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ITALY STRIKES AUSTRIA FROM AIR, LAND, SEA

SUBMARINE FOUND NEAR VENICE CHASED AWAY BY DEFENDERS.

DIRIGIBLE ATTACK ON AUSTRIAN DESTROYERS

Italian Land Forces Continue to Press Forward Upon Goritz and Trieste, the Headquarters Claiming Success in Capturing Various Heights on the Way There.

Rome, May 29.—While Italian land forces are pressing forward upon Goritz and Trieste, and occupying numerous villages and capturing heights in the Alps in a movement against Trentino, the king's war machine struck from the air and upon the water today.

One of two Austrian submarines which appeared off Venice was declared to have been sunk by Italian destroyers. Other ships and conveying destroyers escaped.

A dirigible dropped bombs upon a group of Austrian destroyers at Zebenico but the damage was not determined.

ASHES REACH CITY.

Remains of Marie Frazier Marshall Come from the South.

George Frazier and wife of Portland are in the city to attend the funeral of his sister Marie Frazier Marshall which will be held at the Summerville cemetery, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Charles R. Frazier of Portland and his mother will reach La Grande tomorrow morning.

The ashes of Marie Frazier Marshall arrived this morning from Cincinnati where the body was cremated, and the funeral services will be held at the Summerville cemetery, at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Mrs. Marshall died at Gerard, Okla., recently of pneumonia. Her husband and two children survive.

YOUNG VETS JOIN.

Spanish War Veterans Will Participate in Exercises.

The Spanish American War veterans will be in line to march with the G. A. R.'s Decoration Day and will participate in the exercises. W. R. C. will serve a hot dinner at 12 o'clock, Monday to G. A. R.'s Spanish War veterans and Sons of Veterans in city are cordially invited to attend the dinner and exercises. All school children in city are invited to go with the veterans to the cemetery Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Conveyances will be furnished and the children will be cared for.

CLOSING HOURS FIXED

Grocers Close Monday Afternoon, Meat Dealers Closed Too

According to present plans grocers will be closed along with the other merchants all Monday afternoon and the meat markets will not be open at five o'clock as first planned.

In addition to the names published yesterday of merchants to close Monday afternoon, William Ash is added. H. Bloch is also among those closing, his name being inadvertently left out.

Another Oddest Story.

"Shorty" Paynter and Claude Mackey have discovered a new sport. During idle hours at the fire station these two yesterday invented a new exercise, combining boxing, Indian wrestling, Japanese twisters and four or five other stunts, all cleverly working into one sport. Anyone wanting lessons can be taken on in the new game by either of the two men.

FORMATION OF TAX CLUB IN THIS COUNTY IS URGED

That Oregon is the highest taxed state in the union is the contention of Robt. E. Smith of Roseburg who spoke to a meeting of taxpayers at the city hall this afternoon. Mr. Smith stated that the purpose of the meeting was to form a county tax association for the purpose of securing closer co-operation between taxpayer and the tax spender.

"There is too much talk about high taxes and not enough intelligent investigation on the part of the taxpayer," said Mr. Smith.

"As an example of what I mean taxes in Union county exclusive of state taxes have increased 141 per cent in the past nine years. But this does not mean that all taxes have increased 141 per cent. County taxes

WOMEN OF PARIS IN WEEDS OF WOE



BECAUSE ALMOST EVERY WOMAN IN PARIS IS IN MOURNING THE MILLINERS HAVE DESIGNED A CREPE HEADRESS — THE "NUVE NOUVE" DESPITE ITS SOMBER TONE AND TRAGIC SIGNIFICANCE IT IS VERY BECOMING.

VERDICT FOR ONE DOLLAR

O-W. LOSES CASE BUT NOT FOR MUCH.

Damage Case Ends with Return of \$1.00 Damages to Plaintiff.

Enterprise, May 29.—The jury in the case of H. M. McQueen vs the O-W. returned a verdict finding for the plaintiff in the sum of \$1.00. He sued for \$25,000, for injuries alleged to have been sustained while riding an accommodation train in Wallawa county last year.

Chas. E. Cochran, counsel for the railroad company in the McQueen case, arrived in La Grande last evening, the jury at that time being still out. He was confident of a victory at that time.

