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ITALY BARS GERMAN GOODS

STEEL WALL IS COMPLETED BY ITALY'S MOVE

FRENCH DIOLOMAT CALLS IT MASTER STROKE THAT WILL BREAK GERMANY.

ENGLISH BERATE AMERICANS FOR ACCEPTING DOCTRINES

French Have Taken Considerable Trench Territory it is Reported by Making Sudden Hand Grenade Attacks—London Papers Say Wilson it Unneutral.

Rome, Feb. 12.—Italy has issued a decree forbidding, under heavy penalty, importation of any Austrian or German goods. The steps were announced today after ex-Premier Briand of France held a conference in the foreign office.

"We have completed a steel wall around Germany," Briand said.

Ordinarily such steps would provoke immediate declaration of war, but it is not believed Germany cares to open hostilities with Italy for financial and military reasons.

Briand said the Allies are determined to throttle the Teutons from an economic standpoint while making them suffer from a military standpoint.

French Approach Supply Track. Paris, Feb. 12.—French troops have captured 300 yards of trenches near Champagne, with a sudden grenade attack northwest of Mezi, it is officially announced. They took trenches in the direction of Lahure Heights dominating the German supply railroad. The Teutons vainly counter attacked.

English Call us Unneutral.

London, Feb. 12.—Allies will protest if Secretary Lansing accepts the German policy of attacking armed merchantmen without warning, authorities have declared. Objection is based on the fact that America has announced she would permit merchantmen, armed for defensive purposes, to enter American ports.

"A change of this kind in time of war is regarded unneutral. It may be a landslide in November that will sweep away Wilson with his trimming politics," the Globe said editorially.

COAL PRICES SINK.

Added Dollar During the Storm Taken Off by Dealers.

Now that delivery of coal is possible again, coal dealers have taken off the \$1.00 per ton premium put on while it was necessary to have four horses hitched to a sack of coal for delivery purposes. There seems to be an ample supply of coal at present, too.

NO SUCCESSOR PICKED.

Franklin Lane or Houston, and Even Maybe Goethals, May Be Named

Washington, Feb. 12.—When President Wilson returns tomorrow from a cruise of the Potomac he will announce Garrison's successor in the war, officials believed. When the President left last night he had under formal consideration Secretary of Agriculture Houston and Franklin Lane. German opposition developed against Lane because his is of Canadian birth. Though many mentioned Goethals, high authority said he is not being considered yet.

Grant Funeral Tomorrow.

The funeral of the late J. W. Grant will be held from the Bohnenkamp chapel tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. The deceased was a resident of La Grande only a short time. He was engaged in the grocery business in the east and came west on account of health. After a stay of two months in La Grande he went to Portland and died following an operation. He leaves a wife, whose brothers and other relatives are residents of this vicinity.

MINE VICTIMS MANY.

Twenty-Six Bodies Taken from Pennsylvania Mine.

Jamestown, Pa., Feb. 12.—Bodies of 24 miners were killed in a gas explosion at Ernest last night and three are still missing and four are in the hospital. It is believed a spark from a cutting machine ignited the gas pocket.

HUNTER NURSES PAL'S WOUNDS

JOE MILLER UNDER KNIFE FOR APPENDICITIS.



Joe Miller.

Taken suddenly with a critical attack of appendicitis, Joseph Miller, chief clerk to Superintendent William Bollons of the O.-W., was operated on at the Grande Ronde hospital last evening. Today his condition seems to be favorable. Joe was at his post up to the time of the attack. His many friends in and out of railroad life hope for speedy recovery.

ISLAND CITY BOYS HAVE EXPERIENCE IN HILLS.

One of Duo, Finally Recovers from Injuries Sufficiently to Return Home.

