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KAISER ON OFFENSIVE

GERMANS ACTIVE NORTHWEST OF VERDUN AND SOUTH OF MALINCOURT

DANGEROUS BOW PUSHED INTO FRENCH DEFENSES

Avocourt Woods, Malincourt and Deadman's Hill Are Three Spots Where German Offensive is Marked — Russians Reported Breaking Down South of Riga After Yesterday's Fight.

Washington, March 24.—The Allies' joint reply to America's proposal to disarm merchantment was received today. It is understood on the highest authority the proposition was not accepted. The reply, it is believed, states the present situation and conditions of naval warfare, wouldn't warrant subjection of peaceful trading vessels to risks which might follow disarmament.

Amsterdam, March 24.—Flushing correspondents have reported sounds of heavy firing in the English channel today. The noise came from the direction of Ostend and Westende.

London, March 24.—Paris dispatches indicate Germans have assumed attacks north west of Verdun. They bombarded French trenches south of Malincourt and Deadman's Hill. It is believed decisive action in that section has begun. Germans are also attacking Avocourt Woods, succeeding in bending the French front until it forms a dangerous loop. Berlin asserted the French positions are precarious.

Today's French communique said French artillery bombarded Germans south of Malincourt last night, but that the Teuton infantry failed to appear. The remainder of the Verdun front was comparatively quiet last night. Artillery fighting in the Woivre section was the most violent in recent days. French occupied a shell crater at Argonne Forest after a sharp fight.

Paris, March 24.—Germans captured two more trenches in the Haucourt region, Berlin has announced. It is said violent Russian attacks yesterday and last night Southeast of Riga have broken down.

COLONEL IS NEARING HOME

Mexican Situation To Be Analyzed On His Return, Maybe

New York, March 24.—When Colonel Roosevelt reaches quarantine this afternoon on his return from a cruise in the West Indies, politicians expect him to make statements concerning the Mexican situation. He is traveling on the liner Maturra.

Bond Issue Enjoined
Salem, Ore., March 21.—Declaring contracts entered into by the city of Roseburg, the Roseburg & Eastern Railroad Co., and the Kendall Lumber corporation void and unconstitutional, the supreme court today enjoined the enforcement thereof and forbade the issuance of \$300,000 bonds to be applied to the building of a railroad.

DRY LAW ASSAILED

Salem Court To Hear Arguments—Decision Likely To Be Delayed
Salem, Ore., March 24.—The constitutionality of Oregon's prohibition law was assailed before the Supreme Court here today. No decision is expected for several weeks.

The case at issue was a mandamus suit brought by Windhams & Company of Portland against the San Francisco & Portland Steamship Company to compel the delivery of two barrels of ethyl alcohol ordered from a San Francisco firm.

Under the prohibition law none but registered pharmacists may receive alcohol in large quantities from outside the state. Alcohol for mechanical purposes must be purchased from druggists. The plaintiffs manufacture flavoring extracts. They ordered the alcohol and the steamship company refused to deliver it to them because they are not registered pharmacists.

This provision of the law, asserted attorneys for the plaintiff today makes alcohol so expensive that the local manufacturers of flavoring extracts cannot compete with outside firms. This, they declared, violates the constitution in that it is "unlawful confiscation of property and an unjust and unlawful interference with interstate commerce."

LA GRANDE LADY BOOMED FOR TOGA

REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES MAY HAVE WOMAN ASPIRANT

Political Race Request Hurdled at Mrs. F. G. Schilke—Young Aspirant Also Likely

Persistent movement agitating political circles towards bringing out a capable woman to become a candidate for the legislature from this county, crystallized this morning upon Mrs. Fred. G. Schilke of this city. When the fact that such a movement had been considered among those who think ahead, was communicated to Mrs. Schilke this morning while she still wore her boudoir cap, Mrs. Schilke gasped in astonishment, conclusive proof that the gossip didn't emanate from her domicile, and her first statement was to the effect "I am not a suffragette, I would have you understand."

