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FRENCH SAY PUNCH GONE FROM SMASH

VERDUN STRUGGLE REPORTED TO BE CHIEFLY LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS.

IN SPITE OF A LET UP DETACHMENTS PRESS ON

Pepper Heights Next Stumbling Block for Teutons to Master—Paris and Berlin Each Claim Advantages and Admit Some Losses Along the Big Front Reinforcements Come up.

London, Feb. 28.—From France there comes word tonight that the German offensive on Verdun is crumbling and that it has developed into a series of local actions. At the same time French reinforcements have checked the drive at Verdun and will be spread to Champaign, 40 miles west of Verdun Woods. A Berlin statement today virtually confirmed the French claim that the Verdun offensive has been halted temporarily. Germans are reported to have captured 1600 yards of trenches on Navarin farm the scene of a desperate conflict in the September offensive. A thousand prisoners were taken. Paris admits the Champagne loss, attributing it to a surprise attack.

Berlin didn't claim important gains in the immediate Verdun region. The Meuse peninsula, a strip of land five miles from Verdun, is cleared of French, previously exhausted by the attacks on Douaumont and Hardumont. Germans have progressed further in the direction of Vacheraubille and Bras, four miles north of Verdun. The teutons must storm Pepper Heights before they can take Bras.

Peculiar Facts About People

Washington, Feb. 28.—Representative Webb of North Carolina chairman of the House Judiciary committee, is an expert neostyle operator and spends spare moments grinding the crank.

Today's Oddest Story

Wildrose, N. D. Feb. 28.—Tree eating, dog fighting, thieving rabbits are pestering farmers in this district and hindering agricultural progress, the farmers say. Because shepherd dogs have been whipped in encounters with rabbits it's becoming difficult to get a dog that will attack them.

ROAD CAMPAIGN STARTS

Umatilla County Begins Work Toward Big Bond Issue
Pendleton, Or., Feb. 28.—The campaign is in full swing today for a bond issue of \$980,000 to improve and hard-surface long stretches of Umatilla County roads. At the spring primary election the voters will decide whether to bond themselves for good roads.

MAN AND WIFE SHOT BY FOE

BOUNDARY FENCE QUARREL BECOMES FATAL

Murderer Even Slays Horses Hauling Couple From Church

Grants Pass, Feb. 28.—A coroner's jury this afternoon returned a verdict which finds M. D. Bousman killed L. E. Akers and wife. Mrs. Akers was shot once through the breast. Four bullets struck Akers. Each horse was killed by bullets.

Bousman wallaid the Akers family near Wilderville, enroute to Sunday School, following a quarrel over a boundary fence. The bodies were found last night. Bousman exhibits no remorse and is held in jail without bonds.

Mr. Atkinson Will Build

Mr. A. Atkinson, proprietor of the South La Grande store, began work this morning on the construction of a new residence on a lot adjacent to his other property.

TWO CHARACTERS OF QUADRANGLE MYSTERY.



Yvonne Gouraud, Stepdaughter of Princess.

Princess Miskinoff.

The strange case of the former Mrs. Jackson Gouraud, now Princess Miskinoff, the prince himself, her stepdaughter, Yvonne Gouraud, and the disappearing baby—who has no name—has occupied a New York judge for several days. The prince wants a decree of separation. His wife charged that he made love to her step-

daughter, who is about twenty-five years younger than the mother, and the prince retorted with the charge that she told him to do so, but he didn't. Among the other strange features of the case was his statement that the princess bore a child by him. She denies this and maintains in court she had no child.

FLOURMILL HEAD RESIGNS POSITION

WILLIAM ALLINSON TO ENTER PRIVATE BUSINESS.

After 14-Years Connection With La Grande Flour Mill, Manager Retires.

W. S. Allinson will retire from the flour mills of Union country the first of the month. His resignation is voluntary and is occasioned by the necessity of looking after private business affairs. Mr. Allinson has been associated with the milling company the past fourteen years during which period the business has steadily grown in volume, and attributable in no small degree to hustling qualities which have been devoted almost exclusively to the milling establishment at La Grande.

