

GERMANS SHELL DUNKIRK FROM THE SEA

NORTH POWDER SUFFERS SEVERELY FROM BLAZE

HEART OF CITY, TWELVE BUILDINGS IN ALL
LEVELLED IN TWO HOURS.

North Powder, April 30.—With the exception of one building, an entire block in the heart of North Powder was wiped out by fire thought to have incendiary origin, at an early hour this morning. It was discovered at midnight and in two hours 12 buildings were in ashes. Except for \$500 of uninsured merchandise owned by Forestrom & Pilcher, stored in the Parker building, practically all goods and equipments in the string of various business houses were saved. Three saloon buildings went up in smoke. The buildings were located on the North side of the very core of North Powder, and the wind was such as to confine it in one direction and in that direction lay a new cement-block hotel building—the only one left standing in the path of the blaze.

With the destruction of the North Powder hotel one of the oldest landmarks in Eastern Oregon is obliterated. It has been improved considerably of late years by Toy Young of La Grande who a few days ago traded it for some property in La Grande. No announcements have been made as to rebuilding the destroyed business houses. They were all of frame nature, old, and huddled together. The livery barn, by Riggs & Haines was a big burned with extreme fire, the more substantial buildings were liked up in haste.

The loss is hard to determine. The insurance on the whole was light, but it is estimated that because of the age of most of the buildings \$25,000 would represent a fair value of their worth before the fire, though the structures could in no wise be rebuilt now at that price.

The Burned Property
After being discovered in the Parker building, a structure owned by Union people, the fire rapidly spread, sweeping the string of old buildings before it like so much tinder, and it was only by dint of the hardest work that the saloon stock and other equipment and furnishings were saved before the path flames. The Parker building was worth about \$500.

The Gromley residence was destroyed, and with it some furnishings, and \$1000 is a conservative estimate of the loss there. Mr. Gromley recently settled in North Powder coming from San Diego.

The Riggs & Haines livery stable burnt hurriedly but all the horses and buggies etc., were removed. The loss of the building proper was estimated at \$500.

The H. C. Rollins barber shop building, burned at a loss of about \$500 but all the chairs and equipment were taken out in the street and saved.

The Dave Beveridge saloon, the building being valued at something like \$800, went up in smoke, though a greater portion of the stock was taken out.

The Volkanough saloon, worth about \$800 as far as the structure was concerned, likewise felt the flames, but the stock was taken out.

The third saloon to be lost was owned by Leadbetter & Price, valued at \$800, as the stock was saved.

The Old North Powder hotel, the ownership of which was held by Toy Young of La Grande and carried no insurance, Mr. Young announces, was empty at the time, and there was little to take from it. The structure was one of the last to burn on that side. The loss is about \$1000. This is the property over which there has been so much litigation.

In the meantime the blacksmith shop, the building housing it being owned by Mr. McGregor, had been consumed, and most of the tools lost. The loss there will probably run to \$600.

Mrs. Gormley's millinery store was in the dwelling, and the stock was removed.

Dr. Irvine and Attorney Hess saved their books and equipment from the one story building which they jointly owned.

Another loss of considerable consequence was suffered by Forestrom & Pilcher, merchants, who had \$500 of stock stored in the Parker building. There was no insurance on this loss it is said.

The fire department and volunteers made their final stand at the McGregor hotel recently constructed of cement. Although the fire swept over it, the nature of the building made it possible to conquer the flames at that point, and the big Huddelson store across the way was thereby saved.

The fire was under great headway when discovered and with the chemical apparatus failing to work, and the fire fighters facing the necessity of

carrying the water, the bucket brigade, which worked heroically for a while found itself powerless to cope with the situation.

The fire has already worked over a block east of Main street from the point of origin, all the buildings in its path having been completely destroyed. How the fire started is a mystery, but the discovery of a broken window on the ground floor of the Parker building indicates that perhaps some one, possibly tramps, had entered and in some manner, accidentally or otherwise, fired the building.

At 2:30 a. m. the blaze was dying out and only a few fire fighters remained on the scene ready to hold the flames in check should the wind turn and carry the fire to the south side of Main street, which was untouched. On the north side of the street, the only two buildings left standing are the Mac Gregor hotel, a fire proof stone building and a shoe repair shop. The residence of G. M. Gormley was totally destroyed, as were several other small buildings, and a number were somewhat damaged and the occupants of all houses in the vicinity of the fire were forced to work desperately to save their homes.

COLONEL HAS BAD DAY OF IT

JUDGE'S RULINGS STRIKE HARD AT DEFENDANT.

