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SPRING THAWS SPUR RUSSIANS TO RENEW DRIVE

HUNDRED-MILE FRONT HAS
BEEN PUT TO FIRING
DECLARES BERLIN

DESIRABLE HIGHLANDS IN
EAST FRONT SEEM PLUM

Berlin Draws Conclusion that Offens-
ive Is Resumed for Purpose of Gain-
ing Desirable Heights Held by Ger-
mans Where Spring Freshets Will
Do No Harm—Other War News.

Berlin, March 28.—Russians are to-
day renewing attacks on a 100-mile
front. Losses are reported the heaviest
since the retreat from Dumajec.
Spring thaws are expected soon to
flood the lowlands, and it is believed
this will compel the withdrawal of a
portion of the Russian line. Ger-
mans have also suffered from floods,
but will not be compelled to with-
draw in many places. It is believed
this is the reason why the Russians
are attempting to seize the highlands
before the Spring freshets come.
German officers assert the Russian
marksmanship is poor. Indicating
the truth of the situation it is pointed
out that formerly there was one
Russian officer found among every
100 privates captured. Now the ra-
tio is one officer to every 60 rank-
ers.

Strong Offensive May Come
Fighting around St. Elio, where
British destroyed German trenches,
may develop in a strong offensive,
headquarters have announced.

Scotch Strike Breaks
London, March 28.—Grave strikes
among Scottish machinists are delay-
ing manufacture of big guns. Sec-
retary Addison told the Commons to-
day. The strikes are reported to be
aimed to repeal conscription.

Sussex Case Considered
Washington, March 28.—The State
department will ask Germany if a
German submarine torpedoed the Sus-
sex, it was announced following a cab-
inet meeting. Meanwhile efforts con-
tinue in gathering evidence to prove
the exact cause of the explosion Fri-
day. The cabinet discussed whether
to sever diplomatic relations, if it is
established a German submarine did
the work. Congressmen are appar-
ently behind President Wilson.

Secretary Lansing this afternoon
cabled to Berlin asking if a German
submarine torpedoed the Sussex. The
cablegram said evidence now in pos-
session of America indicated subma-
rines were responsible. Owing to the
usual delays, the inquiry probably will
not arrive before tomorrow.

German Destroyer Sunk
London, March 28.—The British de-
stroyer Cleopatra rammed and sunk
a German destroyer in the North Sea
Sunday night after a battle between
a British squadron and a flotilla of
German destroyers, the admiralty an-
nounced. The crew was drowned.

Ford Shipment Unloaded
H. H. Hug, new head of the Ford
agency, with salesrooms established
at the former Heston store on Fir
street, has unloaded a car of machines.
The lot consists of six touring cars,
one roadster and one coupelet.

REGISTER TODAY

Only three weeks is left in
which to register for the Pri-
mary Election. The registra-
tion 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.
Register at County Clerk's
office at any time during of-
fice hours. Any afternoon from
1:30 until 6:00 o'clock and Wed-
nesday, Thursday, Friday and
Saturday evenings from 7 to 9
o'clock you may register at
Audon Phelan's office at Security
Land and Savings Co.

10 FIREMEN GET SERVICE MEDALS

BEAUTIFUL DECORATIONS GIV-
EN TO THOSE EXEMPT

Long Service, At Least Seven Years,
Rewarded By Presentation
Of Medals

Decorations indicating faithfulness
to service, and carrying other material
remuneration to the holder, were be-
stowed upon 10 members of Rescue
Hose company No. 1, volunteer fire-
men, yesterday evening at a meeting
of the company. The medals, of 14-
karat gold, heavily constructed, with
the words "exempt" and bearing the
inscribed name of the owner, are be-
ing worn today with justifiable pride
by the persons decorated. They are
of the usual fireman's badge shape,
but are symbolic, not only of at least
seven years of continuous service in
the volunteer department, but reflect
the appreciation of the public in work
done to prevent fire during the term
of service.
Those receiving the beautiful med-
als include some who have been ex-
empt for some little time. In this
class come Captain P. A. Foley, Presi-
dent; Frank Bay, First Lieutenant;
L. L. Snodgrass and Chief C. L.
Mackey. Others who received the
decorations include S. A. Weagle, Cam
Caylor, secretary; Chas. Murchison,
Second Lieutenant; Nate Zweifel and
James O'Neal, ex-President, and
Frank Suydam, ex-President.

