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ALLIES ATTACK ZEEBRUGGE VIA AERIAL ROUTES

FIFTY AEROPLANES JOIN IN BOMBARDMENT IN RETALIATION MOVE.

PROMPT ANSWER MADE TO SUNDAY KENT RAID

English Claim Losses Were Sustained by Germans When Zeebrugge Was Hit by Bombs—Fighting in France About a Standoff, Reports From Berlin and Paris Indicate.

London, March 20.—Retaliating for yesterday's air raids on the Kentish coast when 11 Englishmen were killed and 30 injured, 50 allied aeroplanes attacked Zeebrugge, the Teuton submarine base, and military works at Houtade, inflicting severe damage, it is officially announced.

The fleet carried 10,000 pounds of bombs. Accompanying the bomb-throwing planes were 15 aerial battle cruisers, heavy armed. Every machine returned safely.

This is the first time the Allies have retaliated immediately after a raid on England. It is reported Minister of Airplane will pursue this policy hereafter.

Pepper Heights Is Safe.

Paris, March 20.—German infantry attacks against Pepper Heights were repulsed, today's communique asserted. Intermittent bombardment around Vaux, and sharp artillery duels at Epargne, southeast of Verdun are described. Headquarters claimed the Pepper Heights attacks lacked spirit through long bombardment preceded it.

Russian Steamer Sunk.

Petrograd, March 20.—The Russian steamer Jaslabeda was torpedoed in the North Atlantic. The crew is believed saved.

French Attacks Stopped. Berlin, March 20.—Headquarters have asserted the French attacks at Douaumont and Vaux have been repulsed with heavy losses.

Shot Fired at Premier.

Rome, March 20.—Two shots were fired at Premier D'Amico, of Bulgaria while riding in an open carriage in Sofia. A postal employee is believed guilty. The bullet hit the coachman.

Little Boy Has Recovered

The little son of Tyler Shepherdson who was kicked on the head about ten days ago, causing an extensive fracture of his skull, seems to be fully recovered. He is in possession of all his faculties and his memory seems to be perfect. This is considered quite remarkable when the extent of the injury is considered.

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 15th.

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 authorized Registrars since the first of the year, you are not registered 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 afternoon at Judge Phyllis Office, Secretary Land & Saving company.

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.

MEXICAN STATUS SURE TO BE BAD

SUCH IS WORD BROUGHT TO LA GRANDE

Mr. and Mrs. Foley Home From Wedding Tour—Near Columbus During Raid

America is on the brink of a fight-to-the-finish with Mexico, avers P. A. Foley who returned this morning, accompanied by Mrs. Foley, from a prolonged wedding tour. Mr. and Mrs. Foley were about 30 miles from Columbus the day of the raid on that city. They were touring interior sections of Mexico at the time, and became thoroughly familiar with the sentiment on both sides of the line before leaving. It was not until a couple of days after the raid that Americans awoke to the situation and now matters are at white heat. Mr. Foley predicts that when the punitive invasion kills its first Mexican the trouble will be on. He reports Carranza is massing troops on the border under pretext of protection to "Gringos" but more likely to invade America when the right time comes, for the Mexican sentiment is that Mexicans can whip United States if Texas was eliminated. American gringos are thoroughly hated, and the feeling is reciprocated by Americans. The public almost invariably takes arms, especially now, and are not content with revolvers but carry rifles about the streets.

American officers are generally blamed for the raid on Columbus. Scouts were known to be in the vicinity yet machine guns were locked up, rifles in racks and nothing ready for action. The sentries were stabbed—not shot—and the Villa bandits were shooting soldiers in bed and burning houses before their presence was generally known. The reason Americans didn't continue the pursuit after the raid, Mr. Foley thinks, was for fear of being cut off by Carranza men and other Villa bands.

Discussion of the Mexican situation led Mr. Foley to reflect that the South is very bitter against President Wilson's policies. He found the same thing in Washington, and says that politicians generally believe that Colonel Roosevelt will be in the race after he sees the lineup—that a three-angled fight is certain. So bitter are Southerners in the south that defense of Wilson leads to heated debate, and is a good way to start a fight. They object to his Mexican policy chiefly.

Business is splendid, the returned travelers report, at all points more especially in the east. Congested cotton market is hurting the South somewhat.

