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## Southern Militia May Be Called Out For Duty

### DUTCH SHIP SUNK IN THE NORTH SEA

357 PEOPLE ON BOARD REPORT-  
ED SAVED BY FORTU-  
NATE TURN

### MINES OR TORPEDOES ARE THOUGHT RESPONSIBLE

Some Light Boats Arrived Late To-  
day, and Though Some Sailors May  
Have Drowned, Number Is Light—  
Boat Close to Shore When Accident  
Occurred—Great Hole Torn in Her  
Stern.

Amsterdam, March 16.—Three  
hours after a terrific explosion amid-  
ship the Royal Dutch Lloyd liner,  
Tubantia, sank in the North Sea, it  
is reported today. She carried 57  
passengers and a crew of 300. All  
are reported saved. The company's  
offices said she hit a mine. The cap-  
tain thought perhaps she was torped-  
eod.

The explosion occurred at midnight,  
12 hours after she sailed from Am-  
sterdam.

A huge hole was ripped in her stern.  
A wireless call for help was im-  
mediately flashed.

Passengers and crew abandoned the  
vessel. Only the fact the Tubantia  
was near land is believed to have pre-  
vented casualties.

Possibly a few sailors perished, but  
two life boats reached the lightship  
at eleven this morning. Dutch tor-  
pedo boats picked up others.

The Tubantia was of 14,000 tons and  
was engaged in South American ser-  
vice.

### Americans On Board

Washington, March 16.—Three  
Americans were aboard the Tubantia.  
One Amsterdam correspondent de-  
clares she was torpedoed without  
warning, and others thought she  
struck German mines, recently sowed  
in the North Sea and English chan-  
nel. America will investigate the  
matter if positive proof is given  
Americans were aboard.

### HEARING TESTIMONY AGAIN

Meeting Adjourned From Tuesday to  
be Resumed Tonight.

Testimony on the benefits, if any  
there be, on North 2d begun Tuesday  
evening, will be resumed in the city  
hall this evening before the city com-  
mission. On the strength of this evi-  
dence, adjudication and adjustments  
of cost accounts to abutting prop-  
erty owners will be made eventually.

### WHY DON'T YOU REGISTER TODAY?

But little more than a month  
is left in which to register for  
the Primary Election. The  
registration books will close  
April 18th.

Every voter must register.  
This means those who registered  
at the last election, as well as  
all others. If you have not  
registered with the County  
Clerk or one of his duly author-  
ized Registrars since the first of  
the year, you are not register-  
ed for the coming primaries. Do  
not confuse city elections and  
registrations with those of the  
county and State. They have  
no connection.

Registration has been very  
slow. Unless voters attend to  
the matter at once a rush is  
promised for the last few days  
before the books close.

Why not register today at  
the Court House, on in the after-  
noons at Judge Phyl's Office,  
Secretary Land & Saving com-  
pany.

The permanent registration  
law is now in effect. Once  
registered under this law you  
will not be required to register  
unless you move from your  
precinct. DO IT NOW.

COUNTY CLERK.

### Master of German Navy Has Resigned

GRAND ADMIRAL VON TIRPITZ, WHO HAS RESIGNED.



Figure at the right is ex-master of the German naval affairs, and at the left a well known German general. It was under his administration that Germany defended torpedoing liners carrying women and children, such as the Lusitania and similar cases where innocents were killed and drowned.

Berlin, March 16.—The resignation of Grand Admiral von Tirpitz, hinted at in the United Press yesterday, was officially announced today. It is stated this won't change navy policies.

## W. R. HAWORTH CHOSEN FOR CITY COMMISSIONER

S. R. Haworth, retired contractor  
and extensive property owner, was  
this afternoon tendered the position  
of city commissioner to succeed Presi-  
dent John Gardner whose resignation,  
pending while he made necessary  
changes in his headquarters, and will  
accept. He qualifies this evening  
and his first official duty will be to  
listen to evidence as to the merits of  
assessments on North Second street.

Commissioners McKennon and Pal-  
mer this noon met to consider a suc-  
cessor. The session was brief and en-  
tirely harmonious, both men agreeing  
upon Mr. Haworth out of several con-  
sidered. The new appointee will serve  
until January 1st, at which time Mr.  
Gardner's term would expire. In any  
event, commission appointees can  
serve only until the end of the year.

Had the two commissioners been  
unable to agree on a successor the  
city recorder would have been re-  
quired to call a general election.

