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GERMANS SLIP TO WEST SIDE OF THE MEUSE

ATTACKS CENTER NORTHEAST OF VERDUN WITH LITTLE ADVANTAGE REPORTED

FRENCH CLAIMS MORE OPTIMISTIC DURING DAY

Germans Begin Hard Offensive in the East, Taking Action Against Allies on Greek Frontier—No Attacks East of the Meuse During the Morning Fighting Today.

Paris, April 12.—Transferring activities to the west bank of the Meuse, Germans today attacked Courteille Wood, and the northeastern approach to Deadman's Hill. They charged behind a shield of flaming liquid. The assault spread southward to Cumieres. Everywhere, the communique asserted, the attempt was repulsed. Germans did not attempt attacks east of the Meuse last night and this morning, but artillery is more active at Douaumont and Vaux where infantry suffered heavily yesterday.

Germans Reports Given. Berlin, April 12.—Over 800 British were killed and thousands wounded in unsuccessful attacks on the Turks east of Kutelamara, Constantinople has reported.

Germans advanced several points in Callette Woods, northeast of Verdun, it was announced. Three French attacks on Pepper Heights were repulsed. Twenty-nine Englishmen were captured in a patrol raid on the British positions in Laborselle.

Germans Win in East. Athens, April 12.—Newspapers have declared the Germans have started an offensive on the Greek frontier, capturing Devesteps fortifications from the Allies.

Portuguese Cabinet Quits. Lisbon, April 12.—Portuguese people are without a cabinet today, that body having resigned, it was divulged today.

English Note Received. Washington, April 12.—German subjects seized from the liner China were engaged in unneutral service, that of shifting the Teuton base of operations from Shanghai to Manila, England has contended, replying to the American protest, Secretary of State Lansing has announced.

Civil War Case Unparalleled. It is reliably reported England's note said: "German residents in Shanghai have been engaged in collection of arms and ammunition and clandestine transmission to India, possibly aiding and arming commerce-raiding ships like the Moewe." The note held the Trent case in the American civil war is incomparable to the China situation and attention is called to bomb plots and other activities of Teutons in neutral countries.

FIREMEN SWITCH JOBS.

Engineer Smith Leaves Telocaset and Comes to La Grande.

Fireman Kinzie, who for many years has fired on the branch line passenger train, will take the local freight on the branch hereafter. Fireman Smith comes down from helper service at Telocaset to take the passenger fireman job on the branch line. Mrs. Smith arrived this morning from Pleasant Valley to make her future home in this city.

Mr. Buck Suffers Much.

That Express Agent Buck, who is at Hot Lake with inflammatory rheumatism, is not free of the malady yet and that he still suffers considerably, is the word brought from the Lake this morning.

OPENING DAY AUSPICIOUS

Snodgrass Store Attracts Crowds—Give Prizes Tonight.

J. G. Snodgrass' new grocery store on Adams avenue is the mecca this afternoon of a large number of people, and it is expected that the attendance tonight will outdo even that hoped for. Commencing at two o'clock this afternoon the informal opening will continue until 6 o'clock this evening and resume at 8 tonight and between 8 and 9, 20 prizes will be given away. Music will be on taps at all times during the opening.

This afternoon refreshments consisting of coffee, wafers and Overland cider are being served. Mrs. J. G. Snodgrass, Mrs. Lloyd Scriber and Mrs. Herbert Pattison pouring. It is expected tonight's program will be even more largely attended and more pleasing than is this afternoon's reception.

PRIMARY UPSETS SHERMAN'S SLATE

THREE OF 4 UNINSTRUCTED MEN FOR TEDDY.

Harlan, Avowed Roosevelt, Beaten—Harrison Forces Split Up.

Chicago, April 12.—Incomplete returns from the Illinois primary showed the slate of Senator Sherman, Republican presidential candidate, has been broken though early returns indicated Sherman forces won everything. Harlan, the only avowed Roosevelt candidate, was badly defeated. Four uninstructed delegates were elected but two and possibly three of them are Roosevelt men. All Democrats Are Pledged to Wilson. Roger Sullivan retained control of the state Democratic organization and former Mayor Harrison was defeated. Control of the Republican state organization is split between Thompson, Deneen and Brundage factions.

VENGEANCE OBTAINED.

Cove Chess Players Beaten by La Grande Players.

La Grande chess players retrieved lost honors to Cove, by sending a chess team to the cherry town last evening and taking the majority games. Previously Cove defeated La Grande in this city and last evening the return tournament resulted in victory for La Grande. The La Grander report a splendid banquet served them and genial hospitality on the other side of the valley. The Cove Amusement club was sponsor for the tourney. The score:

Hodgin, La Grande, beat Dixon twice, won and lost to Forsstrom, won twice from Alexander. Total, six, won five lost one.