Mr. Allinson will go to Portland for a couple of weeks on a vacation, but does not intend to leave La Grande permanently and clinches this decision with the characteristic remark, "Old La Grande looks good enough for me." It may be added that this severance from the institution with which he has been so long connected is a mutual arrangement and is due, as before stated, to the demands of personal business interests.

TOM JOHNSON FOR SHERIFF

Announces Candidacy for Place on the Democratic Ticket.

Tom Johnson, rancher and auctioneer of Cove and temporarily located in La Grande, has announced the fact that he will be a candidate at the coming primaries for nomination for sheriff on the democratic ticket.

Mr. Johnson was sheriff in 1906 and deputy under C. C. Pennington for three and a half years, and is therefore not a stranger to the duties of the office. He moved from La Grande to Cove in 1908, and in addition to farming has been quite extensively engaged in stock raising and shipping and is known in all sections of the county. The matter of his candidacy has been under abeyance for some time but was definitely announced today.

Mrs. Kelley Able To Be Out

Mrs. Blanche Kelley, who has been staying with her mother, Mrs. M. McMurray on account of poor health, was able this week to take outdoor rides and is rapidly improving. As soon as her condition will permit she will join her husband who is employed at Per-

Certificates Sent Out

Certificates issued by the Board of Education at Salem to all schools that have attained the required standard, are being sent out from the county superintendent's office today.

Seven Vessels Sunk in 2 Days

CONGRESS IS KEEPING OFF

Berlin, Feb. 28.—Germany won't torpedo passenger liners without warning even after Tuesday when her warfare against armed merchantmen becomes effective, the United Press has been reliably informed. German will endanger human lives only when the steamer attempts to escape, or fire, or ram a submarine.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Germany's reiteration of her intent to torpedo armed merchantmen beginning Wednesday, was handed to Secretary of State Robert Lansing today. He declined to comment upon it.

Ambassador von Bernstorff was equally uncommunicative. It is learned the memorandum contained the report that submarine commanders in a score of cases alleged British merchantmen used armaments offensively, and gives further reference to alleged British admiralty orders to destroy submarines.

Congress Keeps Off. Congress signaled the most critical situation today by keeping her hands off the whole affair.

SPOKANE CONGRESS NEARS

Committees Promise Big Attractions During March Conclave

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 28.—A committee arranging the program for the Northwestern Mining Congress to be held here March 20-25 has secured promises from some of the most prominent mining engineers in the Northwest to present papers before the congress. Members of the Spokane Mining Men's Club and the Chamber of Commerce anticipate one of the most successful gatherings in the history of the congress.

TREMENDOUS LOT OF SALMON SENT

TWO TRAINLOADS TAKEN EAST BY O-W.

Total Tonnage of 2460 Tons Make up 47 Straight Carloads of Salmon Out of Seattle.

More canned salmon than La Grande will use in a hundred years were hauled through this city by the O-W yesterday. Forty-seven carloads of canned salmon, making two full trains of a joint tonnage of 2460 tons, were transported in the shipment. They came from Seattle, but probably represent Alaska cannery outputs. While it is not so indicated, the probabilities are that the enormous shipment is destined for the war zone.

Reducing the total to understandable figures, there were 4,920,000 one-pound cans, or 9,840,000 half-pound cans, or 1,226,000 two-pound cans. There is no way of ascertaining the general average size can, but except in rare instances, salmon is put up in nothing larger than one-pound tins.

It is generally understood that this is the first shipment of that size to leave any salmon cannery district.

WOMEN IGNORE REGISTRATION

LESS THAN ONE IN FOUR BY WOMEN.

Democrats Gain a Trifle in Latest Compilation in County.

Three hundred and fifty six is the total female registration out of a grand total in Union county that now reaches 1566. While the men have evinced some little interest of late, the suffrage vote is apparently but little appreciated at this writing. Some assume that not until the Spring headgear is purchased and broken in will there be a general movement toward registrations—for the present it may be said that less than one in four registrations is by women. The lethargy of taxpayers in registering is becoming a matter of deep concern with the county clerk and state secretary's office. It is evident that unless there is a landslide of registrations at the last moment—a condition that will be distressing more ways than one—the total registrations in the state will be alarmingly low. As soon as registration takes place, that name, along with others for the same week, is sent to Salem and then to pamphlets and other literature pertaining to the primaries are sent out to the registered person. For this reason it is very much desired to people register early. The registrar's office is still in the Security Land & Savings office every afternoon when women may register to their hearts' content.