Procession of Rebuffs at Hands of Court Mark Today's Progress.

Syracuse, April 30.—Roosevelt's defense ran into a brick wall of legal obstacles today and court adjourned this afternoon until Monday. Today, rebuff after rebuff for the Colonel came in the rulings by Judge Andrews, excluding testimony offered by the defendant.

The procession of witnesses presented by the defense to support Roosevelt's charge met reverses and couldn't testify. Three of these rulings are regarded as serious reverses for the defendant.

\$7000 DAMAGE CASE UP

Mrs. William Mooney Tells of Work in Western Laundry

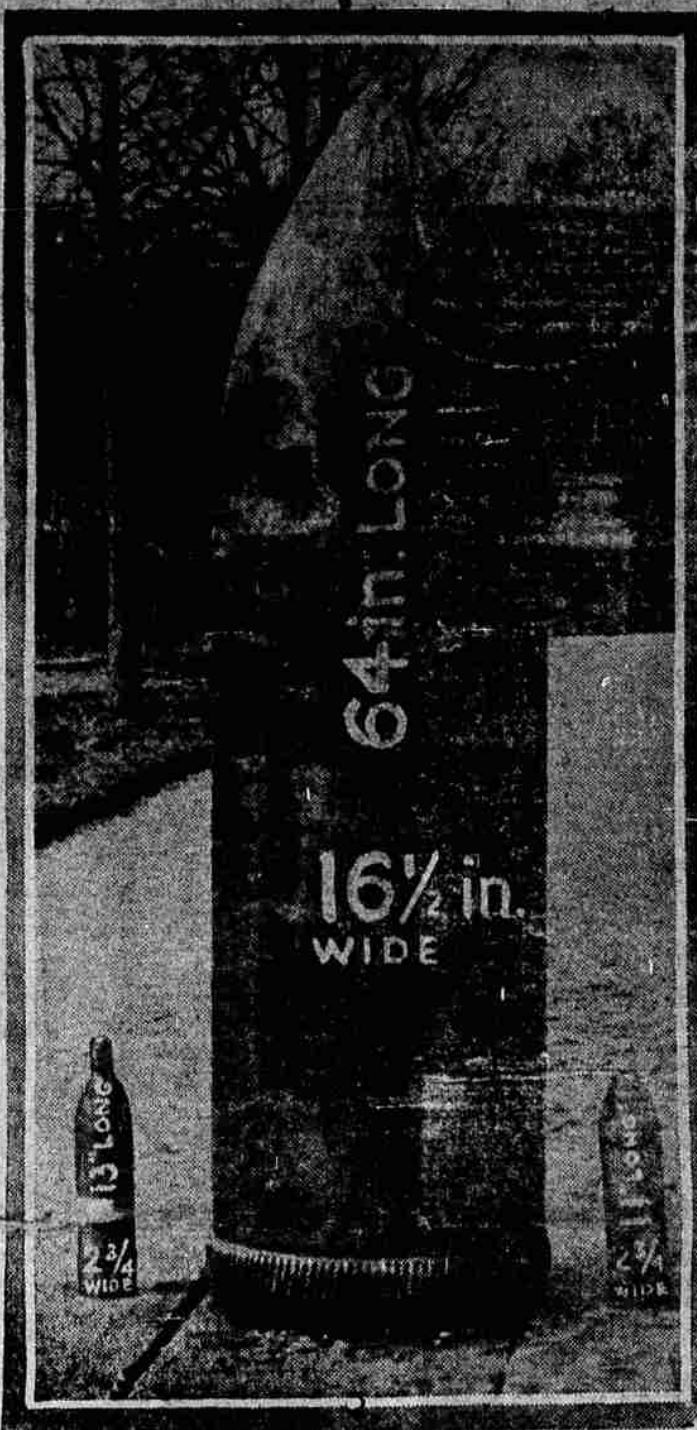
Baker, April 29.—The last case on the docket for the spring term of circuit court went to trial this morning, when proceedings were started in the \$7,000 damage suit of Mrs. William Mooney against the Western Laundry company. After the selection of the jury this morning that body visited the premises where the accident to Mrs. Mooney is alleged to have taken place on June 3, 1914, and returned this afternoon for the hearing.

That during the two months in which she worked for the company she had never received instructions concerning the workings of the mangle was the testimony given by the plaintiff, the first witness called to the stand. She said that she had not been told of the danger of her work, nor of the purpose of the guard with which the machine was provided. She told that she was feeding table cloths into the mangle when she was caught by the roller.

