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ANGRY MOBS LOOT SHOPS

OUTBREAK IN LONDON IS BE-
COMING EXTREMELY CRIT-
ICAL ONE.

ALL NATURALIZED ALIENS MAY GET INTERNMENT

Clubs Used by Mobs of Which Many
Are Women, Rushing Upon the
Naturalized Germans in London
Shops—Barricaded, One Detach-
ment Defends Itself—Heads Free-
ly Broken.

London, May 12.—Mobs today pa-
raded the streets demolishing stores,
houses and property, and attacking
all persons bearing German or Aus-
trian names. The situation involv-
ing the Alien enemy is indeed criti-
cal. In the East end an Alien defense
battalion defied the crowds and the
police. They have erected barricades
and fighting followed.

Chairs, stones and clubs were used.
Dozens of heads were broken before
the crowd was dispersed.

Women Join in Looting.

At five o'clock more than 100 shops
had been demolished and looted. Women
joined in the looting and pillaging
of bakeries and shops owned by Ger-
mans now naturalized.

Internment Proposed.

So serious has the "Alien enemy"
become, that following rioting last
night during which shops of natu-
ralized Germans were wrecked, a special
meeting of the cabinet has been
called to consider measures to be
taken. Growing feeling that all per-
sons of German, Turkish or Austrian
birth, whether naturalized or un-
naturalized, should be interned until
the end of the war, has spread over
England.

It is believed the cabinet will au-
thorize this action.

The rapidly-growing anti-German
sentiment throughout the country is
putting the police of all cities to se-
vere test to maintain order.

SOLICITORS ARE ACCUSED.

Boise Poultry Journal Editor Files
Complaint Against Men.

That a half-score of businessmen
and individuals were fraudulently
sold subscriptions to the Idaho Poul-
try Journal is the charge of John M.
Bradley, publisher of the periodical,
who was in La Grande today. Mr.
Bradley has been following two men,
he says, and he further states they
issued fraudulent subscription re-
ceipts to his paper. Mr. Bradley re-
cites that a man named W. E. Cour-
ney and another named Hamilton
Fulton did the work in La Grande and
Bradley has asked for a warrant
against Fulton, to be served at Pen-
dleton where the men were located.

"The men had an advertising
stunt," said Mr. Bradley today, "which
they worked in connection with the
subscription stunt and in this way
found ready buyers both here, at
Imbler and at Elgin. One of the men
jumped his board bill in La Grande."

CAUGHT BEHIND SLIDE.

Several La Grande Men Return After
Long Trip Home.

Caught behind the Hood River slide
Walter M. Pierce, F. L. Meyers and
M. B. Donohue, have been since Mon-
day evening until today noon getting
home from Portland. They were
hailed back to Portland and sent over
the North Bank to Celilo finally
and reached home today noon thor-
oughly tired out with their tedious
trip.

J. H. Pearce was delayed somewhat
but didn't take the Monday night
train out, hence coming home with
more dispatch, though sent over the
North Bank nevertheless.

DONOHUE IS HONORED.

Knights of Columbus Elect La Grande
Man Treasurer of Order.

M. B. Donohue has again been hon-
ored by the state convention of
Knights of Columbus held in Portland
this week. Mr. Donohue was elected
treasurer. Mr. Donohue, J. H. Pearce
and others from here attended the
convention. Mr. Pearce in the capac-
ity of district deputy.

Today's Oddest Story

Woodburn, Ore., May 12.—It
is no crime for a father to fan
with birdshot, the coattails of
his daughter's suit when the
latter's visits are unwelcome
to the head of the family.

This interesting point of law
was decided here when the
grand jury refused to indict
Charles Johnson, charged with
assault with a dangerous weap-
on with intent to kill, because he
bombed with a shotgun the
retreating rear of a country
swain who persisted in visit-
ing his daughter after being
told not to do so.

PEACE DAY WILL BE RECOGNIZED

G. A. R. and W. R. C. PLAN SER-
VICES.

All Wishing to Partake Will Meet at
K. of P. Hall at 2 Sunday.

The G. A. R. and W. R. C. assisted
by patriotic citizens of La Grande will
appropriately observe Peace and Arbi-
tration day Sunday, May 16. The
exercises are especially appropriate
in view of the present European con-
flict. May 18 is properly P. and A.
day but will be more convenient to
observe on Sunday. Exercises will be
held at Christian church at 2:30. The
address to be given by Rev. Myers also
special musical numbers. A cordi-
al invitation is extended to all who
desire to march to meet with the G.
A. R. at K. of P. hall at 2 o'clock and
march to church in a body. Details
are to be announced later.

