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VERDUN DRIVE START OF ANOTHER SMASH TO PUSH THROUGH TO PARIS

London, Feb. 24.—The Crown Prince's offensive on Verdun, is the beginning of a renewed drive toward Paris, an Amsterdam message says is the report from Berlin. It is planned to wreck the fortress and then begin a smash toward Paris, 130 miles away.

Berlin is reported to believe that the fall of Verdun would mark the beginning of the end of the war. A half million men are engaged in the struggle in woods north and northeast of the fortress.

Teuton losses, Amsterdam says, are the largest in five months. A Paris dispatch emphasizing the importance of the conflict, said tremendous German losses assured the defeat of the Verdun campaign.

Copenhagen, Feb. 24.—The Kaiser has arrived at Verdun to encourage his men. He addressed them urging them to conquer Verdun at any cost.

Berlin, Feb. 24.—War headquarters have announced the capture of Brabant Sur Meuse, Haumont woods, Samogneux, Jool Herbs and also some wooded districts northwest of Beaumont. These villages are within a radius of seven miles from Verdun forts, against which the big drive is directed.

Evacuations Admitted
Paris, Feb. 24.—French have evacuated Brabant Sur Meuse, eight miles north of Verdun, under heavy attack, a communiqué admits. Also a portion of Caures Wood, east of Brabant. Elsewhere Germans were repulsed at noon today.

Portugal Practically in War.
Lisbon, Feb. 24.—Austria and Germany are expected to declare war upon Portugal immediately as the result of Portuguese seizure of 36 Austria and German steamers interned in the Tagus river. Foreign minister officials have announced the vessels needed the transports and feared they would escape to the Atlantic and raid entente ships.

Prize Ship Seized.
London, Feb. 24.—Taking no chances of losing their seizure prize, the British steamer Westburn, a German crew dashed to sea this morning from Santa Cruz, on the Canaries, and scuttled the ship. The men escaped in boats before the vessel was sunk. Two hundred English persons aboard were put safely ashore.

Gamblers Control Cotton Market
Washington, Feb. 24.—Southern congressmen to day were drafting a declaration of war on cotton gamblers. An indignation meeting of House members from the cotton states will be held tonight at the capitol to discuss the alleged "conspiracy of cotton exchanges to depress the price of cotton." Representative Heflin of Alabama will preside at tonight's meeting. The call was joined by Representative Chandler, of Mississippi and Jacobway of Arkansas. Measures to regulate cotton exchanges will be discussed. Resolutions of Representative Heflin for congressional investigation of alleged manipulation of cotton markets also will be urged. "Although government reports showed that the cotton acreage and visible supply was being reduced, the cotton gamblers deliberately forced down the price of cotton," declared Representative Heflin today. That the cotton gamblers are in control of the market, although England's reserve supply is known to be almost at bedrock and Germany's cut off, with more than 3,000,000 bales used in manufacturing war supplies since the war began, is asserted by Representative Heflin.

New Foley Hotel Clerk

Jerome Foley is officiating at present as clerk at the Foley Hotel, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Fred Bell.

Methodist Pastor Leaves Eugene

Eugene, Or., Feb. 23.—Dr. H. F. Wilkinson, for over four years pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church here, accompanied by his family, left this morning for Newton Center, Mass., having exchanged pulpits with Rev. G. H. Parkinson of the church in that city. The Rev. Mr. Parkinson will be here soon after March 1. A reception was tendered the retiring pastor and his family at the church last night.

Stockmen Face Feed Shortage

Bandon, Or., Feb. 23.—Curry county stockmen are facing a hay and grain feed shortage that amounts to almost a famine, and unless supplies reach them within a few days loss of stock will be heavy. Ordinarily Curry ranchers get their feed from Bandon, but the destruction of bridges along the road during the recent storms makes it impossible for freight teams to get through. Unless the bridges are repaired early an attempt will be made to get feed to Port Orford by steamer from San Francisco.

CHARITY BALL NOTICE

The floor committee wishes to announce that special fancy dancing by popular members of the young set, including solo dancing, will be a part of the program at the Charity ball to be given tomorrow evening at Rex Hall.