Court Shortened By Mumps

Baker, April 29.—Mumps has caused the postponement of a circuit court case from this term of court to the June term. The case is that of Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Macy vs. Mrs. Freda Wells to secure possession of property bought in by them at a sheriff's sale last fall on foreclosure of a mortgage given by Mrs. Wells' son. The case was decided against the plaintiff in Justice Court in October. A few days ago Mr. Macy was in court and stated that he would go to his home in Sparta for a few days and return for the case. This morning Judge Anderson received a long distance phone call stating that Mr. Macy had all the symptoms of mumps and would be unable to appear. Until the case is brought in court, Mrs. Wells will remain in possession of the house in Baker.

THE GREATEST TERROR OF THE WAR.



The 42-Centimetre Shot.

SAN FRANCISCO IS SWEEPED BY GALE-- OREGON STORM ABATES

CLIMATIC DATA
Climatic data, based on readings for 24 hours ending last night at 6 o'clock.
Maximum 73; Minimum 33.
Temperature at 12:30 today, 40.
Minimum last night 29.

San Francisco, April 30.—At 12:30 today no further word had been received from the passenger liner Pennsylvania, en route from Mexico and at that hour 20 hours overdue. It is stated however the vessel is in no danger. She is said to be steaming slowly up the coast, beating against contrary waves.

The steamer Yosemite which sailed for Astoria yesterday with 40 passengers, returned to San Francisco. The captain's wireless stated the ship was damaged by immense waves.

San Francisco, April 30.—Two fatalities, many small vessels damaged, telegraph and telephone wires prostrated and \$200,000 in damage to other property was done by a gale that swept San Francisco and vicinity during the past 24 hours. John O'Sullivan and Walter Peterson, school boys, were electrocuted by fallen wires.

Passenger liner Pennsylvania, en route from Mexico is 18 hours overdue and much anxiety is felt for her.

The storm which commenced in Eastern Oregon yesterday continues today with unabated fury, flurries of snow still falling on the Grande Ronde valley this afternoon. Three inches of wet, soggy snow covered the country this morning and summit points are buried deep in snow. Wire troubles to the intake preclude obtaining information from the Beaver creek district, where La Grande's interests are centered due to the

water. The soaking continues, and because the snow has been unhampered by the sun, the greatest possible results are obtained.

Some alarm was expressed as to fruit due to the slight frost in places last night but, although a careful canvas has not been made it is not believed the harm was at all extensive.

Bledsoe Buys Wallowa Sun.

J. M. Bledsoe has bought the Wallowa Sun of Miss Lulu McNeese and Roy McNeese, her brother, and took possession of the property Monday morning, relates the Enterprise Chief-tain. Miss McNeese and her brother bought the paper last fall. Miss McNeese worked in the office for several years before taking it over, and she will continue at her position. Mr. McNeese is thinking of going outside, perhaps to Lewiston, and getting a wider experience in newspaper work and the printing trade. Both have lived in Wallowa for years and have many friends there.

Mr. Bledsoe needs no introduction here, as he formerly was manager of the paper when it was owned by R. H. Jonas. He came to the county in the first place from Boise, Idaho, and since Mr. Jonas sold out, three years ago, Mr. Bledsoe has been most of the time at Asotin. He is an experienced and competent newspaper man.

Louisiana in Gala Attire.

New Orleans, Apr. 30.—This city today is celebrating the anniversary of the Louisiana purchase 110 years ago.

Two Departments Celebrate.

Washington, Apr. 30.—The post-office and navy departments today celebrated the anniversary of their creation by Congress.

MANY KILLED AND HURT WHEN SHIPS OPEN FIRE

BOMBARDMENT BRIEF, INDICATING FLEET IS HEADED FOR CALAIS.

Yakima City Is No More.

North Yakima, Wash., Apr. 30.—With the closing of the postoffice at Yakima City, four miles south of here, today, a town dear to the hearts of the early pioneers practically lost its separate identity.

Yakima City was established more than a half century ago. Previous attempts to close the office were thwarted by the old settlers, throwing sentiment to the winds, ordered the office closed.

The decadence of Yakima City began with the building of the Northern Pacific railroad and the establishment of North Yakima.

Chicago Remembers Tragedy.

Chicago, Apr. 30.—Today is the anniversary of the Iriquois theatre fire in which 600 persons, principally women, perished.