O-W LEASE TO LAST IN 1915

BONDHOLDERS THRESH OUT
BUSINESS DETAIL.

Doctor Tape to Remain in Charge of
Institution.

At a meeting of the bondholders of
the Hot Lake Sanatorium yesterday
in Portland, F. L. Meyers, of the La
Grande National bank, was elected
trustee. This position was formerly
held by A. L. Willis of Portland.

The bondholders accepted a propo-
sition from the O-W R. & N. & Co.,
to continue the present lease on the
institution until the first of next
year. The Sanatorium has been oper-
ated for the past two years by the
railroad company under lease. It is
understood that the extension of the
lease provides for a lesser payment
on bond interest than has prevailed.

Dr. and Mrs. Tape, the present
managers, will continue to manage
the institution.

Riggs Bank Case is up

Washington, May 12.—The suit of
the Riggs National Bank to enjoin
the Comptroller of the Currency from
withholding \$5,000 interest on gov-
ernment bonds as penalty for alleged
violation of certain banking regula-
tions, and charging Comptroller Wil-
liams and Secretary McAdoo with
conspiracy to wreck the bank, came
up before Judge McCoy of the Dis-
trict Supreme Court this morning.
The case, now one month old, has
taken on a national importance in
the public mind, partly because of
the persons involved and because it is
believed it will open up important
questions involving governmental ju-
risdiction over banks. "Biggest thing
since Jackson's fight with the banks,"
is one way it is expressed.

The matter in which the administra-
tion regards the litigation is shown
by the fact that Samuel Undermyer
and Louis D. Brandeis have been em-
ployed to assist the Attorney Gen-
eral's office in defending the Treasury
officers—and possibly in carrying for-
ward the charges openly made, since
the suit began, against the bank by
Comptroller Williams. President Wil-
son and his cabinet are known to
have considered the case in cabinet
meeting.

World Court Congress

Cleveland, May 12.—An address
tonight by former President William
Howard Taft will open the World
Court Congress, comprising peace ad-
vocates from all parts of the country
who will discuss means to establish
a "supreme court of the world" in
hope of avoiding wars in the future.
The congress will be in session for
three days. Among the delegates will
be noted educators and the governors
of several states.

Mr. Taft's address this evening will
be on "The United States Supreme
Court, the Prototype of the World
Court," and the former president is
expected to lay down a model world
tribunal along the lines of the high-
est court in this nation.

Interested in the movement are the
governors of nearly all the states.
John Hayes Hammond is chairman.
Besides Mr. Taft, the principal speak-
ers will be Governor Willis of Ohio;
Senator Warren G. Harding of Ohio;
Senator Lawrence Y. Sherman of Illi-
nois; John Mitchell, Professor Jer-
emiah Jenks, Bishop Luther B. Wilson,
Rabbi Joseph Silverman, Judge Alton
B. Parker and Bainbridge Colby.

Jim Thorpe Playing Good Ball

Jersey City, N. J., May 12.—Jim
Thorpe, member of the Giants squad
for three years and one of the biggest
Stockholm Olympic athletes is now
with the local team of the Interna-
tional League. Since his advent into
the league just below the big circuit,
Thorpe has shown flashes of brilliant
playing ability but one flash does not
make a ball player—as John McGraw
found out after three seasons of
coaching of Thorpe. But the Giants
have an ironbound contract on
Thorpe's services for another year and
should the International League ex-
perience develop Thorpe he will un-
doubtedly wear a Giants uniform
again next year.

TRAFFIC AGAIN MOVES BUT BY A LONG DETOUR

BIG STRING OF TRAINS DETOUR
OVER THE O-W. DURING
DAY.

PRODUCE AND FISH DEALERS SUFFERED

Tremendous Call for Train Crews and
Power Has Drafted Freight Ser-
vice Into Hauling Passenger Trains
—Though Round About, Trains are
Moving Again Everywhere.

HOW TRAINS MOVED.

Southern Pacific trains travel
1700 miles over North Bank,
O-W, O. S. L. and Union Pa-
cific to cover 777 miles from
Portland to Frisco.

Fifteen extra engines and 15
extra engine crews working out
of La Grande to handle trains
today and tomorrow.
O-W trains due 5:30 a. m.
yesterday arrived 10:25 a. m.
today.

From the East—Five have
gone through today and three
more to come tonight.

