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## CZERNOWITZ SAY RUMORS, IS DESERTED

RUSSIAN VICTORY YESTERDAY ON THE DNIESTER IS GIVEN AS CAUSE.

ACTIVITY ABOUT RIGA BECOMING WIDE AND HARD

Turks Reported to Have Given up Another Important Stronghold, While in the West There Seems to be Little of Importance During the Night or Last Night—German Ship Sunk.

WAR MOVES IN EPITOME. Skimming from the abbreviated war dispatches from east, south and west, a close analysis of the war situation today reveals:

Kuropatkin continues his smashes south and southeast of Riga, though it is claimed his attacks were repulsed. Austrians are rumored to have deserted the important town of Czernowitz, almost on the eastern frontier of Austria-Hungary, just south of where the Russians drove Austrians off the Dniester river bridge yesterday.

In the South, Turks are evacuating Erzincan, where they established headquarters after the fall of Erzerum several weeks ago. They destroyed ammunition stores before leaving.

In the vicinity of Verdun little news is leaking out. Heavy bombardment of Germans by artillery last night seems to have done little or no harm.

On the whole, the entire war zone is active, with the most important rumor of the day being the alleged evacuation of Czernowitz, an important Austrian position and a city of about 75,000 inhabitants.

Czernowitz is the capital of Bukovina, and lies on a hill near the Pruth, 146 miles southeast of Lemberg. It has a Greek cathedral, a gymnasium, high schools, manufacturers of clocks, silver goods, hardware and carriages. It is the seat of a Greek archbishop, of metropolitan and patriarchal rank.

Amsterdam, March 22.—Turks have evacuated Erzincan, where they established headquarters after the fall of Erzerum, a Bucharest dispatch says. Before leaving they blew up ammunition deposits.

Bucharest, March 22.—Russian warships Sunday torpedoed the German steamer Esperanza, flying the Roumania and Spanish flags, off Kallakra. The crew is reported captured.

Berlin, March 22.—Kuropatkin has continued his assaults south and southeast of Riga. The attacks were repulsed. The statement said more trenches were taken in the Avocourt woods.

London, March 22.—Austrians have abandoned Czernowitz as the result of the Russian victory on the Dniester yesterday an unconfirmed Rome wireless states today.

Night Generally Quiet. Paris, March 22.—Although Germans were heavily bombarded last night northwest of Verdun, no attempt was made to enact infantry operations during the night, a communiqué said this morning.

Authority Endorses Navigation

Kansas City, Mo., March 22.—Final endorsement by the most critical authority has been placed upon navigation of the Missouri river between Kansas City and St. Louis. An old established insurance company, after careful examination, found the hazard small and made the rates on cargo risks less than those on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. The first endorsement was that of the public, which raised a million and a quarter dollars to establish the Kansas City, Missouri river Navigation line. The next endorsement was by government engineers, several times repeated. And the shippers gave their practical endorsement with tonnage, more than the line can handle. The company plans to increase its fleet of all-steel barges and two steamers to take care of the heavy tonnage offered.

Road to Near North Pole.

Winnipeg, Man., March 22.—Hudson Bay railway, running from Winnipeg north as near to the North Pole as railways go, will be completed by the fall of 1917, an announcement today said. It is planned to put the railway through to Kettle Rapids, 90 miles from Hudson Bay, by the fall of this year. The plan of the road is to run as far north as the seasons permit.

## Auto And 8 Fall 30 Feet

Spokane, March 22.—An automobile with eight occupants plunged from the approach to the Monroe street bridge this morning, falling nearly 30 feet. Three were seriously injured. The chauffeur has denied any intoxication. The party had been at the Seven-Mile road house and was returning. In crossing the bridge, the

glaring light of an approaching machine blinded the driver who turned into the sidewalk. The car broke the railing and fell over the bank.

John Hindle, cashier of a local theatre, fractured his skull, two actresses were seriously hurt and others bruised up.

### WILL QUIT CONGRESS



Representative I. L. Sherwood of Toledo, Ohio (above). Representative R. N. Page of North Carolina (below).

Representatives Isaac L. Sherwood of Toledo and Robert N. Page of North Carolina disagree with President Wilson on his foreign and military policies and have, therefore, announced they will not be candidates for re-election. General Sherwood is a civil war veteran.