BOHNENKAMP HOME TRADED

JOE HINKLE OF UMATILLA COUNTY NEW OWNER.

Bohnenkamps Expect to Build Smaller Home This Summer.

Deals were consummated today whereby the W. H. Bohnenkamp home on Second street is traded to Joe Hinkle, wealthy Umatilla county irrigated land owner for stock, lands and mortgages. By the deal it is possible, though not likely, that Mr. Hinkle will move to La Grande, but for the present has the property as an investment. Lots one and two go with the house which is one of the largest in the city, and Mr. and Mrs. Bohnenkamp retain block three in the center of the block. It is possible that they will build a comfortable but small bungalow on either this lot or on some First street property they own. "Our children are married and the 12 or 13 rooms of our home are too lonesome, when unoccupied, for Mrs. Bohnenkamp and I to live longer in the property," said Mr. Bohnenkamp in speaking of his plans. "I expect to build shortly, though we have the privilege of remaining in the house for three months more."

Mr. Hinkle has not made his plans known, insofar as they pertain to the use to which the property will be put. No figures have been given as to the amount of money involved but that it will approach \$9000 closely, it is intimated. Stocks, bonds and mortgages cover the principal items in the trade. Henry Hill engineered the transfer.

The Bohnenkamp house was built of brick, about 12 years ago, and for several years was the most pretentious home in the city. It is equipped with a dance hall, gymnasium for the children, and copious floor space in all the rooms.

AUTO AGENT LOCATES

Former O. A. C. Student Will Handle Overlands in this County.

C. C. Evans, formerly an O. A. C. student, is in La Grande today permanently in the capacity of Union county representative of the Willys-Overland company, and will handle the Overland car in this territory. While he finds a suitable location he will be at the Foley hotel. He is accompanied by C. C. Bleasdale, factory representative, who will spend a few days here, assisting Mr. Evans in finding location and getting well launched in his duties.

Senator Barret Here

State Senator C. A. Barret, for the joint senatorial district, is over from Athena conferring with his constituents today.

From Cove By Auto

George Thomas, an old resident of Cove, came over to La Grande today by auto, the roads having sufficiently improved to permit that kind of traveling.

KING OF MONTENEGRO AND HIS FAMILY FLED TO LYONS, FRANCE.

Left to Right—Princess Vera; Princess Xenie; Princess Meliza (Wife of Prince Danilo); M. Mioushikovich, President of the Council, and Prince Danilo. In the center—The King and Queen of Montenegro.



King Nicholas of Montenegro is in Lyons, France, to which city he fled when the Austrians threatened to take him and his family. But he insists that he has not given up the fight, and he continues to send directions to his troops and members of his cabinet left at home.

LEM QUONG IS BOUND OVER LEADERS TALK CHURCH SCHOOL

Lem Quong, charged with the bloody assault on Eng Chong, an old South La Grande Chinese gardener last Thursday night, was today bound over to the grand jury after his preliminary appearance before Justice A. C. Williams. The grand jury was recalled this morning and it is possible the matter will be taken under consideration by that body speedily.

Peace in Portland Forseen
Portland, Feb. 24.—Chinatown resumed its customary activity suddenly today. Hop Sing chatted on street corners with Bing Kongs and Bow Leongs. Revolvers and hatchets are buried.

Police are still watching closely, despite the thirty-day truce agreement signed last night by chiefs of the warring factions. During the armistice, peace leaders, who arrived from San Francisco, will attempt to establish permanent peace. The killing of Yin Luck yesterday has probably complicated the terms.

PILOT ROCK PIPE LINE.

Superintendent Bollons Will Provide Employees Water Supply.

Superintendent Bollons of the O-W. R. & N., was at Pilot Rock Junction a few days ago and while there he took up the proposal of giving the railroad employees stationed at that place a more convenient means for water supply. That will be done by means of a pipe line running from the company's deep well at the round house thence along the track to the different cars and sheds occupied as living quarters. This is to be accomplished as speedily as possible. At the present time the people of the Junction secure their supply by carrying water from the well at the round house.