CONVENTION GETS ADVICE

SENATOR POINDEXTER URGES
ALLEGIANCE

Northwest Preparedness Congress
Hears From Senator

Spokane, March 28.—The chairman
of the Northwest Preparedness con-
gress, in session here, today read a
paper from Senator Poindexter, of
Washington, urging adherence to the
recommendations of the naval board.
In the paper he expressed hope, in
an international agreement limiting
naval armament as a basis for leaving
America on a relatively good posi-
tion.

The adoption of the administration's
five-year building program, was be-
lieved by the writer to be the most
that might be obtained in this session
of congress. He declared that with-
out requisite naval strength America
cannot maintain peace, even though
national privileges be sacrificed.

SECRECY AND ACTIVITY ON BORDER PORTEND A TENSE STATUS IN ARMY

Columbus, March 28.—Tightening
of censorship on dispatches from
Casas Grandes, and activity of troops
here preparing for unknown move-
ments, are believed to forecast im-
portant developments.

The censorship is also tightened
elsewhere, it is announced.
Another trainload of horses arriv-
ed today, and a pack train for points
south of Casas Grandes is understood
to be ascending the precipitous moun-
tains, carrying provisions.
Ninety Villista horses abandoned
during the Columbus raid, were auc-
tioned off today.

Sonora To Be Guarded
Douglas, March 28.—Following a
conference, Governor Calles has sent
General Gomez with 1400 Carranzis-
tas cavalry from Colonia Morelos to
Moctezuma to guard against Villistas
entering Sonora. Should Villa cross
the mountains, American officers be-
lieve an expedition will be sent from
here.

Rifles Reach Columbus
Columbus, March 28.—Several car-
loads of rifles and ammunition (150
words deleted by censor) were un-
loaded here last night.

Outbreak Rumors Denied
Galveston, March 28.—Wireless
messages from Tampico said there
had been no anti-American outbreaks.
Fear of them persists, however, and
yachts are bringing wives and chil-
ren of oil men there.

Congress Provides Funds
Washington, March 28.—With only
one member opposing it, the House
today passed the army deficiency bill
appropriating eight and a half mil-
lion to cover the cost of the expedi-
tion into Mexico to enable the war
department to recruit the army to full
strength, to buy aeroplanes, motor
trucks, and other equipment.

The action is regarded as congres-
sional endorsement of the move
against Villa. London, a Socialist,
was the only opponent.
Congressmen have assured Sec-
retary of War Baker that a half mil-
lion will be appropriated for aviation
purposes next year. He would buy
eight machines soon with three motor
trucks for each. Each aeroplane is
to cost \$812,000.

Better Facilities Sought
Washington, March 28.—The State
department has telegraphed to Consul
Queretaro asking for him to arrange
for transportation of army supplies

from the border. Meanwhile the pro-
tocol covering complete co-operation
between the United States and Mexico
is held in adherence.

TROUBLES OF DEMOCRATS

Evidences Indicate That Party Trou-
ble Is Probable

While everything appears smooth
on the surface, it has come to light
in divers ways that there is trouble
in the democratic camp which may
yet assume proportions that will make
political sailing hazardous.

Will R. King, Oregon member of
the democratic national committee
and candidate from the eastern part
of this state as delegate to the na-
tional convention, is the "Fokker" that
is threatening the peace of the Ore-
gon democratic household.