From the West—Three gone,
one to come tonight.

Notwithstanding that there is
trouble at Hood River in the way of
a landslide caused by an excessive
dynamite blast by road graders,
which will not be cleared away until
tomorrow night probably, the con-
gestion on the Southern Pacific and
Reddings and the Hood River trou-
bles, has been largely cleared.
Southern Pacific trains will continue
to run through La Grande, detoured
over the North Bank to get here un-
til tomorrow night probably, but there
is now no choked traffic anywhere.
Last night No. 18 pulled into La
Grande on time but the congestion at
Hood River was not cleared until
trains were 30 hours late. Once the
jam was loosened there was a solid
stream of trains through La Grande.
Southern Pacific trains carry no pas-
sengers originating on the O-W,
but freight train crews from the La
Grande division are handling the
trains. S. P. conductors attending to
the welfare of the passengers. The
demand for train and engine crews
has wiped up the slowboard, and rail-
roading has suddenly assumed land-
office proportions.

One of the most material results
from the congestion is that which will
be suffered by produce handlers and
fish dealers. Great stacks of vegeta-
bles and fruit have piled up and of
course much damage was done, the
loss, however, local produce men say,
being due to fall on the express and
railroad companies.

icers, inspectors, roundhouse work-

TWO BIRTHDAYS AND THREE VICE PRESIDENTS.



Charles W. Fairbanks, 63 years old May 11. Levi P. Morton, 91 years old May 16. Theodore Roosevelt, 56 years old.

MRS. MOON REMAINS SILENT

men and expressmen have been
"jumping sideways" to handle the
overabundance of trains.

Mail Piled High.

When the congestion did begin to
break, express, baggage and mail
piled itself high around the depot.
Night relief came last night when
No. 18 on the O-W arrived about on
time, having been originally de-
toured via the North Bank. Those
which were stalled yesterday at
Hood River had to be taken back to
Portland and then sent over the
North Bank.

A consolidation of two Southern
Pacific trains went through La
Grande this morning at 7:30 and at
the same hour a Shasta limited from
San Francisco, due out of there the
10th, went west through La Grande.
The Joseph branch was held until the
first No. 4 came.

SHOOTERS GIVE DANCE.

Funds to Be Raised with Which to
Pay Shooters Here June 16.

That there may be ample money on
hand with which to offer added
money features at the big shoot to
be held here June 16, the La Grande
Gun club is out this afternoon selling
tickets. The funds needed to swing
the shoot will total considerable and
it is felt that the receipts from the
dance should go a large way to meet
this expense.

Telephone Men to Meet.

Next Saturday the stockholders of
the Co-Operative Telephone company
will meet at Elgin for their annual
meeting. Considerable business is to
come before the assembly.

VANDERBILT'S BODY REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN SAVED FROM SEA

Queenstown, May 12.—The steamer
Flying Fish has arrived with 17 ad-
ditional bodies picked up after the
Lusitania horror. Circumstantial
reports indicate the body of A. G. Van-
derbilt has been recovered but this
remains unconfirmed. As is known
he wore no life belt, it is feared the
body will never be found.

Boat Load Die.

Cork Island, May 12.—A lifeboat
from the Lusitania, containing the
bodies of four women and two chil-
dren who perished due to exposure,
was picked up off Fastnet yesterday,
a telegram states. The lifeboat was
floating upright in good condition, it
is reported.

BROWN BEAR SLAIN.

Beast Trapped Near Summerville
Weights 150 Pounds.

J. J. Wagoner enjoys the distinction
of having trapped a big brown
bear. He snagged the beast east of
Summerville and when he brought it
to town today it tipped the beam at
150 pounds. The bear had dragged
the trap and hitching post a con-
siderable distance, and had gnawed
at its right paw until the member
was practically slitted to the bone.
The carcass is on display in the
Grande Ronde Meat company market
window.

RUMORS OF ITALY STARTING WAR ON TEUTONS PERSISTENT

Rome, May 12.—With war demon-
strations in many cities, pressure upon
the government to bring negotiations
with Austria to a close and enter the
war has become acute. The cabinet
has considered the concessions Aus-
tria has agreed to.

War Rumors Current.

Washington, May 12.—Although
the state department, and the Ger-
man, Austrian and Italian embassies
have received no information con-
cerning the report current today that
Italy has declared war, diplomatic
and military experts express the opin-

ion that entrance of Italy on the side
of the allies is almost inevitable.