Currey, La Grande, won twice from Alexander, won twice from Forsstrom, won and lost to Bloom. Total, 6 won five lost one.

Wright La Grande, lost one to Bloom, won and lost from Alexander, won and lost to Dixon, lost twice to Forsstrom. Total, 7 games, won two lost five.

Mishkind La Grande, won and lost to Forsstrom, won twice from Bloom, won and lost to Alexander, won and lost to Dixon. Total 8 games, won five lost three.

Five games were not played out of the 32 scheduled. Of these La Grande won 17 and Cove won 10.

Summary for Cove—Dixon won 2, lost 4. Bloom won 2, lost 3. Forsstrom won 4, lost 4. Alexander won 2, lost 6.

SCHOOL CIRCLES APPLAUD

Fight for at Least 40 Per Cent of Land Grant Brings Praise.

School circles of Oregon appreciate the fight that is being made by Senator Chamberlain and Congressman Sinnott at Washington to divert at least 40 per cent of the land grant funds to the school funds of the state. As a reflection of this feeling are telegrams sent to the Oregon lawmakers mentioned, by Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, county school superintendent. The telegrams say:

"The school men and women of our state appreciate your efforts to obtain at least 40 per cent, of the Oregon-California land grant for our public schools, and sincerely hope that your able efforts will be crowned with success."

"Just Loafing" for the Day.

A. C. Littig, secretary of the Central Committee of Safety, who has been connected with the O. W. R. & N. Co. for some time is spending today in La Grande meeting the old railroad boys whom he used to work with in Iowa. He said to a reporter for the Observer: "Just loafing today. We had a meeting here of the Safety First organization but things came up to change the schedule and I am spending the day getting acquainted with La Grande."

Right of Way Man Here.

Robert Townsend, right of way agent for the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, is in La Grande to look after some business in which his company is interested.

EAST LIKES PICTURES.

W. L. Finley in La Grande After Tour of the Eastern Cities.

That movies showing wild game, fishing and other sports in Oregon, were tremendous hits in the east, is the contention of W. L. Finley, ex-state game warden now connected with the state fish and game department, who was in La Grande this morning on his way to Portland after a prolonged stay in the east. He first obtained some splendid moving pictures and slides of Oregon's famous hunting and fishing grounds, and then took them east. He followed the Berger pictures and claims that the sportsmen of the east are greatly interested and he is sure many of them will come to Oregon to fish and hunt this summer instead of going to other remote districts.

While in the east he attended conferences of sportsmen and reports that the feeling is rapidly spreading that vermin must be fought against viciously to preserve game; that vermin destroy vastly more birds than do unlicensed or law-breaking hunters.

BATTLE FOUGHT NEAR PARRAL BUT WHO THE MEN WERE IS SECRET

ENGINEER RUNS TRAIN INTO BATTLE-GROUND BUT BACKS AWAY—ACTIONS OF CARRANZA TROOPS WORRY—VILLA REPORTED TO BE FOLLOWED BY 150 INTO HILLS, HIMSELF "WOUNDED."

Washington, April 12.—General Obregon has telegraphed to the Mexican embassy that Villa has entered the mountains, in a wounded condition, with less than 150 men. The report is based on Obregon's official dispatches.

El Paso, April 12.—A battle is reported to have been fought, between Jiminez and Parral, but Carranzista censors have not permitted mention of who were engaged. A Mexican Central train ran into the midst of the fight. With the battle raging about him the engineer stopped and backed to Jiminez where censored accounts of the fight were sent to the border.

Details Are Denied. It is not known whether Americans were engaged or not. Miners have declared Americans are near the battlefield and Villistas are known to be thereabouts. Juarez authorities are silent.

Big Loot Not Recovered. Consul Garcia has announced that the \$5,000,000 in loot gathered during a year's campaigning by General Urbina, has not been recovered. It was buried on a Durango ranch. Among the articles are 20 chests of gold coins, quantity of jewelry, gold and silver bullion, bank notes and golden altar ornaments stolen from churches.

Movements Mystify and Annoy. San Antonio, April 12.—Movements of Carranza troops in Northern Mexico, and activities of various Mexican politicians are causing considerable anxiety in army headquarters, it is learned today. Details of constitutionalists' movements are secret but it is understood General Calles conducted a large force southeast of Douglas. General Gomez marched westward with a heavy column northwest of Casas Grandes.

General Funston is considering plans to move his base from Columbus to near Presidio.

IMPORTANT MEETING SET.

Fair Business and Annual Banquet to Come up Thursday.