Frank Perry and Carl Parent, two young men of Island City, who have been trapping in the Mt. Emily region came to town Thursday afternoon. They have their trapping headquarters in the Blumenstein cabin and also have a smaller emergency camp on Five Points creek. While at the latter place about two weeks ago Parent accidentally cut his foot very seriously with an ax. Perry was miles away looking after a line of traps at the time. The injured man knew this and realized that if he waited for his partner to arrive his foot would swell up so that he might not be able to travel at all. He quickly bandaged his wound as best he could, scrawled a brief message to his partner with a piece of charcoal, in lieu of a pencil, and pluckily struck out for the main camp (nine miles away) on skis. When Perry came in at dusk he found Parent's bloody sock and the note. As there was moonlight he lost no time in following up his partner whom he feared to find exhausted on the trail. Parent had reached their headquarters cabin alone however. Next day Perry made a record trip to town after medicine for the injured man. Using skis he almost flew over the snow, traveling from the Blumenstein cabin to the top of Fox hill, a distance of four and a half miles, in the short space of thirty-five minutes. The entire trip to La Grande and back (a distance of about 16 miles) was made in 4 1-2 hours. There is a difference in the elevation of the two places of about 2,500 feet. For two weeks Perry then took care of his injured friend who at last got well enough to come to town on skis, that being the only possible mode of travel up there now. During the time the injured man was recovering the greatest snowstorm in local history was taking place. Perry says the snow on the Blumenstein place is 10 feet deep even now and on the summit of Mt. Emily it is 15 or 20 feet. It has settled about 2 feet since the weather turned warmer. During the big storm it did not snow much more up there than in the valley but it fell on top of a great supply already there. Perry will return to the mountains but Parent will stay at home for the present.

OAKMAN FAMILY LEAVES.

Will Spend Several Months in Los Angeles—Return Later.

Having been offered and having accepted, a position in a large publishing house in Los Angeles, Bert Oakman, ex-district deputy Modern Woodman head consul, accompanied by Mrs. Oakman left last night for the Southern city to remain several months. They were accompanied by Mrs. Maude Cusick, a sister of Mrs. Oakman, who has been spending the winter at the Oakman ranch in Palmer Junction. Neighbors will occupy the new home just built by them on the Palmer lands, until their return, at which time they will finish developing their holdings there. Mr. Oakman, who was formerly in the newspaper business, returns for the present to that field, working under an old-time friend who is supplying religious tracts and publications.

CHINESE HONOR TWO FAMED MEN

NEW FLAG RAISED.

High School Decoration in Honor of Lincoln's Birthday.

A new flag was raised at the High School building today. This was in honor of Lincoln's birthday for one thing, but the event is opportune in another respect as the flag which was raised today is entirely new and takes the place of one which has become so much worn as to be no longer serviceable.

OBSERVE BURBANK DAY.

Public Schools of Oregon Will Jointly Do Honor to Wizard.

The program for Luther Burbank day, which is to be observed in the public schools in Oregon, has been prepared in the state department of public instruction and County School Superintendent A. E. Ivanhoe is now sending the program to the school districts within the county.

The date on which this special program will be presented by the schools is Tuesday, March 7. This event is to be similar to that of Flag day, Arbor day and other occasions of special exercises in the public schools.

March 7th is the birthday anniversary of Luther Burbank, "the plant wizard," who has done so much for the advancement of human progress.

TOQUES HEAP UP IN ARENA OF POLITICS

GENEROUS RUSH OF CANDIDATES INSURES SPIRITED PRIMARY CAMPAIGN.

LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES PROMISE KEEN CONTESTS

County Tickets Swelling up With Array of Seekers of Positions—Subsidiary Clubs in Major Parties Will Likely Bear Burden of Primary Work.

Motley collections of toques, meaning hats, are being heaved into the county and state political arenas these days. While individuals are looking to their line fences, respective major parties are grooming their machinery for action, primarily in the post-primary campaign; hence, all in all, the smell of political battle is becoming distinct and prevalent. Enough men have already stepped out in front and said "How dy?" to the body politic to insure some brisk skirmishing along the entire battlefield. The campaign is still largely in the handgrenade stage, but Jack Johnson and 42-centimeter salvos will be uncocked in due time. The primaries occur on May 19 and while that date is quite distant, respective candidates are not losing any time in getting their trenches dug and reconnaissance sorties under way.