PERRY CITIZEN KILLS COYOTE

DOG AND BEAST FIGHT IN BACK YARD

Coyote Returns After Leaving and Meets Fatal Bullets

Perry, April 30. (Special).—An evening or so ago a coyote came to the home of Ole Mathson and began to fight the dog. Mr. Mathson heard the noise and ran out to find the dog and coyote were fighting furiously. Ole got a club and struck the coyote and parted them. The coyote then turned and started in his direction, but Ole ran into the house to get his gun. While after his gun the coyote had run out in the field and on account of the darkness disappeared. Later in the evening however, the beast returned and was after the dog again. Mr. Mathson was successful in killing the coyote after an exciting chase in the yard and fields. The beast was shot several times before it was killed.

OLD COIN FOUND

Ulrich Lottes Picks up Half Dollar Minted in 1811

Ulrich Lottes, yesterday found a coin in his cash drawer that may have intrinsic value far higher than 50 cents, of which denomination it is. It was minted in 1814, but was in fine shape. One peculiarity of the coin is that instead of the edges being milled there are stamped the words "fifty-cent-half dollar" around its edge. Of what special value the coin may be has not been determined but the person who parted with it unknowingly has not only given up a coin of rare history but a curio of the first water as well, even though it may not be of special demand.

Bryan to Talk Prohibition.

New York, Apr. 30.—William Jennings Bryan, secretary of state, is slated as the principal speaker at a temperance meeting to be held in Carnegie hall tonight under the auspices of the National Abstinence Union, a non-sectarian and non-political organization.

Many Elk in County.

H. W. Harris, forest supervisor, reports by actual count thirty-seven elk in the Billy Meadow pasture. He places an estimate of the total number of elk in Wallowa county at 265. —Oregon Sportsman.

Trap Shooters in Tourney.

New York, Apr. 30.—Out of town gunners will compete with local trap shooters today at the Travers Island traps in the tenth annual tournament for the championship of America, held under the auspices of the New York Athletic club.

Paris, April 30.—Germans have struck from the sea. Their warships, operating three hundred miles from their base, shelled the fortified city of Dunkirk on the North coast of Dunkirk. Nineteen shells are known to have fallen in the city and 20 persons were killed, 45 wounded.

Whether the bombardment is to be continued or the hostile fleet is steaming south to shell Calais and other points on the French coast, is not announced.

It is believed the German warships were sent South to co-operate with the German army in the new drive against the French coast. It is thought the British government has been asked to send ships to protect this area as most of the French warships are now engaged in Dardanelles operations.

Berlin, April 30.—The official war office, in a statement issued tonight, tells of the shelling of Dunkirk and the British fortress of Harwich. It declares the French and British offensive in the North is checked and claims repulse of the French attack North of Elsey in which the French lost 43 officers and 4999 men. The report does not mention the shelling of Dunkirk, which a Paris dispatch says was from warships, but claims it was "by German artillery."

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Headquarters British Army in Northern France, April 29, via London (10 p. m.).—The great artillery duel, one of the most colossal in history abated today. Only a few shells are falling along the battle front where General French's forces were once thrown back at the high tide of the German offensive. Ypres has suffered greatly.

The entire battlefield is comparatively quiet today, an eloquent tribute to the valor of French's men who still hold the land gateway to Calais and the straits.

More Ships Lost.

London, April 30.—The British collier Mobile, and the traveler Lillydale, were sunk by submarines in the North sea. The Lillydale was torpedoed off Tyne, but the crew was saved. The Mobile was torpedoed off Lewis Island, and the crew arrived in Carlowny after nine hours in open boats.

German Raid Injures.

London, April 30.—Advices from Felixstowe, and other points over which a big zeppelin past last night, showed little damage. Five houses were destroyed by fire at Ipswich from incendiary bombs. St. Andrews hotel and several nearby buildings were burned at Bury St. Edmunds. The craft disappeared from Bury St. Edmunds in the direction of the sea.

Large Munitions Order in.

Pittsburg, April 30.—Three large war orders have been announced by officials of concerns with Pittsburg plants, with Russia as the buyer. The Pressed Steel Car company announces receipt of an order for shrapnel and cars. From official sources it is learned there is a \$30,000,000 contract attached.

Today's Oddest Story

Indianapolis, Apr. 30.—Let those beware who would trespass on the property of Isador Kroot junk dealer. Not only does Kroot have a watchdog to protect him, but Kroot will protect his watchdog.

When a policeman jumped the Kroot fence in chase of a criminal, Kroot's bull pup fastened himself to the intruder's coat-tail and hung on. The copper drew a gun to shoot the dog, but Kroot arrived, wrapped his thin body around the dog and narked the policeman to move on.

In police court Kroot was freed and the dog was declared not vicious but a good watchdog.