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## WASHINGTON THINKS ENVOY MAY GO HOME

GERMANY'S AMBASSADOR IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN CAUGHT IN TRAP.

## VON IGEL AFFAIR MAY FORCE HIM TO CRISIS

Freely Predicted He Will Be Declared Persona Non Grata In Respective of the Submarine Controversy—Faces Necessity of Admitting Guilt or Having Facts Proven.

Washington, April 21.—It is believed the German ambassador to America, Count von Bernstorff, has been caught in a trap from which he cannot escape.

Washington concludes that the envoy faces the necessity of admitting improper activities or having facts proved against him in papers taken from Von Igel, who has been arrested in New York in bomb plot connections. The ambassador has sternly demanded that the lease for Von Igel's offices, and other papers taken in the raid which implicate higher ups, be delivered to him immediately. Last night the federal officials refused to do this, saying the Von Igel matter hinges on some matters connected prior to his official connections with the Bernstorff family.

The trap results from Bernstorff's desire to reclaim the documents, yet will not admit they are officially the property of the embassy. If the embassy refuses the papers involving criminal propaganda, the government will have free use of them. Hence Bernstorff is in a serious dilemma.

Bernstorff May Go. It is freely predicted that the ambassador might receive his passports for reasons independent of the submarine controversy.

## MEXICAN SCANDAL LOOMS.

Investigation of Alleged German Activities There Likely.

Washington, April 21.—Investigation of alleged German connections with the Villista raid at Columbus is waiting return of the American expedition from Mexico, it was learned authoritatively today.

Arrivals from Chihuahua City said that the news of the crisis between Germany and the United States was common talk in Chihuahua City on Sunday. 48 hours before the facts were made public in this country. On Monday an American who visited General Gutierrez was greeted with this remark:

"Well, I suppose the Mexican situation has become of minor importance, now that the United States is going to war with Germany."

The Americans who returned here said that the Mexicans were being kept fully acquainted with every step in the controversy between Berlin and Washington through an official agency in Mexico City and that they knew more about the crisis between the United States and Germany than they did about pursuit of Villa.

## MORE FLOUR MOVES.

Fifty Carloads Going East From Tacoma Today Over O-W.

Within the past six days 100 carloads of foreign export flour from Tacoma have been hauled through La Grande by the O-W. Today 50 carloads were taken east, following two special trains a few days ago, and carload lots in between. New York is the rail destination of the shipments.

## INDUSTRIAL PARADE TO BE HELD.

The industrial parade, which was to be held a couple of months ago in connection with the Baker-La Grande high school basketball game, but had to be postponed on account of inclement weather, will be pulled off in connection with the first annual dual track meet between the same schools on May 6th. Each business house will be asked to have a representative in the parade and if the present plans are carried out a band will furnish music for the students. Definite plans will be announced later.

## ART EXHIBIT AT SCHOOL SPLENDID

CROWD YESTERDAY AFTER-NOON TAXED ROOM.

Tonight Expected to Be Overflow Audience at Riviera.

Photographs, carbon and photograph copies to the number of over 200, of the masterpiece paintings of the art schools of the world, combined in the famous Elson group, attracted so many people yesterday afternoon that it was nearly 6 o'clock before the room had been cleared. This crowd was created by the arrival of the Greenwood and Riviera children, and many adults. The exhibit closes tonight with a program at which it is expected the rooms will be inadequate for the occasion. About 400 children from the Central building attended the exhibit this afternoon. Tonight the doors open at 7:30 and the program begins at 8 o'clock.

"We greatly fear that the audience tonight will be too large for our accommodations," declared Mrs. Nellie G. Neill, principal of Riviera who has largely superintended the exhibit. "The pictures are so exhaustive in scope and field, and, needless to say, accurate reproductions of the original masterpieces, that they make a splendid study for grownups and children alike."

## Birth Announcement by Telegram.

Mrs. Rosa Rosenthal received a telegram from New York yesterday announcing the arrival of a daughter in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Sig. Wertheimer. Mrs. Wertheimer was born and reared in La Grande and was formerly known as Francis Blum. She is a daughter of Mrs. Lena Blum and a niece of Mrs. Rosenthal.

