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AMERICAN TROOPS MAY BE WITHDRAWN FROM HUNT

HAUCOURT IS TAKEN

GERMANS HOLD THAT FORT IN VERDUN CHAIN

FRENCH ADMIT CLAIM BUT POINT TO BETHINCOURT AS COUNTER ACTION.

CARES WOOD CAPTURED BY FRENCH CHARGES

Germans Mobilizing on the Meuse and While Batteries Bombard Vaux the Kaiser Is Stripping Soissons Lines to Reinforce the Verdun Attacks—Fifth Raid in a Week.

Berlin, April 6.—Germans have captured Haucourt, it is officially announced. The French Point of Support east of town was also taken with 500 prisoners.

London, April 6.—Three zeppelins raided the East Coast of England last night, killed one child, injured five children, a woman and two men. It is announced that one zeppelin was hit.

Whitby Hard Hit. Berlin, April 6.—The admiralty and military establishment at Whitby was destroyed last night by a zeppelin raid.

Paris, April 6.—Germans have reached Haucourt, it is officially admitted, but attacks against Bethincourt were repulsed. The French captured the entire Carew wood, taking 50 prisoners, thus offsetting the Teuton gain at Haucourt.

Germans are mobilizing west of the Meuse and batteries are again bombarding the Vaux front. They are stripping the Soissons line to reinforce the Verdun fighters.

French Praise Germans. French wounded have praised German courage and said the Teutons advanced in a solid mass facing shrapnel, rifles and mitrailleuses.

ROOSEVELT TALKS.

Makes It Clear What Policy Will Be If Nominated at Chicago.

New York, April 6.—Politics are astir today over the announcement from Oyster Bay last night that Colonel Roosevelt may be in the race for president. A prominent politician, interviewing him yesterday, brought out the first statement in this connection.

The Colonel, with his characteristic vehemence, had been talking of Mexico and other international problems when the visitor interrupted:

"You know, Colonel," he said, "I may make up my mind that we will have to nominate you."

Like a flash the Colonel turned to his visitor.

"Well now, let me give you a piece of advice," he said. "If you have any doubt on the subject do not nominate. Get it perfectly clear in your head that if you nominate me, it must not be because you think it is in my interest, but because you think it is in your interest, the interest of the Republican party and to the interest of the United States, too."

"More than that, don't you do it if you expect me to 'pussy-foot' on any single issue I have raised. Don't be for me unless you are prepared to say that every citizen of this country has got to be pro-United States first, last and all the time, and no pro-anything else at all, and that we stand for every good American everywhere, whatever his birthplace or creed, wherever he now lives, and that in return we demand that he be an American, and nothing else—with no hyphen about it."

"I don't care a rap for the man's creed, birthplace, or National origin. I am for him if he is straight 'U. S.' and if he isn't I am against him. And don't you nominate me unless you are prepared to take the position that Uncle Sam is to be strong enough to defend his rights and to defend every one of his people wherever those people are, and he can't be strong enough unless he prepares in advance."

The conversation between the Colonel and his visitor came as a logical sequence to the Roosevelt-Root-Lodge luncheon Friday last, which gave such an impetus to the boom which Colonel Roosevelt's followers were conducting for his nomination.

2 OLD SISTERS MURDERED WITH AXE AND HAMMER

FEARING BANK FAILURES BOTH HOARDED MONEY ON THEIR PERSONS.

PEERING FACE 2 MONTHS AGO KEPT THEM IN FEAR

Nephew Stumbles Upon Bloody Bodies Shortly After Midnight in Seattle Shack—One of the Victims Was 71 and the Other 53—Robbery Believed to Be Motive.

Seattle, April 6.—Robbery is believed to have been the motive of the brutal murder of Mrs. Carolina Wheeler, aged 71, and Mrs. Kate Swift, aged 53.

A bloody ax and a hammer were found beside the bodies. A nephew discovered the tragedy shortly after midnight.

It is believed the sisters had \$2000 secreted in their clothes, and kept it there despite the fact they have lived in terror for two months since seeing a face peering into the window.

They withdrew their money from banks beginning with the European war, fearing failure. Both lived in a tumbled down shack on West Lake avenue.

Mining Case on Trial.

The equity case of the Camp Carson Mining and Power company vs. Miles Stephenson and H. Rudell is being heard before Judge Knowles today. The issues in the matter involve, principally, ownership to certain mining claims up the Grande Ronde river in the old Camp Carson district.

Match Prices Soaring.