A Son and a Democrat.

The caption may appear a little ambiguous inasmuch as it might be taken to mean two distinct persons.

AUSTRIANS ATTACK TACOMA AMMUNITION AND AUTO TRAIN

Tacoma, Feb. 24.—Six Austrians attacked an ammunition train on the Great Northern in the local freight yards today. After a fight with trainmen, two were captured and arrested. They gave the name of Sam Ruskay and John Ross. They are held in solitary confinement. The train carried automobiles, ammunition and mixed freight, consigned to Seattle, to be shipped to Vladivostok for the Russian government. It was detained from Spokane via Portland because of snowslides in the mountains.

THAT BIG CATTLE RANCH.

It is the Old Hunt Place Which is Located Near Stanfield.

In regard to the proposal of the Swift packing company to stock up a ranch near Pendleton with 10,000 head of cattle as noted in Chicago

press report Wednesday, it is said the place referred to is the George W. Hunt ranch on the meadows near Stanfield. It has been held for several years by Frank Donnelly, secretary of the Swift Packing Co., but was recently transferred by him to the Eastern Oregon Livestock company for \$230,000. The same company also acquired the vast Corbett tracts in Harney county. The story from Chicago bears out earlier rumors to the effect that the Swift people would use the old Hunt ranch as a feeder to their big packing plant.

STOCK SHOW ELECTS.

Officers for Ensuing Year Named by Stockholders at Union.

Union, Ore., Feb. 24.—Another lively and interesting session of the Union Livestock Association was held at the city hall last night and the regular election of officers for the 1916 show took place. Following are those elected: President, M. S. Levy; Vice-President, J. F. Hutchinson; Treasurer, R. A. Marr; Secretary, Geo. A. Scibird; Executive Committee, G. F. Hall, Robt. Withycombe, Geo. W. Benson, Thos. Brasher, Tony D. Smith, Dan Beidelman, and Will H. Vogel.

Mr. McGoldrick, a prominent stockman from the Imbler section was present and pledged the support of the farmers from the vicinity of Imbler as did also T. B. Johnson of the Cove district. According to present indications people throughout the valley are very much interested in the event.

FLOUR WILL DROP

All Grades Go Down 20 Cents On the Barrell At Portland

Portland, Feb. 24.—All grades in local flour drops 20 cents on the barrel tomorrow in sympathy with the wheat decline which has fallen off from two to four cents.

Boy Critically Ill

Secretary and Mrs. Roy Clark are considerably worried over the condition of their son who is having trouble shaking off the effects of la grippe. He is critically ill.

DIGNITARIES FROM AFAR ATTEND CONFERENCE.

Proposed Methodist School at Gooding Theme of Discussion.

Future of the Methodist college to be elected and maintained at Gooding, Idaho, by the Idaho conference of the Methodist church formed the chief topic before a group of ministers and high school church officials at the Methodist church today when a conference for that purpose came to order. Representatives of the church from New York, Kansas, South American, Idaho and Oregon were in attendance. Several big subscriptions are already in hand, including one from ex-Governor Gooding.

J. W. Hencher, assistant secretary of the Board of Education is here from New York; Dr. S. H. Murphy, of Baldwin, Kan., connected with the publicity department is here; so are, also, E. O. Kizer, of the foreign mission board, and who has headquarters in Buenos Aires, S. A.; S. J. Chaney, president of Gooding college, J. D. Gillilan, superintendent of the Boise district; W. H. Parker superintendent of the Pocatello district and W. A. Winters superintendent of the La Grande district.

HAD \$1500 INSURANCE.

But Policy on Contents of Knowles Home Had Recently Expired

Judge Knowles had insurance of \$1500 on his home which was practically destroyed by fire Wednesday noon. The insurance on the furniture through an unusual circumstance, had been permitted to expire recently. This happened by reason of the fact that the company in which the insurance was carried had changed agents in La Grande and Judge Knowles had not been advised by either the old or the new agent of the fact that the policy had run out.