Mr. Cochran is today in Summerville attending Decoration Day services, and will probably not return to Portland until Sunday.

Conference Talks Co-Operation. Eugene, Ore., May 29.—The theme of today's session of the Oregon commonwealth conference, being held at the state university, was co-operation of development, "agencies in Oregon."

C. C. Colt, president of the Portland chamber of commerce in a speech made it plain that if the various organizations having for their purpose the development of the state and the exploiting of its resources, did not co-operate to the fullest, little would be accomplished.

A number of ways by which funds may be secured for the building of highways, for municipal and industrial improvements were pointed out by C. K. Williams, president of Morris Brothers, bond dealers. Williams discussed fully credit organizations and loan contracts.

Rufus Holman, Multnomah county commissioner, urged the reorganization of county governments wherever necessary, that the highest efficiency and economy may be obtained.

The theme of this afternoon's session was constructive state good roads, and M. J. Cantine, state highway engineer was the principal speaker.

Boston Interscholastic Rowing. Boston, Mass., May 29.—The Boston Interscholastic Rowing Association today competes in the annual regatta on the Charles River, held under the auspices of the Harvard University.

Annual Annapolis-West Point Game. West Point, N. Y., May 29.—Two Navy team from Annapolis crosses bats here today with the cadet nine in their annual game.

STEAMER ON FIRE; RELIEF STANDING BY

CRAFT, BOUND FOR PORTLAND, CATCHES FIRE AND CREW TAKES TO BOATS.

THOUGH STILL BURNING FIRE IS UNDER CONTROL

Boats Rushing to the Aid of Ill-Fated Ship—Some of the Crew and Officers Landed, While Others Remain on the Vessel—Tragedy of the Sea Averted by Prompt Aid.

San Francisco, May 29.—A tragedy of the sea in the burning of the steamer Mackinaw was averted, according to advices reaching here from a half dozen steamers and tugs which are standing by or rushing to the aid of the vessel which took fire last night while en route to Portland in ballast. Two officers and seven Chinese members of the Mackinaw's crew landed here this afternoon in charge of the pilot tender California. They took to small boats when the blaze was discovered. Some of the members of the crew are still aboard.

The fire is said to be under control and there is now no danger of lives being lost. Others of the crew were picked up by passing boats and are being brought to port. Pilot boats were dispatched to Point Reyes, upon receipt of advices that the Mackinaw's small boats were drifting about with several members of the crew. The crew is practically all Chinese coolies, but officers are white men.

GERMANS TORPEDO STEAMER

London, May 29.—The British steamer Ethiope was torpedoed and sunk by the German submarine U-24 while enroute from Hull to London, it is announced. The chief officer and 16 men of the crew were rescued but the remainder are believed to be drifting in the open sea in boats. The dispatches don't mention what number of passengers were on board. The Ethiope was of 3700 tons capacity.

GUNBOAT ESCAPES

Accident Narrowly Averted in Bosphorus on Monday.

Washington, May 29.—The United States gunboat Scorpion on duty at Constantinople, narrowly escaped being damaged by a British torpedo Monday. Ambassador Morgenthau has reported to the state department that a British submarine entered the Bosphorus from the Sea of Marmara and fired several torpedoes, one seriously damaging a transport anchored near the Scorpion. Constantinople shore batteries fired upon the submarine without result.

Denver's Field Meet

Denver, Colo., May 29.—Two prizes, each a round trip ticket to the Panama Pacific Exposition at San Francisco, were the drawing cards that brought out a big field at today's annual Mountain Marathon, held under the auspices of a local newspaper. The distance was ten miles, shorter than the regulation marathon, on account of the high altitude.

EBERHARD NEW PROSECUTOR

Salem, May 29. (3:15 p. m.)—Colon R. Eberhard has been appointed District Attorney for Union county, to succeed F. S. Ivanhoe, who recently resigned that office. Signed, JAMES WITHERCOMBE, Governor.



COLON R. EBERHARD, New County Prosecutor.

fore coming to La Grande as land office receiver. His experience and qualifications admittedly fit him for the post. In the campaign that resulted from Ivanhoe's resignation, there was a lively but a clean scramble for the place. The race was short but swift, the sprint lasting but a day of two.