St. Paul, Minn., April 6.—Rubbing sticks again may become the world's way of making fire. The price of matches is soaring. Soon boxes selling now for a penny may be bringing ten cents. This was the declaration today of T. B. Tucker, match manufacturer of Chicago, who says that of the 37 chemicals used in making matches, the majority are imported from foreign countries, now at war; and cannot be gotten.

SUSSEX WAS TORPEDO VICTIM

TORPEDO HIT SUSSEX

Washington, April 6.—American embassy attaches who examined bomb fragments found in the wreckage of the Sussex reported today the splinters were pieces of a German torpedo.

The report tended to confirm fears that severance of diplomatic relations are unavoidable. Possibility of an international rupture has increased. Secretary of State Lansing refused to divulge the text of the report.

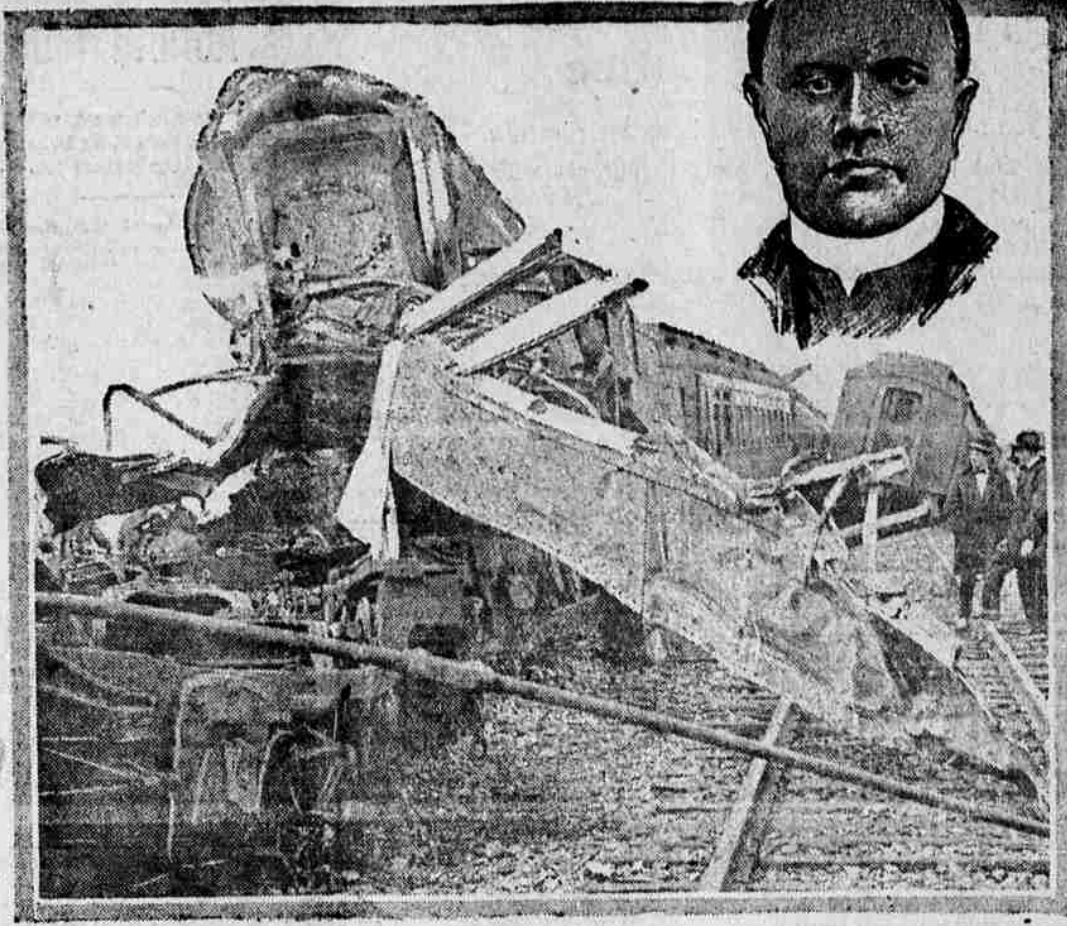
London, April 6.—Forty-eight perished when the Elder liner Zent was torpedoed, without warning. A few survivors have landed.

The captain and 10 sailors reached Queenstown and all agreed the attack was a surprise. The submarine was seen beginning sinking immediately after the torpedo struck. Sailors attempted to launch the boats but became excited and frequent attempts failed. Every lifeboat was upset.

No Assistance Given. The submarine made no attempt to save the victims. A passing steamer rescued the swimmers who escaped the water grave.

Norwegian Boat Sunk. London, April 6.—Four sailors perished when an unidentified Norwegian merchantman was sunk in the English channel by mine or torpedo. Fourteen were saved.