Affairs concerning the County Fair association, and selection of a date for the annual Commercial club banquet, will be threshed out when the Commercial club directors and members meet at the Y. M. C. A. Thursday evening. At the time the banquet is held a new directorate will be chosen. With this object, and the fair matters too, the meeting becomes an important one.

BONDS OPPOSED.

Preparedness for Offense Also Resolved Against by Union.

W. J. Case, county president, and Mrs. Henry McGoldrick, secretary, have drafted a list of resolutions adopted at the county convention of the F. E. C. U. held in Imbler on Saturday, Apr. 8, 1916. A very interesting program was rendered. All locals in the county were well represented.

The following resolutions were presented and adopted by that body. Resolution No. 1.—Be it hereby resolved that we are not in favor of issuing bonds for hard surface roads, or any other improvement either in county or state.

Resolution No. 2.—Whereas, this is a co-operative order, and in order to make a success, we should have more co-operation within the order; Be it hereby resolved that we go on record as favoring the plan of the secretaries co-operating together in their purchasing and marketing as well as helping each other posted along educational lines.

Resolution No. 3.—Whereas the matter of preparedness is the important matter before congress at the present time, and whereas, at the present time there is much agitation for a larger army and navy second to only one in the world, and whereas, the present program looks as if we were preparing for offense, instead of defense, which our union should stand for, therefore, be it resolved that we go on record as favoring armament only for the purpose of defense.

Dance of the Flowers Today

New York, April 12.—Forty pretty little New York society debutantes, bewitchingly arrayed in filmy white robes, will dance the Dance of the Flowers in the big Plaza ballroom here today. The young men and others who wish to see them must pay royally to witness, because the girls want the money to buy things for the thousands of motherless and fatherless children in war stricken Europe. Among the patronesses are: Mrs. C. W. Harkness, Mrs. James Roosevelt, Mrs. John Jay Chapman, Mrs. Paul D. Cravath and Mrs. John H. Flagler.

Lady Maccabees at Echo.

Echo, April 12.—Last Thursday evening, Mrs. Zeda Cross of La Grande district organizer of the Lady Maccabees, organized a lodge in this city with a large charter membership. Mrs. Cross was assisted by Mrs. T. W. King and Mrs. Catherine Hamilton of La Grande.

Wm. Muir a Visitor.

Wm. Muir, the veteran miner and geologist of the upper river district, is down to La Grande for a brief business stay. The past winter Mr. Muir has been on his homestead near Starkey.

NEW REPUBLIC IN SOUTH CHINA DUE

PROCLAMATION DECLARING INDEPENDENCE DRAFTED.

Hundred Million People Would Populate Proposed Chinese Republic.

Shanghai, China, April 12.—Formation of a new republic in Southern China, with a population of 100,000,000 may be announced in a few weeks. Following the lead of Kwangung, the important maritime province of Chekiang has seceded from Yuan's authority.

Emissaries for revolutionists have arrived in Canton for consultation there. They declare the provinces of Haeulu and Kewichow are about to issue declarations of independence. The movement is apparently spreading to all provinces south of Yangtze.

Attempting to prevent dissolution of the nation, Yuan has summoned revolutionary leaders to Peking for conference but none of the Southern rebels have accepted the invitation to date.

PORTLAND (IND.) FAMED.

Many Candidates and Politicians Hail From There.

Dan Boyd, Enterprise Attorney, who was raised and schooled in Portland, Ind., looks with pride on the list of candidates his home town has turned out. Recently he received a clipping from his Indiana "old home" which deals with the way "Sum" Haynes came to be the chief contender for the Prohibition presidential race. Says the clipping:

Portland, Ind., April 11.—You can't lose Portland, the county seat of Jay county, on the political map, in fact, for a city of scarcely 6,500 inhabitants it holds the medal of the nation for candidates at this time and looms large as the only big little city in a political way in the universe and nowhere else on the globe can you find, at this time, another city that is cutting so much political ice as the home of the "Jay" politicians.

Just now there lives within the boundary lines of Portland a man who is being boosted for the nomination for President of the United States. This is Sumner W. Haynes, local attorney at law, and one of the most prominent men identified with the Prohibition party. In times past he has made the race for Congress in the Eighth Indiana district, was the standard bearer of the party that believes in the overthrow of the liquor traffic, eight years ago when he made the race for governor and two years ago he canvassed the state as the Prohibition nominee for United States senator.

Of course, realizing that his party is hopelessly in the minority at this time, Mr. Haynes has no hope of election, in fact, the fact that his friends over Indiana—his boom having been launched at Kokomo recently—are boosting him for the national leader in the 1916 Prohibition campaign, Mr. Haynes says is embarrassing, but he is loyal to the cause he advocates and if his party sees in him the calibre of the man sought, he will not hesitate.