On the night of their wedding, several weeks ago, Mr. and Mrs. Foley went directly to San Francisco, from there to Salt Lake, Denver, Omaha, down to Kansas City to visit relatives, then to Chicago, Merrill, Wisconsin, to see the Stanges, who want to be remembered to La Grande friends, then to Buffalo, to Niagara Falls which was frozen over and was a magnificent sight, then into Canada, experiencing the sensation of being searched going and coming by Canadian border patrols, then to Saratoga, Pa., to visit Mrs. Foley's family, then to New York. The big part of the New York visit, both agree, was the visit to the 60th floor of the Woolworth building with its two miles of elevators where a perfect view of Greater New York is available.

Then they went to Washington and under the guidance of Representative Sinnott, were shown through the capitol white house and senate were at work, through the supreme court of the United States rooms, into the white house where they saw Mrs. Wilson, later met Chief Justice White and other notables.

From there they went to Richmond, Va., then Savannah, Ga., Jacksonville, Florida, and into New Orleans in time for the Mardi Gras. San Antonio was the next stop where they spent a day with the Topperweins, well known bluecock shots who performed in La Grande last Spring. From there El Paso was visited and it was on side trips in autos into Mexico that they got so close to the Columbus raid. Valuable relics from Mexico, were brought home by Mr. Foley. It was on this last part of the journey that they acquired much first-hand information of the international situation, and Mr. Foley feels certain the punitive invasion will revert to a defense against a general uprising in which fighting will continue until Mexicans are subdued and that when a majority of the Mexicans are killed off.

From there they hurried home via Los Angeles and San Francisco, glad to get away from Southern heat, already oppressive.

"Thoroughly glad to be home," is their unanimous expression. "I have

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RAILROAD FACILITIES IS GREATEST NEED NOW

Corn-fed Cavalry Horses Can't Cope With Villa's Mustangs

El Paso, March 20.—Indications today pointed to a long pursuit of Villa—far into interior Mexico. The problem of supplying the American expedition with food and munitions is uppermost in the minds of officers. Some consider withdrawal of the expedition without capturing Villa as a likely alternative to forcibly seizing Mexican railroads, defying Carranza and possibly precipitating actual intervention.

Renewed reports that Villa is heading into the mountains at Durango come forth. Several Villista bands are lurking about there. Villa is now reported to be in the Chihuahua mountains with Dodd's cavalry 60 miles behind.

Trap Still Effective.

Villa, it is believed, is not yet out of Carranza's trap. When the pursuit reaches Chihuahua, use of railroads for supplying the expedition

with food will become imperative.

Col. Dodd and General Perishing are matching corn-fed horses against long-winded Mexican mustangs, and they can't keep up.

Mexican Troops Ready.

Douglas, March 20.—Twenty-five thousand Mexican troops are ready to strike within an hour's notice, should the fleeing band of Villistas head toward Sonora. General Calles, military governor of Sonora, has orders to co-operate with American troops. Calles has officially discredited reports of mutiny and insubordination there. When asked if the capture of Villa would result in peace in Mexico, Calles replied that there had been peace in Mexico ever since recognition of Carranza. He said Americans were misinformed in the statement that Villa is a friend of the poorer classes. He branded Villa as an outlaw, thief and bandit and that he is being treated as such.

HEAVY STORM DOES DAMAGE IN EASTERN OREGON POINTS

Portland, March 20.—Two lives were lost, and property damage running into thousands was toll of an electrical storm which swept portions of Oregon and Washington yesterday. Cloudbursts wrought damage in Eastern Oregon, especially parts of the foothills of the Blue mountains.

A four-foot wall of muddy water swept away Thomas Shumwell, a farmer, his body was found lodged in a clump of bushes. William Marks, a farmer east of Portland, was killed when a tree crashed through his house. The towns of Weston, Milton,

Stanfield and Dayton were swept by floods.

The Walla Walla river is the highest it has ever been known to be.

Parts of Union county narrowly escaped damaging cloudbursts yesterday. The Summerville section was hit the hardest, probably, judging from county-wide accounts. In La Grande sharp thunder prevailed for a time, but the rain was trifling except for a minute or two. The Grande Ronde has risen rapidly today as a result of the rain.