LOCOMOTIVE OVER DEMOLISHED "DEATH CAR" IN OHIO WRECK.



The "death car" in the New York Central wreck at Amherst, Ohio, is beneath the locomotive shown in this photograph. That is, what is left of it; the trucks are beneath the locomotive. Part of the vestibule of the car in which so many persons lost their lives clings to the forward part of the engine. The locomotive hauled the second section of Train No. 86. The picture also shows the Rev. Gustav Valyi, the Detroit clergyman, who is believed to have been killed in the wreck.

SEN. BURGESS QUILTS OFFICE

UMATILLA COUNTY SENATOR RETIRES.

Cannot Give His Attention to Duties of the Office.

Salem, April 6.—Senator J. Burgess of Umatilla county today filed his resignation with Governor Withycombe to take effect upon the election of his successor.

"I feel I cannot sacrifice my time from my business for the complete term," he says in his resignation. He explains that his term expires January, 1919.

Mount Lassen "Busy"

Redding, April 6.—Mount Lassen has renewed activities today. Smoke and steam appearing on the crater this morning.

NEW RETAILERS OPEN.

Kivette & Son Lumber Yard Purchased by Perry Mill Company.

For the first time, in this section, the Grande Ronde Lumber company at Perry is entering the retail market. The Kivette & Son Retail Lumber company yards in this city has been taken over by the Perry concern and that company will now operate the retail plant, carrying building materials and lumber yard stuff.

Elmer Stoddard will be manager of the plant in this city.

The company has already taken possession.

ATTORNEY IN JAIL.

Portland Man Arrested on Vice Crusade While in Court Room

Portland, April 6.—While trying a case in Judge Gatens' courtroom this morning, R. L. Merrick, an attorney, formerly private secretary of ex-Congressman Lafferty, was arrested on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a 16-year-old girl. A secret indictment was returned a week ago.

Merrick and Lafferty were appearing as attorneys in the jitney driver cases where personal suits are up. After serving the warrant, a deputy sheriff permitted Merrick to finish selection of the jury.

WELSHMEN GIVE MUCH TO ALLIES

GREATER PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION FIGHTING.

Plight of Belgians Aroused Wonderful Enthusiasm in Wales, Says Musician.

More Welshmen, according to population, are fighting for the British in the European struggle, than any other portion of Britain, according to Dewi Llyfwny (David John) Gwynn, musician and director of the Royal Gwent Welsh singers who arrived this morning from Baker to sing at the Methodist church tonight. Dewi Llyfwny, speaking for the Welshmen, says he loves liberty, and that his native country—a small country—loves liberty and believes that a small nation has as much right to live as a big one.

Discussing the European war, from the viewpoint of one who has been in the war zone since the war broke out, the speaker remarked:

"When little Belgium was torn to pieces, it aroused the patriotism of the Welshmen. I know Welshmen who left large families to shift for themselves that they might go to war. They are fired with enthusiasm, aroused by the calamity that befell the Belgians. Not only that but we took a million Belgians into our homes. Our wives and mothers today go out each week to collect food and funds to help maintain the refugee Belgians. They do it willingly too, because they are sorrowful over Belgium's plight."

Mr. John's brother's a lance-corporal, was mutilated in the Dardanelles campaign and after a siege in the Leeds hospital is now discharged and is with his family.

PRESENT ASSESSOR WILL RUN.

Concludes to Become Republican Nominee Aspirant.

U. G. Couch, present county assessor, yesterday filed with the county clerk his petition as a candidate for re-nomination for the office on the Republican ticket. While Assessor Couch has served as assessor for the past four years and is now approaching the close of his first term he had not been fully decided on the question of again becoming a candidate until this week. Now, however, his petition has been filed and his candidacy for the re-nomination is regularly announced.

Delile Green this afternoon stopped the boom in his favor for county assessor. "I have determined not to seek the nomination and courteously refused all those who sought to have me run, with finality," declared Mr. Green today.

DERAILMENT DELAYS.

No. 6 Held Up Two Hours at Hilgard on Account of Trouble. A slight derailment near Hilgard delayed No. 6 the noon train two hours today. The wrecker was sent out to help righten things speedily.

CARDS IN POOL HALLS OPPOSED

COMMISSION MAKES PRELIMINARY MOVE.

South Fourth Street Case Considered but Action Delayed.

At the city commissioners' meeting yesterday evening all members were present. The preliminary move toward eliminating card playing in pool rooms was made and an ordinance covering the matter is to be prepared at once.

About twenty property owners along South Fourth street presented a remonstrance to assessments of any kind and objections to any "pretended benefits" arising from assessments or re-assessments. By request of the attorneys for the objectors, Messrs. Oliver and Richardson, the date for hearing the objections was postponed one week to Wednesday evening, April 12.