If Italy maintains a neutral posi-
tion in return for territorial conces-
sions by Austria, chances of a teu-
tonic victory will be increased, the
authorities declared.

Should Germany win, the next neu-
tral step would be to help Austria re-
cover territory ceded to Italy and
believing this experts think that Italy
will force entrance into war via the
Lusitania episode as a special torch
to the fever heat in Italy.

NOTE READY FOR BERLIN

STATE DEPARTMENT WILL DIS-
PATCH IT THIS EVENING
SOMETIME.

THREAT OR ULTIMATUM FEATURES LEFT OUT

Several Pertinent Questions Will Be
Put Up to Germany by President
Wilson—Note to Be Published Just
as Soon as Permissible—Final
Draft Has Been Made for Trans-
mission.

Washington, May 12.—The note to
Germans concerning the Lusitania,
has been completed, the Whitehouse
has announced. It was sent to the
state department for transmission to
Ambassador Gerard, who will deliver
it to the German foreign office. It is
reported the note will be dispatched
to Germany tonight.

The course of the action, de-
termined upon by the president, will
be announced just as soon as it is
proper to publish it, now that it is
prepared and ready for transmission.
The president's secretary Tumulty,
gave out this announcement following
a conference with President Wilson.

It is understood the note will be in
the hands of Berlin by tomorrow
at the latest. Tumulty refused to make
any comment but the note is believed
to be firm and fully meets the coun-
try's expectations.

The plans of the president are be-
lieved to be that Germany make a
more accurate definition of her atti-
tude toward American shipping, car-
go and lives in the war zone; refer to
the sinking of the Falaba, the attack
upon the Gulfstream; the sinking of the
Lusitania; the aeroplane attack on
the steamer Cushing and ask what
assurance will be given that such
attacks won't occur again.

There will be nothing in the way
of threat or ultimatum it is said. The
contents are anxiously waited.

MAN TELLS OF COAST.

Pendleton, Nov. 11.—A rugged
coast line with cliffs rising several
hundred feet sheer of the ocean is the
lay of the land about Old Head of
Kinsale on the southeast coast of Ire-
land. This is the description as
given by Tobias Butler of this city
who is familiar with every foot of the
ground along the south Irish coast.
Mr. Butler is employed here as
passenger brakeman on the O. W. R.
& N. and has been in this country
for three years.

This wild, lonesome spot now
marks the last resting place of the
giant liner Lusitania which was tor-
pedoed last Friday by a German sub-
marine and here in the St. George's
channel will probably lie many of
those who went down with the vessel
as the recovery of their bodies will
doubtless be impossible.

Mr. Butler's home is Kilkenny,
northeast of Kinsale. He has been
at Kinsale many times and at
Queenstown also, to which port all
the victims of the disaster have been
brought. Kinsale is a small town,
smaller than Pendleton by many hun-
dreds, and is the home of fishermen
principally. At Old Head of Kinsale
all that breaks the monotony of the
rugged landscape is a lighthouse
which warns vessels of the approach
to a rocky shore. The land inward,
when one has topped the cliffs, is
marshy and hilly. There is also con-
siderable pasture land where cattle
are grazed. The head juts out into
the sea about a mile. The tide is al-
ways rough and makes a bad landing
place.

Kinsale is about 40 miles from
Queenstown. The towns grouped in
this section and within a few miles
apart are Kinsale, Queenstown, Clon-
akilty and Cork.

From Kinsale, the tourist can take
a boat and go out to the head. Many
make this visit as the scene is one
of rugged grandeur. The coast, be-
tween the cliffs, is dotted with inlets,
hiding places for smugglers, and ac-
cording to Mr. Butler, affording a
place for the safe-keeping of a sub-
marine base if such has been estab-
lished on the Irish coast.

Queenstown is a peculiar old city,
being arranged tier upon tier as the
houses rise up from the sea-cliffs. It
is impossible for steamers to dock at
Queenstown and all passengers have
to be transferred to lighters as the
vessel anchors out in the channel.
From the sea Queenstown on first
appearance, gives one the impression
of a flight of stairs as the tiers run
one above the other toward the hori-
zon.

Rains Please Farmers.

Floyd McKennon is happy today
over the rains. He says there never
was a time when the prospects for a
big crop were so good in the valley,
and Floyd is a farmer who farms and
knows.

Southern Baptist Convention
Houston, May 12.—More than 5000
delegates to the Southern Baptist
convention were expected today to be
here before the sessions close on the
17th. The convention opened today
with fully 2500 delegates from Texas
Arkansas, and other southern states.