Democrats have gained a trifle since the last compilation of figures in this county. At present the count stands; Republicans 882; Democrats 530; Progressives 17; Prohibitionists 36; Socialists 64; Independent 35; Mis. 2. Total 1566.

Important Meeting Tonight

There will be an important meeting of the Commercial club at the Y. M. C. A. this evening. Reports from the cannery committee will be brought in and read.

CUPID SCORES IN END

Love Mid Adversity Succeeds—Orpheum Star Takes Bride

Compelled to overcome quasi-parental objections, forced to promote his love campaign through the mails because of his occupation which took him to many cities, far removed from the objective of his love, Victor Goodwin Lunt, a vaudeville singing, whistling and dramatic specialty actor on the Orpheum circuit, a day or two ago clinched his battle with obstacles and took unto himself a wife. This wife is Ida Koski, now of this city but formerly of Baker.

It was at Baker last July that the actor first met Miss Koski. The acquaintance rapidly warmed to love, and love to marriage in the end. It is said that the bride's father was much opposed but that the mother consented and so last Saturday they obtained their license here, and went to Rev. Edwards of the Methodist church to be married.

They will remain in La Grande a time before going on.

Both are ardent students of Christian Science, and the bride is well known to several La Grande people including the officiating minister, Mrs. J. C. Henry and others.

Visited in Pendleton

Miss Paulin Lederle returned today from an over Sunday visit with her father in Pendleton.

171 LATEST MALOJA LIST

FORTY-SEVEN IDENTIFIED IN DOVER MORGUE, AND MORE COMING IN.

BABE IN A BLANKET WASHED ASHORE SAFELY

French, Russian, Dutch and English Vessels to the Number of Seven Have Gone Down in Two Days—Bodies From Ship Sunk Saturday Washing Ashore.

London, Feb. 28.—Revised reports today state 171 persons perished yesterday when the liner Maloja a sister ship to the ill-fated Persia, was mined off Dover yesterday. Forty-seven identified dead are now in the Dover morgue. With the sinking of the liner Petishinga, sank today, seven victims of mines have been reported in two days. Fifteen of the Russian liners landed later. Other boats destroyed include the British liner Empress Fort William, mined when going to the Maloja's aid, the British vessels Birget and Suvir, the French vessels Trignac, and the Dutch steamer Makenburg. Investigations to determine how the Maloja was mined are proceeding. She sank without view of Dover.

Baby Washed Ashore Safely. A baby, girl, wrapped in blankets, and unharmed, was picked up an hour after the Maloja sank.

Bodies of the captain and eight sailors of the liner Dido, sunk Saturday, were washed ashore in Lincolnshire today.

TO VOTE ON SCHOOL BONDS.

North Powder Has a \$25,000 Proposition up for Decision.

North Powder, Feb. 28.—(Special)—At a meeting of the tax-payers of the North Powder school district Saturday a new school building was discussed with the final result that it was decided to put up to the voters the question of bonding the district in the sum of \$25,000 for a new high school building. The election for this purpose will be held as soon as the required twenty days notice has been given. The sentiment expressed at the meeting was largely in favor of the proposed building, which if provided for at the forthcoming election, will insure for North Powder one of the best high school buildings within the county.

Peace Council Men Arraigned

Washington, Feb. 25.—United States Commissioner Taylor today dismissed the attack on the indictments of H. Robert Fowler, Herman Schulties and Henry B. Martin, returned in a federal grand jury's investigation of the activities of labor's national peace council and held that the three men must appear for arraignment in New York March 7.

HORSE THEFTS TRIAL IS ON

JAMES CHILDERS AMONG THOSE ACCUSED.

Heated Legal Battle Expected in Connection With the Case.