While the loss on such of the contents as were destroyed will be total the insurance will only partially cover the loss on the building as it had not very long ago been remodeled and improved at considerable cost. For the present the Knowles family is established in George Curroy's house which is located just across the street from the home that was burned.

GUARDIAN APPOINTED.

To Care for Estate of Deceased Railroad Man's Son.

The probate court of Umatilla county has appointed Mrs. Ellen C. Scheer guardian of her nephew, Glenn McMahan, the seventeen-year-old son of Thomas McMahan, the railroad man formerly of La Grande who met his death at Pilot Rock Junction recently. Deceased left a life insurance policy in the Knights of Columbus of \$1000 payable to his son, and his aunt will look out for the bequest until the young man reaches legal age.

Now in New York

The last word from Pat Foley and wife is that they are in New York and will not be home for at least two weeks.

ENVOY WILL AID WILSON

AMBASSADOR TO BERLIN IS DETERMINED TO STUMP THE UNITED STATES.

BRYAN'S HANDIWORK IN STATE AFFAIRS SHOWN

Dumba's Statements at Vienna Lead Germans to Believe Wilson was Bluffing in Submarine Business—Illinois Man Muddles Affairs at Berlin.

Berlin, Feb. 24.—If Republicans attack President Wilson's submarine policies in the forthcoming political campaign, Ambassador Gerard will stomp the United States in support of the executive. He plans to visit America before the June convention. Gerard also expects to urge a tariff high enough to shut out cheap products with which Europe is preparing to flood the United States after the war. He may also advocate a tariff commission. He will tell the people why the Germans thought America is bluffing in the submarine demands.

Bryan's Hand Seen.
The American ambassador here has tried for several weeks to impress the Germans with the seriousness of the situation. Meanwhile Dumba has informed Vienna that Bryan assured him America would never take strong action against Germany. Vienna informed Berlin of this report, Von Jagow told Gerard. Then a man from Illinois with Bryan's credentials arrived in Berlin assured officials there that Wilson was writing the submarine notes for home consumption.

Capitol Stormed By Peace Advocates
Washington, Feb. 24.—The capitol was stormed today by peace makers. A special hearing on various peace plans was held by the House Foreign Affairs committee, prominent speakers being on the program. Among congressmen addressing the meeting were Representative Meyer London, Socialist; Representative Schallenberg of Nebraska, Representative Bennett of New York, and Representative Curry of California. Adoption by congress of a resolution urging the President to call a peace conference of neutral nations was urged by Representative London. Representative Schallenberg advocated formation of a United States Commission for Enduring Peace, with prominent men like former Secretary of State Bryan, former President Taft and Justice Hughes as members.

VERDICT FOR PLAINTIFF

Mrs. Kimbell, of Union, Is Given Verdict For \$550

The jury brought in a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$550 in the case of Nary E. Kimbell vs. Harland P. Stewart. This has been designated as "the Union case" and has been on in the circuit court a good part of the week. The controversy was over the amount claimed due for a feed bill.

The damage case of Buck vs. O-W R. & N. Company was commenced yesterday evening and further testimony is being taken today. Buck, the plaintiff, claims damages in an accident at the lower railroad crossing some months ago.

Wrong Faulk Named

Constable I. W. Faulk, and not M. A. Faulk as announced recently, is a candidate for Republican nomination for constable at the primaries.

BAKER CHINAMEN SCARED

Call on Local Authorities to Give Them Protection

Baker, Feb. 24.—Fearing that Chinese gunmen may come to Baker, members of the local Chinese colony last evening asked the local authorities to be on the watch for them. The recent shooting of Chinese in the Tong war at Portland and the killing of Celestials in Roseburg and Eugene and the attempted murder in La Grande have frightened Baker Chinamen into belief that the wave of crime may be extended to include other cities.

Fine Dairy Heard Saved

Chehalis, Wash., Feb. 23.—The dairy barn of Brewster & Kist, about three miles southeast of Chehalis, was completely destroyed by fire Sunday. The loss was about \$1200, with \$700 insurance. Dr. W. W. Stewart, passing at the time, ran into the barn and turned out a big string of fine dairy cows.