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ENVOYS AND SECRETARY OF STATE CONFER OVER CRISIS

Major Portion of Note Received at Berlin at Noon--Conference Under Way.

London, April 20.—Officials here do not believe Germany will yield to American demands and cease submarine warfare. The opinion here today is a diplomatic break is certain and war a strong possibility. The view is based on the fact Germany emphasized her submarine as the most effective weapon against England.

Washington, April 20.—Ambassador von Bernstorff today discussed with Secretary of State Lansing the possibility of averting a diplomatic break between Germany and America. He obtained the secretary's views on steps necessary to make the submarine warfare conform to America's ideas of law and humanity. The ambassador declined to comment on the conference.

Envoy's Views Differ
It is understood he doesn't take the people's view of the situation. It is known he gave Secretary Lansing reason to believe another disaster, similar to the Sussex case, won't occur while the present negotiations are being conducted. He pointed out that America has asked a distinct change in her submarine policy, numerous conferences between Berlin officials may, or will, be certain to result, and this would require time.

Wireless Station Guarded
Marines have been sent to the wireless stations at Tuckerton and Sayville but Secretary Daniels said he wouldn't seize the stations. No steps have been taken to watch interned German vessels in American ports.

Berlin, April 20.—President Wilson's note reached the American embassy at 11 this morning, but one section was missing. Ambassador Gerard expects to give the entire note to Foreign Minister von Jagow this afternoon. Confidential messages to the embassy enjoyed absolute secrecy.

GRANT BILL HURRIED.

Likely That Measure Will Be Presented to Congress Today.

Washington, April 20.—The Oregon-California land grant bill which the House committee on public lands has prepared, has received the approval of the department of justice and the interior. It will be introduced in congress today or tomorrow.

Under the present provisions, the government obtains title to more than 2,000,000 acres, classified as waterpower sites, mineral, agricultural and timber lands. It is planned to divide the proceeds giving half to the local authorities, four tenths to reclamation and one tenth to the federal government after the timber is removed. The land is to be opened to homesteading.

LAST DAY SUCCESSFUL.

Preliminaries to Big Meeting Tomorrow Ends With Satisfaction.

Today noon the ministerial team services at noon hours which have been conducted this week, ended to come to a final close in the big municipal services tomorrow afternoon at Sherry's theatre. The largest crowd of the week attended the Palmer mill services where Rev. C. A. Edwards spoke.

At the shops the meeting was again a big success, the speaker being Rev. Upton H. Gibbs, one of the prime movers in the noon-day services.

Commencing at 12:30 tomorrow the municipal service will be conducted at Sherry's theatre until 3 o'clock. All business halts for that period that as many as possible may attend, and several short sermons will be preached, illustrated songs shown and religious slides put on the screen. Many musical numbers will be heard. The services are free.

AN ENORMOUS CANNON

Big Fighting Machine of 85 Tons En Route to Philippines

An enormous cannon of 14-inch calibre and about the full length of a flat car was brought into the La Grande yards yesterday evening by a freight train from the east. The railway billing is to Seattle but it is stated from the transportation department that the big gun is to be sent to the Philippines.

The cannon is being shipped on a steel flat-car which has a capacity of 225,000 pounds. According to the billing the gross weight of the car is 125 tons and the car is rated at 40 tons, leaving the weight of the cannon at 85 tons.

REPUBLICANS AMBITIOUS IN OFFICE RACE

COUNTY OFFICES SOUGHT BY HALF HUNDRED OF G. O. P. CONTINGENT.

DEMOCRATS SENDING FIVE INTO COUNTY PRIMARIES

Complete List of Candidates for Office Unofficially Announced Following Close of Filing Time—Republican Precinct Field Fully Covered While Democrats Have None Entered.

Presenting a front of 50 candidates for county and precinct offices, the Republican party has men and women in the field for the primaries May 19 in all but a few scattering justice and constable districts. The Democratic party is less ambitious having but five men seeking county and precinct jobs. This was determined when time for filing closed last evening.

Indicative of the thoroughness with which the Republican party is throwing out its men for offices and proof that party strength is sought, is shown further in the fact that ex-Bull Moosers are frequently sprinkled through the complete precinct committee candidacies. While the Democrats have none filed at all, Republicans have a complete slate in all the 38 precincts of the county. The Democrats will probably write in enough committeemen to make a party organization in the county.

Justices of the peace and constables are not popularly sought. Elgin, Big Creek, North Powder, Union, Summerville-Imbler, Starkey and Island City and Allice are such districts which have no regular candidates. In these outlying districts names are usually written in.

While County Clerk Wright has not compiled and listed the candidates, an unofficial survey of the field reveals the following candidates in the county and precinct races:

For County Commissioner.
Republican—W. J. Townley, Union.
Democrat—W. M. Coughanour, North Powder.

For Sheriff.
Republican—Hall Rees, Thos. Williamson, La Grande.
Democrat—Tom Johnson, Cove; Lee Warnick, La Grande.