## Cowboy Feed for Stockmen.

Baker, April 20.—The local committee in charge of arrangements for the annual meeting of the Oregon Cattle and Horse Raisers' association in this city on May 1 and 2 is making plans for a cowboy breakfast to be given at the ball park in honor of the visiting members on the morning of the 2nd. John Schmitz has been appointed chief cook and will have entire charge of the culinary department and preparation of the feed. Tom Montgomery, Henry Wender, H. A. Sonne and B. E. Harder have been named by the committee to assist the chef and on them will depend the quality of the meal dished up to the visitors.

The committee is scouring the country for saddle horses in order to provide one for each delegate to ride to the grounds, a broncho parade from the business section to the ball park being planned, with Fuit Fleetwood in full charge.

## WIND STORM SEVERE.

Early Morning Blow Wakes Sleepers Throughout the City.

A wind storm, coupled with a heavy downpour, swept over the city and portions of the valley shortly after 4 o'clock this morning. No damage of any consequence is reported though windows and doors had to be closed in many parts of the city to prevent tearing curtains and doing other damage to furnishings.

## BEGIN NEW HOME.

Six-Room Bungalow to Go Up at Second and N Street.

Walter Reuter will let bids next Monday for the construction of six-room bungalow at Second and N streets. The foundation has already been constructed but building of the house proper will be let with the beginning of the coming week. The bungalow will be modern in every detail, and the location is a sightly one.

## Farmer Sent To Prison.

Pendleton, Or., April 19.—W. J. Martin, a Fruitvale farmer, was on Monday sentenced to serve from one to ten years in the penitentiary for an attempted attack on Miss Cizerine Megy, 16 years old, of Milton. The prisoner appeared before the court and made a plea for leniency, blaming liquor for his act.

## High School Class Visits Normal.

Monmouth, Ore., April 19.—The teachers' training class of McMinnville high school, under the supervision of Will H. Burton, a normal alumnus, visited the Oregon Normal school yesterday. The entire class of 20 made the trip in autos.

## Snow Falls at Hamlet.

Seaside, Or., April 19.—For three hours yesterday snow fell in the mountains south of Seaside, making an inch of snow on the summit near Hamlet, about 18 miles from Seaside.

## Bavaria and Saxony "Meatless."

London, April 18.—This is the first of Bavaria and Saxony's "meatless" days. This also is the first week meat sales have been restricted in these two Teutonic states. Meat cards were distributed Saturday allowing holders only 1-3 of a pound of meat a day on 5 days of the week. No meat at all is allowed on the other two days, Wednesday and Friday. Meat cards are not yet being used in Berlin, but sales have been restricted.

## RUMORED VILLA IS AT LOS ANGELES IN HIDING

Situation in Mexico so Serious that Danger of Massacre Hangs Over Troops.

Philadelphia, April 21.—The battleships Connecticut and Kansas have been ordered to prepare to sail in 24 hours. Their destination is unknown. The collier Brutus has started for the Pacific coast already.

Los Angeles, April 21.—Major Goldbaum Padilla, confidential representative of Carranza, today refused to affirm or deny reports that he is searching for Villa, believed to be hiding in this locality since the Columbus raid. Padilla heads the Sonora state police. He admitted his mission here was of the utmost importance to his government and said he was pledged not to talk regarding the visit. It is known two organizers here are trying to institute a new revolution.

Chihuahua, April 21.—The body exhumed near Parral, and held as that of the dead Villa, has been proved to be a hoax, advices today stated. Consul Letcher's reports that Villa is unharmed and is in Durango. The official has received a Carranza order prohibiting aviators flying over cities and barring American expeditions from using telephones or telegraph.

## BUSINESS HALTS; PUBLIC WORSHIPS

Business on a large scale stood still for three hours this afternoon as a tribute to religion. During the period of 12:15 to 3 stores were closed that the populace might attend the municipal Good Friday services in the Sherry theatre where ministerial representatives devoted three hours to brief addresses apropos Good Friday. Songs were sung, slides put on the screen, and in a very fitting, but nevertheless unique way, La Grande is today paying solemn homage to He whose crucifixion the Christian world observes this day.

The services were inaugurated a year ago and are to be annual affairs. Severe weather kept the attendance down somewhat this afternoon but in spite of it, the theatre was crowded at various times during the afternoon, people going and coming as convenience allowed.