Coming to individuals, the legislative combat promises to have ample material. The lower house has enough attractiveness about it to even at this early stage bring forth definite declarations of candidates. The upper house candidates are less definitely shaped but the horizon contains the silhouettes of three or four men who have their political eyes trained on that honor. For the lower branch at Salem, "Jim" Woodell, present incumbent, seeks re-nomination on the Democratic ticket, and, to date, none have volunteered to contest his campaign May 19. On the Republican side, S. R. Haworth, retired financier of this city, and Attorney L. D. Butler are, as far as gossip goes, the only two Republicans who have "The bug."

As for the senate, Union county voters will have to indicate their choice for but one solon this year, a joint senator from Union and Walla-walla counties. Chas. Barret, of Athena, has the joint district off to the west sewed up in his jeans by virtue of his holdover provisions. Just who the contestants will be for this office is not known finally. Walter M. Pierce has not made a newspaper statement but admitted today he has told some of his friends that he will be a candidate. No primary opposition is known.

E. E. Kiddle, present senator, likewise has not declared himself, and there is speculation concerning him, but for the sake of preliminary argument, it is certain that he is a possible contender.

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ST PAUL REVENUE STAMP ROBBERS TAKEN IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Feb. 12.—Arresting three men and three women, federal authorities have recovered nearly a half million worth of revenue stamps, taken in the robbery of St. Paul collector's office some time ago. They believe they have a clue to the West Minister robbery several years ago. The arrested are Edward Leonard, John Zeck and Michael Flannigan, and their wives. Letters mentioned the West Minister case, which was

Ice Jams Form At The Peach Bridge

PORTLAND WEATHER BETTER

Portland, Feb. 12.—Fair and colder weather has checked the threatening floods and the river began to recede slowly today. Ice is moving down the Columbia river and threatens the steam boat Tahoma which has been frozen in since January 2nd. Tugs are ready to remove five men aboard if the moving ice crushes the steamer. Rain is predicted for tomorrow. Many farms and houses in the Lents district are under water.

Huge jams of ice, which in themselves are doing comparatively little harm but in the event of increased water from the mountains would back the Grande Ronde river from a point south of the Peach bridge up to about Island City, or farther, exist in the vicinity of the Peach bridge today. Farmers along the river are considerably alarmed, but are elated nevertheless at the freeze last night which stopped the swelling of the river. The jam formed during the past 24 hours and is rapidly growing larger, but the volume of water coming down to

PROGRAM FOR PREPAREDNESS

FEDERAL CONTROLLED MILITIA IS PROPOSED.

Compromise Probable in Philippine Independence Bill.

Washington, Feb. 12.—A militia, federally controlled, it is stated will replace the continental army plan of the administration's preparedness program. Drafting during war will probably be included in the provisions of the bill, but there will be no compulsory training measures, even like those suggested by Senator Chamberlain having been practically abandoned.

A compromise will probably be effected in the Philippine independence bill. The house committee has suggested an amendment to th bill giving the Islands their freedom in ten years.

Drive Stock to Higher Ground.

Quincy, Or., Feb. 11.—Out of the clutches of the blizzard into the arms of a flood, farmers in this section are getting stock to higher ground in the Willamette river bottoms, and rejoicing in the fact that there will be a lot of dead goats when the water goes down. Polk and Yamhill county people compelled to cross the river are traveling this way to reach the Wheatland ferry, as the west approach to the Salem bridge is under water. The Chinese and Japanese celery gardens of Lake Labish are under water, but as there is no current the celery will probably be unhurt.

Deaf Man Killed by Train.

Echo, Ore., Feb. 11.—Unable to hear the approach of a freight train, J. H. Dunlap, who was almost stone deaf, was run down and killed last evening about 4:30 between this place and Stanfield.

