall is fully as beneficial and represents practically as much in dollars and cents as did the long winter rains that came last February when the wheat crop was in serious danger.

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RAIN AND SNOW REDEEM CROPS AND WET HILLS

PRICELESS RAINS AND SNOW FALL OVER VAST AREA OF EASTERN OREGON

ALFALFA ESPECIALLY IS BENEFITTED BY STORMS

Five inches of snow prevail at Kamela and snowline on foothills near La Grande has come close to the city—Umatilla County soaked, but high wind prevail there.

Rain and snow that saves wheat and hay crops of Eastern Oregon and sets ahead at least a month, according to experts, the time when forest fires are prone to occur due to the general lack of moisture in the forests and mountaintops, fell over the whole of Eastern Oregon today. At least four counties were soaked by a slow, cold rain, and at Kamela fully five inches of sodden snow covers the ground, Mt. Emily was white at noon, foothills south and west of La Grande were gowned in white—in sharp contrast to the 80 degrees of heat yesterday noon and a balmy weather last evening was like unto a night in June. Measured in dollars and cents the storm is priceless; redemption of the hay crop in particular is but one item of blessing contained in the storm. The woods and mountains were previously as dry as bone and a match would start a fire anywhere. With the snow and rain today, the hills become moistened and the fear of forest fires actually entertained by timbermen yesterday, has been alleviated and removed.

Snow Covers Train

The noon train from the west was night-capped with a heavy fall of snow at Kamela that still remained two inches thick on top of the cars when the train pulled into La Grande. From all points comes word of a soaking rain and all elevations above the level of the valleys report snow. In fact at times today in La Grande flurries of snow were seen.

Snow Storm Develops

The oddity of a heavy snow storm during the waning days of April was experienced about noon when the greater portions of Grande Ronde valley become blanketed with white. Accompanied by a heavy wind, the day took on all the characteristics of a February storm. Nearly an inch was the total fall.

Storm is General

Reports compiled by Chief Dispatcher J. F. Corbett show that the rain is general not only in this county but all of Eastern Oregon. At points east the rainstorm was heavy this morning and at Pendleton considerable wind attended the rainfall.

Snow at Kamela

A heavy snowstorm fell at Kamela, the summit, and at Meacham. At Duncan it was 36 above this morning at an early hour. Umatilla wheat farms needed the rains badly and rejoicing is general.

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SOCIETY GIRL TO WED FINANCIER'S GRAND- SON.



MISS LOUISE CONVERSE BOSTON SOCIETY GIRL WHO WILL BE MARRIED JUNE 15 TO JUNIUS SPENCER MORGAN, GRANDSON OF THE LATE J. PIERPONT MORGAN.

LIQUOR BILL GIVEN HOUSE

SURTAX ON ALL BEERS PROVIDED FOR.

Lloyd-George Contends Tax on All Spirits Shall be Doubled.

London, April 29.—The long expected government bill designed to restrict the sale and use of intoxicants in England was introduced in the House of Commons today by Chancellor Lloyd-George. The chancellor insisted excessive drinking by employees of the navy yards and ammunition factories was seriously affecting the output of war munitions, so badly needed at the front.

The measure doubles the present tax on all spirits and imposes a surtax on all beers containing more than seven per cent proof in all spirits.

Peach Crop Safe

Pendleton, April 28.—Just to show that the peach crop has not been destroyed by the frost, a live delegation of Stanfielders invaded Pendleton this morning wearing buttonhole bouquets of peach tree twigs with good undamaged young peaches thereon.

The delegation came upon the motor car and among those in the party were C. H. Naylord, G. L. Hurd, Ralph Holt, S. Norton Bobo and Zoeth Houser. The Stanfielders are indignant in denying reports that the peach crop was destroyed on the Furnish project. They say there is no truth in the report and point to the condition of the fruit as the best evidence on the subject.