### MISSION IS ON

Auspicious Start Given to Services At the Episcopal Church

The special mission services at St. Peter's church, began auspiciously yesterday afternoon. The Rev. Dr. Van Waters made a deep impression on his hearers by his clear, devout and spiritual addresses. Tuesday afternoon he spoke on "The Sacrament of Holy Baptism," why it was instituted and its effects. This afternoon he will speak on "Confirmation." Last night he preached on that grand text, "God So Loved the World, That He Gave His Only Begotten Son." Tonight he will preach on "Salvation—How Attained."

Tomorrow afternoon his subject will be "The Holy Communion—The Privilege of Coming to It." Thursday night the subject will be "Prayer—What It Is and How to Pray." The mission closes with this service. A thank-offering will be taken up at the last service. The afternoon services are at three o'clock and the evening at seven-thirty. Everybody is heartily invited to attend and benefit from the instruction given.

### RECEIVER ILL AGAIN

Nolan Skiff Hobbles About On Crutches and in Pain

After having been back at his office a few days since his sojourn at Hot Lake, Nolan Skiff, land office receiver, is confined to his home today with a severe attack of rheumatism. He is required to use crutches in getting about, and is suffering the pangs of a rheumatic.

### WHITAKER EXONERATED

Grand Jury Finds No Evidence Against Accused Man

Baker, March 22.—The grand jury finished the work of the term yesterday and made its report to the court. One bill of indictment was returned, being sealed and not made public. It is understood that it is in relation to the Whitney lynching. While the grand jury made its report, not all cases considered have been finished and several important matters will go over until the June term, according to the statement of the district attorney last evening.

Not a true bill was returned in the case of the State against William Whitaker, in which the latter was charged with participation in the Whitney lynching. Whitaker was released from the county jail night before last. The action of the grand jury completely exonerates him from the charge made against him.

## STATE PRIMARIES ARE PILING UP

Washington, March 22.—With primaries in Indiana, Minnesota, New Hampshire, and North Dakota out of the way, candidates on both sides of the political fence are awaiting the voice of people from sixteen other primary states. From now until June 6 the primaries will be frequent. Here is the latest list at political headquarters in Washington, with the number of delegates to be named: Michigan, April 3, thirty (Michigan also will name a national committee); Wisconsin, April 4, twenty-six; New York, April 4, eighty-eight; Illinois, April 4, fifty-eight; Iowa, April 10, twenty-six; Nebraska, April 18, sixteen; Oregon, April 18, ten; Massachusetts, April 25, thirty-six; Maryland, May 1, sixteen; California, May 9, twenty-six; Ohio, May 9, forty-eight; Pennsylvania, May 16, seventy-six; New Jersey, May 23, twenty-eight; South Dakota, June 6, ten; West Virginia, June 6, sixteen. Michigan Suffragists Make Plans. Detroit, Mich., March 22.—Campaign plans of Michigan suffragists were to be perfected today at a statewide conference here of leaders of the cause. Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the National Suffrage association, attended the meeting to advise the Michigan workers of the efforts being made at Washington in behalf of the Susan B. Anthony amendment. Mrs. O. H. Clark, of Kalamazoo, president of the Michigan association, outlined plans for suffrage work in the state.

Oklahoma G. O. P. Delegates Uninstructed. Oklahoma City, Okla., March 22.—Even the most astute politicians in the state admitted that the result of the Republican state convention, which opened here today, could best be expressed at present by a big question mark. There was no "native son" element in evidence, and what sentiment previously had been expressed was about equally divided between Roosevelt, Hughes and Borah. An uninstructed delegation appeared to be the most probable outcome.

### WITH ARMY IN AUSTRIA

Writer Says War Conditions Are Not As Gloomy As Imagined

Mrs. Chas. Knapp, of South La Grande, is in receipt of a letter and a picture from her cousin, James Schaffer, who is with Palo Regiment No. 5, Infantry. Mr. Schaffer writes among other things that war conditions where his regiment is stationed are not so gloomy as the public impression would indicate. On the contrary, this soldier says he puts in a good portion of the day time in painting pictures and it is only at nights that the infantrymen keep guard against the bullets of the enemy.

### IMPROVING PLANT

Old W. U. Poles and Loop Wires Being Replaced With New Ones

Western Union loops in La Grande are being rebuilt. W. R. Wolgamott, of Seattle, who has supervision of the plant department, is personally attending to the work. This means taking down the old poles and installing new ones, and changing the cable at the main office so that the wires will come up from the ground instead of entering at the window as they now do.

The change will give La Grande more wire service. At the present time the Western Union has one exclusive wire and two which the railroad people use too, but hereafter there will be two exclusive Western Union wires and two which both railroad and telegraph company will use.