## Theatre Packed Full.

Between 2 and 3 o'clock every seat was taken and standing room in the aisles was at a premium, men and women jamming the doorway to hear and see. Thus, in spite of the bad weather, the attendance was greater than last year. Several parties turned back at the door because there was no seating room.

## SENATOR BURTON ENROUTE.

Will Speak at Baker and Return to La Grande for Tomorrow.

Senator Theodore E. Burton, of Cleveland, Ohio, candidate for the Republican nomination for President of the United States, was a passenger this morning en route to Baker where he will speak this evening. He will return for a meeting at Pendleton tomorrow afternoon and will reach La Grande in the evening in time for an open-air address and the Republican rally to be held here. While the train stopped this morning Senator Burton had time to meet a number of the prominent Republicans and others as well. It is expected that the meeting in La Grande tomorrow evening will be well attended as Senator Burton, aside from his candidacy, is a man of unusual prominence in the affairs of the nation.

## HEAVY FIGHTING IN FRANCE

Paris, April 21.—Following heavy bombardment, Germans last night attacked with great strength between Thaimout, Vaux and South Douaumont. They penetrated the French lines but counterattacks drove them back. The French captured several prisoners and two quick firing guns. It is alleged the French advanced on both sides of the Meuse, and renewed the fighting there. The French captured a trench at the edge of Caurette Wood taking 150 prisoners. Twenty Germans were captured south of Houdremont and wounded Frenchmen lying between the line were rescued.

## Russian Power Counteracted.

Paris, April 21.—That the arrival of Russians to fight at Verdun has brought more Germans from elsewhere, is the situation reported last night.

The arrival of a large number of Russian troops in France to reinforce the western battle line brought great joy to the entente allied countries

## PIONEER WOMAN OF ELGIN DEAD

MRS. WILLIAM STOOP IN ADVANCED AGE.

Mother of Stoop Boys Was One of First Settlers in the Grande Ronde Valley.

Elgin, April 21.—When Mrs. William Stoop, Sr., of this city, died yesterday, another stalwart pioneer woman of Union county answered the last call. Her husband preceded her to the Great Beyond only a few months, he dying during the heavy winter snowstorm. Sons and daughter surviving the old lady include Lou, Marian, Henry, of Elgin, Mrs. Wm. Parker of Imbler, Engineer William and Brakeman Charles of La Grande.

For many years the Stoop family lived on the Ridge, but of late years lived in Elgin proper. They are not only one of the oldest families in the Elgin country but of the entire county as well.

## WRIGHTS TO LEAVE.

Sign Painter to Move Family to Pendleton Within Few Days.

Having disposed of his sign painting business in La Grande, Samuel Wright will move to Pendleton within a few days and become a partner in the Kem Sign company there. The firm he has affiliated himself with will enlarge on a novelty sign venture covering the northwest, and also conduct commercial sign painting there. Mr. Wright feels the field is a good one and though loathe to leave La Grande considers that he is bettering himself.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright have been in La Grande five years, during which time he built up the commercial sign painting business from nothing until now he leaves a going business. Fraternally he has been a prominent figure, and has interested himself wholeheartedly in all civic and municipal undertakings—the Speed 'Em Up races and the Y. M. C. A. especially having his hearty support.

Mrs. Wright too has been prominent in a fraternal way. While they are liable to leave for their new location within a few days, Mr. Wright is of the opinion that he will remain until the first of next week that he may attend the Knights of Pythias festivities at Baker with fellow lodgers from here. He has held the chair of prelate in Red Cross lodge for the past year.

## Germany Will Allow Dye Exports.

Washington, D. C., April 20.—Ambassador Bernstorff today notified Secretary Lansing that Germany had agreed to permit the exportation of 15,000 tons of dyestuffs, the lack of which has seriously affected American textile manufacturers. The communication explains that while Germany refused at first to permit exportation of dyestuffs unless exchanged for American goods excluded from Germany by the British blockade, after carefully considering the situation Germany had decided that "this blockade has resulted in a serious embarrassment to those American industries needing dyestuffs" and is prepared to make a "single exception" in permitting the exportation in this instance.

Germany stipulated the dyestuffs must not be re-exported to entente allies. The state department will ask the British to insure the safe arrival of the dyestuffs in this country.

## URGED TO EXHIBIT.

Lea Declares Showing of Resources Will Pay.

Salem, Or., April 19.—Letters urging the county courts to make provisions for exhibits of their respective counties' resources and industries at the state fair have been forwarded to all county judges by Secretary A. H. Lea, of the state fair board.