L. Burk and James Childers went on trial this morning on a grand jury indictment charging them jointly with R. Ross of feloniously driving away and stealing four mares from Sam Moffitt. They have been under arrest for a considerable time and are being tried jointly except for Ross who demanded a separate trial. District Attorney Eberhard, and Attorneys Butler and Green are handling the case. The alleged stealing dates back some little time. That the evidence will be presented simultaneously with close legal battle is a foregone conclusion. Extreme care was exercised in picking the jury today, and the function required more time than ordinary is allotted to circuit court juries.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE SUPPORTING SUGAR TARIFF

Washington, Feb. 28.—The house ways and means committee this morning voted unanimously to favor Kitchen's bill repealing the free sugar clause in the tariff bill.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Congress today is in the throes of another tariff fight. Partisan politics is at fever heat. Lobbyists are busy. The American sugar bowl is the cause "Free sugar" is the battle cry.

Repeal of the clause in the new Wilson-Underwood tariff act which would place sugar on the free list, removing about 1 per cent a pound duty, on May 1, is the proposal causing the turmoil. The result has far-reaching effect on the American and foreign sugar growing and refining industries, as well as on the price the

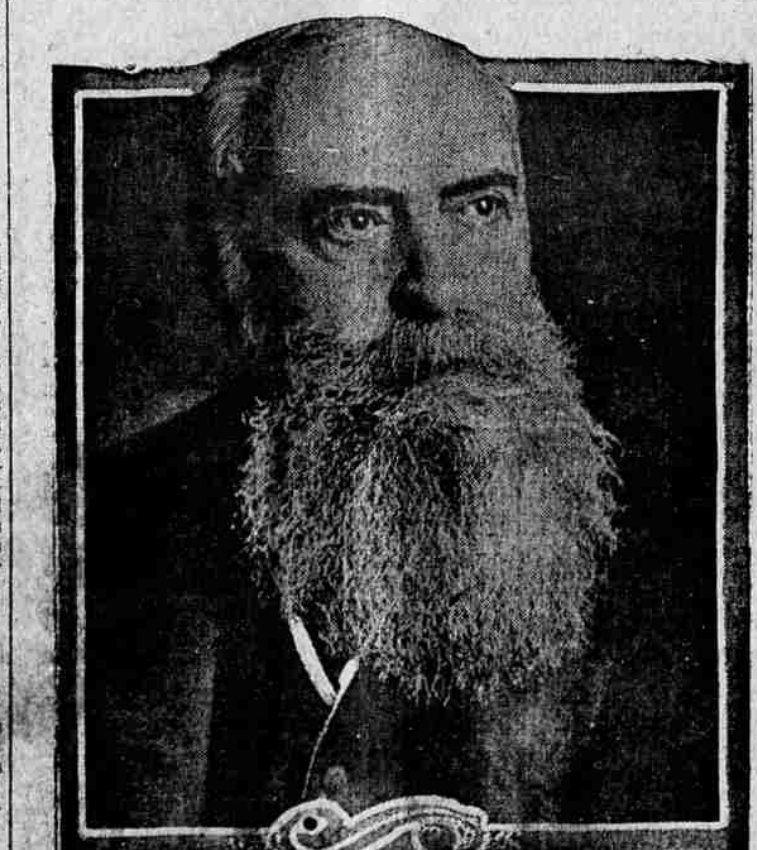
people shall pay to fill their sugar bowls.

Initiated in the House by Democratic Leader Kitchen, the resolution proposing that the present duty of approximately 1 cent a pound shall be continued on sugar is an administration measure, urged by President Wilson in his opening message to Congress last December. Because of declining revenues caused by the war, the President asked outright repeal and not its indefinite suspension.

The administration leaders in Congress today are contending that war makes necessary continuance of sugar duties probably the biggest single source of custom duty revenues. In 1915 the net revenue from sugar

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PREMIER WHO HELD GREEKS AGAINST THE ALLIES.



Premier Skouloudis, with King Constantine, has been the chief influence in holding the Greeks from a war against Germany to help Serbia. This is the latest and best photograph of him.