German Reply Sent But Tone Is Feared

Berlin, May 29.—Germany's reply to President Wilson's note in regard to the German attack on the American ship Lusitania, the Lusitania horror and other torpedoing incidents, was handed to Ambassador Gerard today by the foreign office. Gerard and embassy attaches are translating and transcribing the answer in state department code. It is not expected the reply will reach Washington before Monday when it will probably be made public there.

Despite secrecy, it is roughly known that the note will ask the United States to agree upon a statement of facts regarding the Lusitania, and then take up further interchanges regarding general submarine warfare.

Codification of the reply was completed this afternoon and it was sent on its way for Washington via Copenhagen and London. It will probably reach Washington Sunday.

Officials are Nervous. Washington, May 29.—With the news that Germany's reply has been delivered and sent, officials are nervous. It is the opinion of Gerard that the note will fail to satisfy the United States. The note is understood to be

couched in friendly terms, but it is understood the Kaiser will insist Germany's submarine warfare is justified in view of England's attempt to starve civilian population of Germany. If this should be the case and no concessions be made to the president's objections, a sharp rejoinder is certain.

Renewed Warnings Given. Washington, May 29.—Renewed warning to America shipping to exercise extreme caution in traversing the war zone in the region of the British Isles, was issued today by Germany. The state department issued the statement after it was announced that such warning had been given to Ambassador Gerard at Berlin.

NEBRASKAN REPORT IN Preliminary Report Filed With Secretary Bryan Today.

Washington, May 29.—Secretary of State Bryan has received from Ambassador Page a preliminary report as to the damage done the Nebraskan, off Fastnet. The report said the Nebraskan engineer still stuck to the story he saw a white streak of water preceding the explosion, this apparently supporting the theory it was the wake of a torpedo, which struck the vessel.

ALL ARE COMING.

Booster Young Reports Special Trains and What Not.

After visiting Walla Walla and all points in between there and Pendleton in the interest of the Motorace June 17, George Young has returned with the good news that Walla Walla and Pendleton are working up special trains for that date. There is going to be a great influx of visitors for the occasion, Mr. Young says and he was everywhere assured that the outside points are intensely interested in the races. Since returning he has taken up with local managers the proposition of handling more passengers to the grounds than was first contemplated. "That part of the country knows nothing," but boost for any proposition that comes up," said Mr. Young. "It would do your heart good to hear the way they took to the race scheme."

MASS AT CEMETERY.

Father Driscoll to Say Mass at 11 O'Clock in the Morning.

Tomorrow morning Memorial mass will be held in the Catholic cemetery at 11 o'clock. Father Driscoll will hold this sacred service in honor of the soldiers who have been buried there and it is part of the observance of the Decoration Day services which will be held throughout the nation.

In the afternoon at 3 o'clock a special May day procession will be held in which all of the children of the parish will participate. The ceremony of the blessing of the children will form a part of the service. The public is invited to all of these services. Refreshments will be served to the children by the ladies of the Parish immediately following the services.

EAGLES ARE BUSY

Preparations For Annual Celebration Well Under Way.

Various committees of La Grande Aerie No. 259, lodge of Eagles, are busy completing plans for their big annual celebration which is to be held at Eagles' Park, north of this city, July 3, 4 and 5. Arrangements have been made by the O-W-R. & N. Co. for special rates from all points in Eastern Oregon, and many out-of-town people are expected.

Those having the matter in hand plan on making this an occasion to be remembered by all who attend, and have provided various kinds of entertainment features. The affair is not for Eagles exclusively, but is to be a celebration along the lines of a genuine Fourth of July celebration for the public in general.

Today's Oddest Story

Kansas City, Mo., May 29.—Finding it impossible to exercise his bulldog enough an ingenious blacksmith at Sheffield has invented an exercising machine. Taking a wagon wheel he fastened it to the ground with a pin through the hub. Across the wheel he placed a board with the ends protruding, with a short rope he tied the bulldog to one end of the board. A cat, borrowed from a neighbor, was tied to the other end. The dog started out to rob the cat of seven lives, but found it just out of reach. Around they went to the delight of the blacksmith until someone reported to the Humane society. An investigator took the "incentive" back to the owner which stopped the dog and the cat.