### Plenty of Snow Left

A woodchopper who has been working in the timber six miles south of town was in La Grande yesterday. He reports a depth of about four feet of snow still on the ground. Whenever a person steps outside the beaten trail in that locality he goes down into the snow up to his hips, the woodsman says.

## WIND BLOWS 3 COACHES FROM THEIR TRACKS

INDIANA GALE ENACTS OTHER STRANGE FREAKS DURING MORNING

CARS ROLL COMPLETELY OVER--NONE ARE KILLED

All of Indiana Swept by Hurricane and Gales This Morning—Farm Homes Being Destroyed, Communication Crippled, and Other Damage Done—No Loss of Life.

Logansport, Ind., March 22.—One man was killed in his own home when the wind blew the roof off a factory hurrying it against his residence. Many were injured hereabouts. Loss of thousands of dollars is reported. One girl was reported killed near Montpelier, and an entire business block unroofed.

Marion, Ind., March 22.—Wind this morning swept three steel coaches on a Clover Leaf passenger train from the tracks and tumbled them down a steep embankment. Two cars rolled completely over. Though two men were severely hurt, none were killed. During the high wind, fire broke out in Marion and destroyed a drugstore.

A terrific gale is reported from all sections of Indiana today. Farm houses were demolished, trees uprooted and communication paralyzed. No loss of life had been reported up to noon.

### HOMESTEAD RUN ON

Big List of Applications Filed At Land Office This Week. Homesteads are in big demand, and the United States land office at La Grande is having a liberal run on its hands. Since yesterday morning about a dozen important applications have been filed.

Among the applications the past few hours are the following:

Harding P. Mills, Halfway, homestead. George C. Hunter, Marion S. Hale, Albert Graham and James Wood, all of Paradise, homesteads. Frances M. Troy, Pleasant Valley, homestead. August C. Horrell, Pine, homestead. Everett Endicott, Joseph, homestead. James D. Carter, Baker, desert entry. Edgar C. Connell, Baker, timber and stone. Cordell L. Baisley, Durkee, homestead. Jacob Weber, Pleasant Valley, homestead. Thomas C. Elliot and Thomas H. Mosgrove, Milton, isolated tract applications. Hugh E. Denham, and Robert Palmer, Baker, isolated tract applications.

### SNOW FIFTY-ONE YEARS AGO

Two and a Half Feet Covered Townsite of La Grande

"On March 22, 1865, the snow was two feet and a half deep all over the present site of La Grande," said Joseph Palmer today. The reason Mr. Palmer remembers the exact date is from the fact that this is the fifty-first anniversary of the marriage of B. W. Grandy and Lydia Palmer, and Mrs. Grandy is a sister of Mr. Palmer.

It was a year ago today that Mr. and Mrs. Grandy celebrated their golden wedding and their many friends are pleased to know that the passing of another year has brought no visible change in the health and spirits of these venerable pioneers.

### MARRIED 70 YEARS.

Pioneer Woman of 1843 is Dead at Lafayette.

Lafayette, Ore., March 20.—Mrs. Malvina Ann Membrée died at her home in this place on Friday night, aged 83 years 5 months 25 days. She was born in Arkansas, September 22, 1832, and crossed the plains with her parents in 1843 in the first wagon train. She was married to James T. Membrée on September 24, 1845, in Lafayette, and had been married over 70 years.

She was the mother of three children—Joel E. Membrée, of Lafayette; Mrs. Mary Schmitt, of Portland, and I. Newton Membrée, deceased. Besides the son and daughter, she is survived by the aged husband, J. T. Membrée, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon from the Evangelical church, with interment in the Masonic cemetery.

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS MAY BE PROMULGATED

### STEEL TRUST CHIEF INDICTED



Judge Elbert H. Gary, Chairman of the Board of the Steel Trust.

Judge Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the executive committee of the United States Steel Corporation, has been indicted by the grand jury at Youngstown, Ohio. He is charged, as the ruling official of steel companies there, with having conspired to fix wages of his workmen in violation of the Ohio laws.

## GERARD WON'T AWAIT OFFERS

PEACE TALK FROM BERLIN IS PREMATURE

Envoy Will Not Spend Vacation There To Get Proposals

Washington, March 22.—Ambassador Gerard is not to remain in Berlin during his vacation to await Germany's peace proposals, the White House stated today. Through Secretary Tumulty, the President authorized denials to newspaper stories making the assertion, "There is no justification for that inference being drawn."