Will R. King was once a candidate
for governor but was defeated. He
pulled up stakes from his home in On-
tario and moved to Walla Walla to
all practical purposes became a resi-
dent of the state of Washington. Lat-
er he was appointed a member of
the supreme court in this state fol-
lowing the legislative provision for
adding two more members to that tri-
bunal. His home and abiding place
then was at Portland and Salem. He
was a member of the national demo-
cratic committee and afterward ap-
pointed as legal advisor for the rec-
lamation department with headquar-
ters in Washington City. It was at that
place that he railroaded, so it is claim-
ed, his re-appointment as member of
the committee, pushing aside Mr.
Easterly who had received the votes
of the democrats of Oregon for the
place on the national committee.

After this devious course he claims
Ontario as his home and wants to
represent this district in the conven-
tion to be held in St. Louis next
June.

Naturally, there are democrats
who think they are a different kind
of a democrat than Will R. King, and
it is said that some of them will take
steps to relieve this part of the state
from the King brand of political bus-
whacking.

Paul Rohr On Sick List
Paul Rohr, an employee of the La
Grande Meat company, has been kept
at home for several days on account
of sickness.

CARRANZA'S NEW FOREIGN
AFFAIRS SECRETARY.



General Candido Aguilar.

General Candido Aguilar is the First
Chief's new secretary of foreign af-
fairs with whom the United States
must deal in connection with the chase
for Villa. So far he has worked in
accord with the Washington state de-
partment.

BRECKENRIDGE BODY EN ROUTE

Remains of the late Wilbur Breck-
enridge will arrive tonight from Ida-
ho Falls, where he was murdered
Saturday morning. Odd Fellows, the
Methodist church congregation, and
Moose are interesting themselves in
the arrangements.

Letters received from the Odd Fel-
lows' lodge at Idaho Falls, where he
had been just previous to the mur-
der, throw additional light on the re-
ason for the brutality of the murder.
As indicated in the Observer yester-
day, the robbers who first held up
the members in the bunk house to
which Breckenridge was headed, were
apparently known to the premises.
The belief is now entertained that
immediately after leaving the bunk
house, the robbers tore off their
masks, and that after so doing, they
murdered Breckenridge, who recognized
them, and they him, resulting in the
motive to murder without the slight-
est additional provocation.

The Moose lodge at Idaho Falls
speaks, in letters received by Dicta-
tor Young today, in glowing terms of
the deceased member. The lodge here
will meet tonight to formulate plans
for attending the funeral tomorrow.

WATER RIGHTS DECISION

Powder River Adjudication Covers
Large Tracts

Baker, March 28.—The first com-
plete adjudication of water rights of
Powder river and its tributaries, was
announced today by S. O. Correll,
who yesterday received a copy of the
findings of the state water board
on contests, some of which have been
hanging fire since 1912.

The findings take up 325 pages,
double the size of ordinary legal paper
and on many of the sheets, the type-
writing is single spaced. Approx-
imately 5,000 holdings are requested,
making an aggregate of close to 200-
000 acres.

Each water right owner will be
notified by the circuit court as to the
date when he will be privileged to
file an objection to the findings, and
on the passing by the court on the
different questions, appeals may be
taken, making the adjudication by no
means final.

Removal of Sawmill
Wm. Lewis is arranging to remove
his sawmill outfit which has been at
the Montgomery place south of town,
to a new location. Among other
pieces of timber to be drawn upon for
a logging supply is that belonging to
Chester P. Newlin, which, it is es-
timated will supply a million and a half
feet of saw timber. There is other
timber in the locality. The mill has
a capacity of 15,000 feet per day.

Union Pioneers In Town
Nelson Schoonover and "Colonel"
Maxwell, two men who helped lay the
foundations of the town of Union, are
in La Grande today on business.

Improving Store Front
Mrs. E. M. Anson is making improve-
ments to the front of her store build-
ing on the corner of Adams avenue
and Elm street. A portion of the
brick wall on the Elm street side is
being removed and this will be re-
placed with a plate glass pannel.