"The Oregon state fair is an exhibition worthy of the earnest support of every person within the borders of our state, and every county should have an exhibit," says the letter in part. "Additional prizes have been offered and classifications changed, placing irrigated and non-irrigated counties on an equal basis. In an advertising way the worth of these exhibits to the state can hardly be estimated, when we consider the thousands of people from other states who view them each year. The county exhibit should consist of all classes of crops grown in the county, including vegetables, fruits and berries."

## Helix Pioneer Is Dead.

Pendleton, Or., April 19.—Archie McKinnon, a pioneer resident of the Helix country, died here from pneumonia. He was born in Ontario, Canada. He was unmarried, and the following brothers and sisters survive: Allan McKinnon, of Lewiston, Idaho; Malcolm McKinnon, of Bridgeport, Wash.; Mrs. D. K. Bell, of this city, and Mrs. George S. Miller, of Calgary.

## Free Branch Libraries.

White Salmon, Wash., April 19.—A Klickitat county free branch library has been established here, with Miss Dorris Aggers, secretary of the Woman's club, in charge. Other branches will be opened at Husum, Glenwood, Appleton and Mountain Brook.

## GERMANS CAN CONCEDE NO MORE IS PLEA

CHIEF OF GERMAN ADMIRALTY STAFF CLAIMS RIGID OBEDIENCE.

## CLAIMS AMERICANS WERE SPARED BY SUBMARINES

United Press Obtains Expression From German Official High in Rank Which Admits Insanity of Forcing Break with United States, but Claims Germans Can Go No Farther

## BY CARL ACKERMAN.

Berlin, April 21.—(Wireless to Tuckerton. Copyrighted in America and England.)—Germany can go no farther in her submarine concessions to America, Admiral von Holtzendorff, chief of the admiralty staff, declared to me for the United Press today.

"We have no desire to break with the United States. That would be insanity. We will not bring it about despite our desire to push vigorously our submarine warfare.

"Many submarines have been sighted and scores of passenger ships between England and America have been at our mercy but none were touched although we knew everyone was carrying munitions for the Allies.

"We have definitely agreed to warn the crews and passengers on liners, and we have lived up to our promises in every way.

"We cannot be asked to regard freighters in the same manner. We could have destroyed hundreds of tons of enemy ships except for our promise to America."

He admitted some submarines have been lost since March 1st.

Berlin, April 21.—President Wilson's note demanding cessation of Germany's submarine campaign was printed today. Good Friday made it impossible to obtain expressions of opinion from the foreign office. No reply is likely before the end of next week.

Citizens to Confer. Bankers, merchants and heads of government departments will probably be summoned into conference over the reply.

Newspapers are almost unanimously declaring Germany won't yield, though most of them expressed the opinion that a diplomatic break will not result.

The Vossische Zeitung predicted congress will prevent a breach.

## FISH GO TO JOSEPH.

Half Million "Blue Backs" Will Be Planted in Big Lake.

The Oregon fisher, the "Rainbow," in charge of Deputy Craig, passed through La Grande today bound for Joseph. It carried a half million "Blue Backs" which are to be dumped into Wallawa Lake. Several years ago blue backs ran to Wallawa Lake in great schools, but of late there is little or no disposition to do so—irrigation ditches are blamed. It is thought that the planting of this carload lot will increase the supply to such an extent that blue backs will be added to the assortment of fish available in the big waters there.

## BUNS SELL WELL.

Good Friday Delicacy In Big Demand Throughout the City.

Hot Cross buns were in big demand today with local grocers and bakers. The practice of using hot cross buns on Good Friday has of late years come to be popular here, and practically all grocers today carried lines of them. The custom is an ancient one, originating in England where universal adoption of the practice sprang from.

## CHARLES B. MOORES HERE.

Candidate for Secretary of State Stops at La Grande.

Charles B. Moores, chairman of the Republican state central committee and now a candidate for the secretary of state nomination, is in La Grande making the acquaintance of Republicans. In speaking of his candidacy Mr. Moores said: "I feel very much encouraged, and in every community I notice a disposition to vote the Republican ticket this year, which is gratifying. I shall visit the larger towns in Eastern Oregon this trip and then spend considerable time in Willamette valley and Southern Oregon."