READY FOR CHESSMEN

Cove Players Coming Over This Evening to Match Up La Grande

This evening at the Y. M. C. A. Cove chess players will arrive in La Grande to meet a La Grande chess team for the first of what promises to be an interesting series of inter-city matches. The Cove team will consist of Will Bloom, W. Dixon, Ray Alexander, and S. J. Forstrom. H. E. Blevens the fifth member of the team is ill and the match will probably be a four-man proposition.

Chairman George H. Currey of the Y. M. C. A. checker and chess department, announces that the lineup tonight will be chosen from John S. Hodgins, E. H. Mishkind, Messrs. Jenkins, Olsan, Slater and Currey. The Coveites leave at 7 o'clock and should be at the Y. M. C. A. at 8.

They are bringing basketball promoters and emissaries concerning the proposed inter-club boxing and wrestling match, all of which will negotiate with local fans while here.

MISS CORBETT ILL.

Student Nurse Stricken With Appendicitis in San Francisco

Miss Margaret Corbett, who with her mother Mrs. J. F. Corbett, is spending the winter in San Francisco where Miss Margaret is beginning a three-year course for graduate nurses. Thursday underwent an operation in St. Francis hospital at San Francisco for appendicitis. Miss Corbett was suffering before her departure, but recovered somewhat, only to be taken ill again last week. Word that she is improving nicely has reached her father, Dispatcher Corbett.

Raise in Gasoline Price

Lon Ayers, whose farming operations are in the Nibley section, sent a four-horse team to La Grande Saturday after gasoline for his caterpillar engine with which he will commence turning the soil. Frank and Jabe Conley also sent along their big gasoline tanks for a supply for their autos. Regardless of the big order for gasoline the wholesale price was 22 cents per gallon, which is considerably different from former prices, the quotation in wholesale lots having heretofore been as low as 16 cents per gallon.

DELINQUENT TAX FOR 1913 IS SOLD

UNION WOMAN IS PURCHASER OF BIG LOT

Later Taxes, Interest, Penalty, Charged to Her In Addition To Face Value

Except for one small item, all taxes in Union county for 1913 have been cleared and all penalties, interests and other costs for that year are taken care of. This is made a fact through the sale of 1913 delinquent taxes by the county to Ida J. Davis of Union, who paid face value under the law, amounting to \$4,699 for the right to collect the delinquent tax. The purchaser has spent about \$1500 in addition in paying the 1915 taxes on that property, and she paid all interest and penalties due up to March 1st, 1916. She must collect the taxes while the county now has nothing to worry over except the one small parcel which the purchaser refused to include in the deal.

The 1912 delinquent tax was purchased by Pendleton people.

Taxes are coming into the sheriff's office at the rate of about \$4000 a day and Deputy Rees is kept busy handling the county's coin.

SAFETY FIRST

Provisions of the New Traffic Ordinance Require Attention

In the "Safety First" slogan which is country-wide there is something more than the operation of railway trains. The expanding use of the automobile, the motorcycle and other latter day means of conveyance calls for a system of regulations in order to protect the safety of all. This is a rational and reasonable and on that account a code of rules must be established and observed.

The city promulgates a new traffic ordinance, a document on which a great amount of time has been expended for the purpose of protecting the rights of everyone on the public highways in La Grande, and at the same time reduce to a minimum the chances for accidents.

A notice is also published advising everyone to become familiar with the provisions of the traffic regulations. The rules are sufficiently plain for all to understand and it is to the interest of everyone that they be observed in every detail.

LARGER ARMY JARRED.

Washington, March 20.—By a raising vote, 153 to 82, the house today defeated Kahn's amendment to the Hay bill for a larger army. The amendment increased the regular forces to 220,000. The vote is considered an overwhelming evidence of congressional opposition to a large standing army. Debate on naval preparedness and government manufacture of munitions will begin in the senate tomorrow under consideration of Chamberlain's doubled cadet bill.

Order of Service Given.

The special mission services at St. Peter's church, conducted by the Rev. George B. Van Waters, D. D., will be as follows:

Tuesday: Instruction and conference 3 p. m.
Evangelistic Service 7:30 p. m.
Wednesday and Thursday, Holy Communion 10 a. m.
Instruction 3 p. m.
Evangelistic Service 7:30 p. m.
Everybody is welcome at these services.