### TOURISTS RETURN

Joseph People Resting in La Grande On Last Lap of Long Trip

Mr. and Mrs. L. Knapper of Joseph, parents of Mrs. Colon R. Eberhard, of this city, returned to La Grande last evening from an extended trip of two and one-half months at Long Beach, Cal., and are spending the day here at the home of their daughter. They were accompanied on the trip by Lawrence Caviness and family, also of Joseph. The Caviness family stopped off in valley points, intending to visit at Salem and McMinnville before returning to their home. The Knappers continue their homeward journey tomorrow.

The Joseph families purchased a touring car immediately on going to the land of flowers and made many trips to southern points, including the San Diego exposition. The splendid roads of California are the principal topic of conversation with Mr. Knapper as he chats about his trip with his many friends and acquaintances in this city. They sold their car as second hand before leaving.

Politically, Mr. Knapper says there is considerable Roosevelt talk in California, but everyone seems to think Hughes will be asked to take the Republican nomination. Hughes he thinks, is thoroughly acceptable to California Progressives.

SENATE CONSIDERS BILL TO EMPOWER PRESIDENT TO CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS—PERSHING OUT OF REACH OF WIRELESS—VILLA SLIPS OUT OF TRAP.

Washington, March 22.—Senator Sherman has introduced a resolution authorizing the President to call for 50,000 volunteers for service in Mexico. It is declared developments indicate the army is unprepared to pursue Villa. The resolution stipulated that volunteers will be used for punitive purposes only, and not intervention, and must be mustered out when Villa is captured or killed.

San Antonio, March 22.—"I believe General Pershing is beyond the point from which he can communicate by wireless with Columbus," General Funston said this afternoon. He has no fear of the safety of the American column although it is now in the vicinity of the spot where Villa was last reported.

Wireless experts have been sent to Columbus to investigate radio difficulties.

General Pershing has sufficient men to fight any Villistas bands, but Army headquarters don't know that Carranzistas are actively aiding Americans anywhere. Mexicans are withholding information as to the whereabouts of troops. General Gaviña at Juarez stated definitely that Americans and Villistas have not clashed. It is practically admitted that Villa has escaped the Mexican trap, and that it is up to Americans to do the trick unaided.

El Paso, March 22.—It is unofficially reported that General Funston will remove his headquarters to El Paso when the transfer to Fort Bliss is completed. This has strengthened the expectation that the American base of operations will be moved here.

It is believed a new column headed by the eighth cavalry, is preparing to enter Mexico through Guadalupe, riding southward over the smugglers' track, with General Belt in command. Sheepskin coats needed.

Hundreds of sheepskin coats have been sent southward for use in the bitterly cold nights following scorching days.

It is reported also, that General Gaviña has been co-operating in the search for the two missing aviators. Two Aviators Reported Lost.

Columbus, N. M., March 22.—Late last night it was announced two, instead of one, aviators of the first aero squad are lost somewhere in the desert foothills in Sierra Madre with only three days' rations and two small canteens of water between them and starvation. Army officers discredit the rumors that the two lieutenants may have fallen victims of snipers.

Major Sample received advice that Lieutenants Robert Willis and Edgar Morrell, who left here Sunday, each on an army aeroplane, failed to arrive at the advanced base. No reports of the missing men have been received. Instructions were immediately issued to motor truck drivers to watch for traces of the missing men. It is believed some of the six aeroplanes which arrived safely at Casas Grandes are aiding in the search.

Army men admitted that with two fliers 48 hours overdue at Casas Grandes there is much concern over their safety. Aero corps members cling to the hope that they may have encountered engine difficulties, forcing them to land for repairs in some unfrequented region.

### British Provide Trains

El Paso, March 22.—The British consul at Torreon has arranged for a special train of box cars to carry foreign women and children toward the border, advice reaching civil authorities said. They expect to leave Torreon this afternoon under guard of a Carranzista escort.

### Troops Rushed to Border

Washington, March 22.—From all sections of the country, troops are being sped to the border today in response to General Funston's appeal for reinforcements, issued yesterday. Four troops of the fifth cavalry left Fort Myers by special train this morning. Squadrons have left Fort Leavenworth, Kan., Sheridan, Ill., Russell, Wyo., and other points this afternoon. General Funston's report indicates General Pershing is nearing the Villistas.

### Bend Concern Incorporates.

Salem, Ore., March 21.—The Bend White Pine Sash company, of Minneapolis has filed with Corporation Commissioner Schulerman its declaration of intention to engage in business in the state. Its capital is \$100,000.

Articles of incorporation have been filed by the Lafayette Telephone company, of Lafayette; capital, \$25,000, and the Cork Floor Products company, of Portland; capital \$10,000.