The resignation of Mr. Gardner was  
brought about by his transfer to the  
Portland run from La Grande. Re-  
sulting from the changes at Pilot  
Rock Junction it became necessary for  
two or three engineers to go there  
from this division. Mr. Gardner be-  
came president of the commission  
with the beginning of the present  
year. He served two years prior to  
that and his term would have ex-

pired January 1, 1917.  
Vincent Palmer, second oldest com-  
missioner, was last evening named  
acting president to officiate in that  
capacity until the commission is re-  
habilitated—but being the oldest

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## AMERICANS FEEL PRONGS OF MILITARY CENSORSHIP

With the Observer's news agencies  
hampered at every turn in endeavors  
to obtain positive and connected news  
of the Mexican expedition, by the  
government censorship, the imagina-  
tion must be drawn upon to piece to-  
gether the odds and ends that drift  
over the wires with authenticity fair-  
ly well established. Thus may be de-  
termined that the two columns which  
crossed the border yesterday are head-  
ed south today after one night on  
Mexican soil, and that a third is mov-  
ing.

Perahing may not be with his main  
column; dispatches hint that Chihua-  
hua is occupied by Americans; Col.

## BERLIN CLAIMS ADVANTAGES

### FRENCH ATTACKS REPORTED SET BACK.

French on Other Hand Claim Success-  
ful Smashes Elsewhere.

Berlin, March 16.—French attacks  
against German positions at Dead-  
man's Hill were repulsed, headquar-  
ters have stated. There is no change  
in the remainder of the Verdun front.  
South of Niederspach Germans pen-  
etrated the French works and some  
prisoners and much booty were taken.

Paris, March 16.—French troops  
stormed the German trenches  
east of Apremont Forest, south of  
Verdun, last night capturing some  
prisoners it is officially announced.  
There were no infantry attacks north  
of Verdun. Severe bombardment on  
both banks of the Meuse continued,  
especially directed against the French  
lines west of Douaumont.

In Belgium the French hurled shells  
into the German trenches, killing  
a great number. The German attack  
at Vosages failed, the French claim.

### John Clark Loses Home.

Seaside, Ore. March 15.—The home  
of John Clark burned early yester-  
day morning. The house was par-  
tially covered by insurance. Living  
with Mr. and Mrs. Clark were his son,  
Ford Clark, and family and daughter,  
Pearl. The home was on the east side  
of the railroad track.

## YANKEE COLUMNS PUSHING FARTHER INTO MEXICO

San Antonio, March 16.—The big-  
gest manhunt in history is on today.  
No news has been received from Gen.  
Perahing's army of 4000 which  
crossed at Columbus yesterday. Gen.  
Funston received a message outlin-  
ing the forces at Perahing's disposal  
but refused to make the telegram  
public. It is reported a much larger  
force will shortly cross the border.

The government has leased the tele-  
graph wires from San Antonio to  
Columbus.

San Antonio, March 16.—Militia  
from Texas, New Mexico and Arizona  
will be ordered to the border it is reli-  
ably stated at Fort Houston today.  
They probably will be used for border  
communities. The call may come  
before the end of the week.

Municipal officials in Arizona and  
New Mexico are sending frantic ap-  
pals to General Funston for addition-  
al protection, fearing uprising in local  
quarters. Governors must first ask  
for federal aid protection.

American Colonists Fleeing.  
Washington, March 16.—American  
colonists at Naco and Torren, are  
fleeing to greater safety, it is re-  
ported today.

### Mexicans Show Excitement.

Douglas, March 16.—Eight troops  
from the first cavalry regiment have  
been placed on the border facing  
Aguaprieta Mexicans here and across  
the border are greatly excited over  
the American entry into Chihuahua.  
Trouble may break out soon here.  
American troops at Naco are en-  
trenching reports say, indicating an  
uprising against the Americans is  
feared. Censorship established at  
Columbus is expected here soon.

### MENINGITIS TAKES TOLL

Imbler Baby Succumbs to Ravages of  
Malady

Imbler, March 15.—(Special)—  
Evelyn, the 11-month-old daughter  
of Mr. and Mrs. William Wiggins,  
who died Tuesday morning as a re-  
sult of meningitis following a severe  
attack of pneumonia, was taken to  
Elgin today for burial. A short ser-  
vice was held at the local L. D. S.  
church before the remains were tak-  
en to the Elgin cemetery. Mr. Wig-  
gins, though suffering, just recover-  
ing from a paralytic stroke, was able  
to attend the infant's burial.

### NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Baker Grand Jury Not Through With  
Lynching Investigation

Baker, March 16.—There were no  
new developments yesterday in the in-  
vestigation of the lynching near  
Whitney. The grand jury continued  
its probe of the affair, examining  
numerous witnesses and going  
through other routine matters, ac-  
cording to District Attorney Godwin  
last evening, who stated that there  
was nothing new and that no indict-  
ments would be reported for the time  
being. That it will require another  
day or two to conclude the work at  
Whitney, was his opinion.

The roads being in bad condition  
between Baker and Pine Valley, mak-  
ing it impossible to come through by  
auto, delayed the arrival of Deputy  
Sheriff Garlinghouse with William  
Whittaker, the man arrested for al-  
leged participation in the lynching.