Recovering From Operation

Word is received that Mrs. Annie Wells-Baker is recovering from a serious and successful operation performed at St. Vincent's hospital in Portland. She is a sister of Mrs. Almira Curtis and George E. Wells, of La Grande, and I. H. Wells, of Portland. Her home was formerly in La Grande but she has been a resident of Portland the past ten years or more.

Debating Team En Route

Blaine Gibson and Don B. Davis, representing the Nyssa high school, were in La Grande last night en route to Enterprise to meet the high school team of that place in the inter-high school debating contest.

Moving To Town Again

After having spent a couple of months on a farm near Mt. Glen, Mr. and Mrs. James O'Neal are back in La Grande today, having moved in this week.

Finds Roads Muddy

Doctor Kirby drove over from Elgin today, starting home again this afternoon. He reports roads fairly good except in spots where they are very bad.

SPLENDID COLT DISPLAY MADE IN IMBLER SAT.

SUDDEN SHOWER IN AFTER-NOON BRINGS SHOW TO AN ABRUPT END

GEO. DALTON AWARDS RIBBONS AND PRIZES

Westenskow Has Best Clyde Colt Under One Year—E. J. Conrad takes Young Shire Colt Award—Ledbetter Has Best Brood Mare of Shire Type—1917 Show Already Under Formation.

Imbler, March 20.—(Special)—

Notwithstanding the fact that most of the farmers are busy with their preparations for the Spring crop, nearly 300 admirers of horsemanship gathered on the streets of Imbler Saturday afternoon to witness the cold show, which has become a fixed event in the apple town. Fewer entrances were made than last year, due partly to the date being postponed on account of the deep snow, but a choice selection of colts were entered, showing that this end of the valley raises good horses and takes pride in the fact.

Besides the Imbler and Alice representation, La Grande and Union sent delegations, the latter town being here about 25 strong and boosting for the Union Stock Show. The experiment station town also sent over a stock judging team in charge of Prof. E. E. Arant of the U. H. S. This team consisting of the following members: Kenneth Ford, Curtis Miller, Dean Bidwell, Scott Callahan, and Nicholas Susewind, were here ready to compete with any other high school team in judging horses. The boys were from the Agricultural department of the U. H. S. Supt. Smith and Fred Fox of the Union High School faculty, were also present. Others from Union included Dr. Woodell, Lawyer Kitchen and Mr. McKennon.

Tom Scroggin, S. R. Haworth, Geo. Ball, Ed. Reynolds, Charles Jester, H. E. Dixon, Cass. Humphreys, Lee Warrick, D. H. Proctor, and a few others showed that La Grande hadn't forgotten the colt show—and good voters.

S. L. Brooks, well known as a raiser of pedigreed horseflesh, had charge of the show and the judging was done by George Dalton, from the Levy stock farm near Union. The following horses received either ribbons or cash prizes:

Clydesdales

Under One Year—P. H. Westenskow, first; S. L. Brooks, second. Full blood one to two years old—S. L. Brooks, first and second. Two to three years old—Ledbetter & McKennon first and second. Three years old—Ledbetter & McKennon, first.

Shires

Under one year—E. J. Conrad, first; J. D. Woodell, second and third.

One to two years old—J. D. Woodell, first and second. Two to three years old—J. D. Woodell, first; C. S. Woodell, second. Three years old—Ledbetter & McKennon, first. Full Blood Shire—Ledbetter & McKennon, first.

Specials

Best grade colt, one to two years old—E. J. Conrad. Best groomed colt, one to two years old—C. J. Conrad.

Brood mare (Shire) three years old and over—W. R. Ledbetter. Show Ends In Rain

A shower of rain came up just as the last awards were being made and the colt show came to a sudden terminus. One noticeable fact which speaks much for the prosperous condition of the Grande Ronde ranchers was the number of new automobiles, most of them large cars. The day passed pleasantly and the crowd seemed to be fully enjoying the holiday and the opportunity to swap ranch gossip.

The time to start planning for the 1917 colt show is now and every citizen of Imbler should use his influence for a large and better show next year. A few cannot do it all and the question of the success of the 1917 colt show will be decided by the people of Imbler and vicinity.