It was decided that the services of the special policeman could be dispensed with and it was so ordered.

The installation of the gates at the Beaver creek in-take is to be made as soon as the road along the pipe line is in condition for travel.

The petition for laying a pipe line to the Powell place, near the septic tank, a distance of about 2600 feet and beyond the corporate limits, was disallowed.

Labor certificates and officers' salaries were ordered paid and other claims against the city were received and placed on file.

A resolution was presented creating "new sewer districts" and further action was postponed for the reason that this movement is merely for the purpose of making corrections in numbering and is not an emergency. In order to insure accuracy the proposition was laid over for the present.

The commissioners are today looking over the proposal of finding a suitable place for storing city machinery and supplies.

Women Form Cavalry Troop.

Chicago, April 6.—If the United States goes to war it will be the thunder of hoofs for Chicago women, not the nurse's cap and apron. Maids and matrons from the exclusive Lake Shore drive district have formed a cavalry troop and are drilling weekly in the First cavalry riding academy, North Clark street.

They are practicing formations and the charge, and a band adds to the eclat of the drills, inspiring horses and riders. The troops includes Mrs. Howard Linn, Miss Janet Miller, Miss Elizabeth Clare, Miss A. Brophy, Mrs. S. Travis, Mrs. Edith Rucker and more than a dozen other society women recruits.

Gasoline Advances. San Francisco, April 6.—The price of gasoline jumped another cent today reaching 19.

WAR OFFICES DO NOT ADMIT HUNT IS OVER

GENERAL FUNSTON EVADES QUESTION AS TO VERACITY OF THE REPORT.

MEXICAN CONSUL ARGUES FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

While War Department Will Not Discuss the Situation, it Does Claim that Mexican Plans Have Not Changed—Villa's Prestige Broken and No Need for Troops is Argument.

Washington, April 6.—Little or no light was thrown upon the nation-wide rumor this afternoon that the American troops are to be withdrawn from Mexico. The department said plans in Mexico had not changed but refused to answer specific questions with regard to abandonment.

San Antonio, April 6.—Asked whether the Americans would withdraw from Mexico, General Funston replied: "I am no mindreader."

El Paso, April 6.—Consul Garcia, representative of Carranza, favors withdrawal of the American army from Mexico. He declared today the army has accomplished its purpose in breaking Villa's strength, scattering the men and similar effects, and that it is unnecessary to pursue the campaign further.

Villa's Prestige Is Gone. "Withdrawal of the troops wouldn't effect Villa's prestige, as it has gone. His power is completely broken. Mexicans realize that Villa has been defeated. Further progress of the American forces might precipitate trouble."

Columbus Raid Punished. "The expedition has gone far enough to accomplish punishment of the Columbus raiders. Therefore I believe they should withdraw. "Mexicans realize the expedition's purpose, and believe it has succeeded. Had Villa made a stand and defeated even a small force of Americans, he might become a popular hero. Now he can never gather another army in Mexico."

Committeemen in Missouri. Excelsior Springs, Mo., April 6.—When Missouri Republicans met in state convention here today to select four delegates at large to the National convention in Chicago, one of the biggest fights in the history of the state organization was to be decided. The fight is on the selection of the Missouri national committeeman.

The forces of Jacob Babler of St. Louis, chairman of the state committee, were pitted against the Herbert S. Hadley faction. Babler's support, if he decided at the last minute not to seek the national committeemanship, will go to Thomas K. Neidringhaus, present incumbent. Hadley is backing Jesse Tolerton.

A "Hadley for vice president" boom also was started. It was thought an effort would be made before the convention adjourned to rush through an endorsement for Walter S. Dickey, of Kansas City, who has senatorial aspirations. All delegates will go to Chicago uninstructed but the majority favor Senator Weeks and Charles W. Fairbanks.

College Players En Tour. Under the tutelage of Everette May, the O. A. C. baseball team passed through La Grande this afternoon en route for Baker, where they play this afternoon, and later go to Caldwell and Boise. Local O. A. C. alumni were at the depot to greet the college boys.

Considers Socialist Legislation Today. Washington, April 6.—A mammoth insurance fund, to draw from which the only requirements are that one is ill, too old to work or honestly can't get a job, is under consideration by the House labor committee today.

Representative Meyer London. New York Socialist, is sponsor for the fund. He wants it to guarantee working men against unemployment. Mr. London's proposal, the first of its kind that has been considered by a Congressional committee, instructs the President to appoint a commission of two organized labor representatives, with the Secretary of Labor as chairman.