For County Clerk.
Republican—C. M. Humphreys, Kenneth McCormick, David H. Proctor.
Democrat—J. A. Cates.

For Treasurer.
Republican—John Frawley.
No Democrats.

School Superintendent.
Republican—Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, La Grande; Aubrey G. Smith, Union.
No Democrats.

For Assessor.
Republican—U. G. Couch, La Grande.
Democrat—W. A. Maxwell, Union.

For Coroner.
Republican—James E. Graham, La Grande; Malcolm Irvine, North Powder.

For Justice of the Peace.
Republican—(La Grande district) A. C. Williams. (Cove district) W. E. Harris.
No Democrat.

For Constable.
Republican—(La Grande District) I. W. Fank, J. A. Oliver.
No Democrats.

Precinct Committeemen.
Republican—La Grande No. 1, Harvey Atkinson; No. 2, J. Foley; No. 3, Adna B. Rogers; No. 4, Harry W. Swart; No. 5, J. B. Stoddard; No. 6, S. B. Williamson; No. 7, Colton R. Eberhard; No. 8, R. J. Green; No. 9, O. F. Coolidge; No. 10, George H. Curry; No. 11, J. H. Pearce; No. 12, C. W. Van Fleet; No. 13, Frank E. Millering.

Elgin No. 1, E. G. Kirby; No. 2, L. A. Stoen; No. 3, Arthur Hallgarth. Cove No. 1, Hugh McCall; No. 2, L. Brazile.

Summerville, John McRae. Big Creek, G. W. South. North Powder No. 1, L. B. Russell. No. 2, John M. Gilkinson. Imbler, Clay Fox.

Union No. 1, W. Halsey, No. 2, P. A. Bidwell, No. 3, L. A. Wright, No. 4, J. F. Hutchinson.

Starkey, J. B. Hagey. Allice, E. A. Willis. Hilgard, John Scott. Kamela, John Curren. Hot Lake, E. T. Peebler. Island City, C. H. Bidwell.

Democrats, none.

Other Candidates Running.
The above are by no means the total candidates Union county voters will have to select from in the primaries, district, state and national posts are

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Nearly 2000 Acres of Farm Land Near Union Purchased

One of the largest real estate deals recorded in Union county for many years was concluded this morning when George Stoddard, and C. J. Black, representing a syndicate of eastern capitalists, purchased the Hill-Coolidge-McKennon ranch on Catherine creek.

In the tract bought there are 1692 acres of choice Grande Ronde valley land, recognized as one of the very best ranches in the entire state of Oregon. It is a growing concern and in the last few years has been a tremendous grain producer. It lies in a decidedly advantageous part of the valley, is well watered and carries a soil that is of the best.

This ranch, along with other holdings, was purchased by A. T. Hill, Ed. Coolidge and Floyd McKennon nearly three years ago from the Amalgamated Sugar Company, and was at one time the home of the Grande Ronde sugar beet when that industry was in its zenith in this section.

MEXICANS ON MARCH SOUTH

MISSION OR DESTINATION REMAIN UNKNOWN

Further Hostilities By Carranza Troops Reported Today

Washington, April 20.—Carranzistas are marching southward from Chihuahua official advice says. The number and object are not revealed. It is reported they are headed for Parral.

The object of General Scott's visit to San Antonio was to lay the ground work for withdrawal of American troops from Mexico, it is believed today.

The hunt for Villa is at a standstill. General Funston desires to enlarge the expedition as the Parral incident shows danger of further operations.

General Funston today sent Secretary of War Baker another official report from General Pershing, detailing Carranzista hostilities. It revealed Carranzistas were at Racheve at the time of the attack here. It didn't mention the consequences of the fight, but it is stated Major Howes was unable to punish the offenders owing to conditions governing conduct of the punitive expedition.

All expeditionary forces are now north of Satevo.

San Antonio, April 20.—The Mexican expedition will remain at a standstill until General Scott, chief of staff, authorizes changes in the campaign plans which Gen. Funston proposes. General Pershing has reported further campaigning south of Satevo is impossible under the present plans. Even the natives there are starving.

Americans would suffer from scarcity of water, and horses lack fodder. An army train went into the interior today over a new route toward Dublin.

BEEF SETS MARK.

Portland, April 20.—Beef reached the highest price in years today when steers were quoted at 13 1-2 and 14 cents.

NATURE NOT NEEDED

Fred Henning Appears As a Flower and Plant Wizard

Back to the last seen in the last row for Sir Luther Burbank.

His talk about two blades of grass where only one grew before is as antiquated as the single driver mule compared with Hank Ford's limousine.

Fred Henning, of the Home Telephone company, has turned the trick that makes all florists equal and in fact raises the question, "Why a florist at all?"

In the company's office windows Henning nurses some elephant eared plants to maintain a green background for his experimentation.