Mrs. Schilke hasn't said she would run for the nomination—she is a Republican—but among her women and gentleman acquaintances the boom won't down it seems, and that she will be prevailed upon to consent to the race is a bare possibility.

Young Candidate Likely

That Union county may have two unique candidates for the office of representative develops through a survey of political prospects. George Huntington Currey, now in the insurance and real estate business, and at one time editor of a Forest Grove weekly, has been approached by a number of taxpayers to seek the representative nomination. He has not reached a decision in the matter, and there is considerable uncertainty on his part but should he consent to seek the office and be elected, he will unquestionably be one of the youngest members of the legislature. He attended Willamette law school after his graduation from La Grande high school.

Caviness Is Boomed

J. L. Caviness who came to this valley when it was a wilderness, and now is a retired citizen of Island City, is being boomed for county commissioner against Commissioner Townley of Union, present incumbent. He hasn't indicated one way or the other, what his answer will be.

While no new candidates are appearing definitely the rapid approach of primary month has agitated the political cauldron perceptibly of late, and conclusive announcements of candidacies for a half dozen offices of county, district and state nature, are anticipated within a few days from this part of the woods.

PARK BRIDGE SINKS MUCH

TRAFFIC BARRED WHEN PIER GIVES WAY

Jack Screw Gang At Work to Relevel Structure

The Park bridge is again closed for team travel on account of the settling down of the pier at the south end. Although the river is at a lower stage than for several days past the water again washed under the pier and at the place where it was cracked before it is now broken from top to bottom and the bridge, concrete and rip-rapping has all settled down about a foot. It is reported that measurements show the water has swirled out a hole near the end of the bridge that is nine feet deep.

Superintendent Davis was at work today with jack-screws for raising the end of the bridge back to the normal level. Blocking is to be placed under the bridge so as to make the structure again safe for travel, if such a thing is possible. The brush and rock rip-rapping around and above the pier will also be reinforced. The comparatively low stage of water will render this work much easier than it was before the water volume—considerably reduced by the recent cold nights—began to diminish.

As a warning to travelers with teams the road is barricaded near the ends of the bridge and most of the vehicle traffic from the north river district has been detouring through the day by way of the Palmer mill.

HOME FROM CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Dickinson Return to Home in May Park

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Dickinson have returned home from a winter's visit in California and are again at their home in May Park. These folks make an annual pilgrimage to the south each year and pass the winter with their daughter, Mrs. Chas. Smith, at Santa Ana. They were all through the flood period which did so much damage to that part of California. Mr. Dickinson says:

"The flood was very bad, indeed, and a great deal of damage was done all along the river valley. At the same time I think the reports that reached the outside made the situation appear much more serious than it really was."

Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson report having had a fine trip and, as usual, are glad to be back to Grande Ronde.

DOUGLAS' CRY FOR AID STIRS UP BIG DEBATE

SENATORS BORAH AND STONE HAVE WORDS OVER TELEGRAM OF APPEAL

DOUGLAS REPORTED CENTER OF MEXICAN PREPARATION

Cannon and Many Men Within 10 Blocks of Center of City and American Protection Is Meager Says Telegram—Senators Squabble Over the Appeal for Help From Congress.

Washington, March 24.—Dissent broke out in the senate today when Senator Stone charged "Sinister forces" are trying to inflame the United States and Mexico to cause war. He made the assertion after a telegram was received telling of serious conditions in Texas and Arizona borders. A Douglas attorney telegraphed that Mexicans had 40 cannon and 3000 cavalry stationed 10 blocks from the center of Douglas. Seven thousand troops were reported six miles south. To offset this the message said, Americans had only 1800 infantry 300 cavalry and four pieces of artillery.

Help Is Asked For

The message went on to declare that Mexicans are entrenched on their side of the border and are using barb wire entanglements. He asked for

Debate Breaks Out
Debate followed the reading of the

ARMENIAN VICTIMS OF TURKS REACH AMERICA



Samuel G. Saklamain of Newcastle, Pa.; Mrs. Ahsah Saklamain, His Mother, and Kresora Saklamain, His Brother, from Armenia. Above—A Group of Refugees.