MORE LAND IS SUBJECTED TO PUBLIC ENTRY

TERRITORY NORTH AND AND
WEST OF ELGIN INVOLVED
IN EDICT

MORE THAN 3000 ACRES
EMBRACED IN THE ORDER

While Over 10,000 Are Officially In-
cluded, Close To Seven Thousand
of That Has Already Been Settled
and Patented—May Given As Time
for Settlement on the Land.

Restoration of a considerable terri-
tory of land in the Wenaha National
Forest district, to settlement and en-
try by the department of the interior
has been announced through the U. S.
land office in this city.

The land lies North and West of
Elgin, and borders upon the Promise
country. Hurried estimates made at
the land office this afternoon from
the official descriptions, indicate that
3,185 acres of the total of 10,650 em-
braced, remain open for settlement
and entry, the balance having already
been settled and patented.

The official order received by Reg-
ister Bramwell and Receiver Skiff sets
out among other things:

Notice is hereby given that in the
interest of equal opportunity and good
administration, restoration to settle-
ment in advance of entry under au-
thority of the Act of September 30,
1913 (38 Stat. 113), subject to valid
rights and the provisions of existing
withdrawals, is therein provided for
the public lands subject to disposition
in such lands, and that in accordance
therewith such lands will become sub-
ject to settlement only under the
provisions of the homestead laws at
and after, but not before 9 o'clock a.
m., standard time, May 10, 1916, and
to entry and other disposition under
any public land law applicable there-
to, at the United States Land Office
at La Grande.

Warning is therein expressly given
that all persons who go upon any of
the lands to be restored under said
order and perform any act of settle-
ment thereon from and including the
date thereof until 2 o'clock a. m. stand-
ard time, May 10, 1916, or who are
on or are occupying any part of said
lands at such hour, except those hav-
ing valid subsisting settlement rights
initiated prior to reservation and
since maintained, and those having
preferences to make entry under the
provisions of the Act of June 11, 1906
(34 Stat., 233), and acts amendatory,
will be considered and dealt with as
trespassers, and preference will be
given the prior legal applicant, not-
withstanding such unlawful settle-
ment or occupancy: Provided, how-
ever, that nothing therein shall pre-
vent persons from going upon and over
the lands to examine them with a
view thereafter to going upon and
making settlement thereon when the
lands shall become subject thereto in
accordance with said order.

Persons having prior valid settle-
ment rights or preferences, as above
defined, will be allowed to make entry
in conformity with existing law and
regulations. Intending settlers are
also warned to ascertain the status
of the lands by inquiry of the local
land office before making settlement
thereon, as a considerable portion of
the described area is not subject to
settlement or entry, being included
in entries and selections under the
public land laws.

Thousand Dollars Reward

A notice was posted at the depot
this morning offering a reward of
\$1000 for the arrest and conviction
of the lone bandit who held up the
Short Line train No. 1 in Utah Satur-
day night. The offer is made by of-
ficials of the Short Line. The rob-
bery is supposed to have been made
by one man, who secured thirty reg-
istered packages from the mail car
but molested none of the passengers
in the train.

COLONIST TRAVEL OPENS

No. 17 Late Carrying Extra Equip-
ment and Heavy List

Colonist rates to the west, effective
March 25, are bringing homeseekers
even at this early date. The first
material arrival occurred this morn-
ing when homeseekers and excursion-
ists from Missouri river points passed
through La Grande on No. 17. The
morning train was an hour late, and
if travel keeps up the way it start-
ed, the period up to April 14 will see
a big amount of immigration to Ore-
gon.

This is the first time since 1914
that colonist rates were in effect.

THROWING HAND GRENADES AT THE GREATEST BATTLE IN HISTORY.



French Soldier Tossing a Grenade Into German Trenches. French Soldier Examining His Grenade. These photographs were taken in the French trenches at Verdun. They show soldiers examining the grenades and throwing them into the trenches of the enemy. The battle, in which explosives have been used to a cost of \$100,000,000, is the greatest of history. Perhaps it is greater than most wars.