### Machinery Case on Trial.

The case on trial in the circuit court  
today is that of the Western Farquhar  
Company vs. B. P. Burnett. The suit  
is on a claim for money due on the  
purchase of a gasoline threshing out-  
fit and the defense is in effect that  
the machinery purchased did not reach  
specifications. The case will prob-  
ably extend over the afternoon and  
part of tomorrow. In the Co-Op. Get-  
tle case the defendant won a verdict  
at 3:10 p. m. today.

### Judge Phelps Will Preside.

Circuit Judge Phelps, of Pendleton,  
will preside at the circuit court ses-  
sion tomorrow. Judge Knowles has  
asked the Pendleton Judge to take  
his place for the coming trial of the  
case of A. T. Hill, et al, vs. T. N.  
Proffitt, et al, set for tomorrow.  
The main issue involved in the case is  
the ownership of some hay purchased  
by Proffitt. The hay was destroyed  
by fire about the time of purchase.

San Antonio, March 16.—Lieuten-  
ant Sell, Troop A, 11th cavalry com-  
mitted suicide at Columbus. General  
Funston announced today. The cause  
is not given.

El Paso, March 16.—The main  
American detachment hunting Villa  
bivouacked last night at Palomas  
Lake, nine miles south of the border.  
They continued the march south to-  
day with cavalry scouting ahead. Col.  
Slocum's men are following the line  
of Villa's retreat from Columbus.  
Several wounded Villistas, abandoned  
during the flight have been found.  
Army wagons took the wounded Vil-  
listas to Columbus.

### Dodd To Rescue Mormons

Col. Dodd's cavalry from Cluber-  
son's Ranch is proceeding south along  
the foothills. They are going at  
forced march in an endeavor to re-  
lieve the town of Dublin, where a col-  
ony of Mormons is believed to be  
menaced. Some Mormons are acting  
as guides. Americans at Guzman  
doubted that Villistas have heard of  
the expedition.

Outlaw bands are still lingering in  
the vicinity of Casa Grandes.

### Pershing Mysterious

Mystery surrounds Gen. Pershing's  
whereabouts. He is reported com-  
manding the third column crossing  
the border south of Tachita. Pershing  
accompanied the soldiers from  
Columbus to the border and then is  
believed to have gone back.

### PENITENT RETURNS.

Man Who Deserted Wife and Babies  
Comes Back to Baker.

Baker, March 16.—Conscience-  
stricken and filled with remorse over  
his misdeeds, Arthur Burford, sought  
by the local authorities for the past  
few months, returned voluntarily  
to Baker yesterday afternoon to  
"square things as best I can," ac-  
cording to his own statement. He  
was arrested immediately and placed  
in the county jail, and action in his  
case will be taken on the return of  
the district attorney.

Burford's divorce from his wife on  
a trumped-up charge, his marriage  
to George Lawrence, an 18-year-old  
girl, at Caldwell, Idaho, his flight  
with her to Honduras and setting aside  
his divorce decree by Judge Ander-  
son, furnished a sensation early in  
the year, but the inability of the  
authorities to locate Burford caused  
attention to the affair to die out, but  
his voluntary return yesterday has  
renewed interest. Burford faces sev-  
eral serious charges. He is guilty of  
bigamy secured his marriage license  
in Idaho by perjury and is an alleged  
absconder. Among his offenses was  
the alleged sale of mortgaged prop-  
erty.

Burford arrived in Baker yester-  
day afternoon on the 1:40 train. The  
Lawrence girl, who is left in an un-  
enviable position by the setting aside  
of his divorce, was not with him and  
Burford would not say where she is.  
He went to a local hotel on his ar-  
rival, registered under his own name  
and then went immediately to his  
wife and family at their home on  
Washington street. The erring hus-  
band, heartbroken wife and children  
were all together when an officer ar-  
rived to take Burford into custody.  
When their husband and father was  
taken away by Constable Jefferis, the  
wife and children broke into tears  
afresh and Mrs. Burford was in a  
state of almost nervous collapse.

When asked at the jail if he had  
any statement to make, Burford, who  
had already consulted his attorney  
said that on the latter's advice he  
would say nothing. However, he did  
make a brief statement. "About all  
I can say is, that I have come back  
to square things and make them right  
so far as I can."

### Wants Office of Prosecutor

Pendleton, Or., March 15.—Roscoe  
I. Keator, assistant district attorney,  
has announced his candidacy for the  
Republican nomination of district at-  
torney to succeed Frederick Steiwer.  
Mr. Keator has been connected with  
the office three years. He promises  
if elected to rigidly enforce the pro-  
hibition act. Mr. Keator is the third  
to enter the race.