When natural flowers are to be obtained from A. B. Cherry, the florist, Henning manages to get a few and using a special form of "graft" makes the big green elephant eared background produce beautiful bloom. One day he may have carnations and the next sweet peas, all growing from the same background. And when Mr. Cherry refuses to have nature's posies decorated in the Henning way, the new wizard buys paper flowers and his window suddenly shows a bank of sunflowers or some other favorite tissue flower.

WILL REMODEL HOME

Knowles Residence on Main Street To Be Finished Shortly

H. E. Roskamp has been awarded the contract for remodeling the J. W. Knowles home on Main avenue which suffered damage by fire a few weeks ago. The home is to be put back in better condition than it has been for years and the grounds surrounding it improved.

RUSSIANS IN FRANCE

UNKNOWN NUMBER LANDED AT MARSEILLES FOR OCCIDENTAL LINES.

PARIS IS EXCITED OVER MUCH-CENSORED REPORT

Verdun Outposts Recaptured by French but Outside of One Particular Spot, Infantry Attacks Are Minor—Gen. Joffre Issues Army Orders Greeting Russian Soldiers.

Paris, April 20.—Russian troops have been landed at Marseilles, it was learned today. The censor refuses to reveal the number of Russians thus landed however. It is assumed they will be sent to Verdun or elsewhere on the Western front where the Allies may be contemplating a strong offensive.

Route Is State Secret.
The route they came over is an official secret. The news has electrified Paris. Newspapers publishing the censored items, dealing with great adroitness with the situation, were eagerly grabbed up.

Paris, April 20.—French captured fortified positions northwest of Vaux last night, and took 200 prisoners and much booty. Other fighting in the Verdun region was unimportant. French and German batteries maintained incessant bombardment west of the Meuse. French gained ground by mining operations at Argonne.

General Joffre addressed the army in orders today, sending his best wishes to the Russian troops transported to France for the purpose of fighting on the occidental front.

Germans Capture Englishmen.
Berlin, April 20.—Six hundred yards of British trenches between Ypres and Langemarck have been captured, it is officially announced. One hundred and nine men surrendered. Two machine guns taken. The French suffered heavily while attacking German positions at Callette. An intense artillery duel is reported along the Meuse and on Wever Plain.

Recovered From Operation.
Charlie Schilling, son of John Schilling, Sr., has returned from Portland where he has been the past three months, recovering from an operation for appendicitis. He is getting along in nice shape and is practically fully recovered.

Cement Man Here.
John H. Marks, representing the Lehigh Portland Cement company of Spokane, is in La Grande conferring with local dealers, the Sawyer-Clark company.

Elks District Deputy Here.
A. W. Norbald, district deputy of the Elks' lodge, is here from Astoria visiting La Grande Lodge No. 433.

Say Warehouse Law Costs Much.
Dallas, Tex., April 20.—A campaign to force repeal of the state cotton warehouse law was inaugurated at a meeting of the Ginners' Association of Texas here today. The ginners claim the law accomplishes no direct good for the producers, and that it will cost the farmers of this state \$2,000,000 next year.

DR. BRYAN DEAD.
Popular Young Doctor of Union Is Appendicitis Victim.

After being ill less than a week, Dr. L. R. Bryan of Union has become a victim of appendicitis. The body has been placed in the Bohnenkamp chapel where brief funeral services were held this afternoon, Rev. C. A. Edwards of the Methodist church officiating. Tonight the remains will be shipped to Portland for interment.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan, father and mother of the deceased, were at the bedside when death came. He is also survived by two sisters, who like the parents, live in Portland, and a brother in the east.

Dr. Bryan came to Union from the Good Samaritan hospital at Portland where he was an interne, and for two years conducted a physician's practice at Union, becoming popular with all who met him. His death is a decided shock.

Dr. Bryan was a most likable fellow. He was conscientious in his work, and though he realized he was afflicted with appendicitis, he kept postponing an operation until Sunday when a most violent attack occurred. Of big physique and previously without a sick day, his demise is especially distressing.

Many Union people came over for the funeral this afternoon the estimated number being about a hundred and fifty.

Expert Fin Flippers in Contest

St. Louis April 20.—Many expert swimmers will be seen in the National A. U. Championship event in the Missouri Athletic Association's new pool here tomorrow and the next day.

Among the champion fish already entered is the Hawaiian, Duke Kahanamoku; Herbert Vollmer, New York's young star and a crew of Chicagoans whose members also will flip their fins.

Fong Has Never Seen His Fiance
Baker, April 20.—Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Fong have issued announcements of the coming marriage of their cousin, D. R. Fong, of this city to Miss Stella Y. Tom of San Francisco, the marriage to take place in the Presbyterian church in Baker at 8 p. m. May 3.

Mr. Fong, the prospective bridegroom, and his bride-to-be have never met, the engagement being arranged by correspondence through the medium of O. H. Fong. The romantic engagement followed an exchange of photographs several months ago.