PUPILS TILL SOIL

St. Mary's Academy Students Growing Splendid Vegetable Garden

Students in St. Mary's academy, this city, are having splendid success with their school vegetable garden. The garden was planted and is now being cultivated, solely by the children, and the crop is promising. Yesterday the students gathered and presented to Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, county school superintendent, a selection of vegetables taken from their garden. Fringes of flowers surround the garden and the tilling of the soil is proving a delightful part of the students' daily routine.

Several rural schools are progressing along the same line students coming in touch with nature in this way to a marked degree.

Race Features Raisin Day

Fresno, Cal., Apr. 29.—A national automobile race with a prize of \$10,000 to be divided among leading contestants, will be the feature of the raisin day celebration here, which begins today.

Rock Island Out of League

Rock Island, Ill., Apr. 29.—Rock Island will be missing today when the Three-Eye League teams begin their season.

BEAVER CREEK DAM FEASIBLE FIND EXPERTS

COMMISSION TO STUDY SCHEME TO AUGMENT WATER SUPPLY BY BUILDING DAM

SEVERAL SIZES COULD BE BUILT AT THE SITE

Twenty-five Foot Dam Would Store Large Quantities of Water but Would Require Reinforced Spillway. While Large Earth Dam Would Force Water Through a Natural Spillway

All members of the city commission and Manager F. J. Laffy will visit the Beaver creek intake within a few days to determine finally upon the course to pursue in regard to building a dam across Beaver creek to conserve the flood water of that stream with a view of supplying an adequate municipal water supply. This course was decided upon last evening at the mid-week session of the commission at which time the report of Engineer Howland was read, it pertaining to the preliminary survey made a few days ago. The city will seek a temporary permit to proceed with the dam from Supervisor Ireland and in due course of time a permanent permit from the department of the interior is anticipated. There are many difficult questions to be settled in regard to the dam, but the apparent pressing need for more water this summer is causing the commission to make as much haste as the seriousness of the problem will permit. To erect a dam at once that the summer rains may be utilized as far as possible, is the aim. Although the feasibility of the dam has already been found to be practical, there yet remains the complication of estimates for the several possible plans that might be adopted. City Engineer Howland will prepare these estimates and the commission will shortly decide. A 25-foot dam would be readily constructed, but a 40-foot dam would be built of earth and not carry a spillway for the topography of the country is such that the spillway would be a natural one through a canyon near where the dam would be. The smaller dam would require a spillway, hence reinforcement while the larger dam could be feasibly made of earth. The report of the engineer following his temporary survey a few days ago, made in writing last night to the commission, says:

"I beg to report as follows in regard to the preliminary survey made by me during the past week of the proposed reservoir site on Beaver creek: 'The object of the survey, as I understand it, was to determine feasibility and practicability of a storage reservoir in the mountains to increase the present water supply of the city of La Grande.'

"There is an excellent site for a reservoir, just above the present city intake; the canyon broadens out and for a distance of about 3500 feet there is a grade of less than 1 per cent. At the mouth of the canyon there is a natural location for a dam, the canyon being narrow at the point and the sides high, steep and rocky. A dam 25 feet high would be about 120 feet long on top and would flood an area of about 27 acres, storing 150,000,000 gallons of water.

"The most economical height for a dam at this location however is 40 feet. This would enable the use of a natural depression entirely removed from the dam proper, as a spill way, thus making the use of a dirt dam safe and practical, which in this locality would be much cheaper than any other type. A dam 40 feet high would store between 300,000,000 and 350,000,000 gallons of water.

"In case a reservoir were to be constructed at this location, it would be necessary to do considerable work in clearing the site from timber, brush etc., as most of the timber is dead wood. This could easily be done by burning, if at the proper season of the year.

"I have not gone into the matter of costs, but will do so as soon as the height of the dam has been decided upon."

A considerable amount of business was transacted last night. The question of a sewer for South La Grande was taken up between the commission and some of the citizens interested. Final action is expected shortly in this matter.

A delinquent roll of such improvement assessments as have not been cared for, was presented by Recorder.

Final notices will be sent out, preliminary to foreclosure of liens.

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