Dunlap, who was familiarly known hereabouts as "Deafy" has been living in Stanfield lately and yesterday was called to the farm of Dan Bowman who had received a message telling of the death of Dunlap's mother at the age of 90 in Olenta, Pa. He had just received this sad news and was on his way back to Stanfield when struck by Extra Freight No. 22.

Remarkably similar to the St. Paul robbery.

Well Known People. Washington, D. C. Feb. 12.—Ambassador von Bernstorff drives his own roadster made in America and drives it like the wind.

day is less than yesterday, if anything.

The water has risen 18 inches to two feet as a result of the ice jam. Nothing has been done toward breaking it up, for the reason that the drop in temperature has temporarily relieved any serious aspect to the matter.

Should a rise come, it is expected that the water would spread out to the Pierce farm and all intermediate ranches.

Unless the jam should break on its own accord, or be removed by artificial means, a thaw in the mountains swelling the river would do much harm.

Floods Menace Many Sections.

Baker, Feb. 12.—Lower Powder and adjacent territory is beginning to feel the effect of the recent thaw. In that section of the county the streams are overflowing and already doing some damage. A number of ranches are under water and several streams, including the Powder river, are over their banks, according to travelers reaching Baker yesterday. Gilbert White, making the trip by sleigh from Eagle Valley, had a narrow escape when attempting to cross a small stream. The sleigh was partly overturned, some of the contents being washed away, but the driver managed to get his team through after being waist deep in the icy water.

In the lower part of Baker valley water is settling in the low places, and some roads are under water. No damage is yet reported. Roads at several points have been washed out and Judge Messick has issued orders to road supervisors to exercise care and be ready to meet possible emergencies in protecting the highways.

O.-W. Tracks Are in Danger

Pendleton, Feb. 12.—At Gibbon station near Pendleton the O.-W. R. & N. is making strenuous efforts to save its tracks, which are in danger of being washed out. A large crew had been at work several days, several train loads of gravel having been hauled in to be used in reinforcing the grade, which has been badly cut at different places, with indications of still higher water from two or three streams that are causing the trouble.

Trains are running nearly on time through La Grande today.

Cattle Killed Under a Shed.

Pendleton, Feb. 12.—B. H. Inman, who is caring for the Matthew Shuship cattle near Cayuse, brought to the city today news that four of Shuship's cattle were killed yesterday when a shed on land leased to Marion Jack collapsed and fell upon them. Five head had strayed there and taken shelter in the shed. One escaped. Inman says Shuship has lost eight head of cattle out of 75 during the storm, all due to accidents. He also brings the report that the river road to Cayuse has been rendered impassable to vehicles by the high water. On both sides of the bridge at Cayuse, the road is washed out, he states, so that a horse has difficulty in picking its way. He states that the water has washed under the pipeline in the Crane field just south of the Cayuse bridge and has bared it for a short distance.

CANADIAN CENSORSHIP.

News of Troop Movements Must Not Be Given Out.

Niagara Falls, Feb. 12.—The Canadian censor has wired Canadian papers not to print news of troop movements and has warned papers in the United States with Canadian circulations that their editions will be confiscated if they are sent into the dominion with such news.

Relatives Ordered to Render Aid.

North Yakima, Wash., Feb. 11.—By direction of the board of county commissioners County Auditor Barrett has sent notices to relatives of persons receiving support from the county that if the persons addressed or some other relative of the indigent or sick person in question receiving county aid does not immediately make provision for the support of the person named, the penalties of the law will be enforced. The commissioners have been making inquiry for the addresses of relatives and are determined to reduce the amount expended for regular support of individuals.

University Quartet on Tour.

Salem, Or., Feb. 11.—The Willamette university quartet left today for another week-end trip. Tonight the singers will appear under the auspices of the high school at Canby and tomorrow night under the auspices of the Union high school at Sandy. Next week the quartet is booked for Estacada and Gresham on Friday and Saturday nights, respectively. Thus far the quartet has found full houses. On Thursday evening, March 9, the singers are to appear under the auspices of the Edworth league of Centenary church, East Ninth and Pine streets, Portland.