The man on the left of the group of three in the lower photograph is Samuel G. Saklamain, of Newcastle, Pa. Years ago he came to the United States, and he has prospered. He sent for his mother and brother in Armenia when the Turks became dangerous. The photograph shows what

WANTS TO BE PRESIDENT



Allan L. Benson

Allan L. Benson, a magazine writer of Yonkers, N. Y., is the presidential nominee of the Socialist party. By the final returns received at national headquarters he has defeated in the primaries James H. Maurer of Reading, Pa., president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, and Arthur Le Sueur, of Minot, N. D., vice-president of the People's College at Fort Scott, Kan.

telegram. Senator Borah of Idaho, read it. Stone said he was "unable to understand why senators desired to give such information official dignity."

"I have no apologies to make," snapped Borah.

Stone said Borah should have acted with greater propriety.

Facts About Well Known People

Washington, March 24.—Representative Ben Johnson of Kentucky keeps an aquarium of goldfish on his working desk at the capitol.

OFFICIAL FORECAST SAYS IMMEDIATE BATTLE WITH VILLA IS NOT A LIKLIHOOD

El Paso, March 24.—Collector of Customs Cervantes at Juarez asserted this afternoon that since the reported skirmish in the Nemiqualpa valley Monday, there has been no fighting in Mexico. He also said he wouldn't charge duties on provisions for the American expedition transported through Juarez if the Mexico Northwestern was used.

Americans arriving from Casas Grandes confirmed the story that General Pershing has obtained permission to use the railroad south of there for military purposes. The officials believe troops are now south of Namiqualpa.

Other arrivals said Constitutionalists at the garrison at Casas Grandes, made no effort to capture Villa when he passed within a half mile of headquarters. The expeditionary force at Dublin has received a report that Villa is murdering Mexicans.

El Paso, March 24.—General Bell and Major Sample have expressed doubt that American troops have surrounded Villa or are about to engage him. "I don't believe a battle is in progress," Bell said this afternoon.

General Garcia expected the fight to begin at day break. He had information that Carranza had defeated Villistas and that Villa was now surrounded. General Garcia waited for confirmation of last night's announcement that Americans had enveloped Villa.

General Funston has announced that wireless between Columbus and the American expedition has been abandoned. The messages arrived in such a garbled way that repetition was demanded. Telegraph wires will be working shortly.

U. S. Aviator Safe and Sound

Columbus, N. M., March 24.—Edward Edgar Gorrell of the army air corps, who has been missing since Sunday, was found yesterday afternoon three miles south of Ascension by a motor truck train, according to reports tonight to military headquarters. Gorrell was uninjured but was

out of gasoline and had lost his way. Lieutenant Gorrell had been alone 48 hours in the middle of a sand-swept, uninhabited plateau on the borders of Lake Frederick. He suffered only slightly from exposure. His plane was intact. All army aviators who left Sunday for Casas Grandes are accounted for. Gorrell had to land on account of a leaking fuel tank. He found a wagon trail six miles from his landing place, left a note on a stick giving his whereabouts and went back to guard the machine. When rescued he had been without food for 24 hours. After repairing his tank and replenishing his gasoline supply from a motor truck he resumed his flight toward Casas Grandes.

BIG DEBATE TONIGHT

Oregon, Washington and Palo Alto Schools Will Talk Preparedness

Eugene, Ore., March 24.—The question of naval preparedness will be threshed out tonight by debating teams representing the University of Washington, the University of Oregon and Stanford University. Each school has two teams in the competition, and talk-fests will be staged simultaneously at Seattle. Eugene and Palo Alto.

The question to be settled is: "Resolved that the United States should maintain a navy above third rank in fighting efficiency."

At Palo Alto Stanford will take the affirmative against Washington the negative.

At Eugene, Oregon, will take the affirmative against Stanford the negative.