Another concrete evidence of Portland's prominence in the political game is the fact that this is the home of Congressman John A. M. Adair, present Democratic candidate for governor of Indiana; also the home of Judge Jacob F. Denney, Democratic candidate for Congress in the present campaign in the Eighth district. Then, too, Appellate Judge James J. Moran resides in Portland. Judge John F. La Follette, present Eighth district Republican chairman, is also a resident of Portland.

CANADA CENSORS MAIL.

La Grande Man Gets Personal Letter Bearing Censor Marks.

That Canada is now censoring mail is shown by the fact that a letter received from Vancouver, British Columbia, by H. E. Dixon this morning, had been opened by the censors. His brother wrote the letter and as it was purely personal, the censors deleted nothing. While Mr. Dixon and his brother have been frequently corresponding, this is the first time letters have been opened. A censor's stamp such as used by European censors, revealed the letter. The envelope also carries the war tax stamps.

That action such as this is causing a protest at Washington, is seen in telegraphic reports last night from the capital, which say:

"Several protests have been made to the Postoffice Department recently by postal authorities at offices along the Canadian border that American letters have been opened in the Dominion and passed on by a censor."

"No action has been taken, and it was understood today to be the feeling of authorities here that mail in Canada is subject to such regulations as the Canadian government may take."

Aubrey G. Smith a Visitor.

Principal Aubrey Smith of the Union public schools, was in La Grande yesterday evening and was an attendant at the meeting of the Modern Woodmen.

Col. Newport Here.

Col. Newport, of Hermiston, was an arrival in La Grande last night and went today out on the branch line.

DEATH CLAIMS R. H. DAVIS AS HE TELEPHONES

NOTED WAR CORRESPONDENT FOUND DEAD BY DAUGHTER LAST NIGHT.

TELEGRAM BEING READ TO HIM AT COLLAPSE

Born in Philadelphia, and First Made Famous by Cuban Service, He Went to South Africa and There Gained Material for Large Variety of Interesting Books.

New York, April 12.—Richard Harding Davis dropped dead last night while at the family home in Mount Kisco, it was learned today.

He was receiving a telegram over the telephone when stricken. His daughter Hope found him on the floor.

The author was apparently well yesterday, although he has been in poor health for a fortnight.

While a great many books of high merit have been written by Davis, Americans know him best as a war correspondent. In Cuba during 1908 he swung scoop after scoop, and his contributions, in those days uncensored, won world renown. In 1900 he went to South Africa where he also obtained as war correspondent, and gathered material for "Our English Cousins" and other books which gained large circulation.

When the European war broke out he was sent to the scenes early and his stories of the invasion of Belgium set the world afire for a time. He withdrew from the zone when the first excitement ended.

Richard Harding Davis was born in Philadelphia, April 18, 1864, and was educated in Lehigh and John Hopkins.

NEW BUNGALOWS LOOM

Washington and Second Streets to Have New Buildings Soon.

Ground has been broken for two new bungalows, one on Washington and one on Second street. Miss Etia Foley is building a modern bungalow on Washington facing South between Third and Fourth streets, which will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Will Selgrist. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bohnenkamp have broken ground on the vacant lot between their former home and the Gaskill home which they will occupy after releasing their present home sold some time ago to Umatilla county people.

Building permits since April 3, have been issued as follows:

W. H. Bohnenkamp, two story frame dwelling, on Second street between Spring and Main avenues, to cost \$1600.

Ben Noyes, changes and repairs on dwelling on Washington avenue, to cost \$250.

C. D. Emahiser, alterations and repairs to dwelling on M avenue, cost \$100.

Ambrose Wright, garage on Adams avenue, near Cherry street, \$200.

Ulrich Lottes, garage, \$100.

MR. HAWORTH A CANDIDATE

Report From Enterprise That La Grande Man Will Make Senatorial Race.

Enterprise, April 12.—(Special)—S. R. Haworth, who has been in Enterprise the past few days, is reported today to be a candidate for the Republican nomination for joint senator for Wallawa and Union counties. This report, apparently from a reliable source, says that Mr. Haworth will probably file his candidacy with the county clerk today.

Leaves for the Mines.

H. C. Montgomery is arranging to leave tomorrow for the up-river mining district to do his annual work on placer claims on Imber Jim creek. Mr. Montgomery has owned these "diggings" for many years and he considers the present season a very favorable one for placer work. He expects to take two or three assistants with him.

Registered as a Whig.

Pendleton, April 12.—In this day there are Republicans, Democrats, Socialists, Prohibitionists, Progressives and Independents, and occasionally someone who doesn't know how to catalogue himself politically. Today, however, there came in a registration card from Echo showing that O. D. Teel, prominent irrigationist, is not satisfied with any of the modern parties but has gone back to a party of ante-bellum days. He registered as a Whig.