At Seattle, Washington will take the affirmative against Oregon the negative.

INSTITUTE TOMORROW

Several La Grande Teachers Will Participate in Meeting

Teachers from all parts of the county will go to Elgin tomorrow to attend the local institute set for that place tomorrow afternoon.

John Gidder, city superintendent here, Aubrey Smith, superintendent of Union, Prof. Allen of Cove, Mr. Thompson of this city, and other instructors will take part in the program along with the county superintendent, Miss Cowgill of O. A. C. and N. C. Maris, connected with the state industrial clubs movement. While not all teachers are required to go from here, it is expected that goodly number will.

MISSION IS ENDED

Episcopal Missionary Concludes Instructive Series

The special mission services at St. Peter's church, were closed last night with a most spiritual and lucid address on "Prayer; what it is, and how to pray." False ideas concerning prayer were dealt with, condemned and replaced by the true. The power, efficacy and privilege of prayer were all considered in turn. "Prayer is a creative force, by means of which we can make our own environment. Jesus not only prayed as an example to us but prayer was the expression of His being and relationship to His father, so prayer is natural to man as a son or child of God. We can pray for everything and everywhere and at all times and for all men, provided it is for that which is right, honest and true. The condition of acceptable prayer is faith and that it is sincere and comes from the heart. God always answers true prayer by the giving of himself." Such were the chief thoughts presented.

These services have been of inestimable benefit to those who had the privilege of attending them. Dr. Van Waters has made a number of warm friends during his altogether too brief visit. They however hope, it will be repeated in the not too far off future. He may be sure of a warm welcome and an appreciative reception whenever he comes.

Copies of Transcript Arrive

Salem, Ore., March 23.—Although oral arguments in the case of the Pacific Livestock company against John H. Lewis, James T. Chinnock and George T. Cochran, members of the state water board, were made in the United States supreme court so recently as March 16, printed copies of the transcript arrived here today. Edward T. Treatwell argued in behalf of the plaintiff, which is the appellant in the case, and Attorney General Brown of Oregon, Cochran of the water board, who is an attorney, and Will R. King, attorney for the defendants, argued for the defendants. The case involves the constitutionality of the state water code.

2 SUBMARINES IN THE PACIFIC

SYDNEY VESSEL DETOURS TO AVOID TROUBLE

Passengers Reaching San Francisco Tell of Seeing U Boats.

San Francisco, March 24.—The liner Mosana, from Sydney, arrived late today as the result of making a detour to avoid what is supposed to be a German submarine base established in the Pacific. Passengers reported seeing two submarines and one vessel, apparently a commerce raider.

It is said British authorities believe the submarines are operating from a secret base on Fiji islands.

MUCH SNOW ON HILLS

Four Feet Not Unusual At the Intake Says Mr. Deal

The caves of the commissariat at the Beaver creek intake still hide behind snowbanks, and four feet is not an uncommon depth for snow to reach in the Blue Mountains even this late in the year, reports Roger Deal, intake caretaker, who is down from his mountain home today. On bald ridges the snow is blown off, but where the wind is hampered by timber, there is enough snow to supply the water system for a long time.

CASE GIVEN JURY

Elgin Suit For Several Hundred Occupies Attention

Shortly after noon today, evidence taken in the case of L. Denham against the Eastern Oregon Co-operative Telephone company, wherein several hundred dollars are involved, was given to the jury for final deliberations. The case has been before Judge Knowles for several days, and most of the witnesses called have been from the North end.

An ejectment proceedings in which Emma Young, wife of Toy Young, a Chinese, brings suit against Mills over some land in the Telocaset country, is the next case on the docket.

What They Want In Way of Husbands

Minneapolis, Minn., March 24.—Physicians who don't wear those nasty little mustaches, who don't drink and who get \$1,642 a year, are most eligible for husbands for Minnesota university coeds. This is the result deducted from 210 answers to a "first aid to Cupid" questionnaire conducted by the University daily.